

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – February 13 -18
Doing Life Together – A Church On Purpose

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Matthew 5:16

OBSERVATION How effective is relational evangelism? Evangelist Luis Palau's research shows that 75% of all those who come to Christ do so through a relationship with a saved friend, relative or co-worker. The Institute of American Church Growth reports an even higher percentage, with almost 90% of the 14,000 Christians recently polled saying they came to Christ through "a friend or relative who invested in a relationship with them."

TUESDAY: John 2:23, John 4:54, Luke 13:1

KEY VERSE: John 4:1-42

OBSERVATION: What your unbelieving or un-churched friend is desperately searching for is God's unconditional love, flowing through someone just like you, in the context of a friendship. The world in which we live is strong on communication and weak on deep relationships. Be a friend that cares and your lost friend will see Christ in you, even if you don't consider yourself a spiritual giant.

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 4:20, Ezekiel 47:10

KEY VERSE: Matthew 4:19

OBSERVATION: When Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men," he was referring to believers working nets as a team, not fishing alone with a rod and reel. Cross-pollinate your friendship with unbelievers with everyone in your group, and watch God work through community. God has placed other believers in your life to show your un-churched friends different aspects of Christ's love.

THURSDAY: Proverbs 15:28, Colossians 4:6, 2 Timothy 2:25

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 3:15

OBSERVATION: Do not avoid speaking to our friend that is far from God what God is saying to you and what you are talking to God about each day. When you openly share how you and God relate to one another, your lost friend will quickly see a spiritual contrast between their perception of God and your relationship with God through Christ.

FRIDAY: Matthew 9:11, Matthew 5:46

KEY VERSE: Mark 2:13-17

OBSERVATION: Many Christians claim to have friendships with the lost, but they rarely have the person in their home or spend time in the home of the lost person. If you want to legitimize a friendship, invite your lost friends to your house frequently enough for them to freely take "refrigerator rights" and grab a can of pop out of your fridge without feeling like a guest.

SATURDAY: Romans 16:25, Colossians 2:2,

KEY VERSE: Colossians 4:3

OBSERVATION: Most believers are willing to serve those apart from God, but would never ask the lost to serve them in some way in order to build a genuine friendship; this is because of pride. Real friends show their weaknesses and are humble enough to ask others for help. Show people that you want a genuine friendship—one that is characterized by "bi-directional" servanthood. Ask them to teach you something, get a task accomplished around your house, or help you work on a weak area in your life.