



BANDING TOGETHER

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

—Mark 1:17

START DATE

END DATE

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GUIDE TO DAILY TIME WITH GOD

HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

Step 1: Pause

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and direct your reading of the Bible. Read with an open heart and listen for any words of direction, encouragement, or correction.

Step 2: Read

Go over the reading plan and read the chapters of the Bible listed for that day. While you read, underline or highlight any words, phrases, or verses that you sense God is speaking to you about.

Step 3: Write

Turn to a fresh page in your journal, write the date and page number at the top, and then go through the four-step process of journaling to reflect your thoughts.

- **First**, write out the verse or passage of Scripture that the Holy Spirit has shown you for that day. Include the reference.
- **Second**, look at the surrounding context of the verse you selected and write down any observations. Try to explain the passage in your own words.
- **Third**, ask how this verse might apply to your life. What is God calling you to do or to remember as a result? What is your next step and how can you be obedient?
- **Fourth**, write out a closing prayer. Use this final section to speak back to God a request or commitment.

Finish your journal entry by giving it a short title at the top and then transfer the date, Scripture reference, title, and page number to the table of contents.

Step 4: Review

When you finish your journal entry, review the accountability questions from the Discipleship Group Agenda, located on the inside front cover.

Step 5: Pray

Conclude your time by praying for what you have written and for anyone who needs to surrender to God.

SAMPLE ENTRY

1/25

"Be A Witness"

Acts 1:8

DATE

TITLE

SCRIPTURE

WRITE OUT THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

MAKE OBSERVATIONS

Jesus is speaking to his apostles in this verse and telling them that it is the Holy Spirit who will empower them. He will help them become better witnesses. There are three distinct places he is asking his followers to go.

APPLY TO YOUR LIFE

I need to be a better witness. I do a pretty good job sharing my faith with my immediate family and neighbors, but it's harder for me to be a witness for Jesus at work and with my extended family. I need to pray for the Holy Spirit to make me a better witness.

WRITE OUT A PRAYER

Dear Jesus, empower me with boldness today! I want to be a better witness for you. Give me an opportunity to share my faith today with those around me. Amen.

How will I be different today because of what I have read?



DAILY PAGES

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