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New Testament #5

James-Revelation

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Day 1 – Read James 1

Date Read _____

1. Who wrote this? _____ To whom? _____
2. James is a short, powerful book that God has used to change many lives! Since it is short, really take some time to re-read & think (meditate) about what James & God are saying to you. God's word is alive and active. He may show you something different than He is showing me. What thoughts did you have after reading and thinking about this chapter?

Day 2 – Read James 2

Date Read _____

1. This chapter has caused great debate among Godly Christian people. The question debated is, "If we don't live for Christ will we lose our salvation?" Read John 10:27-30, & Romans 8:38-39. We cannot earn salvation by doing good deeds. But, once we receive salvation by believing that Christ paid the price for our sins on the cross, our gratitude should change how we live. Louie has said many times, "You don't want to get to heaven with just your fire insurance." What do you think he means?

God is always working. We just need to ask Him to show us where and jump in and help. Sometimes He shows us exactly where He may want us but other times He lets us choose. We have so many ways to help and serve God in our church and in our community. What are you doing these days? Ask God to show you where to serve.

Day 3 – Read James 3

Date Read _____

1. One of the biggest problems in Junior High is "the tongue". Many students have not thought much about controlling their tongues. Gossip, complaining, bragging come pouring out easily, without much thought. James is warning us against this. Re-read James 3:7-8. These verses don't give us much hope. James then talks about wisdom. He is giving us the solution to this problem. In verse 13 the word "humility" is used. What is humility?
2. When we become a Christian, God fills us with the Holy Spirit. The Bible talks about the "fruits of the Spirit" that He will develop in us as we grow. Which "fruit" will help us with our tongue? (reference: Galatians 5:22-25)

Day 4 – Read James 4

Date Read _____

1. In this chapter, one of the things James is teaching us is the difference between self-centeredness and other-centeredness. One way that we can tell if we are self-centered is by the way we pray (vs 3). How would you answer the following: What do you talk to God about? Do you ask for things only to satisfy your desires? Do you ask for God's approval for what you already plan to do?
2. Your prayers will become powerful when you allow God to change your desires so that they match up with His will. In verse 7 what does the word "submit" mean?

Day 5 – Read James 5

Date Read _____

1. James 5:16 is a very special verse to me. God used it to change my life. We do not want people to know what sins we have done so we hide them & try to *look* like a good Christian. I thought that I would die if people knew who I really was. But, God calls us to confess our sins to each other and pray. Why? (vs. 16) After we are *healed* we are *free* to live for God.

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Day 1 – Read 1Peter 1

Date Read _____

1. Peter, one of Jesus' 12 Disciples, wrote these books to "God's Elect" which includes us. If we are Christians, God has CHOSEN us to be His children. In verse 2, what does Peter say we have been chosen ACCORDING TO? What does that mean?
2. In this same verse, what have we been chosen THROUGH? What does that mean?
3. Last but not least, what have we been chosen FOR? What does that mean? (Hint: 1Peter 1:13-25)

Day 2 – Read 1Peter 2 & 3

Date Read _____

1. Many times we feel like we have been treated unfairly. It is really easy to become very mad and even bitter toward someone who has done this to us. Name a time when you felt like this?
2. Jesus was treated unfairly when He was beaten and crucified. What did He do instead of become bitter? (vs. 2:23)
3. What does this show us? How can you put this into practice in your life when you are treated unfairly?

Day 3 – Read 1Peter 4 & 5

Date Read _____

1. There is so much in these two chapters. God gave me many different thoughts as I read this. Some of these thoughts were about me and my own life. Some verses were about other people so I took a minute and prayed for them. What thoughts did God put on your mind as you read these chapters? If you didn't catch anything, reread the chapters. Concentrate on what God might be saying to you or trying to teaching you.
2. It is good to try to read the Bible and "practice" thinking about what God is saying to you or showing you. His word is alive and active. Read & write out Hebrews 4:12.

Day 4 – Read 2Peter 1

Date Read _____

1. Peter knew that his time on earth was limited. Emperor Nero had begun his intense and brutal persecution of the church. In Peter's last letter, before he was killed (crucified upside-down), he wrote to warn the believers of an internal attack. Even though they were being persecuted physically (externally) he was warning them of internal things in the church that could destroy the church more than physical persecution! What was he warning them against in this chapter?
2. What would happen if they didn't have victory over this?

Day 5 – Read 2Peter 2 & 3

Date Read _____

1. What else was Peter warning them (& us) about before he was killed?

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Day 1 – Read 1 John 1 – 3:10

Date Read _____

At this point, John was an older man. He wrote 1John, 2John & 3John to give the new generation of believers assurance and confidence in God and in their faith.

1. Even if we have been a Christian for a long time, we may have times where we doubt and ask ourselves: “Is Jesus really God?” “Did He come to save sinners like me?” “Does God really care about ME?”

In our dying world *WHO* is the Life that John is talking about in 1:1& 2? _____

2. In our dark world *WHO* is our light? _____

3. In our cold (mean) world what does God give us? _____

Day 2 – Read 1John 3:11- 5

Date Read _____

1. When I am treated unfairly or someone is really mean to me, I can become very defensive. I want to prove that I am right. I want to get them back. But before I do anything God has taught me to come to Him and pray. Many times God does want us to talk with that person and tell them how you feel and try to work it out but, God wants us to do it with the right motive. What does “motive” mean?

2. What is the right motive to have when you need to talk to someone who has hurt you or been mean to you?

3. On a scale of 1-10, (10 = every time) how often do you pray & ask God to give you a heart of love for the other person before you confront them about a problem? _____ Pray & ask God to help you to do this!

Day 3 – Read 2John

Date Read _____

2John will take just a few minutes to read, but you can apply its message to yourself your whole life. Reflect on these few paragraphs penned by the wise, old follower of Christ. Then recommit yourself to being this kind of person.

1. What are John's 4 main points that he wants us to live out?

Verse 4 - _____

Verse 6 - _____ & _____

Verse 7-11 _____

Day 4 – Read 3John

Date Read _____

3John is a personal letter from John to Gaius. Gaius was a Christian in one of the churches and was always letting people stay at his house and feeding them, especially traveling teachers and preachers. This letter was to thank Gaius and encourage him to continue in his hospitality. Diotrefes, who John talks about in verses 9-11, was a leader in the church that wanted to control the church. He did not want to have these traveling teachers and preachers in his home and he didn't want anybody else having them in their homes either. In verse 12 John talks about Demetrius. Not much is known about him other than he may have carried this letter from John to Gaius.

1. God has given the gift of hospitality to some people. So, they love being like Gaius. Others have to work at showing hospitality to others. Do you like to be hospitable or is it something that is work for you?

2. Even if hospitality doesn't come naturally, God never wants us to be like Diotrefes. There are many ways to show hospitality. It doesn't just mean cooking. Hospitality is showing/giving support for people. What are other ways that we can show “hospitality” to others?

Day 5 – Read Jude

Date Read _____

Jude, brother of Jesus and James, thinks we should see ourselves as warriors with a sword in a fierce battle defending our Christ-centered life, the credibility of God's Word and the unity of the body of Christ. Re-read Jude and think about what he is saying in our modern day world. For example in verse 4, there are godless men and there are godless kids at school.

What is God saying to you or showing you? Is there anyone you could pray for right now?

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Day 1 – Read Revelation 1

Date Read _____

1. John wrote Revelation. This was the same John that was one of Jesus' 12 Disciples. He also wrote the book of John and 1, 2 & 3 John. He may have been the only Disciple left. All of the others had been killed. Instead of being killed, John had been exiled to the island of Patmos by the Roman government. This is where he wrote Revelation. Revelation is a book of hope and a book of warning. The key verse of this book is Revelation 1:3. Write this verse out and let it sink in!
2. The time is near for verse 7 to happen. What/who is it describing to us?
(This is the same person who is standing among the lamp stands in verse 13.)
3. Verses 13-16 describe the first part of the vision John saw. (Many of the things he describes in Revelation symbolize things. With some of the symbolism we are pretty sure we know what he means. Some of the symbolism no one knows for sure what it is. For example: The hair on Christ's head was white symbolizing His wisdom and divine nature, His blazing eyes symbolize judgment of all evil, the golden sash reveals Him as the High Priest and the sword in His mouth symbolizes the power and force of His message. The Bible is also described as a double edged sword in Heb. 4:12.

Day 2 – Read Revelation 2

Date Read _____

1. What were the seven stars and the seven lamp stands?
2. As John was told he wrote to each of the 7 churches. He praised them for what they were doing right and warned them about what they were doing wrong. As we read these, we can think about our own lives and be thankful to God if we are doing something right and ask for His help to change what we are doing wrong.
3. On a separate piece of paper write out how John describes Jesus to each church (usually in the first verse) and what these churches were doing right and what they were doing wrong and any warnings or instructions they may have been given. Do this for the church in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum & Thyatira.

Day 3 – Read Revelation 3

Date Read _____

1. Continue on your piece of paper from yesterday and do the same for the church in Sardis, Philadelphia & Laodicea. (I know this is a bit of work, but it's so cool to have this all together. It makes it easier to apply it to your own life.)

Day 4 – Read Revelation 4

Date Read _____

1. John's vision continues. Where is he taken in this vision? _____
2. Much of what John describes we may not know for sure what he means. But, we can tell that it is beautiful there. There are two points to this chapter that we can clearly understand. Write out the first one. (vs. 8b)
3. Write out the 2nd one. (vs. 11)
4. Pray and praise God by repeating them to Him. Then thank Him!

Day 5 – Read Revelation 5

Date Read _____

1. What is a scroll?
2. The seals are located throughout the scroll so that as each one is broken, more of the scroll can be unrolled and read to reveal another phase of God's plan for the end of the world.
3. Who is John talking about that is able to open the scroll?

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Day 1 – Read Revelation 6 & 7

Date Read _____

1. Chapters 6- 16 of Revelation describe three different judgments that God will punish the people on the earth with. Each of these judgments has seven parts. The first, seven part judgment is called the seven seals which will be opened. What are the other two, seven part judgments called? (reference chp. 9 & chp. 16)
2. When the Lamb opened the fifth seal, John saw the souls of martyrs, who had been killed because they were Christians, under the altar. In Rev. 6:11 what were they told to wait for?
3. During these last days John writes that two “marks” or “seals” will be put on people’s foreheads. These two marks are opposites and will put people in two distinct categories. Each person will get one or the other on their forehead. One is talked about in chapter 7 the other is talked about in Rev. 13:16. What will these marks show?

Day 2 – Read Revelation 8 & 9

Date Read _____

1. While both believers and unbelievers experience the terrors described here, the “inhabitants of the earth” are unbelievers who will meet spiritual death. Believers will experience physical harm and possibly death during this time but what has God promised believers about Spiritual Death (separation from God) in Romans 8:35-39?
2. As we watch our world become more wicked, we may wonder how long God will let it go. And when will He come and judge it. God has a plan and His timing is perfect. Take some time now and thank Him for the time He has given you to turn from sin. Ask Him to help you make the most of every day to work to help others turn to Him!

Day 3 – Read Revelation 10 & 11

Date Read _____

1. God has revealed *some* of what He will do in the last days. We must not worry too much about the exact details and trust that God has revealed all we need to know to live for Him now. How do you feel as you read all of this?

Day 4 – Read Revelation 12 & 13

Date Read _____

1. Before the seven bowls are poured out, John writes about a conflict between God and Satan in chapters 12-14. Many people think the woman represents God’s faithful Jews who have been waiting for the Messiah, Jesus. They also believe the red dragon represents Satan. Who do you think the “rest of the Woman’s offspring” is in Rev. 12:17?
2. In chp. 13 Satan forms an unholy trinity; himself, the beast out of the sea, and the beast out of the earth. The beast out of the sea is the anti-christ. Satan gives him political power. The beast out of the earth is the false prophet. Satan gives him power to do miracles on behalf of the beast of the sea. The anti-christ will deceive many people. Read Rev. 16:13-14, what does this unholy trinity do?
3. In Rev. 19:11-20, what happens to the beast out of the sea and the false prophet (the beast out of the earth)?

Day 5 – Read Revelation 14 & 15

Date Read _____

1. I am a runner, I love to run! So whenever I hear the word endurance (Rev. 14:12) I know a bit about what that word means. Sometimes to endure (to keep going and not stop) can be extremely hard, painful and a huge mental battle. The news about God’s ultimate triumph over evil must encourage us to remain faithful through every trial and persecution. The secret to enduring for God is trusting and obeying Him. Pray that God will help you trust Him. That He will give you everything you need to endure the trials you face daily. Also, ask Him to give you His power to obey Him even when obedience is unattractive or dangerous.

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Day 1 – Read Revelation 16 & 17

Date Read _____

1. Re-read Rev. 16:15. Christ will return unexpectedly, so we must be ready when he returns, “Blessed is he who stays awake & keeps his clothes with him”. In what ways does your life show either that you are ready for Him to return or your lack of preparation?
2. Here is a math question! (I love math) My bowling ball weighs 10 pounds. How many of my bowling balls does it take to make one piece of hail in Rev. 16:21? _____ Whoa! That’s a lot falling from the sky on your head!
3. In chapter 17 many believe the beast is either the dragon in Rev. 12:3 or the beast from the sea in Rev. 13:1. The ten horns are believed to be kings of nations yet to arise. In Rev. 17:16 the beast and the ten horns turn on the prostitute and destroy her. This is how evil & sin operate. It is destructive by its very nature. Can you think of an example in your own life of this? (ex. sometimes “friends” will constantly be mean to each other and hurt each other because of their self-centeredness and lack of love for the other person)

Day 2 – Read Revelation 18

Date Read _____

1. Look up the word “integrity” in a dictionary or on your computer. What does “integrity” mean?
2. Many people and businesses grow rich by cheating, taking advantage of people and stealing from the government. Many smart, good people are tempted to do this to get more money. You may think, “When I get older I won’t do that!” But, this integrity needs to start right now in your life and it takes hard work and determination to be a man or woman of integrity. List some things that you can do right now in your life to “practice” integrity.

Day 3 – Read Revelation 19

Date Read _____

1. In this chapter the Rider on the white horse is Christ! He burst from heaven with His army of angels to fight the antichrist, the false prophet and all of their followers. In verse 17 & 18, *who* is invited to *what*?
2. The great supper of God is complete devastation and destruction. In great contrast, *who* is invited to *what* celebration is verse 9?
3. The fiery lake of burning sulfur is the final destination of the wicked. At the end of this chapter who is thrown in? _____ Is Satan thrown in? _____

Day 4 – Read Revelation 20 & 21

Date Read _____

1. I love “Lord of the Rings”. Actually, I *love* the stories and the characters but sometimes the battle scenes are too long. How long does God fight with Satan in chp. 20? _____. For God it is that easy. As Christians we will experience this tremendous victory with Christ.
2. Take your time and re-read chp. 21 – it is so beautiful. If you are not sure that your name is written in the book of life, verse 27, you can be. Christ died on the cross for the punishment of your sins and rose again to conquer death and the power of sin in your life. Pray and confess your sins, ask for forgiveness, ask Christ to be Lord of your life and He will write your name in His book. It’s that easy.

Day 5 – Read Revelation 22

Date Read _____

1. Sometimes people think eternity will be boring or that we won’t be doing anything. What does this chapter tell us that we will do? _____
2. What excites you most in this chapter?