



# **Bible 365**

This journal can be your guide to a deeper time with God. Be flexible in how you use it, but be sure to develop a healthy habit of spending time daily with the Lord. The best time of day to build this habit is when you are at your best. If you are a morning person, have your devotion time in the morning. If you are an evening person, do so at night. The bottom line is to give God the best part of your day - because He deserves your best!

#### PREPARE WITH PRAYER

Find the readings and videos for today in the Foundry Bible 365 plan. www.foundrychurch.org/bible365.

Turn to a new page in your DAILY PAGES. Write today's date and the daily reading to be covered. Spend a moment in silence and prayer. Center your thoughts on God and ask Him to reveal His word to you.

#### STEP 1 - READ

As you read the daily readings highlight or record notes paying special attention to anything you may want to spend time with in the next steps. As you finish reading write down the big idea, main points or a key verse you want to study.

## STEP 2 - REFLECT

As the Spirit reveals them to you write down observations, questions or topics that may be of further interest. Write what you see in the Scripture. Record what it might have meant to the original readers and what it might mean for you.

## STEP 3 - RESPOND

Depending on the scripture you are reading there are a variety of ways you may respond. Don't force an application, but don't skip over this important step either. We read the Bible, but when we allow it to read us, we can experience a deeper encounter with Jesus which can shape our lives and help us to better walk with Him.

You might write how you will be different today because of what you have just read. You might write a specific action God is nudging you to take, or a word of repentance. This is where being part of a smaller accountability group can be transformative because others can encourage us to follow through. Don't be too prescriptive or restrictive, but listen and respond however the Lord leads you.

A great way to finish this is to write your response out as a prayer. You may also want to use the pages in the back to record prayer requests and needs. You can use this as a guide as you conclude your time in prayer.

#### **KEEP A RECORD**

In the back section of this book finish by indexing your daily reading, questions and highlights. This is a great way to remember what God has been teaching you through your time. What patterns or reoccurring themes are there and how are you following through.

Remember, this guidebook is designed to help you grow in your relationship with Christ, so use in in the way that best helps you grow in knowledge and obedience to God and His word!

## Sample Day

Date: December 26

## **Prayer & Silence**

#### Read:

Today's Reading - Matthew 27-28

'What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. (Mt. 10:27)

Q - in v35 - Jesus "turn man against father, etc.."???

#### Reflect:

If I am not hearing Him in the darkness, what will I speak in the light?! If I am not hearing Him whisper in my ear, what will I proclaim on the housetops?!

## Respond:

What a great word! This scripture reminds me to not only talk to God in prayer, but equally important is to hear Him in prayer!

Dear Jesus, help me to hear You today! I want to be still that I may hear your marching orders for my day, for my week, for my life. Speak Lord! Your servant is listening!

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