



Day 1 - The Example of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:3-11

Jesus went to the extreme to save us. Part of the trip experience is getting out of our comfort zone. What is one thing on this trip that will push you out of your comfort zone?

Day 2 - Renewed for Service

Psalms 1:1-3

Vs. 1 talks about change and learning. Has God been teaching you something specifically for this trip?

Vs. 3 talks about bringing forth fruit. What fruit/outcome are you hoping will come out of this trip?

Day 3 - Time for Prayer

Mark 1:35-45

Even Jesus prayed, the very Son of God himself. How much more important that we pray! What are some ways you like to pray? If you don't already, we strongly recommend that you set aside a daily time of prayer and reading your Bible.

Day 4 - The Word sets the Course .

Psalms 119

The longest chapter in the Bible talks about the impact God's word had on David. What impact does it have on you? What are some ways you like to study the Bible?

Day 5 - Empowered to serve

Acts 1:12

Jesus' sacrifice and his sending the Holy Spirit is what empowers us to work in his name. What has the Holy Spirit been doing in your life recently?

Day 6 - Here I am, Send Me!

Isaiah 6:1-12

In this passage, Isaiah has some imperfections that God purifies in him. Are there "imperfections/vices" in your life that God has been working on to prepare you for this trip? In vs. 8 Isaiah agrees to a task, no questions asked. Do you typically want details before agreeing to a task that God asks of you?

Day 7 - In Jesus I Serve

John 6:1-40

Vs. 40 sums up the passage. It says that those who know Jesus know the Father. As believers, people expect to see Jesus in us. What does this say about how we portray ourselves to others?

Day 8 - Loving People

John 21:15-23

We need to care about the people we are going to meet on the trip, including the people who live where we will serve, the host, our teammates, and the team leader. One way of showing love for others is by praying for them. Take time today and pray for everyone involved in this trip (it would be a good idea to do this every day, actually). Also, how are you going to remind yourself to pray for them after you return from the trip?

Day 9 - Fit For Service

Eph 5:1-17

We all struggle with sin to some degree in one form or another throughout our lives. Fortunately, for those of us who know Jesus as Savior, He has paid the price for our sins. Verse 13 tells us to expose the bad stuff; vs 15 and 16 talk about having an illuminated walk so that we can make the most of our time.

Day 10 - The Commission

Matt. 28:19-20

In what way do you think we will be involved in these tasks while on this trip?

Day 11 - Ministry Companion

John 14:16-31

Last week we talked a little bit about the Holy Spirit. This passage talks about God's word and the Holy Spirit. Drawing from the passage, how are they interrelated?

Day 12 - The Surprise Witness

John 4:1-42

The Scripture tells us that everyone/anyone can be a witness. Today, pray for each individual in the team to be a witness at home and abroad. Also, pray for divine appointments for your lives and the trip, that God will bring people into your path who are seeking to know more about God and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for boldness to share your faith.

Day 13 - The Extraordinary Ministry

Act 4:1-19

People listened to the disciples and either believed or got angry. What was the major theme of what the disciples were saying

Day 14 - Revival

Psalms 85:1-13

What does "revival" mean to you?

Day 15 - Overcoming the Ruts

Numbers 13:25-33

All 12 spies in this passage saw the same thing, but two saw the good and then saw the bad. Caleb knows God promised them the land and will take care

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of the “bad” things. How do you help yourself focus on the promises of God when things look rough?

Day 16 - Removing the Obstacles

John 11:39-40

There are a lot of obstacles that must be removed for this trip. What are some possible obstacles? In these verses Jesus asks for the obstacle to be removed. By asking, he allows us to respond. How do you respond to removing obstacles?

Day 17 - Anxiety

Philippians 4:4-9 1

Peter 5:6-11

Philippians tells us to not be anxious, but instead to pray. Post this scripture some place where you can see it every day, and instead of worrying over things, practice prayer until it becomes an automatic response to anxiety. Philippians also tells us to focus our thoughts on the good things and rejoice in the Lord. When anxiety sets in what will be your “happy thought?” Peter tells us to be humble. What do you think humbleness has to do with anxiety and prayer?

Day 18 - Greatness and leaders

Matthew 20:20-28

How does your picture of a leader compare to Jesus in verse 28?

Day 19 – Forgiving One Another

Matthew 5:21-24

Matthew 6:14-15

It is probable that at some point on this trip someone will rub you the wrong way or even offend you. In order to not get distracted and to maintain our witness as believers, it will be imperative that you are prepared to forgive others quickly. Looking at the scriptures listed above, “offering your sacrifices” in Matthew 5 is the equivalent of asking forgiveness for your sins in prayer. What does this verse say to do before you can seek forgiveness from God? Also in Matt. 6:14-15, what do these verses say about the importance of forgiving others?

Day 20 – Loving God, Loving our Neighbor

Luke 10:25-35

It's interesting, isn't it, that loving God is so very tired to loving people. On this missions trip, it is very probable that we will see great needs everywhere, but realistically, our ministry will only touch a limited number of lives. Pray for wisdom and clear direction for “loving our neighbor” as we minister at our mission site. How will you deal with leaving behind such great needs?

Day 21 - Being Who You Are

Galatians 5:18-25

Which fruit of the Spirit is an area of strength for you? Which may be areas of weakness?

Day 22 - Victory over Prejudice

Jonah 1:1- 3:10

Which of these verses point to the idea that God wants to reach everyone? Why did you pick the verse you did? Are there other verses outside of this passage that give the same message?

Day 23 - Serving in Joy

Psalms 100:1-5

What joy do you hope to get out of this trip? How will you share this joy with God and others?

Day 24 - Serving in Thankfulness

Psalms 103:1-22

In this Psalm David lists lots of things to be thankful for. What are some of the promises of God listed in this Psalm that you can thank God for on this trip?

Day 25 - Serving with Compassion

Jonah 4:1-11

Jonah's and God's view of who deserved compassion differs quite a bit. What is your definition of compassion and who do you think deserves compassion? What does God say about who deserves compassion?

Day 26 - Serving with Urgency

John 9:1-7

Jesus knew that he was only going to be on earth for a short time. We know that we are only going to be in our mission location for a short while. How does this affect your mindset for how you might deal with the possibly busy/long days that we may have there?

Day 27 - Reliance on God

John 15:1-16

One of the benefits of going on a mission trip is moving out of your comfort zone. When we are out of our comfort zone, we soon come to the end of ourselves. Who are you going to rely on then? Do you have to wait till you come to the end of yourself or should you start from the beginning, knowing that God is the One who will supply all your needs?

Day 28 - Team Building Spirit

Romans 12:1-21

What gifts has God given you that will add to this group? (ex: prayer, communication, music, humor, compassion, etc.)

Day 29 – Mission: The Common Purpose

1 Corinthians 1:23-31

When you boil it all down what is our purpose, according to these verses, of going on this trip?



Day 30 - Proclaiming Freedom to the Poor

Isaiah 61:1-6

Isaiah is given a message to free the poor. What is the message?

Day 31 - Putting on God's Armor

Ephesians 6:10-20

List the pieces of the armor of God listed in the verses above. Which piece is your "strongest piece of armor?" Which is your "weakest piece?" Why are each of them important?