

# ONE to ONE Bible Reading

Intentional relationships centered on God's Word.

The result? Self-initiating, reproducing disciples of Jesus!

ALL Christians are called and have the \_\_\_\_\_, joy and \_\_\_\_\_ of being involved in discipling others.

Ephesians 4:14-16; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:24-25; Colossians 3:16

- Do you desire to read and understand the Bible more?
- Do you want to help others do the same?
- Have you ever thought about meeting with someone one to one to go through a book of the Bible?

*Disciples who make disciples to impact the city of St. Pete.*

When we set out to make disciples a number of things happen:

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ King Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20)
2. We find joy and fulfillment
3. We grow in our faith (stretched)
4. Our vision for mission broadens
5. Our \_\_\_\_\_ on God deepens
6. Missionaries are raised up and sent out - churches are planted

Imagine with me that you have:

- A co-worker or neighbor who is not really a church person
- A new believer attending but not "involved"
- A college student, struggling in a relationship, not happy with life.

Payne and C. Marshall in *The Trellis and the Vine*: "Imagine if all Christians, as a normal part of their discipleship, were caught up in a web of regular Bible reading – not only digging into the Word privately, but reading it with their children before bed, with their spouse over breakfast, with a non-Christian colleague at work once a week over lunch, with a new Christian for follow up...with a mature Christian friend once a month for mutual encouragement. It would be a chaotic web of personal relationships. Prayer and Bible reading- more of a movement than a program-but at another level it would be profoundly simple and within reach of all."

**The benefits of reading *one to one* are huge!**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 1:23; Romans 10:10-14

We get to bring others to the Jesus of the Bible, not the Jesus of our own imaginations or the Jesus of our culture.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Christians are called to

- encourage one another

- build one another up
- instruct one another
- speak truth to one another
- teach and admonish one another with the wisdom of Christ's word
- stir up one another to love and good works

1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16

3. \_\_\_\_\_

This can be a great time to identify and train people for ministry responsibilities.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Who is this for?**

- Before becoming a Christian
- Right after becoming a Christian
- A Christian ready to lead and serve

### **Sphere of influence**

*Where are you living, playing, going to school, or working TODAY that you won't be in the future?*

### **How do you get started?**

PRAY, \_\_\_\_\_, PLAN TO MEET

### **What could a typical meeting look like?**

Pray and read. Talk together. Listen a lot. Ask good questions. Don't be afraid of not having all the answers! Enjoy the friendship that's forming.

Apply the passage to everyday life. Pray.

Confirm your next mtg. Put your faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Let's do this!** Mark 1:1-15

### **Final thoughts**

Pray and be ready for God to open a door.

Be intentional. Set a time and place and be faithful. This isn't a year commitment.

Read, make observations and ask questions.

Don't be concerned if you don't have all the answers to their questions!

Don't try to teach the passage to them. Let the Scriptures speak!

Enjoy getting to know the person. Eat with them. Invite them into your life.