

IGNITION

JOURNALING (6 Total)

Journaling is one tool that we are going to work on in the coming years. Studies have shown that retention of ideas and lessons learned are enhanced when a person writes them down and thinks about them. There is no better thing to consider and wrestle with than God's Word which is useful in every area of our lives. You will have 1 journal entry due for 6 out of the 8 months of confirmation. These will be done in your journal with a date attached. Your small group leader will introduce you to the Bible reading during your time together on the first Wednesday of the month that you meet. Then the journal will be collected the last Wednesday meeting of the month. The Scripture readings are all found on the back page along with some questions you can use to stir some thoughts. The structure we will use for journaling is the SOAP model.

SOAP method

S-Scripture. What is the Bible verse or what Bible verse(s) stand out to me

O- Observation. What do you notice about this verse? What is it that stands out? What does it tell me about God or what does it tell me about me? Does it remind me of other Bible verses or things that I know about God.

A- Application. What is this verse inviting me to believe or do? So what?

P- Prayer- Write a brief pray in response to what you wrote about.

Ex. S - Scripture

Psalm 86 v. 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

O - Observation

I love this verse. There are so many words and phrases to dwell on. But today, I love the three words, "Slow to Anger." Contrary to what the world's perception is of God, you know - smiting, smoting, commendation, the reality is - since God is abounding in steadfast love, he is Slow to ANGER. Lamentations 3 v. 22b- 23, His mercies never come to an end, they are new EVERY MORNING; Great is thy faithfulness." God will forgive you. God will pursue you every day, even after a day of Great sinning. Why? 2 Peter 3 v. 9b, "The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness but is forbearing towards you, not wishing THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, but that all should reach repentance."

4A - Application

Do I appreciate, am I thankful for God's - Slow to Anger?

P - Prayer

Jesus, Thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Love Ryan

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SCHEDULE:

1. **Date given:** September 4th
Genesis 3 The Fall
 - What decision did Adam and Eve make?
 - What is the saddest thing about this event to you?
 - How does God extend love and care despite their sin?**DUE:** September 25th

2. **Date given:** October 2nd
Luke 18:35-43 Blind man healed
 - Why did the blind man call to Jesus?
 - Why did the blind man say what he said?
 - How does Jesus respond? And does everyone else respond?**DUE:** October 30th

3. **Date given:** November 6th
Luke 6:46-49 Build on the Rock
 - What is Jesus concern at the beginning of the verse?
 - Based on what Jesus taught what is important for us to do?**DUE:** December 4th

4. **Date given:** January 8th
Acts 2:1-13 The Holy Spirit Shows Up!
 - What burst into the room and stirred the group?
 - What miraculous things happened?
 - What kinds of things were they talking about?**DUE:** January 29th

5. **Date given:** February 5th
Psalm 139 Where Can I Run
 - What description of God's presence stands out to you?
 - What kinds of things has God done?
 - What things does the Psalm writer pray for God to do?**DUE:** February 26th

6. **Date given:** March 5th
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 The Importance of Love
 - What is the most important thing in these verses?
 - What characteristics of love surprise you?
 - Why do you think the writer spends so much time talking about this?**DUE:** March 26th