



BANNOCKBURN

LIFEGROUP CURRICULUM

WEEK 1: GOD TIME

John 15:1-5; Psalm 84:10-11; Mark 1:35

We believe that a follower of Jesus Christ is someone who makes intentional time to meet with God daily. When we do this, we grow into greater maturity and experience greater fruitfulness for the Lord. He is the vine, we are the branches, apart from Him we can do nothing.

THE SCRIPTURES

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." **John 15:1-5**

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly."
Psalm 84:10-11

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." **Mark 1:35**

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 1

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. What's your ideal morning routine? Are you more of a "hit the ground running" person or someone who needs time to ease into the day?
2. When you were growing up, did your family have any daily traditions or routines that you still remember fondly?

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3. In John 15:5, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches. What does it mean practically that "apart from me you can do nothing"? How does this challenge our culture's emphasis on self-sufficiency?
4. Looking at Psalm 84:10-11, the psalmist declares that "a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." What do you think makes time with God so valuable compared to other activities we fill our days with?
5. Mark 1:35 shows Jesus getting up "very early in the morning, while it was still dark" to pray. Why do you think Jesus, who was God in human form, felt the need for this regular time alone with the Father?
6. What are the biggest obstacles that prevent you from having consistent daily time with God? How might viewing this time as essential rather than optional change your approach?
7. The 5G Life suggests that followers of Jesus make "intentional time to meet with God daily." What's the difference between intentional time and just fitting God in when convenient?

8. How do you see the connection between spending time in God's Word and prayer, and experiencing "greater maturity and fruitfulness" in your spiritual life?
9. When you think about the vine and branches imagery, what are some specific "fruits" you hope to see grow in your life through consistent God Time?
10. What would it look like for you to redesign your daily schedule to prioritize time with God? What would you need to change or give up?
11. As we begin this series together, what is one specific step you can take this week to establish or strengthen your daily time with God?