



# Resident Camp Schedule

6:30 Rise and Shine  
6:45 Calisthenics  
7:00 Polar Bear  
7:20 Personal and Cabin Clean-up  
7:45 Colors  
8:00 Breakfast  
8:30 Personal Bible Study  
9:00 Assembly I  
9:15 Activity I  
10:15 Activity II  
11:15 Activity III  
12:15 Lunch  
1:00 Rest Hour  
2:00 Snack Shack  
2:30 Assembly II  
2:45 Afternoon Activity  
4:30 Free Swim  
5:30 Supper (Sunday & Wednesday 6:00)

## Schedule A (Mon./Tues Thurs)

6:45 Evening games  
7:45 Colors  
8:00 Campfire  
9:15 Bed prep  
9:30 Cabin Devotions  
10:00 Lights-out

## Schedule B (Sun, Wed)

6:45 Evening Activity  
7:15 Colors  
7:30 Campfire  
8:45 Night Game  
9:30 Bed Prep  
9:45 Cabin Devotions  
10:15 Lights Out

\*Night games planned for Sunday and Tuesday- weather pending.

## Great Resources to Check Out!!!

### Websites:

[www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)– info on unreached people groups

[www.wycliff.org](http://www.wycliff.org)– info on Bible translation

[www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org)– info on people groups

[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)– info on the persecuted church from *Voice of the Martyrs* (sign up for their free newsletter!)

[www.kidsofcourage.com](http://www.kidsofcourage.com)– info on religions of the world and persecuted church from *Voice of the Martyrs*

### Books:

*Operation World* by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk

*Let the Nations Be Glad* by John Piper

*Eyes of the Tailless Animals* by Soon Ok-Lee

*Tortured for Christ* by Richard Wurmbbrand

### DVDs:

*Torchlighter Series*– Heroes of the Faith

## By the Shores

### **Verse 1**

By the shores of Cedar Lake  
Stands the camp I love  
Where in sparkling waters glisten  
Blue of skies above

### **Verse 2**

Hear the glory of the woodland  
Praise the Lord above  
Here, we too, can learn to love Him  
And obey His Word

### **Chorus**

Hail to thee, Camp Cedar Lake  
Camp of camps the best,  
Where in fellowship united  
Every heart is blessed

## Welcome to Cedar Lake Camp!

We're gonna have so much fun this week! Whether it's your first year here or your tenth, this will be a week filled with **fun, excitement, and building friendships** that you'll never forget! Most importantly, you will have an opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Keep this booklet as a reminder of your week at camp. There is space in the back for friends' names and contact info as well as games and activities for rainy days and rest hour. This book also contains your Bible memory verses and study questions. Every day there is time set aside for you to read, study, and memorize God's Word.

There is a counselor and junior counselor in your cabin. They are excited you are here and glad to be your leaders for the week. They want you to have fun, be safe, and above all learn more about the Lord. **They are your leaders for the week and you are under their authority.** It is important that you listen to them and respect them to ensure the best week possible.

Get ready to have a blast! I encourage you to participate in all the activities, make new friends, and seek to know God better. **I'm so glad you're spending a week with us here at Cedar Lake Camp!**

-Ryan Higgins  
Camp Director

## Bible Reading Plan

This is a guide to keep reading your Bible until next summer. At the least, try to read one chapter per day. Take notes, ask questions, make memory cards– whatever you need to do to “hide the Word” of God in your heart!

**June**– The book of Luke

**July**– The book Genesis

**August**– The book of Exodus

**September**– The book of Proverbs

**October**– The book of John

**November**– Psalms 1– 50

**December**– The book of Joshua

**January**– The book of Matthew

**February**– Psalms 51-100

**March**– The book of 1 Samuel

**April**– The book of 2 Samuel

**May**– The books of Acts

**June**– Psalms 101-150

Feel free to change up the months and read other books of the Bible. *The important thing is that you read God's Word daily and allow it to soak into your mind and heart so we may know God better and obey Him.* Make it a goal of yours to read the Bible from cover to cover– from Genesis to Revelation.

Keep memorizing those verses!

# Bible Timeline-Major Events

x	x	x	x	x
Creation Ca. 4000BC	Fall of Man ???	Flood Ca. 2400 BC	Abraham 2166-1991 BC	Joseph 1915-1805 BC
x	x	x	x	x
Israelite slavery In Egypt 1876-1446 BC	Moses born 1526 BC	Red Sea crossing 1446 BC	Law/10 Commandments 1446 BC	Moses dies/ Joshua leads 1406 BC
x	x	x	x	x
Period of Judges Ca. 1375 BC	Samson/Boaz/Ruth ca. 1050 BC	Samuel/King Saul 1050-1010 BC	King David 1010-970 BC	Solomon 970-930 BC
x	x	x	x	x
Temple Built 960 BC	Divided Kingdom= Israel (North)/ Judah (South) 930 BC	Elijah/Elisha Ahab/Jehoshaphat 870-800 BC	Jonah to Assyria ca 781 BC	
x	x	x	x	x
Amos/Isaiah Hosea/Micah Ca 765-698 BC	Israel falls to Assyria 722 BC	King Josiah 641 BC	Jeremiah/ Zephaniah ca 650-582 BC	Judah falls to Babylon/ Temple Destroyed 586 BC
x	x	x	x	x
Exile/Ezekiel/ Daniel Ca. 586-536 BC	Zerubbabel leads back to Israel/Temple is rebuilt 520 BC	Zechariah/ Haggai ca. 520 BC	Esther ca. 478 BC	Malachi ca. 465 BC
x	x	x	x	x
Ezra/ Nehemiah 457-432 BC	Alexander the Great takes Jeru- salem 332 BC	Ptolemies/Seluecids fight over Israel 320-140 BC	Maccabean Revolt/ Rededicate Temple/ Hannukah 167-160 BC	
x	x	x	x	x
Pompey takes Jerusalem for Rome 63 BC	Herod the Great installed by Rome 37 BC	Birth of Jesus Christ 4 BC	Herod Antipas 4 BC-39 AD	
x	x	x	x	x
Jesus crucified/ Resurrected/ascension 29 AD	Pentecost/ Church began 29 AD	Paul/Peter/James/ Mark/Matthew/Luke writings and missions 30s-ca 60s AD	Church persecuted by Roman emp. Nero 60s AD	
x	x	x	x	x
Temple Destroyed By Rome 70 AD	John's Letters ca. 80s-100 AD	Council of Jamnia/Old Test canonized 90 AD	Council of Carthage/ New Test. canonized 396 AD	

# Bible Award

You will earn your Bible Award if you do all of your daily readings, answer the questions correctly, and memorize the verse for each day. The "Digging Deeper" section is not necessary for your Bible award but will earn extra points as well as help you "dig deeper!" The **Bonus verses** are for extra points. For those who like a challenge, try the **Bible Scholar** verses. For those who are Bible memorizing machines or just set on winning Honor Cabin try the **Bible Freak** verses. All verses are for points!!!

## Sunday memory verses:

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**Romans 10:13** "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

## Bonus memory verses:

**Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Romans 10:9-10** "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

## Bible Scholar memory verses: (look up in your own Bible)

Psalms 119:9-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

## Bible Freak memory verses: (look up in your Bible)

John 1:1-14

# That All May Know

When you read the title of the booklet “*That All May Know*” you are probably asking yourself “That all may know.... *what?!!*” What is it that we want all people to know? It’s this simple: **God loves all people and proved His love by dying on the cross for our sins. And because He is so awesome and loving He is worthy of all we could ever give Him, including our lives.**

This is not a message we want to keep to ourselves! As you will learn this week, **God desires a friendship with every person on this planet.** He wants to fix the relationship that was broken by sin beginning in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. Sin still separates us from God but it doesn’t have to end there. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the penalty for sin. By trusting in Jesus, that relationship can be healed and we can become friends with God. That’s the message of the Bible.

Here’s the thing– **not everyone has a Bible.** And not everyone who has a Bible actually reads it. So, not everyone knows about sin or that Jesus desires to be their friend. Who will tell them? You wanna hear something crazy? **God’s plan to let all people know His love and His worth is.....*for you to tell them.***

God isn’t going to send everyone on earth a text message or email. He doesn’t have giant speakers coming out of Heaven hanging in the sky to explain this message. And He’s not going to personally appear to every individual. God wants you and I to show His love through our actions and explain His love with our words. That is His design for communicating His message– all over the world to every single person.

## Word Search

Search among the letters to find and circle hidden words.

F	I	N	D	H	I	D	D	E	N	M
T	A	O	I	Y	R	E	T	S	A	E
H	B	F	T	I	S	H	I	N	I	S
E	A	C	G	B	E	L	I	E	F	S
O	R	E	R	E	P	E	N	T	A	A
T	B	D	E	E	P	T	N	A	I	G
H	Y	A	A	L	A	N	R	E	T	E
E	T	R	T	Q	U	T	V	E	H	T
R	H	L	T	W	L	T	I	E	N	T
D	E	A	O	B	R	A	L	O	S	X
A	S	K	B	V	I	L	W	I	N	S
Y	H	E	E	D	E	B	R	Z	O	N
I	O	A	C	T	S	H	D	N	I	A
S	R	I	R	A	C	H	A	E	L	M
A	E	N	A	K	W	J	U	D	E	O
W	S	T	Z	H	E	A	V	E	N	R

Answers to Old Testament trivia:

1) c 2)a 3)b 4)a 5)c 6)c 7)c 8)b 9)a 10)a

Answers to New Testament trivia:

1) c 2)a 3)b 4)a 5)a 6)c 7)b 8)c 9)c 10)a

## Bible Trivia Part 2

Answers are at bottom of Word Search.

- 1) What was the secret to Samson's strength?  
A) organic/ gluten free diet      b) Nutella      c) not cutting his hair
- 2) Romans 10:13 " \_\_\_\_\_ who call on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
A) everyone      b) skinny people      c) Rednecks
- 3) Who wore clothes made from camel's hair and ate locusts and honey?  
A) Fred Flintstone      b) John the Baptist      c) Paul
- 4) How old was Abraham when Sarah gave birth to Isaac?  
A) 100      b) 1,000      c) nobody knows
- 5) For the disciples, Samaria was their \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) neighboring country      b) soccer opponent      c) vacation spot
- 6) Which apostle was blinded on the road to Damascus?  
A) Philip      b) James      c) Saul
- 7) To which town was Jonah supposed to go preach?  
A) Los Angeles      b) Nineveh      c) Antioch
- 8) What skin disease did Naaman have in 2 Kings 5?  
A) psoriasis      b) poison ivy      c) leprosy
- 9) There are 3 responses to Jesus' command to preach the gospel to all nations. Which one do we want to avoid?  
A) Go      b) Send      c) Disobey
- 10) This person was a doctor and wrote the book of Acts.  
A) Luke      b) Dr. Oz      c) Barnabas

## Monday- The Message

**Devo Starter-** If God wants us to tell His message we need to know that message well. This message is called the *gospel* a Greek word meaning "good news." But first let's start with the bad news.

**Romans 3:23:** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Every person sins. There's no way around it. That is our situation and it's not a good situation to be in as our next verse explains.

**Romans 6:23:** "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

The penalty for our sin is spiritual death- separation from Jesus forever in Hell. But here we see a glimpse of hope and rescue- God's gift is eternal life, not death. This gift, however, doesn't come automatically.

**Luke 13:3:** Jesus told the people "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

We must repent of our sins before a holy God. To repent means to recognize our sin and then commit to not doing them anymore. Holy means separate and pure, not like anything else. In His holiness, God must and will punish our sin but in his love He paid for our sin Himself as you see in our next verse.

**Romans 5:8** "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

This is the gospel- the good news. Jesus died in our place and took our penalty for sin. But how do we receive that gift?

**Romans 10:9-10** "That if you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it with your heart you believe and are justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

Saved means "rescued" from hell and the power of sin and into a friendship with God to eternal life that begins now. We believe in our hearts Jesus died for us and rose from the dead while we repent of our sins.

## Monday~ The Message

2 Corinthians 5:15: "And He died for all that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for their sake and was raised."

Repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus with our hearts will produce and new life and a new way of living. Our actions should no longer be driven along by our sinful desires but rather led by the Holy Spirit, acting and behaving as though Jesus would. This is the goal of a Christian~ *to be like Christ Jesus.*

Based on **Romans 3:23** (look back on previous page) who sins?

**Romans 6:23** says the penalty for sin is \_\_\_\_\_. However, God's gift is eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus said in **Luke 13:3** that if we don't \_\_\_\_\_ that we will \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:8** says even though we are evil and sinners, what did Jesus do for us?

According to **Romans 10:9-10** what is it we believe in our hearts in order to be saved?

Look again at **2 Corinthians 5:15**. Once we give our hearts and lives to Jesus, should we go on living however we want and doing whatever we want?

What sort of character traits do you think it takes to live whole-heartedly for God? (For example: commitment)

Where would you rate yourself in your journey with God based on these verses?  
Is there anything you need to do or change?

## Draw Your Testimony

This is your chance to be artistic in telling how you met Jesus Christ or simply what God means to you. A testimony is simply our story of how we became a believer in Jesus. Usually, we talk about 1) our life before we met Jesus 2) how we met Jesus and 3) how our life has changed since we met Jesus. But feel free to draw whatever you would like. **Helpful hints:** Use colors to express good /bad or feelings. (*Example:* red could represent *mad* and green could mean *happy*. Draw symbols to represent certain concepts. *Example:* a chain might represent *bondage* or water could mean *clean*. Use words if you want. Be creative and have fun!

## Bible Trivia Part 1

*Answers are at bottom of Word Search.*

- 1) What type of birds brought Elijah food?  
A) Geese      b) Big Bird      c) ravens
- 2) What type of tree did Zacchaeus climb to see Jesus?  
A) Sycamore      b) Christmas tree      c) palm
- 3) To whom did Jesus first appear after his resurrection?  
A) Moses      b) Mary Magdalene      c) Justin Bieber
- 4) How many days had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?  
A) Four      b) 52      c) 365
- 5) Of 7,000 languages in the world, how many have the whole Bible translated in their language?  
A) 7,000      b) 6,999      c) 500
- 6) This Greek word means "good news."  
A) hallelujah      b) amen      c) gospel
- 7) Who was the brave and beautiful queen who saved her people from death?  
A) Deborah      b) Mary      c) Esther
- 8) This prophet, judge, and priest anointed the first 2 kings of Israel.  
A) Samson      b) Samuel      c) Nathan
- 9) Jesus telling His disciples to make known the gospel in all the world is known as what (from Matthew 28: 18-20).  
A) Great Commission      b) Great Commandment      c) Great Tribulation
- 10) Where was Joseph taken after being sold into slavery?  
A) Egypt      b) India      c) Washington, D.C.

## Monday- Digging Deeper

Read John 3:1-21.

This story is about a man named Nicodemus. He was a Pharisee. These were men who knew the Old Testament books of the Bible very very well. The problem is they missed the point. God gave His Law to Moses and spoke through the prophets and writings of David and others. The whole point of those things was this: love God with all your heart and love people (**Deut 6:4-6**).

Do you think Nicodemus was confused by Jesus' saying he needed to be "born again?" (vs 3 and 4)

Nicodemus was thinking about being born again physically with the body but Jesus was talking about what kind of re-birth? (vs 6)

Look at **John 3:17**. Why did God send His Son into the world?

What happens to those who do not believe in the name of the only Son of God? (vs 18)

What do wicked people try to do? And what do people of the truth do? (vs 20-21)



## Get to Know Your World

Using the map, see if you can draw another one just like it. It's not as easy as you might think!



If you could be a missionary in any country, where would you go? Why?

If you could speak any language, which one would you pick?

What are your favorite hobbies? How can you use that to share the gospel with others, in the USA or in a foreign country?

## Tuesday~ The Goal

**Devo Starter**~ Think about this~ for what reason we are alive? In other words~ what is our purpose? We know this life does not revolve around us~ it's about God. We just get to be part His story. The reason for our existence is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This is our goal. Let's look at the Bible as it spells out this goal.

Read **Matthew 28:16-20**. This is known as the *Great Commission* (that means a great "sending").

From verse 19 and 20, what exactly are the disciples (and us now) to do?

Of whom are we to go and make disciples? (Which nations?)

Notice the word "therefore" in vs 19. This means the reason we should go make disciples is found in the verses just before it. Look back in vs 18 at what Jesus said. What is the reason why we should go make disciples?

Read **Revelation 7:9-10**. Who is present before God standing before His throne?

They are clothed in white robes declaring His salvation and honoring the Lamb of God. In order to get to Heaven they must have done what? (besides die!) In other words, how did they get to Heaven?

The presence of people from every tribe, language, and nation is a fulfillment of our goal from Matthew 28. The Great Commission WILL be fulfilled but we have much work to do until then.

## Tuesday~ Digging Deeper

Read the following verses.

Galatians 3:28

Romans 3: 29-30

Romans 10:11-13

Acts 10:34-35

Colossians 3:11

James 2:1-7

Genesis 3:20

What is the main point of all these verses?

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Some people want to cause racial tension. They like to stir people up about what color skin somebody has. Based on the Bible, we can't do that. We're not better than anybody of our own skin color or another skin color. We're not better than a person who has more or less money than us. We're not better than a person who weighs more or less than us.

You know why none of us have reason to think we are better than another person? Because we all came from Adam and Eve, we are all human, and God's love is available to ALL people. Jesus died so that ALL may be reconciled to God. It is God's plan is to redeem people from every language, tribe, and nation~ *regardless of their skin color, weight, money, looks or language.*

Do you have friends with a different skin color, language, or culture besides your own? Why or why not?

## No Goodbyes—Just Good News

I hope you've had a blast this week! For most people, their weeks at Cedar Lake Camp are some of the greatest memories they have.

I hope you've realized that Cedar Lake is about more than having fun. It's about a chance to know Christ and know Him well. It's a chance to be challenged in your faith and make it your own faith. And it's a chance to build Christ-centered relationships that encourage us to live out our faith in a dark world that desperately need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you know Him then I encourage you to put on the full armor of God (Eph 6:10-18) and "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength" and obey all that He commands us. Be the light for your family and friends, teammates and fellow students! Tell them about Jesus and the hope they can have in Him!

If you don't know Christ, I encourage you to repent of your sins and commit your life to the One who loves you and died for you. Romans 10:9-10, 13 tells us how to be saved. That is, trust in Jesus. "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For with your heart you believe and are justified and with your mouth you confess and are saved...For everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved."

Please remember, you can always talk to your counselor or any leader here about Jesus.

Be sure to come back and bring a friend! Camp happens outside of summer too:

Spring Sports Camp (spring break) Fall Camp (fall break)

## Friday~ Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

**Hebrews 13:3** “Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.”

**Isaiah 26:8** “In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.”

### Bonus Memory Verses

**Acts 20:24** “But I do not account my life as of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

**Philippians 1:21** “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

### Bible Scholar

**Romans 5:3-5**

**Isaiah 48: 9-11**

### Bible Freak

**1 John 4:7-21**

## Tuesday Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

**Matthew 28:18-20** “And Jesus came and said to them ‘All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

### Bonus Memory Verses

**Romans 5:8 in Spanish:**

**Romanos 5:8** “Pero Dios demuestra su amor por nosotros en este: en que cuando todavia eramos pecadores, Cristo morio por nosotros.”

**Joshua 1:8** “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.”

### Bible Scholar

**Philippians 2:1-11**

### Bible Freak

**Isaiah 52:13- 53:12**

## Wednesday~The Logic

**Devo starter**~ *Logic* is thinking through the reasons why we do what we do. Is it good? Is this the best way? Why do we do it? If this is true then this is our next obvious step... You get it. So what about the logic of missions? We've looked at the goal of missions~ that all people everywhere may know how great is our God, producing salvation for people and glory for God. But let's think through it a little more.

**Read Romans 10:9-17.**

Fill in the blanks from Romans 10:13: "For \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the Lord will be \_\_\_\_\_."

Knowing this, how can someone call on Jesus if they have not believed in Jesus? And how are they to believe in Jesus when they've never heard of Jesus? And how can they hear about Jesus unless someone preaches or tells them about Jesus? *The obvious answer is they cannot call, believe, or hear about Jesus unless someone tells them.*

**Look at verse 15.** What are some ways we can help send missionaries to tell folks about Jesus?

**Verse 17** tells us faith comes from hearing what?

Francis of Assisi is famous for saying "*Preach the gospel at all times... use words when necessary.*" This sounds good but it's only partially true. The truth is our actions do speak very loud about our character and values. The lie is that we never have to explain with words how to believe in Jesus. The Bible tells us we must do so in these verses. Nobody will ever know how to place their trust in Jesus by only watching you be a good person.

## Friday~ Digging Deeper

Most of us don't want to suffer. I mean really, who likes pain? Yeah, me neither. But when you search the Bible for verses on suffering, you find these truths~ 1) since we live in a fallen/sinful world suffering is inescapable 2) suffering should not knock us down so as to be useless for God 3) God uses suffering for our benefit and so should we and 4) despite any amount of suffering, God remains good and in control.

**Read Romans 5:3.** What does suffering produce?

Can you think of a difficult time in your life that strengthened your faith?

**Look at James 1:2-3.** How does suffering help us?

Sometimes it can be difficult to see how good comes from suffering. Two great biblical examples of this are *Joseph and Jesus.*

**Joseph** was sold into slavery by his own brothers, and worked hard for Potiphar only to be falsely accused and thrown into prison. He endured much but was eventually made second in command of Egypt next to Pharaoh. His brothers came to Egypt for food during a famine and he revealed his identity to them. They became fearful but Joseph said, "*What you intended for evil, God intended [the same evil] for good*" (**Gen 50:20**). There you have good coming from evil and suffering.

Although **Jesus** was innocent of any sin, He suffered at the hands of evil men. His suffering and death on the cross resulted in the payment of sin for us and satisfying the wrath of God against sin. Salvation, forgiveness, eternal life, and reconciliation with God are all available because of Jesus' suffering.

**For further biblical understanding of suffering read Job 36:15, Ps 119:50, 153, Acts 5:41, Rom 8:17-18, 2 Cor 1:5, Phil 3:10, 2 Thess 1:5, 2 Tim 1:8, 2:3, 1 Pet 4:12-13.**

## Friday~ The Persecuted Church

**Devo starter**~ Jesus told the disciples in Acts 1:8 “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” The word “witnesses” in Greek is *martus* (mar-toos) from which we get the word “martyr.” Jesus warned His disciples “I am sending you out as sheep among wolves” (Mt 10:16). The early church experienced much suffering (persecution) for their faith in Jesus. The persecution of the Church and the saints (we who believe) is still very real today. Those who suffer and even die for their faith in Jesus are called “martyrs.”

**Younger cabins** read Acts 6:8-15 and Acts 7:54-60.

**Older cabins** read Acts 6:8 to 7:60.

Stephen was doing great things for people and for God. When the leaders could not compare to Stephen's wisdom and power, what did they do? (vs 6:11ff)

Even though the evil leaders lied about Stephen, they couldn't deny that his face was like what? (vs 6:15)

**Older Cabins**~ In 7:54, what was it Stephen said that enraged the evil leaders?

**All**-what did Stephen say that made his murderers cover their ears? (vs 7:55-57)

Who was there at Stephen's stoning, approving of his death? (8:1)

**Read Acts 8:1-4.** What happened to the church in Jerusalem that day?

What did Saul begin doing after this?

## Wednesday~ Digging Deeper

We know from God's word the reason we exist is to know Christ and make Him known. ALL who believe in Christ will be saved. But they must hear about Christ to call upon Him. Have you ever wondered about people groups who never hear of Christ and never have a chance to call upon Him? There are many people groups around the world who have never heard of Jesus and have no access to a Bible, church, or missionary.

**Based on Romans 3:23 and 6:23** what is the condition of humans due to their sinful nature?

**Read John 14:6.** Is there any other way to come to the Father, according to the Lord Jesus?

Jesus said in **John 3:3** a person must be born again, which means placing their faith and trust in Him to become a “new creation” (2Cor 5:17) and walk according to the Spirit, not according to the flesh. How will a person know to do this without someone telling them?

**Read John 3:18 and Romans 1:18-20.** What happens to those who do not believe? What attribute of God is used “against all ungodliness and unrighteousness”?

Knowing that 1) all people sin 2) God punishes sin with spiritual death and eternal separation from Him 3) the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus 4) all who call upon Jesus will be spared from that punishment and 5) nobody can call on Jesus unless someone tells them~ what should our response be for those near us and those who have never heard?

## Wednesday Bible Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

**Romans 10:13** “For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**John 14:6** “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

**Juan 14:6** “Yo soy el camino, y la verdad, y la vida– le contesto Jesus– nadie llega al Padre sino por mí.” (Spanish)

### Bonus Memory Verses

**John 3:3** “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”

**John 3:18** “Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

### Bible Scholar

Romans 1:16-23

### Bible Freak

Romans 10 (whole chapter)

## What is My Role in Missions?

You need to be actively asking God, “What is my specific calling in life?” We are all called (or summoned) to share the good news of Jesus with those around us and abroad. But that looks different in each of our lives because *God has specific purposes for each of us and gives us unique skills and interests to accomplish that purpose.*

There’s no getting around it– if we call ourselves followers of Jesus, we have a role to play in God’s Name being made known among the nations.

There are 3 responses to Jesus’ command to take the gospel to the nations:

- 1) **Go**– this means going to people who need Jesus whether locally, regionally, or internationally. Work might include digging wells, building houses, hosting medical clinics, feeding starving people, leading a church, teaching English– the list goes on and on.
- 2) **Send**– this means helping those who go get to where they need to be. It might include raising money through many ways– bake sales, yard sales, car washes, writing letters, speaking at churches. You can also send them equipment and Bibles, whatever they need. And of course, pray! Nothing will be accomplished without this! Pray for our missionaries daily.
- 3) **Disobey**– this is when people ignore God’s command. They don’t care about the hurting, dying and persecution of other Christians. They show little concern for the praise God’s Name and glory around the world. They would rather spend their money, time, and resources on themselves. Let’s not be like this!

## Important Things to Know in Missions



**10/40 Window** refers to the area 10 degrees north to 40 degrees north of equator with highest concentration of people who do not know Jesus.

There are 7.4 billion people on earth divided into 11,502 people groups.

6,815 of those groups have less than 2% evangelical Christians. *(For every 100 people you could barely find 2 who believe in Jesus Christ.)*

3,109 people groups are not engaged by any missions organizations at all.

There are about 7,000 languages in the world. Only 500 have a complete Bible in their language.

About 1,300 languages have the New Testament or some portion of Bible available.

About 2,300 languages are actively being translated right now!

## Thursday~ The Strategy

**Devo starter**– Every goal must have a plan or strategy. We know we must tell people about Jesus in order for them to believe in Him. Let's look at what God told the first disciples about where to go and what to do.

**Read Acts 1:1-11.** What has just happened at this point in time?

**Look at verse 8.** When the Holy Spirit comes upon them, what will they receive? And why do they receive it (to do what)?

Where will the disciples “witness” or testify about Jesus?

These locations are a strategic way of thinking about missions– spreading the knowledge and praise of God for joy of all people.

**Jerusalem**– the disciples' hometown. What is your hometown?

**Judea**–the disciples' native country. For most of us reading this booklet, our native country is the United States.

**Samaria**– the neighboring country to Judea. For the USA this includes countries like Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean nations.

**Ends of the earth**– places that are hard to reach– typically not developed nations similar to America. Places that usually require much travel and may not be friendly towards Christians. Places that have little or no access to a Bible, church, or missionary.

What is the most remote place you can think of? How do we get Bibles, churches, and missionaries there?

## Thursday—Digging Deeper

Let's talk about the difference between evangelism and missions.

**Evangelism** is the telling of the gospel, the good news of Jesus (Day 1 of booklet)

All believers in Christ are commanded to do this. (See Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Cor 5:20, Luke 10.) We should desire to tell our friends, family, neighbors, teammates and even strangers about how they can be forgiven of their sins and reconciled to the great and mighty God, Jesus Christ. The goal of evangelism is the glory of God through the joy of all people in God. This IS how God has planned His knowledge and praise to be made known.

The goal of missions is the glory of God through the joy of all in God. Hmm—is there an echo in here? Because that's the goal of evangelism too. Wait, that's our goal in life, for us and for others! Missions is how we accomplish this. It's the action part of loving people in the name of Jesus. This can be done domestically (in your own city, state, country, language) or it can be done in foreign lands (crossing language, cultural, and political barriers).

What are some things we can do to show the love of Jesus to those around us?

What are some things we can do to show the love of Jesus in other countries?

## Thursday—Memory Verses

### Memory Verses

**Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Psalms 117:1-2** “Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!”

**Hebrews 11:1** “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

### Bonus Verses

**Psalms 46:10** “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**Psalms 46:10 (Spanish)** “Quedense quietos y reconozcan Yo soy Dios. Yo sere exaltado entre las naciones, Yo sere enaltecido en la tierra.”

**Matthew 5:16** “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.”

### Bible Scholar

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

### Bible Freak

**Colossians 1:15-23**