

# FOUNDATION JOURNAL # 2

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# LUKE 6:46-49

**“WHY DO YOU CALL ME, ‘LORD, LORD,’ AND DO NOT DO WHAT I SAY? AS FOR EVERYONE WHO COMES TO ME AND HEARS MY WORDS AND PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT THEY ARE LIKE. THEY ARE LIKE A MAN BUILDING A HOUSE, WHO DUG DOWN DEEP AND LAID THE FOUNDATION ON ROCK. WHEN A FLOOD CAME, THE TORRENT STRUCK THAT HOUSE BUT COULD NOT SHAKE IT, BECAUSE IT WAS WELL BUILT. BUT THE ONE WHO HEARS MY WORDS AND DOES NOT PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE IS LIKE A MAN WHO BUILT A HOUSE ON THE GROUND WITHOUT A FOUNDATION. THE MOMENT THE TORRENT STRUCK THAT HOUSE, IT COLLAPSED AND ITS DESTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE.”**



# WHAT IS THE POINT?

Hey MSM students!

We are SO STOKED about this journal! Before we explain what it is and how to use it, we want to explain our thoughts behind why you should take advantage of the opportunity.

Over the past five years, we have seen an exponential growth in the amount of students struggling with problems that we believe come from “believing in lies”. For example, students might struggle with a low self worth and believe the lie that “I am not worthy”. Students who have difficult relationships with family might believe the lie that “I am not lovable”. Over time, these lies lead students to either turn to bad habits (what we might call sin), or to battle painful thoughts (like anxiety).

However, this should not be a surprise! Here’s why- in the very beginning of the Bible, we see that God creates humans to live together with God, accomplishing good work throughout the Earth.

Then, a sneaky snake decides to fight back. How does he attack God’s children? With lies!! The serpent lies to Adam and Eve, leading them to sin and eventually death. Jesus tells us that satan still does this today! Jesus says that the enemy wants to steal, kill and destroy.

How does he do this? BY LYING! He is a liar! He fills the world with lies, and we all believe these lies all the time! (See John 8:31-45)

# WHAT IS THE POINT?

So, if believing lies leads us to sin and pain, and satan is filling the world with lies, what do we do? We fill our minds with truth! Jesus says to Pilate before dying on the cross that He was born to tell the world the truth. He even says that truth "sets us free"! We need to know God and His words to fight the lies of the enemy, to run from sin, and to enjoy freedom.

Jesus tells His followers in Mark 6:46-49 that everyone who goes to Jesus, hears His words, and does what He says, is like a man who builds their house on a firm foundation. Our hope is that this journal will help inspire our entire ministry of middle school students to stand on the firm foundation of Christ, rather than fall into the lies of the enemy that steal our joy! Join us in developing the habit of turning to God each and every day as we learn to trust in His Word!

To make everything we said really short- Satan has lied and tricked humans from the beginning of the world. When we believe the lies he tells, it leads us to sin and takes joy away from us. To fight against these lies, we want to be a people who regularly read the Word of God to find the ultimate truth of who we are, who God is, and what He calls us to do! The purpose of this journal is to help you build this habit.

# HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

Now you know WHY we are giving you this journal, but HOW do you use it?

After a few more "explainer" pages, you will see your first "rhythm". Each rhythm has 4 journal entries! For the first 3 parts of the rhythm, you will do what we call a SOAP. This will be the main part of your journaling experience, so in the next few pages we explain everything you need to know about it!

After doing three "SOAPS", you will write out a Psalm Prayer. On these days, read through a Psalm of the bible. Psalms are found near the middle of your bible, and are the lyrics to really old songs and poetry. In your journal space, we encourage you to write out a few of the verses you connected with. You can even pray those words yourself as a song to God from you today! If you don't want to write out a verse word for word, try reshaping the poetry into words you might use today!

We encourage you to finish one rhythm in a week, but the beautiful part about this journal is that you can go through it on your own time! If you miss a day, a week, or even a month, pick back up where you last left off!

The last few pages of this journal you can use to take notes during our weekend MSM services! Make sure to bring your journal with you to church each Sunday!

# WHAT IS A SOAP?

SOAP stands for **S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication, and **P**rayer. Each day, we give you the "S". or Scripture. Go grab your bible, open up to the passage, and read the verses of the day. After reading through the verses, you will write out your Observations. Answer these types of questions: What happened in the passage? Who was there? What do I learn about God? What do I learn about "people/man"? These are just things you observe or notice in the verses.

Now comes the fun part- write out an Application. Think about what you just wrote about, and write out some ideas for how it applies to your life! If you observed Jesus loving a sinful person, you can apply that to your life by reminding yourself of the sins Jesus forgave you of! If you observed God's power in creation, you can apply that by reminding yourself to trust in God, because he is in control!. Answer these types of questions: What can I do with what I have learned? How does this affect me? What can I do differently today? How can I think differently about someone or something?

Finally, you end by writing out a Prayer. You can pray about anything you want! Most days you will probably pray about the things you just learned, but it can be about anything that is on your heart.

# WHAT IS A SOAP?

## **S**cripture

Read the verses of the day!

## **O**bservation

Write out your Observations. These are just things you observe or notice in the verse. Answer these types of questions: What happened in the passage? Who was there? What did Jesus do or say? How did others respond?

## **A**pplication

Think about what you just wrote in your observations. Then think about how you could apply what you learned in your own life. Answer these types of questions: What can I do with what I have learned? How does this affect me? What can I do differently today? How can I think differently about someone or something?

## **P**rayers

Write down a prayer. It can directly related to what you just read and learned or it can be anything on your heart.

## Scripture

**Mark 1:1-11**

## Observation

*John the baptist seems to spend all of his time talking about Jesus. It sounds like all of Judea and Jerusalem heard about what he said, so he was a big deal! Even though he was so popular, he still spoke with humility and thinks he is unworthy to even untie the sandals of Jesus.*

## Application

*If I live for Jesus in everything I do, I can have an impact on others just like John did! Even when I make an impact on others for Jesus, I should always live with humility like John as well. I wonder why it lets us know about his clothing and food? Interesting, I should ask someone about that.*

## Prayer

*God helps me to live with humility in all that I do.*

\*\*Did you notice how in the application piece I even wrote a question down? I know when I read the bible, I get a lot of questions I do not know the answers to! It helps me write them down so I can look into it more later or ask someone I trust.



# SAMPLE SOAPS

\*\*Here is another example of a SOAP from the same passage. Notice how there are no “right answers” when doing this!

## **S**cripture

**Mark 1:1-11**

## **O**bservation

*God is pleased with Jesus, and sends the Holy Spirit to be with him! That is cool that all three persons in the trinity are here in one passage!*

## **A**pplication

*I know God sends the Holy Spirit to Christians, just like he sent the Spirit to Jesus! I should remember more that God can guide me and encourage me with his Spirit.*

## **P**ray

*God thank you for giving your Spirit to me as a gift. I pray that I am more open to your guidance as you help me to love you and others well.*

We know the bible is a big book, and sometimes it can get confusing. If you ever have questions, talk to your parent/guardian, small group leader, or anyone from MSM and we would love to help! The following info is just some starting info that we hope you find helpful!

Although your bible is written in english, that is not how it was first written! The bible was actually written in three different languages thousands of years ago. Because of this, there are many different bible translations. Normally on the front cover or spine of your bible you will see some letters like NIV, ESV, NKJV, or NLT. Those are all different translations! On Sundays in MSM, we almost always read from NIV. But, at home, I (Connor) read from ESV! They are all accurate and very similar! We would encourage you to NOT use the New King James Version (NKJV or KJV), because it makes you feel like you are reading something Shakespeare wrote.

We highly recommend buying a “study bible” when embarking on this journey! Study bibles are filled with notes and helpful resources and explanations of different parts of Scripture. Most of the time if I (Connor again) have a question about what I am reading, the study notes can help me answer that question. Calvary’s book store has many available, so swing by on a Sunday!

The last piece of info we want you to know about is the table of contents! The bible is full of 66 different books, 39 in the old testament and 27 in the new testament. The table of contents will tell you what page a book (Like Mark or Psalms) is in your bible. Often you will see the bible written like "Mark 1:1-11". The first number is the chapter. You can find this in your bible as really large numbers every page or so. After the chapter are the verses. Each chapter is broken into a lot of verses which can be as short as a few words, or as long as a sentence or two. You will find little numbers written in the middle of paragraphs/sentences to let you know what verse you are reading.

\*\*\*Bonus: Scan these QR codes when you see them for fun and helpful videos about what you are reading that day!

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# MEMORY VERSES

## **Word of God**

Psalm 1:1-2  
2 Timothy 3:16-17  
Hebrews 4:12  
James 1:22

## **Greatness of God**

Exodus 34:6-7  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
Romans 8:28

## **Sin**

Romans 3:23  
Romans 6:23

## **Jesus**

Colossians 2:9  
Isaiah 9:6  
Mark 2:17  
Mark 10:45

## **Gospel**

Isaiah 53:5-6  
2 Corinthians 5:21  
Ephesians 2:8-10  
John 14:6  
Revelation 21:4

## **Total Surrender**

Romans 12:1-2  
Ecclesiastes 12:13

## **Prayer**

Psalm 5:3  
Philippians 4:6-7

## **Love**

Mark 12:30-31  
Proverbs 27:17  
Colossians 3:13  
Proverbs 12:18  
Matthew 6:24

## **Humility**

Micah 6:8  
2 Corinthians 12:9-10  
Psalm 73:26

## **Temptation**

1 Corinthians 10:13  
Psalm 119:9-11

## **Mission and Ministry**

1 Corinthians 10:13  
Psalm 119:9-11

# EPHESIANS

Over the next four weeks, we are going to read through the book of Ephesians! The book of Ephesians has one of the most clear gospel explanations in the opening of chapter 2, and finishes with life applications for how Jesus changes everything!

When writing your SOAPS, you can ask these types of questions to help with your observations-

What do I learn about God?

What do I learn about people and/or me?

What does God do? What does Jesus, the Father, or Holy Spirit do?

If you ever get confused or have a question, remember we are here to talk with you! Write it down and come find a leader on Sunday or Wednesday.

Scan the QR code to watch a video made by “The Bible Project” about Ephesians!

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# GENESIS

Over the next three weeks, we are going to read through the first few chapters of the bible! In the book of Genesis, we learn about the creation of the world and tragic fall of man. By the end of chapter 4 you will read about Lamech bragging about the evil things he has done!

For your SOAP observations you can ask questions like:

What patterns do I see repeated?

What does God do?

What does God say?

How does he respond when Adam, Eve, or Cain sins?

As always, if you have any questions talk to anyone who has been following Jesus for a while that might be able to help like your parents, siblings, or any MSM leaders!

We encourage you to scan this QR code to watch the Bible Project video about the beginning of Genesis!

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Over the last six rhythms, we are going to read through what is called the “Upper Room Discourse” in John 13-17. John recalls many of the final teachings of Jesus beginning with the washing of the disciples’ feet and leading up to Jesus being betrayed in John 18. All of these chapters give us a glimpse into the final night Jesus spent with his disciples.

For your SOAP observations, ask questions like:

What did Jesus do?

What did Jesus say?

What did he say about the Holy Spirit?

What did he tell his disciples to do?

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to your parents, an MSM leader, or any other trusted Christians you know!

As always, we encourage you to scan the QR code below and watch the bible project video about the book of John. This video is just about John 13-21, so if you want to watch part 1 you can find it on their YouTube Channel.

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**John 13:1-5**

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Rhythm 9.2 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

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**Read Psalm 13**

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Rhythm 10.2 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

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Rhythm 10.3 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

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**Read Psalm 14**

Take some time to copy down a verse that stood out to you as a personal prayer.

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Rhythm 11.3 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

**S**cripture                      **John 15:26-16:15**

**O**bservation

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**Read Psalm 15**

Take some time to copy down a verse that stood out to you  
as a personal prayer.

OR

Rewrite a verse in you own words.

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Rhythm 12.1 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

**S**cripture                      **John 16:16-33**

**O**bservation

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Rhythm 12.2 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

**S**cripture                      **John 17:1-5**

**O**bservation

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**S**cripture

**John 17:6-12**

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Rhythm 13.1 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

**S**cripture                      **John 17:13-19**

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Rhythm 13.2 **FOUNDATION SOAP**

**S**cripture                      **John 17:20-26**

**O**bservation

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# YOU DID IT!!

Congratulations! You made it through the second Foundation Journal! Show off your completed Journal to an MSM staff member, and we will get you Journal #3 that will take you through Proverbs, Zephaniah, James, and the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew!!

And remember...

**God loves you**

**We love you**

**And there is nothing you can do  
about it!**