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Technology Fast Guide

What Are We Doing?

We live in a place and time where our inputs tend to be non-stop. There is always something to listen to, watch, play, scroll through, or text. All this noise makes it very challenging to slow down, quiet our hearts, and hear from God. So He often feels distant, but He's not. We just need to practice engaging with him.

This is why, for 4 days, our church family is turning off our screens, silencing our social media inputs, taking out our headphones, and tuning into God's Word and God's Spirit. Over these 4 days we will read two passages of scripture a day, reflect on them, and seek to respond to God's leading and direction in our life. We will endeavor to grow in:

- Our Longing for God
- Our Willingness to Set Aside Our Own Agenda
- Our Ability to Hear from Him
- Our Courage to Follow His Leading

How to Get Started

1. Not including what you are required to do for your work or vocation, make a list of the technology inputs that usually create noise in your life that you need to abstain from Monday-Thursday. Consider the technology that you need to keep available for important communication or safety.
2. Identify 2 times a day where you can carve out 10-30 minutes to read, reflect, pray, and journal. These times might include morning, after work, or before bed. However, everyone's life and schedules are different. The important thing is creating space.
3. Use this as a guide to give focus to those 2 times a day where you will be seeking to hear from God.

TIPS

Embrace Discomfort - This experience has a powerful potential for life-change, but it won't always be comfortable. Depending on how much you use technology for rest, entertainment, or distraction you will really feel the discomfort of slowing down and experiencing more silence.

For Families With Small Kids - Yes, your kids will interrupt your time of reading and reflection. Just do what you can, as best you can. The idea is growth, not perfection, in your ability to listen and hear from God.

For Families With Big Kids - Let your kids know what you're doing and why. Consider inviting them into this process with you. Doing this as a couple or a family will have a powerful impact on the time you have to connect with one another.

Use a Journal - There is enough room for you to answer questions directly in this guide. However, if you find journaling helpful, you might consider using a personal journal to give yourself more space to write and reflect on the passages and questions.

Use A Physical Bible - There's nothing "extra spiritual" about a paper Bible as opposed to a Bible App. However, it might be easier to avoid getting sucked into your phone if you use a physical Bible. If you don't have a Bible, feel free to pick one up next to the entrance doors at North Way.

Filling Your Time - By eliminating technology, you may find you have more time than you thought. Consider activities you can do during that time such as:

- Taking a walk
- Sitting outside
- Practicing extended times of prayer
- Journaling
- Playing a board game with friends or family
- Reading
 - The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer
 - Tech-Wise Family by Andy Crouch
 - Pray Big by Alistair Begg
 - The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg
 - Emotionally Healthy Christianity by Chris Thurman
 - Read through the Psalms

Share Your Story - As you experience deeper intimacy with God, please share how you're experiencing life change with the below QR Code.



Monday - Longing

Experiencing a Thirst For God

Morning

Read Psalm 1 two times, slowly.

Who is being contrasted in this Psalm and what are the characteristics of the 2 kinds of people?

Read it again. What word or phrase sticks out to you most?

How does this word or phrase teach you about God or yourself?

What do you think the Holy Spirit wants to express to you as you reflect on this word or phrase?

Evening

Read Psalm 63 two times, slowly.

How would you describe David's emotion expressed in this psalm?

What particular verses in this psalm best expresses what you would consider its "heart"?

What parts of this psalm do you identify most with? Least with?

Take a moment to write your own prayer to God, expressing your desire to know Him and experience Him.

Prayer Night

Join us Monday Night, 7 pm @ North Way as we launch into these 4 days in worship and gathered prayer.

Tuesday - Losing

God's Agenda Over My Agenda

Morning

In Matthew 6 Jesus' closest followers ask if he would teach them how to pray. Read his response in Matthew 6:9-13.

What do you think it means for his kingdom to come and his will be done?

Why do you think Jesus wants his followers to begin praying with this in mind?

What's an example of a time in your life when you wanted "your own will" instead of "God's will" to be done?

What's an example of a time in your life when you were more concerned with "your kingdom" expanding over "God's kingdom" expanding?

When it comes to your life and relationships, where do you sense the most need for God's will and God's kingdom to come?

Write the Lord's prayer out and be specific about the areas of your life.

Your name be honored as holy
Your kingdom come in what area?

Your will be done in what area?

Daily provision for what?

Where do I need forgiveness?

Who do I need to forgive?

Evening

Take time to read and memorize Proverbs 3:5-6

What sticks out to you most about this passage?

What is the difference between the wisdom of man and the wisdom of God?

Describe a time in your life when you had to decide between following God's wisdom and your own wisdom.

What do you think it means to "acknowledge God in all your ways"?

What is one thing you'd have to change, give up, or surrender to God in order to live a life of greater trust?

Take time to write a prayer expressing, to him, how you'll need help to take further steps of surrender.

Wednesday - Listening

Practicing Stillness and Patience

Morning

In 1 Kings 19 the prophet Elijah has just experienced an incredible victory over the prophets of Baal (false god of that region). However, the current king and his wife, Ahab and Jezebel, are after Elijah and out for blood. Elijah flees into the wilderness, fearful and exhausted. God speaks to Elijah personally to tell him that it's time to stop running and return to the work God has given him to do. Read 1 Kings 19:9-13.

What does God do in order to get Elijah's attention?

Why do you think the scriptures tell us that God "was not in" those things?

Why do you think God finally spoke in a "soft whisper"?

Has anything happened to you that might have been God trying to get your attention?

What would it look like for you to stop to hear the "soft whisper"?

Is there anything the Holy Spirit has already been saying to you that you have ignored or shrugged off?

Is there a legitimate fear you have about doing what God has been telling you to do?

What would trust or obedience look like concerning listening "for" God or listening "to" God?

Evening

Read Psalm 27 two times, slowly.

Summarize each section of this psalm in your own words.

Concerning the conclusion of this psalm, why do you think it instructs the reader to "wait on the Lord"?

What do you find yourself "waiting for"?

How would you describe the difference between waiting well and not waiting well?

Write your own psalm of prayer, telling God who he is and why you will seek to wait on Him when it comes to your desires or longings.

Thursday - Leading

What is God Leading You To Do?

Morning

In Acts 10, this event having taken place after the resurrection of Jesus and the birth of the church, the apostle Peter receives a vision that challenges him to consider that the good news of Jesus is for all people, not just the Jews. He receives this vision in the form of instruction from God to eat foods that God had previously told His people to abstain from. The comparison is "eat every food" to "the gospel is for every person."

Read Acts 10:9-23a ("a" means the first half of verse 23)

What does verse 9 tell you about Peter's prayer habits?

What is the significance of God showing Peter this vision during one of his normal prayer times?

How did Peter respond to the vision God gave him?

What are some ways you can incorporate regular times of pausing and silence in your daily rhythm?

Take some time this morning to sit in silence. It could be as few as 5 minutes or up to one hour. Pray through any worries or concerns that come to your mind. What was this experience like? What was challenging or refreshing? Where did your mind go? Was there anything you sensed God was saying or expressing to you?

Is there anything you've sensed God leading you to do this week? This could include things such as:

- A conversation around forgiveness and reconciliation
- A friend, family member, or coworker you need to share the gospel with
- A decision you've been avoiding
- A sin you've needed to confess
- A calling you need to explore
- A way you need to trust

Evening

Read Psalm 23 three times, slowly.

Based on this psalm, what kind of leader is God?

What is his desire for you?

Where do you need restoration in your soul?

Is there any way you sense God has been leading you that you have not wanted to go? What's holding you back?

What's one tangible step you need to take to trust in God as your leader?

Who can you tell about this in order to support you in this step?

Kingdom Come is about “Life-Change through Jesus for every man, woman, and child” by:

- Engaging the growing population in our city
- Multiplying ministry regionally and internationally
- Investing in future opportunities

Kingdom Come - Celebrating What God Has Done

Engage

46 Baptisms in 2023

27 families helped with practical needs through benevolence

Multiply

491 Individuals said “yes” to Jesus during Sri Lanka Trip

\$10,000 of church planting dollars to Eastside Community Church

Decision to search for and hire-full time church planter to reach Burnet

Invest

\$10,000 extra being paid each month toward our mortgage

Kingdom Come - Asking God For...

Engage

200 people actively engaged in disciple-making relationships
Opportunities to engage the growing Indian population in our area

Identify Camino Norte Pastor

Multiply

2 Families who express a call to go overseas church planting

Fruitful short-term India trip in February

Identification of full-time Church Planter

Invest

Sell 3 acres of land

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