

2020 SummerSalt Personal Devotions

Welcome to SummerSalt 2020! Well, sort of. Obviously, this summer is different. Like, really different. For starters, you're not actually AT SummerSalt (if only we could have just one milkshake from the HUB...if you don't know what that means you better ask somebody). For the first time, the SummerSalt experience has come to you! Even though SummerSalt 2020 is nothing like we would've planned, it's exactly what God has planned. If you know anything about God's plan, you know it is ALWAYS better than ours...

This personal devotional is yours. Well duh, it's a personal devotional! Let's take a second and think about what this means. This being personal is more than just writing your name on the front of the devotional. God is doing something this summer. He's doing something across the world and even where you live. Not just that, He's doing something in your life too.

Right now, point to yourself and say, "God is doing something in my life." Yes, it feels awkward to point and talk to yourself, but just do it. The challenge for you is to actively participate in what God is doing. This devotional is not just about filling in the blanks so you can show your student pastor that you did what they've asked you to do. This devotional is not about comparing your answers to the other students in your youth group to see if you got the "right" answers. Instead, think of this personal devotional as a way for YOU to talk to God.

Wait, what? Yep, you read that right. Write down all of your thoughts, feelings, and questions that you have for God on these pages. Take the things you're writing and start praying them to God. As you do this, you'll start to have a real conversation with God. He wants to talk to you. He wants you to personally participate in what He's doing. This personal devotional is going to help you understand what God's plan for you really is. Enjoy!

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Session One (Start-Up Question)

What are you hoping God will teach you through SummerSalt 2020? What questions or feelings do you have right now? Write how you're feeling below.

Session One Personal Devotional (Taylor Burgess – Call to Salvation)

Relationships between a parent and a child look different for every family. Think about your own family and your relationship with your father. How would you describe it? Write down a few of your thoughts below.

In the story of the Prodigal Son, we see a relationship between a father and his two sons. Open your Bible and read Luke 15:11-32. Pay special attention to the relationship between the father and his younger son, and the relationship between the father and his older son.

How would you describe the younger son? What is he like?

How would you describe the older son? What is he like?

How would you describe the father? What is he like?

The younger son is described as a prodigal, which means he has been irresponsible with what he's been given. According to the story he recklessly wasted the gifts and good things that his father gave to him. The older son is described as proud. He is angry that his good works and obedience to the rules have seemingly gone unnoticed and uncelebrated. A word to sum up the way the younger son is living is **rebellion**. A word to sum up the way the older son is living is **religion**.

Take a minute and ask yourself this question, who do you relate to more, the younger brother or the older brother? Write down why you feel this way.

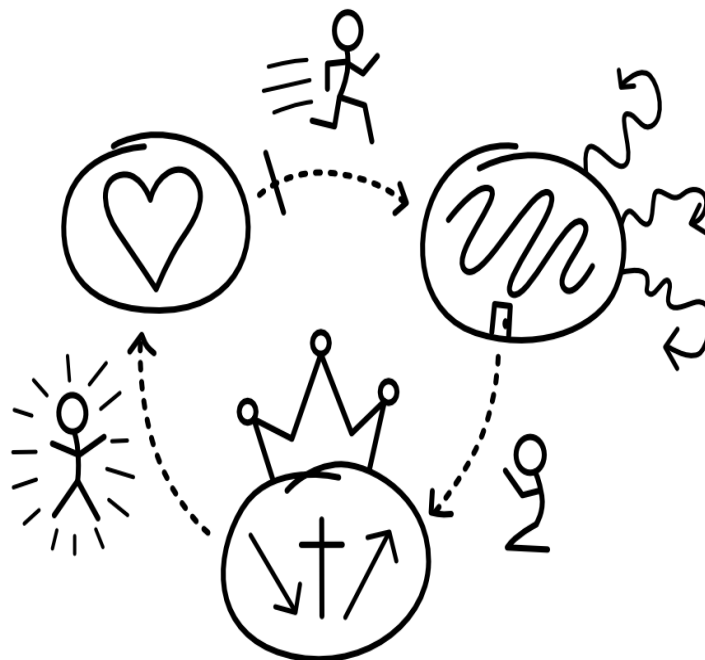
A big thing to understand is that BOTH the younger son and the older son were living sinfully. It's easy to see that the younger son is living in sin (he even says so himself in Luke 15:21). But, the older son's sin is less obvious. He has been a "good" son and obedient to his father (he even says so himself in Luke 15:29). **Here's the truth of the gospel: you can never be too bad (like the younger son) to be saved, and you can never be good enough (like the older son) to save yourself.** Rebellion and religion both lead to death, not salvation.

Well, what's the answer then? The answer is a third son who isn't mentioned in the story. This son is the perfect son, the perfect son of God the Father. Jesus did not live a life of rebellion or religion. He lived the perfect life that God desired of us, but that we could never live on our own.

Think back to your description of the father in the story of the prodigal son. Did you use any of these words? Compassionate. Kind. Loving. Forgiving. The father in the story had so much compassion, kindness, love, and forgiveness for **BOTH** the prodigal son and the proud son. God the Father is just like this with us. He shows compassion, kindness, love, and forgiveness to the person who is in rebellion and to the person who is in religion.

The big thing to understand is that God's answer to the problem of rebellion and religion is found in His perfect son, Jesus. The prodigal son is not too rebellious to be forgiven of his sin and the proud son is not too prideful to be forgiven of his sin either. This is God's amazing grace!

There's a simple way to illustrate God's love and forgiveness through His son Jesus. It's called The Three Circles. Read below to understand what each circle means.



In the first circle (the one with the heart inside) God created everything to be in a perfect relationship with Him. There was no sin. There were no broken relationships between God and humans or even between humans and humans. This was God's perfect design for the world. We were supposed to experience perfect, unbroken relationships with God and one another. But, something went wrong...

The picture of the person running away from the first circle is showing how we chose to run away from God's perfect design. We decided that we had a better design than God. This act of disobedience or sin caused all of creation to be put into the circle of brokenness (the circle with the squiggly line).

Once we realized we were in the circle of brokenness, we started trying to get out! The squiggly arrows on the side of the circle of brokenness represent our attempts to fix the problem. Some people try to fix their problem of brokenness by finding happiness through things like having a lot of money, having a girlfriend or boyfriend, or just trying to have a lot of fun doing whatever they want. Some people try to fix their problem of brokenness by following a set of rules and making sure they are always thought of as a good person. The problem with both of these attempts to fix brokenness is that they DON'T work. No matter how much people try, they are always snapped back (think about being attached to a rubber band) into the circle of brokenness.

So, what can we do? Look carefully at the circle of brokenness...do you see the small door? That door is the answer to being saved from brokenness. That door represents turning from your sin (repentance) and trusting in Jesus. Admitting your sin and your need for a savior (the picture of the person kneeling in prayer) allows you to move from the circle of brokenness to the circle of Jesus (the circle with the cross and the crown) forever!

In the circle of Jesus, you are now saying that Jesus is King of your life. You have bowed down to Jesus and only Jesus. His perfect life on earth (the down arrow), death on the cross for your sins (the cross), and defeat over sin and death (the up arrow) is what heals your broken relationship with God and with others. Making Jesus the king of your life causes you to become a new person! You receive a new heart that beats for God. This is represented by the person with lines around them.

The amazing thing is that with Jesus as king of your life you can grow and go back to the circle of God's perfect design. As you continue to let Jesus be in control of your life, you will live more and more as God intended for people in the very beginning. This is good news! This is the kind of news that needs to be believed and shared with others.

Ask yourself these questions and write down your answers.

- Did The Three Circles make sense? Was there anything confusing?

- Where would you say you are in The Three Circles?
- Where do you want to be?
- What's stopping you from turning and trusting in Jesus today?

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Session Two (Start-Up Question)

Do you think it's possible to go an entire day without doing anything that would hurt your relationship with God? This means not having any sinful desires, thoughts, words, or actions for 24 hours straight. What about an entire week without sin? What should you do when you sin?

Session Two Personal Devotional (Trevor Hoffman – Call to Repentance)

Repentance. This is a word that gets used a lot in the Christian community, but what does it mean? Here's a quick definition:

To turn and run away from sin and to run back to God.

Repentance is not just embarrassment or regret. It's not just being sorry because you were caught. True repentance is a change of heart. You don't want to continue in sin because you realize sin puts a barrier between you and God and between you and others. **A big thing to remember about repentance is it's not just about what you're turning from but whom you're turning to.** When you turn and run away from sin you are turning and running towards God...not something or someone else.

Think about this situation. A little child starts walking across the yard towards a busy road. Cars and trucks are speeding by and if the child steps any closer to the road it will be a disaster. The child's father sees what is happening and calls out to the child, "Stop!" Now, the child has a decision to make...will they stop, or will they keep walking towards the dangerous road? Thankfully, the child stops. Disaster avoided! But, that's not the end. The father then calls out to the child, "Come back to me!" The child has another important decision to make, will they stay where they are, or will they run back to their father? The child thinks for a second about how they are probably in big trouble and should stay where they are, or even if they should run away from their father towards something else. Then the child looks at their father and sees the love in his eyes. The child remembers how much their father loves them and how he always wants what is best for them. All of a sudden, the child takes off running towards their father and gets wrapped up in a huge hug. The child is now safe in their father's arms.

Repentance is not just stopping something, it's starting something. Stop, turn, and run. No, we're not talking about what to do if you catch on fire...it's what to do when you repent. You admit your sin and STOP, you TURN from your sin, and you RUN back to God.

Is there something that is causing you to stay away from God? Write it in the blank space below.

Think about where you are in the stop, turn, and run process. Have you stopped walking in your sin? Have you turned away from your sin? Have you run back to God? Your motivation to repent should be God's kindness, not your fear or guilt. God loves you and has shown His kindness to you through Jesus.

In John 6:37 Jesus states, *"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."* God will never turn His back on those who repent of sin and run to Him. He is a good father who has so much love and grace for YOU!

Cheap grace. We all know when something is cheap. It doesn't cost much and is usually easy to get. Sometimes it breaks easily because it is so poorly made. Grace from a Christian perspective is when God gives us what we don't deserve, like when He gives us forgiveness from our sins. Most people would never say God's grace is cheap. But, what do their actions say? Check out this verse below:

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
Romans 2:4

God is kind. God is patient. God desires for you to repent and come to Him. BUT, God is not going to wait forever. There will be a day when his judgment will be carried out on sin, and anyone who has not repented will be separated from God for eternity. This is heavy stuff, but YOU have a decision you can make today! And actually every day...

There are two ways to think about repentance. You can think about it as a one-time event, and as an ongoing event. The one-time event is when you repent of your sins for the first time. This is when you accept the gift of salvation and allow Jesus to be the king of your life. This repentance happens once in the life of a Christian. However, a Christian will still struggle with sin every day, even after their first repentance. So, repentance is also an ongoing event for the rest of a Christian's life. A healthy Christian will be repenting of sin daily...at first, you may feel like repenting is shameful or embarrassing. , the opposite is true.

A Christian's life is a repentance cycle: confess, celebrate, and change. When a Christian confesses their sin and repents, it's a chance to celebrate! Listen to what Jesus says in Luke 15:7, *"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."* Heaven celebrates when you repent of your sins and experience a true change in your heart.

There are two important questions to ask yourself:

- Have you had a one-time event in your life where you repented of your sin and turned to God?

- Are you repenting of sin daily? Is there any sin in your life that you need to repent of right now? If so, stop right here and confess your sin to God. There is no better time to repent than right now.

Remember, repentance is a good thing! Don't hide your sin...stop, turn, and run to God. By confessing sin, you can celebrate freedom, and experience real-life change that will lead you to be more like Jesus.

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Session Three (Start-Up Question)

What do you want to be when you grow up? That's a question we all get asked at some point during our teenage years. Have you ever thought about asking the question, what does God want me to be when I grow up? How would you answer this question?

Session Three Personal Devotional (Jody Jennings – Call to Ministry)

Did you call me?

Have you ever been hanging out in your room and heard something that sounded like someone was calling your name? It can be confusing when it turns out that no one called you...you were just hearing things...weird. Have you ever been in your room and all of a sudden, your mom or dad busts in and says, "I've been calling your name for 5 minutes, did you not hear me?" It can be confusing how you didn't hear them even though they had been calling your name for minutes.

Am I called to ministry? This question can be confusing too. Maybe you feel like you've heard God's calling to ministry loud and clear. Or maybe you feel like He was calling you, but now it seems like He really wasn't...you were just hearing things. Or maybe you feel like God hasn't said anything at all.

But guess what? There is clarity for your confusion! No matter how you're feeling about your ministry calling, God has a clear plan for how He wants you to be involved with Christian ministry.

Before we get into your ministry calling, there's something you need to make sure of first. Have you responded to God's call of salvation? Trying to hear God's call to ministry before you've answered His call to salvation is out of order. It's like trying to drive a car without having the car key to start the engine. Imagine how frustrating that would be! You're in the car trying to get it to move. You're turning the steering wheel, pushing the gas pedal, and trying to move the gear shift into drive. But, the car won't move. The engine is not on. Without a working engine, the car isn't going anywhere. In a similar way, you must first have a heart-transformed by the gospel to answer God's call to ministry. If you have any doubt about whether or not you've answered the call to salvation please STOP right now and talk to your parents, student ministry leaders, and/or student pastor. The most important thing is for you to have confidence in your salvation...then you can start thinking about your call to ministry.

Think about this phrase...you've been saved to serve. What do you think this means? Write a couple of sentences below explaining your answer.

Saved to serve. God has saved you (call to salvation) so that you can serve (call to ministry).

Isn't that cool? You're saved not just for your own benefit, but to be a blessing to others. So, let's get clarity on God's ministry calling for YOU.

There are two types of ministry callings that you should know about: a **general ministry calling** and a **personal ministry calling**. For every follower of Jesus, there is a general ministry calling on their life. In your own words, what is the general ministry calling for all Christians? What should all Christians be doing with their lives?

The short answer to the question is all Christians should be following Jesus. Ok, that's kinda obvious, but what does it mean to follow Jesus? Following Jesus is not just being saved from something, it's being saved to do something. Remember, Christians are saved to serve. The general ministry calling for followers of Jesus is to serve. Check out these passages:

In Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus says, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*

Love God and love others. Serve God and serve others.

James 1:27 tells us that, *"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."*

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So, Christians have a calling to love God and to love their neighbors. This is true for the head pastor of a church and the 10th grader in high school. Think about this question, how can YOU love God and love others this week? How can YOU serve God and serve others this week?

Now let's talk about your personal ministry calling. Jesus gives us an idea for how we can start to understand our ministry calling in one of the gospels. Matthew 4:18-20 says,

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Think about this story. Two guys who had no ministry experience are called by the greatest minister in history to follow him. Peter and Andrew were fishermen! Fishermen! How could they be ready for the personal ministry call that God had planned for them? Well, that's the beauty of this story. Jesus tells them, "I will make you fishers of men." It's like Jesus is saying to Peter and

Andrew, "I know who you are and I want you just as you are." Even though Peter and Andrew had no clue how God was about to use them, they did a really important thing. They listened to Jesus and they followed him. **A big thing to understand about your personal ministry calling is that it starts with listening to Jesus' call to follow him.**

This is difficult. Most people like to know all of the details and steps before they make a decision. Especially something as important as making a decision about their personal ministry calling. Listen to this...

You can find out your personal ministry call for tomorrow by following your general ministry call today.

The key to understanding God's call to ministry for your life is not knowing all of the details right now. The key is to follow Jesus right now. The key is to love God and love others right now. The key is to serve God and serve others right now. If you do this, God will make clear your personal ministry calling. He will do this through His word, through your personal time with Him, and even through your daily love and service to God and others.

Here's the deal, to answer God's ministry calling for your life you've got to be listening. How do you do that?

- God's Word. As you listen for God's ministry calling make sure you are reading the Bible consistently. Often God will speak to you through His Word in a very powerful and personal way.
- Prayer. As you pray, ask God to give you clarity on what He wants you to do. Remember, He likely isn't going to give you a detailed 5-year plan, but He will guide you with the next step as you trust and follow Him in your daily life.
- Serving. As you serve, pay attention to how you're feeling. Do you enjoy serving in certain places and with certain people? Are you starting to notice how God has gifted you with certain strengths that allow you to uniquely minister?
- Others. Listen to the voices of trusted people in your life. Parents, friends, student leaders, student pastors can all give helpful advice about what they see as your ministry calling. If no one is talking to you about what they see as your ministry calling, then go ask them!

God is going to call some people to be missionaries, pastors, and church planters. God is going to call some people to be teachers, doctors, and electricians. God is going to call some people to be stay at home moms, computer programmers, and delivery drivers. No matter what your vocation (job) is, you are called to love and serve the people around you. Pastors and church staff are not the only people who receive a personal ministry call. All followers of Jesus have a personal call to ministry...the difference is where and how that personal call is lived out. For

some people that means being on a church staff or a foreign mission field. For others, it means ministry in the workplace or their own home.

Love God and love others today. Serve God and serve others today. **If you are faithful to answer God's general ministry call, He will be faithful to reveal His personal ministry call for you.** Read this proverb below...

*The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9

This proverb should give you so much confidence. God is with you each step of the way. It should also take any pressure off about making the wrong decision about your ministry calling. God is in control. He knows your ministry calling way better than you do...listen to Him and answer His call.

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Session Four (Start-Up Question)

There's an old saying that goes like this, "Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." Translation, "Your actions speak louder than your words."

So, what do you think? Is it more important for your actions to look like Jesus, or for your words to sound like Jesus? Why?

Session Four Personal Devotional (Ant Fredrick – Call to Mission)

During Session Four, you should have heard two words repeated over and over...

Proclaim and Portray. In your own words, write a short definition for each of these words.

Proclaim:

Portray:

Now read Matthew 4:23-24:

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.

Look at verse 23 again, "*And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.*"

Count how many times you see the word "and" in verse 23. More than once right? So, we see that Jesus is proclaiming AND portraying the gospel of the kingdom. This means that both

proclaiming the gospel and portraying the gospel are important. **BOTH proclaiming the gospel and portraying the gospel are necessary.** And guess what, proclaiming and portraying the gospel actually work together. As Jesus is telling people about the gospel with his words, he is also showing people the gospel with his actions.

Just a quick reminder, the gospel of the kingdom is:

The good news that God is healing the sick and fixing the broken (making all things new) through his son, Jesus.

What is one thing that you feel like is broken in your life right now? This could be a relationship, a health condition, or even your plans that have been canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Write it in the blank space below.

Look at Matthew 4:23-24 again. Did you notice how it talks a lot about those who are sick being healed? Jesus is connecting with broken and sick people. He is telling them about the gospel and then actually healing them! What is amazing is the healing of their physical sickness is just the beginning of what is really going on. Jesus is healing their spiritual sickness too.

Here's a question for you, who are the spiritually sick people around you? Who needs to hear YOU proclaim the gospel and experience the gospel portrayed by YOU? Think of the actual names of a few people who need spiritual healing that you're connected to. It could even be you that needs spiritual healing.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 says:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on 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."

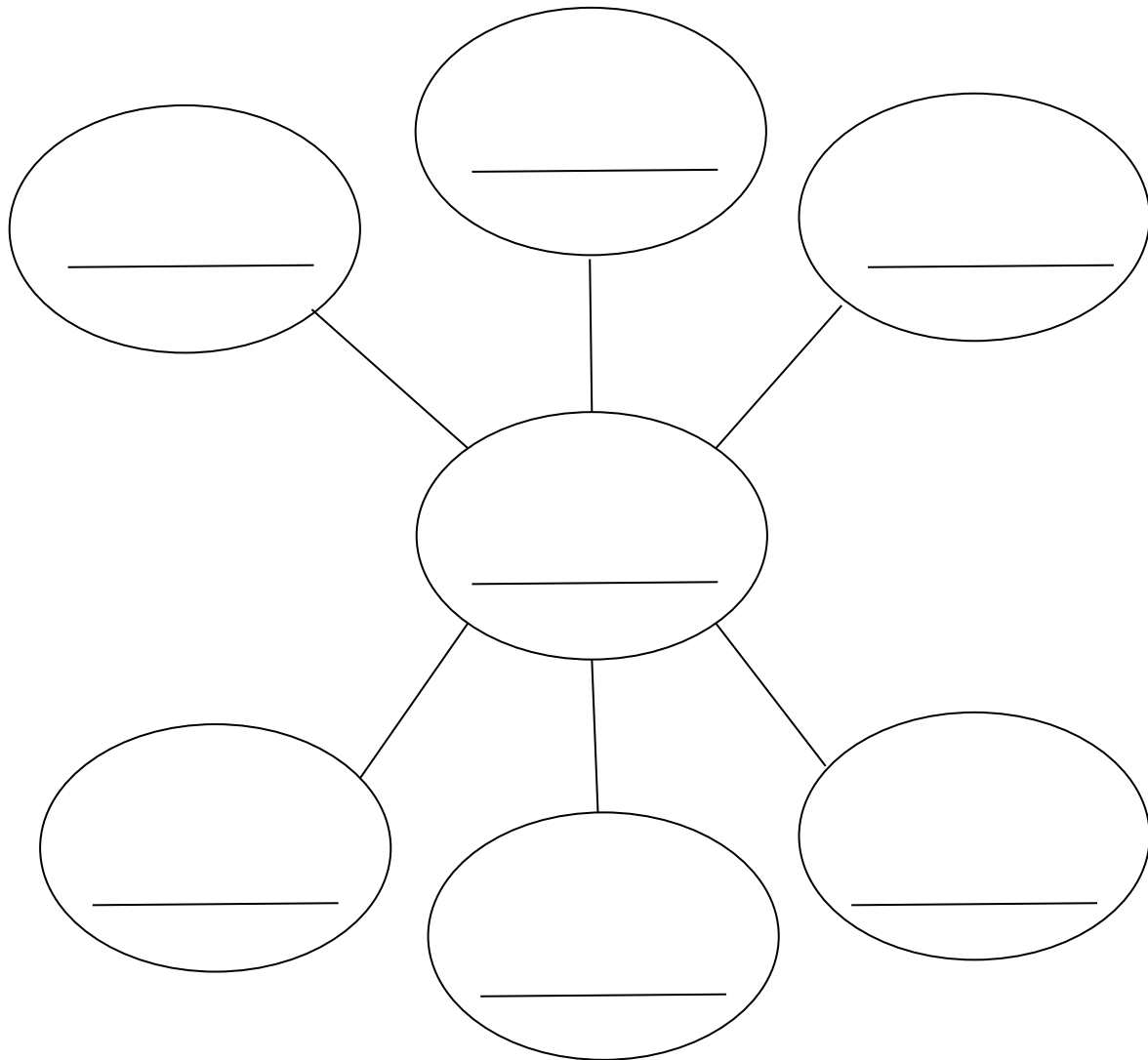
As you just read, Jesus has given his followers the mission of making disciples. Now don't be mistaken, this is a BIG mission. Way bigger than we have the power to complete on our own. But here's the cool part, Jesus has all authority and promises to be with us during the mission! With Jesus' power, we can proclaim and portray the gospel of the kingdom.

Oikos Map

The Greek word oikos means "family". Below you'll see seven connected ovals. In the center oval, write your name. In the other ovals write the names of six people you are connected with. There's a really important thing about these names. They should be the names of people who

need the gospel to be proclaimed and portrayed in their life. These are the spiritually sick people you thought of earlier.

As you fill in your Oikos Map it's ok if you can't fill in six names. Just try to fill in as many ovals as you can.



What you do with these names is so important. Remember these three words...

Pray, Proclaim, and Portray.

First, PRAY for each name on your Oikos Map. Ask God to start working in their life and to spiritual heal them. Second, think about how you can PROCLAIM (speak the gospel) and PORTRAY (display the gospel through actions) to these people.

Ok, time to see if you're up for a challenge. Take the next few minutes and PRAY for one name on your Oikos Map. Right now, pray that God would start doing something in that person's life

and use you to proclaim and portray the gospel of the kingdom to them. Each day pray for a new name on your Oikos Map and seek ways to share the gospel with them through your words and actions.

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Session Five (Start-Up Question)

How are you feeling? Tired? Wired? Either way, what has God been teaching you so far about His call to salvation, repentance, ministry, and mission? Write down a few thoughts about anything that has stood out to you during your SummerSalt 2020 experience.

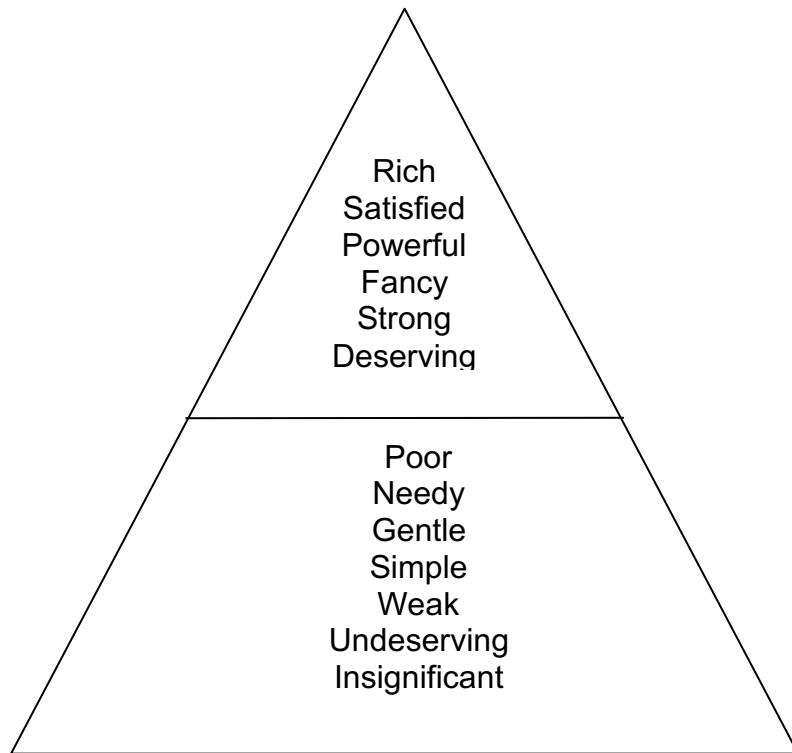
Session Five Personal Devotional (David Sons – Wrap Up Message)

Congratulations! If you're reading this, you've reached the last personal devotional for SummerSalt 2020. In the first four sessions, you've heard about the call to salvation, the call to repentance, the call to ministry, and the call to mission. In Session Five, you just heard how all of these calls work together to create a person whose manner of life is worthy of the gospel. First, let's make sure we're on the same page about what the word WORTHY means.

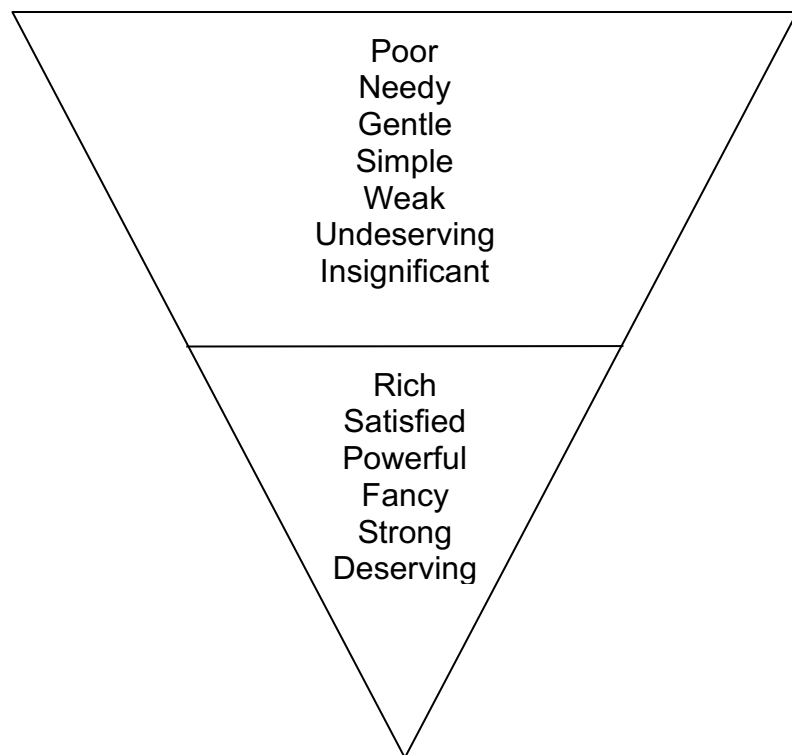
Are they really WORTHY of that? Have you ever asked this question after you saw someone get recognized for something or receive an award? For example, think about when a student earns the "perfect attendance in school since kindergarten" award at their high school graduation. Usually, the audience (and other graduating seniors) look around at each other and ask, "Did they really never miss a day of school since kindergarten? Are they worthy of this award? Wait, didn't they miss a day in 6th grade?!" **If we're honest sometimes we define someone's worth by what they've earned or achieved.** But, the Bible and the Apostle Paul use the word worthy in a different way...for a Christian the word worthy has nothing to do with what they've earned or achieved.

Think about these words: Servant. Undeserving. Prisoner. Afflicted. In need of help. Do these words sound like they describe a person who is worthy of anything? Well, according to the book of Philippians, a person like this is actually worthy of something. Open up your Bible and read Philippians 1:1-30.

The Apostle Paul was described as a servant, undeserving, a prisoner, afflicted, and in need of help. But wait, wasn't Paul one of the most famous missionaries and church planters to ever live? Yes! But, he doesn't sound all that worthy...shouldn't he be a leader who's not in jail or in need of help? Shouldn't we be hearing about how strong and powerful he is? Remember the definition of worthy is different for a Christian. Check out the pyramids below to learn more about the difference between being worthy in the world's kingdom and being worthy in God's kingdom.



The World's Kingdom



God's Kingdom

Paul is telling us that the gospel flips the world's kingdom upside down! In God's kingdom those who are "worthy" are poor, needy, gentle, simple, weak, undeserving, and insignificant.

God's kingdom is not worried about what you've achieved or earned on your own. If we look at what we've achieved or earned it's nothing compared to what Jesus has done. The only way to live a life that's worthy of the gospel is to admit that Jesus is the only one who is worthy. **It is what Jesus has achieved and earned FOR you that makes you worthy.**

Have you admitted your need to trust in Jesus' worthiness and not your own? Take a minute and write down some thoughts about why Jesus is able to make you worthy.

When Paul says, *"only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel"*, it can also be translated, *"only behave as citizens worthy of the gospel."* The people who live in a certain city, state, country, or kingdom are called citizens. Where are you a citizen of?

Your citizenship influences how you live your life. A citizen of Australia is going to live differently than a citizen of Japan. A citizen of South Carolina is going to live differently than a citizen of Hawaii. You get the picture. Philippians 3:20 says, *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ..."* How differently should a citizen of heaven's life look? Here's the answer in two words, COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

A citizen of heaven does not live like a citizen of earth. As we said, in God's kingdom the world's worth pyramid is flipped upside down. But, there's one small problem, we live on earth right now! True, but guess what? Even though you're not living in heaven yet, you can live in a way that is worthy of your future home. You can live a manner of life that is worthy of the gospel.

In your own words, what does a manner of life worthy of the gospel look like? What are the desires, thoughts, words, and actions of someone who is living a worthy life? What does the life of someone look like who knows they are a citizen of heaven?

Galatians 5:22-23 says, *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."* Paul says in Philippians 1:19, *"...the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance..."* It is the Holy Spirit working through Paul that will lead to his deliverance. The same Holy Spirit is who empowers us to live a life worthy of the gospel. It's not what we've done, but what has been done for us by God through His son Jesus.

Before you finish this devotional, will you ask yourself a few final questions? Here are the questions to ask yourself right now:

1. Have you answered God's call to salvation? Is Jesus the one name that you've trusted in to save you from your sin?

2. Do you know what it means to repent? Is there something you need to repent of right now?
3. Do you feel like God is calling you to ministry? How and where do you feel God wants you to minister?
4. What does it mean to proclaim and portray the gospel? How are you answering the call to mission with your life?
5. Is your manner of life worthy of the gospel? How does being a citizen of heaven change the way you're living right now?

SummerSalt 2020 will be remembered by everyone as one of the most unique and different SummerSalt's of all time. How are YOU going to remember SummerSalt 2020? Is this the summer where YOU will personally respond to the calls that God has on your life?

Even though you've just completed your SummerSalt 2020 experience, don't be bummed. What you've learned and experienced this summer is a part of God's ongoing plan...and hopefully, you've seen how good His plan for you really is!