

STILLMEADOW TEEN UNIVERSITY

CORE 5

Connect, Celebrate, Commit,
Contribute, Communicate

Student Guide

Dates: May 1-May 29, 2011

Over the next five weeks we'll be exploring what we at Stillmeadow believe were Jesus' five core values. We believe he **connected** with others, **celebrated** God's work, **committed** to God's work, **contributed** to God's redemption and **communicated** God's love to all he met.

Here you will find daily scriptures that help us understand each of these values. Each Sunday we will review these scriptures together. We encourage all of you to prayerfully read these in preparation for each STU class.

If you'd like these scriptures sent to your phone, tell Pastor Josh (pastorjosh@stillnaz.com) or go here <http://trunc.us/33OG1h> and sign up!

On the back of this handout you will find the SOAP method of reading scripture.

Any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Josh via email or on Facebook!

May 1

Connect (unity, love, grace)

Monday: John 17: 20-26, 1 Cor. 1:10-31 (prayer for unity)

Tuesday: John 3: 26-36, Mark 9: 38-40 (same team)

Wednesday: Exodus 20: 1-17, Mat. 22: 35- 40 (the greatest commandment)

Thursday: John 13: 34-35, Acts 2: 44-47 (proof of discipleship)

Friday: Gen. 33:1-12 Col. 3:12-15 (forgive one another)

May 8

Celebrate (Worship, prayer, devotions)

Monday: Mark 1:35 & Luke 6:12 (if the master prays alone, so should we)

Tuesday: James 1:5-8, Daniel 10:5-12, 15-19 (God wants to speak to you not just be spoken too.)

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 6:14-16, 20-22, Psalm 148 (what worship looks like)

Thursday: John 4:19-26, Matthew 27: 50-51 (where to worship)

Friday: Colossians 3:15-17, Acts: 16:16-30 (worship in chains)

May 15

Commit (discipleship)

Monday: Matthew 19: 16-22, Luke 14: 25-35 (Count the cost)

Tuesday: Revelation 3:14-22 & Judges 10:6-16 (Warning against mediocrity)

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 30 (Choose God)

Thursday: Hebrews 11:1-12:3 (faith)

Friday: Romans 12:1-8, Daniel 3:1-18 (transformed non-conformists)

May 22

Contribute (give, serve)

Monday: 1 Corinthians 12:4-31 (everybody is a part of this)

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-16, John 6:5-15 (Little is much)

Wednesday: Exodus 4:1-17 (you have all you need to serve)

Thursday: Matthew 25:14-30, 2 Corinthians 9:6-22 (give)

Friday: Romans 12:9-21 (overcoming evil with good)

May 29

Communicate (witness)

Monday: Matthew 28:18-20;10:16-20 (Go and be fearless)

Tuesday: Luke 8:4-18; Colossians 4:5-6 (be wise with all people)

Wednesday: Numbers 22:1-35 (speak what and when God tells you to)

Thursday: Job 2:11-13; Proverbs 10:19-21; 17:27-28; 21:23; 29:20 (hold your tongue)

Friday: Matthew. 5:13-16, 1 Peter 2:10-17 (let your light shine)

WHAT IS SOAP?

SOAP is an acronym for a simple way of reading scripture. The intention is to guide you purposefully through scripture, taking time for and allowing God to speak through the reading.

Scripture: Before you read, take a couple minutes to sit in silence before Christ, remembering His sacrifice in the past and His ever present love. Then read, knowing His Spirit is with you, opening your heart and mind to His truth.

Observe: Ask the who, what, when, where, how and why questions. What does this passage say about God and/or humanity? How does this passage fit in with the passage before and after? Is there anything that stands out or that I have not noticed before?

Apply: What is God saying to you through this passage? What does He want you to learn? How does He want you to live differently?

Pray: Based off what you sense God is saying to you from this passage, take time to write out or form a prayer that focuses on the content of what you read and what you sense God calling you to do. Then pray for family, friends and enemies. Pray for your church and smaller group. Pray for yourself.

Hint #1: You may find it helpful to write your responses in a journal or on paper...

Hint #2: You will find some passages more difficult than others. That's okay.

Bring any confusions or difficulties to class for questions!
More than likely others will have similar questions!