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Experience

Why read the Bible? Because it's God's story. This is a story that has been given to us by God through the hands of human authors over thousands of years. They wrote in different times, cultures, and languages but they told one consistent story; God's story. So why should you read the Bible? Because this is the story of God literally moving heaven and earth to change your life. The Gospel of John put it this way...

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. -John 20:30-31

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What John is saying, is simply this; God literally wrote this story for you, so that you could find life in him. So it would make sense that the best way to experience God is to read the book he wrote for you. That is what this connection book is all about- diving into the only book that will always point to the one true God. When you do this you will see amazing things happen in your life. Jesus said it this way...

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit." -John 15:5

I have noticed that people who grow the most in their faith are those who worship regularly, pray daily, and read scripture in community and on their own. Through these simple actions we are able to connect with Christ and grow in our faith.

Reflect.

When people connect to Christ then they are able to be a reflection of his love to the world? It's not that they have lived less sinful lives than you or I. It is not that God has blessed them more than you or I. It is not that they have dealt with less hardship than you or I. In some cases, I have seen these Christ followers walk through more hardship than many unbelievers. So what is the difference? They are actively connecting to Jesus. Through actively connecting to Jesus they receive a faith and strength that can only come from God.

Our Goal

The goal of this journal is simple- to help you grow in your faith. To guide you in experiencing the God that moved heaven and earth just to connect with you. To teach you some of the basics of the faith that the church has seen played out in the scriptures for over 2,000 years. To teach you how to connect with the only book that God has literally written so that you can know Him. Finally, it will give you a place to write down your thoughts, your questions, your doubts, your insights and your prayers. I know that through this, God will shape your life and impact this world through you.

Getting Started

To help you dive into The Bible we have included some of the basics that are found in scripture, a simple devotional technique that follows our vision for The Point Church: Experience, Connect, Reflect and some Bible reading plans to help you get started. Through these things you can start connecting with the Bible in our church community and on your own.

My Prayer for You

My prayer for you is simple. I pray God uses this Connection Book to help you grow in your faith, and your life as a Christ Follower. That as you connect and grow in Christ you will be a reflection of his love to the world. Finally that God will use that reflection to help others connect to his love in Jesus.

Enjoy diving into and connecting with God's story.

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