BIG LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH

DAILY, FOCUSED PRAYER



21 Days of Focus

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Think about any given day of your life. How busy are you with family, work, church, hobbies, chores, and a host of other obligations? This is not a list of what is bad. These areas in your life are good and need your time, energy, and effort. Yet, how much intentional time do you give in your daily pursuit of Jesus? The most important relationship in your life is your relationship with Christ, and the most important time of your day is the time you spend with Him.

I would like to invite you to join me for the next 21 days to focus on your relationship with Jesus and to cry out to God for a revival and an awakening. My prayer is that we will spend the next 21 days seeking God for a revival in our lives and in our community and surrounding communities. I also pray that God will send an awakening to Stone County and the great state of Mississippi. I long to see those who are far from Christ reached with the gospel of Jesus, growing in their faith, and becoming disciple makers.

Will you commit to read through the Gospels with me? Will you commit to spend at least five minutes each day alone with God and distraction free in prayer? Will you commit to fasting from something with me? Will you commit to memorize God's word with me?

In this prayer guide, I have developed a reading plan to read through the Gospels in 21 days. I have listed a focused prayer item for each day of the week. I have also selected three passages of scripture to memorize over the next three weeks.

May the next 21 days be a fruitful spiritual journey for you.

In His Service,

Bro. Dusty Acts 20:24



Day One

Scripture Reading:

Mark 1-4

Prayer Focus:

Pray for your personal walk with Jesus.

In Romans 8:29 Paul reminds us that God's desire is for His children to be transformed into the image of Christ. Pray for God to show you ways you can spend more focused time during your pursuit of Him. Ask God to reveal any hinderance in your life that is preventing you from growing in your walk with Jesus. Ask God to mold and conform you into His image for His glory.

Scripture Memorization: Mark 13:9-11

If you are going to focus only on one of the verses for the week focus on verse 10. God's desire is that the Gospel of Jesus will be preached to all people. Why? Because His desire is for all to come to repentance. God has chosen His children to be His voice of the Gospel to the nations.

"But you, be on your guard! They will hand you over to local courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues. You will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a witness to them. And it is necessary that the gospel be preached to all nations. So, when they arrest you and hand you over, don't worry beforehand

what you will say, but say whatever is given to you at that time, for it isn't you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

-- Mark 13:9-11 (CSB)



Day Two

Scripture Reading:

Mark 5-8

Prayer Focus:

Pray for your daily reading time.

The Bible is the very breath of God. The Bible is our final authority, and is sufficient for every area of our lives. Ask God to give you a greater love and desire to know and study His word. Spend time asking God to show you how to live out His word. Spend time asking God to reveal His will, desire, and longing for your life as you read His word.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Three

Scripture Reading:

Mark 9-12

Prayer Focus:

Pray for your family.

Spend time praying for your family members who are followers of Jesus. Pray God will strengthen their walk with Christ. Pray God will use them for His glory. Pray for issues you know they are personally going through.

Spend time praying for your family members who are not followers of Jesus. Pray for their salvation. Pray for opportunities to have Gospel conversations with them.

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Day Four

Scripture Reading:

Mark 13-16

Prayer Focus:

Pray for your friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

Spend time praying for those you interact with daily. Pray for those who are followers of Jesus. Pray they will grow in their walk with Christ. Pray God will use them to reach others for Jesus. Pray for issues you may know they are going through. Pray for the salvation of those who are not followers of Jesus. Ask God to soften their hearts to the gospel. Pray God will give you an opportunity to have gospel conversations with them.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Five

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1-5

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the local church, your family of faith.

Pray God will use Big Level Baptist in any way He sees fit to reach the Big Level community, Stone County, Mississippi, and the globe with the gospel of Jesus. Pray for the unity of the church. Pray for the impact the church has in reaching the community with the gospel. Pray God will reveal an Acts 1:8 strategy for Big Level in order to have the greatest impact for His kingdom locally and globally.

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Day Six

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6-9

Prayer Focus:

Pray for your community.

Spend time praying for those in your community who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Pray God will soften their hearts to hear the gospel message. Pray God will send Christ followers to share the good news of Jesus with them. Pray God will give you opportunities to have gospel conversations with those in your community who are far from Christ.

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Day Seven

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 10-13

Prayer Focus:

Pray for opportunities to serve.

Jesus declares in Matthew 20:28, "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many." Jesus came to serve, and He served by becoming your substitute on a cross. Therefore, ask God to reveal how you can serve your family, the local church, and the community around you. Spend time asking God to reveal how He has gifted you, and in what ways you can use your spiritual gifts in the body of Christ for His glory.

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Day Eight

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 14-18

Prayer Focus:

Pray for your one.

Pray God will give you opportunities to have gospel conversations with those who are far from Jesus. Pray that God will place at least one person in your life who you can invest your life into. Pray God will also place someone in your life that will invest in you.

Scripture Memorization:

Matthew 28:18-20

God has given Christ followers a great task; Be disciple makers. While memorizing this verse, pray for one person you can invest in.

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. -- Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)



Day Nine

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 19-22

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the children's ministry.

Pray the for kids at Big Level Baptist Church. Pray for their salvation. Pray their hearts will be receptive to the gospel. Pray they will grow up to serve Jesus and make Him known everywhere they go.

Pray for the families of young children in our church. Pray God will strengthen, encourage, and equip them to raise up their kids according to His will and for His glory. Ask God to give you opportunities to serve, love, and assist families with younger children. Pray for Big Level to have opportunities to reach out to, and have Gospel conversations with, families in our community who are not connect to a local church.

Pray for those who teach children on Sundays and Wednesdays. Pray God will encourage them, and use them for His glory as they invest into the lives of the kids.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Ten

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 23-26

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the youth ministry.

Pray for Conner as he teaches, disciples, and leads the youth ministry. Pray God's word will transform the Students. Pray God will encourage and equip him to faithfully serve the students at Big Level.

Pray for the students. Pray God will protect them from sin. Pray God will transform them into His image and for His glory. Pray God will raise up young men and women who will have great Kingdom impact for the glory of God.

Pray for the students who are not followers of Jesus. Pray their hearts will be receptive to the gospel. Pray for opportunities for you to have gospel conversations with them. Pray for a revival to spread throughout the county in our schools.

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Day Eleven

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 27-8/Luke 1-2

Prayer Focus:

Pray for our Adult Sunday School Classes.

Pray for each teacher. Pray God will transform lives as the Word of God is taught. Pray God will regularly encourage and equip them as they lead.

Pray for fellowship, evangelism, and discipleship to take place each week as we gather to study the Word of God. Pray for those who are not currently and actively involved in a Sunday School class. Pray God will use each Sunday School class to reach those in the community who are not active in a local church.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Twelve

Scripture Reading:

Luke 3-6

Prayer Focus:

Pray for our Music Ministry.

Pray God will grant the music search team guidance, clarity, and wisdom as they seek the person God is calling to lead us in worship through song each week. Pray for the person God is calling to this position. Pray God will equip and use this person to lead from the overflow of a daily walk with Jesus.

Scripture Memorization:

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. -- Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)



Day Thirteen

Scripture Reading:

Luke 7-10

Prayer Focus:

Pray for our weekly worship services.

Pray our services will be Christ centered, God glorifying, and Scripture driven. Ask God to use our worship services to encourage, equip, and minister to Christ followers according to His will and for His glory. Pray that God will use our worship services to reach those who are without Christ.

Scripture Memorization:

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. -- Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)



Day Fourteen

Scripture Reading:

Luke 11-14

Prayer Focus:

Pray for guests in our church.

Pray that guests will feel welcomed, loved, and at home when they attend any of our services. Pray for opportunities to build relationships with guests who attend for the first time or have been attending for a while. Pray our guests who are followers of Jesus will consider and pray about joining our family of faith. Seek how you can personally minister to and serve our guests who attend. Pray for opportunities to have gospel conversations with quests who may not be followers of Jesus.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Fifteen

Scripture Reading:

Luke 15-19

Prayer Focus:

Pray for a passion and burden to reach those far from Christ.

Pray that God will give you a burden to reach others with the gospel of Jesus. Pray God will give you at least one opportunity a day to have a gospel conversation with someone who is not a follower of Jesus. Pray God will equip, embolden, and encourage you to live as an evangelist.

Scripture Memorization:

John 3:16-18

The gospel has been made available to all who will call on Jesus. May you and I be the voice of the gospel to those who are far from Christ. May God give us a deep burden for those apart from Jesus.

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. -- John 3:16-18 (CSB)



Day Sixteen

Scripture Reading:

Luke 20-24

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the Bible believing Churches in our county.

No one church can reach everyone. Therefore, pray for other Bible believing churches in our county and surrounding counties to have an impact in making disciples who make disciples. Pray for their pastors and leadership. Pray God will use them to win many to Jesus. Pray God will encourage and protect them.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Seventeen

Scripture Reading:

John 1-5

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association.

Pray for Steve and Dionne as they lead our association to fulfill the Great Commission. Pray God will grant them wisdom, guidance, and clarity as they lead. Pray for the churches who make up the association. Pray each church will have a great impact in reaching their communities and counties with the gospel of Jesus. Pray the churches of the association will cooperate together to reach our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the globe with the gospel (Acts 1:8).

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Day Eighteen

Scripture Reading:

John 6-10

Prayer Focus:

Pray for MGCCC BSU and the College and Career Ministry at Big Level.

Pray for the spiritual growth of the college students. Pray they will grow in the likeness of Christ and will have an impact in reaching their friends and others with the gospel of Jesus. Pray for the salvation of the students who are far from Christ

Pray for David as he leads the BSU. Pray God will give him clarity and wisdom to minister to and disciple students.

Pray for opportunities you can have to serve college students who are connected to our church. Ask God to allow you to have Gospel conversations with college students.

Scripture Memorization:

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believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. -- John 3:16-18 (CSB)



Day Nineteen

Scripture Reading:

John 11-15

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (NAMB).

Pray for the thousands of missionaries and their families who are serving across America, Canada, and Porta Rico. Pray God will use them to reach many with the gospel of Jesus. Pray God will give them opportunities to plant Bible believing and Christ centered churches. Pray for encouragement, peace, and protection.

Pray asking how Big Level Baptist Church can have an even greater impact in serving and reaching our state and nation with the gospel of Jesus. Ask God how you can have an impact in reaching our state and nation with the gospel of Jesus.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Twenty

Scripture Reading:

John 16-20

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (IMB).

Pray for the thousands of missionaries and their families who are serving across the globe. Pray God will use them to reach many with the gospel of Jesus. Pray God will give them opportunities to plant churches and raise up pastors to lead and serve the church. Pray for encouragement, peace, and protection.

Specifically pray for Jason and Robin Ebeyer as they reach and serve the Isaan people group.

Ask God to give Big Level Baptist Church an even greater impact in global missions for the glory of God.

Scripture Memorization:

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Day Twenty-one

Scripture Reading:

John 21-24 Prayer Focus:

Pray for continued growth.

Pray God will continue to mold you into the image of Jesus. Pray that you will daily desire to spend unhurried time alone with God in His word and in prayer. Pray that God will give you a willingness to be used for His glory.

Scripture Memorization:

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