

Foundations in Jesus, Part 2 Worksheet

“A New Culture”

- ✦ When you meet Jesus, you begin a new life. The Bible tells us, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)). Simply allowing Jesus into your life and beginning to walk with him, initiates a process of radical and amazing change. Some things will change immediately in your life, while other things will change over time.
- ✦ Today, we are going to cover some of the most important practices and habits you can begin to implement in your life, in order to facilitate the work of God and begin living the born-again life. The difference in how your life looks one year from today, as compared to how it looks today, will be primarily due to the power of God at work within you, in conjunction with the habits and the disciplines that you implement.

Part 1 - Learning about God

1. We can only know about God inasmuch as He _____ Himself to us.
2. The good news is that God wants us to know _____ Him and He wants us to _____!
3. There are many ways in which God reveals Himself to us, including:
 - a. Through _____.
 - i. *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.”* (Psalm 19:1–4, NIV)
 - b. Through _____.
 - i. There is no identified purpose for the beauty of inanimate and lifeless objects, yet since it is present in the fabric of the universe itself, it attests to the Glory of God.
 - ii. *“One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.”* (Psalm 27:4, NIV)
 - c. By Acting in _____.
 - i. *“LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.”* (Habakkuk 3:2, NIV)
 - d. Through His _____.
 - i. *“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.”* (Hebrews 1:1–2, NIV)

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- e. Through His _____.
 - i. *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—” (John 14:16, NIV)*

- f. Through His _____.
 - i. *“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105, NIV)*
 - ii. *“The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.” (Psalm 119:130, NIV)*

Part 2 - The Word of God

1. The _____ is God’s will and His character _____ to us in written form.
 - a. To know God better and to know about God, we get to read and learn about Him in the pages of the Bible.

2. Reading the Bible is kind of like _____ and _____.
 - a. *“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4, NIV)*
 - b. Everybody needs to eat and drink, in order to grow!

3. Here are some Essential Steps to Growing in Jesus through His Word:
 - a. Regularly _____ God to help you get to know Him better through the Bible.
 - i. Do this each time prior to reading the Bible.

 - b. Read the Bible on a _____ basis.
 - i. Begin to read the Bible more than any other books. There are many great books in this world, and there are many not-so-great books as well! But there is no book like the Bible, and the better we know it, the better off we are.
 - ii. Just like _____ food, we need to “eat God’s Word” on a regular basis in order to be healthy, strong and well-fed.

 - c. Read for _____ and _____ about who God is, how He works, and how he wants to shape your life.

 - d. Start _____ the Bible to your life, right away!

 - e. Begin a _____.
 - i. This is extremely helpful for writing down notes about what you are learning, and also questions that you might have.

 - f. Connect with a _____ or _____ to help you be faithful in this area and share what you learn.