

## LOGOS Leaders Outreach Summer Ministry Supplement Darin and Allison Maurer

Dear Friends, In making disciples in accordance with Matthew 28: 18-20, we've observed certain disciplines used by people of all ages and backgrounds as ways to follow Jesus Christ consistently. We've especially noted the benefit of spending undistracted time alone with God (UTAWG as Darin likes to describe it!). Darin emails morning devotionals like these below as samples from the **One Year Bible**, which we'd like to send you for using in any way that helps you model having daily time in the Word.

**Proverbs 17:1** (New International Version - UK Bible with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: 1 Kings 8; Acts 7:51-8:13; Psalm 129; Proverbs 17:1)

**"Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife."**

### **What did I learn about God?**

God would prefer to have poor and peaceful Christian families over a family that has wealth with strife.

### **What difference does this make in my life?**

I've seen the value of poverty with peace in a Christian family (husband & dad Earl pictured with Darin), while helping repair their home with little the world offers and no internet in the beautiful hills of TN.

### **How can this reading help me disciple men?**

I'll encourage men to make our families godly more than worldly.



**Acts 16:14** (New International Version - UK Bible with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: 2 Kings 6-7; Acts 15:36-16:15; Psalm 142; Proverbs 17:24-25)

**"One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."**

### **What did I learn about God?**

God opens some people to seek Him so much that they respond right away to the Gospel.

### **What difference does this make in my life?**

This actually happened last night when a women prayed to receive Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior while one of my daughters joined me in witnessing to her after a Briargrove swim meet.

### **How can this reading help me disciple men?**

I'll encourage men to tell others about Jesus throughout the day.

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## How to have a workplace outreach using notes from Taylor helping “Red” in Russia

I'll give you a brief overview of what we do and then answer your questions below!

The study started out by me sending a general email to three other team members that had mentioned something at some point in time about being a Christian. In my email I presented them with my intentions to just get some time together on a consistent basis to talk about our growth in the Lord, what we are learning, and how we can apply it in our lives as well as disciple others.

All three guys were very interested in participating, so I threw some ideas out there to see what they would want to do, remembering to keep it as simple as I could. In regards to Bible studies, discipleship, church programs, etc., it is my opinion that people can have a tendency to overcomplicate the entire process of sanctification, accountability, and community, which in turn becomes a burden and then drives people away from seeking God.

So we thought about reading a book (I attached a Word document with some of the options we were discussing), but then decided just to start out meeting weekly and talking about what we learned throughout the week....

**What do you study?** We don't have anything definitive just yet, but each guy knows to bring some type of learning to the table every week. One guy has been reading through Job, another in Solomon, another in Mark. Eventually we are probably all going to study something together – it just hasn't happened yet. I'm about to ask them to consider walking through Romans and applying the subtropical bible study format to see what they think. We also are getting closer to starting a book. Additionally, there is the option of starting some type of verse memorization plan. So plenty of options, just trying to find what might work best for the group.

**When do you meet?** We meet Thursdays for about an hour during lunch break. We either talk over lunch in a conference room, office, or maybe go to a restaurant. Sometimes we talk over shooting hoops at the refinery gym.

**How do you lead/facilitate conversation?** I lead/facilitate conversation by making sure I present one of my learnings to the group. I tell them what I learn and then ask questions about their lives in regards to the passage I just read. Usually they offer their own learnings from their own readings. But all of them know that they probably should have something prepared as I like to ask each of them what they had learned that week. I kind of feel these last few months I've been breaking the ice and setting the foundation for what this group should look like – so that they would warm up to the idea, see the benefit, and get even more serious about it.

**Do you have believers and/or non-believers?** I would say two of the guys are believers, one is “religious,” but I have a feeling he might not get what it's all about. So I like to bring interesting questions to the table that may help question what he believes in and ensure he knows what it truly means to be a Christian.

**How is the level of commitment with guys who are balancing work loads?** Commitment level is great. Sometimes here and there someone will have a conflict, but the key is to be consistent the first month or two and meet at the agreed-upon location even if the others can't make it. I also put an invitation on their calendar to hold the time. Eventually they understand that it is a legitimate meeting and will make it a priority.

These might not have been the exact answers you were looking for, but maybe it helps in getting going (which I think is the hardest part). Again, I think the key here is keeping it simple, while still challenging others to be in the Word and apply what they learn. As soon as guys start getting the concept, it gets really fun!

Feel free to let me know if you have any other questions or would like to discuss further! God Bless!!