

# **BE LIKE CHRIST**

- Grow**
- Lead**

**Healthy things grow.  
Growing things change.  
Changing things challenge us.  
Challenge forces us to trust God.  
Trust leads to obedience.  
Obedience makes us healthy.  
Healthy things grow.**



# News Release Basketball Strategy - QUICK HITS

Because of

- lack of time we have on tour for extended team meetings (busy schedule, host families)
- the way young adults learn and absorb information,

We move to a strategy of short, quick lessons, called “Quick Hits”.

It is important we

- stay grounded in the Word. Teach from Scripture.
- find passages, lessons that will have maximum impact in short time frame.
- find passages and topics that are relevant to the tour players (what they are dealing with) and relevant to topics on tour (issues that come up).
- encourage individual and one on one discussions / interactions during the course of the tour. (We learn well by interacting with others in day to day life).
- teach, and encourage discussion (in a short term way).
- encourage individual quiet time / reflection / prayer, so that the players can interact with the lessons in their own life. Do this by: team diaries, journaling, give them short times on their own (with an assignment to pray, write, reflect, etc.).

Topics:

Biblical topic, or verse, or section

Topics from tour

Topics from life / life issues.

Format:

Short lessons (10-15 minutes) / teaching from scripture

Time with team to talk, interact, pray, address daily issues

Incorporate journaling (“Quick Question” or “Quick Think”)

Time on own.

**Make the whole tour experience a classroom.**

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## 3-QUESTION BIBLE STUDY METHOD

1. **WHAT’S** this passage about?  
Who, what, where, when.  
Write a summary sentence.
2. **SO WHAT** do I learn from this passage?  
Warnings, commands, promises.  
Example to follow or not to follow.  
Main truth.  
Lesson or principle.  
Why did God put this passage in the Bible?  
Revelation about God.  
Specific things to pray for.  
New or encouraging thoughts.
3. **NOW WHAT** can I apply to my life?  
Is there a current situation in my life or home I could apply this to?

# **Leadership Notes from News Release Basketball**

(for discussions or Quick Hits)

## **1. What is Leadership** (Eph 4:11-12, Phil. 3:4-11)

NRB definition: Leadership is growing closer to the Lord and following His desire for your life. . . and bringing others along with you through unselfish love and service. That means you must:

- Know yourself
- Know who you follow (and know those who follow you)
- Know your purpose

## **2. How Do You Know Where God Wants You? (i.e. Knowing God's Will)**

Primary calling is to a holy and faithful life (Col. 1:2, Eph 2:10, 1 Peter 2:9, Deut 11:13)

Secondary calling:

Examine your feelings and desires.

Explore the Possibilities. Experiment. Find the open doors.

Evaluate your Effectiveness of Service

(confirmation from God will be shown in increased fruit)

Expect Confirmation of Others (wisdom from the wise)

Email from God (Sometimes God gives us a distinct call, i.e. Paul)

## **3. Characteristics of Leadership**

Inward: Character / Integrity (Be Holy)

I Sam. 16:7 – David as a leader. Why did God select him over Saul?

II Sam. 23

I Tim 3:1-7

Outward: Compassion ← → Service

Christ's compassion leads to service. And service will bring compassion.

(Compassion without service is inactivity. Service without compassion is mechanical.)

## **4. Seven Tests of Godly Living (from Eph 5:15-21)**

Test 1 – Conduct – Are you careful and wise in you behavior? - v 15

Test 2 – Time – Are you disciplined and discerning in the way you use your time? – v 16

Test 3 – Decision Making – Are you actively and correctly pursuing the will of your heavenly Father? – v 17

Test 4 – Control – Are you living your life under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit? – v. 18

Test 5 – Attitude – Are you worship driven and joyful livin? v. 19

Test 6 – Acknowledgement – are you mindful / thankful for who you are and what you have? - v 20

Test 7 – Submission – Are you deliberately and often finding ways to serve others and submit to a local church out of respect for Christ? – v 21

## **5. Acting out Your Faith (I Peter 1:13-25)**

1. Be Holy (vs. 13-21)

2. Love the Brothers (vs. 22)

3. Desire the Word (vs. 23-25)

# CONNECTIONS

Our God desires that we know Him in an intimate way. Many of the greats of the Bible (Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Peter, Paul, even Christ) spent a LARGE part of their time in quiet and individual fellowship with God.

In the present, some people call this time with God "Quiet Times", others call them "Personal Devotions," "Devo's," or "Personal Meditations." I like to call them "**Connections**," because it reminds me that I am relating with almighty God.

## CONNECT WITH GOD

Make time everyday to connect in some way with God, and to fellowship with Him. Sometimes we will provide the time in the schedule, and other times you should make your own time. Keeping a daily time with God does several things:

- 1) it gives us assurance of God's love and salvation,
- 2) it gives us joy and peace for day to day living,
- 3) it helps us find God's direction in our lives,
- 4) it helps us deal with sin and temptation, and
- 5) it provides a source of power.

It is only after we draw closer to Christ that we will be more effective life-style witnesses, and more effective servant-leaders for Him.

There are various elements involved in Connections. Not all of them have to be done all the time. Remember, this is your connection with the Lord, so let Him guide you in this, but try to do each of these at some point.

- **Study** – a Bible book, passages, topics, or another author compared to the Bible.
- **Writing** – write what you learn. It helps the message to take hold in your life.
- **Reflection** – think and ponder about all the events that God is causing, the messages learned and how they apply to you, who has been a blessing; who you are a blessing to, How God is using you, and what He may want you to experience.
- **Worship** – is pouring out your best to God. Give Him your best in anything.
- **Prayer** – communication with the God of the universe. What an awesome privilege!
- **Memorization** – the Bible says to place His word in your mind and heart. Doing this will allow you easy access to His instruction when needed.

Principles:

- 1) Make God a priority. Give Him your best time and effort.
- 2) Don't make your time legalistic, but be consistent. Connect with the Lord in some way each day.
- 3) Expect God to reveal Himself to you.



# Day 1

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

What I did today

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 2

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

What I did today

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 3

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 4

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 5

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 6

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 7

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 8

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 9

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

What I did today

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 10

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 11

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

What I did today

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 12

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 13

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 14

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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# Day 15

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Verse**

**Reflection for the Day**

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What is God doing in my life?

(Lessons, Principles, Hopes, Fears, Ideas, Thoughts to Meditate on, etc.)

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**In city #1** \_\_\_\_\_

I'm going to remember:

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I want to stay in touch with:

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Where did I see or experience God:

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**In city #2** \_\_\_\_\_

I'm going to remember:

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I want to stay in touch with:

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Where did I see or experience God:

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