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ZSOM Handbook

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Introduction

Welcome letter from Pastor Danny

Welcome to the ZEAL School of Ministry (ZSOM)! I am eager and excited for all the Lord has in store for you this next year. I have been privileged to serve in pastoral ministry for over 38 years, and I have never been more excited about a ministry than I am about the ZEAL School of Ministry. I look forward to spending time with each of you, and I can't wait to see how the Lord is going to work in all of our lives.

Our top priority at ZSOM is to facilitate your growth in your relationship with Christ as well as with those around you. Each ZSOM class is intentionally small because relationships are essential to what we are striving to accomplish. Throughout this year, we will involve you deeply in the life of our local church, Calvary Chapel Fellowship. You will serve in various roles on a weekly basis, and we will do our best to guide you in your specific area(s) of ministry. Also, in order to provide a global vision, your time in ZSOM will conclude with a cross-cultural missions experience.

My challenge to you for this next year is to ask the Lord to help you grow in your giftings and in your relationship with Him and that you commit the entire year toward that goal. There will be challenges during your time here, but I encourage you to persevere and allow the Lord to work in your life through those challenges. This is going to be a life-changing year, and I am honored to walk alongside you on this journey!

Because of Christ,



Danny Hodges
Senior Pastor
Calvary Chapel Fellowship St. Pete

Mission and Purpose

Mission Statement

The ZEAL School of Ministry exists to disciple and train up the next generation of church leaders in preparation to live a life in ministry.

Purpose Statement

The ZEAL School of Ministry trains and equips students in Pastoral, Youth, Worship or AV/Media ministry. Our goal throughout this training is to help our students deepen their walk with the Lord, grow in their individual giftings, develop Christian character and responsibility, and experience community outreach.

Statement of Faith

- 1) We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.
- 2) We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- 3) We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to earth.
- 4) We believe in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower in ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Spirit as reflected through the fruit of that same Spirit. We believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit as an experience, which occurs, either subsequent to or simultaneous with salvation. The Holy Spirit's power is necessary to make us bold and effective witnesses. The supreme evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit is a new dynamic in the life of the believer.
- 5) We believe that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all, apart from works, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.

- 6) We believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's unconditional (agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.
- 7) We believe worship of God should be spiritual. Therefore, we remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.
- 8) We believe worship of God should be inspirational. Therefore, we give great place to music in our worship.
- 9) We believe worship of God should be intelligent. Therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon the teaching of the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshipped.
- 10) We believe worship of God should be fruitful. Therefore, we look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have been truly worshipping Him.
- 11) We believe all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 12) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: 1) baptism, and 2) The Lord's Supper. We believe in baptism by immersion and The Lord's Supper (Communion) open to all believers.
- 13) We believe in the personal, visible return of Jesus Christ to the earth and the establishment of His Kingdom; the resurrection of the body; the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering for the wicked.

Contact Information

Church Affiliation:	Calvary Chapel Fellowship St. Pete
Office Hours:	Tuesday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (EST)
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Email:	ZSOM@ccfstpete.church
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Daily Student Life

ZSOM Housing

Location and Surroundings

The ZEAL School of Ministry is located on the campus of Calvary Chapel Fellowship in St. Petersburg, Florida. The church campus is located 25 minutes from the Tampa International Airport. The school's dorm rooms will be set up between two houses on campus, one for our male students and the other for our female students. Our campus pastor, Jairus, and his wife live in a house on the church property and are available in case of emergency.

Accommodations

Students will be sharing a bedroom with one to four same-sex individuals. Each room is outfitted with extra-long twin-size bunk beds. Accommodations are basic but comfortable. Each student will be required to provide basic amenities for their housing including **extra-long twin** bedding, a blanket, a pillow, and towels. Each house includes a full-size kitchen for the students to cook their own meals.

Weekly Schedule

An average week for ZSOM students will include Mondays off and Tuesday – Friday classes from 8:00am – 3:00pm. Weekends will bring about a variety of opportunities such as serving in the home church and community, social activities, personal free time, and rest. Weekly activities will involve prayer and worship, biblical studies, classroom time, one-on-one discipleship from pastors and leaders, local outreaches, and serving in various components at Calvary Chapel Fellowship St. Pete. There will also be a broad range of events, discussions, and experiences designed to challenge and grow the students as it relates to deepening their personal relationship with the Lord and learning to live a life in ministry. Students should be prepared to remain flexible as adjustments are made by leadership as needed.

MONDAY

OFF

TUESDAY

8:00-9:00a Breakfast, Prayer & Worship w/ staff
9:00-10:00a Servanthood
10:00-11:00a Weekend Sermon Recap
11:00-12:00p Book Study (TBD)
12:00-1:00p Lunch
1:00-3:00p Old/New Testament Survey

WEDNESDAY

8:00-9:00a Breakfast, Prayer & Worship
9:00-10:30a The Book of Acts
11:00-12:00p Exercise
12:00-1:00p Lunch
6:30-8:30p ZEAL Middle and High School

THURSDAY

8:00-9:00a Breakfast, Prayer & Worship
9:00-12:00p Servanthood w/ F3 ministry
12:00-1:00p Lunch w/ F3 ministry (provided by CCF)
1:00-3:00p Electives (Pastoral, Youth, Worship, AV/Media)
6:30-8:30p Young Adults

FRIDAY

8:00-9:00a Breakfast, Prayer & Worship
9:00-10:30a Life Skills
11:00-12:00p Exercise
12:00-1:00p Lunch
1:00-3:00p Clean house

SATURDAY

TBD Outreach opportunity
5:30-7:30p Church service

SUNDAY

8:00-1:00p Church service involvement

Time Off

Holidays

Students are allowed to go home for the holidays during the timeframes listed below:

Thanksgiving

November 20 – 27

- Students must leave AFTER church on the 20th and can arrive back anytime on the 27th.

Christmas

December 18 – January 1

- Students must leave AFTER church on the 18th and can arrive back anytime on the 1st.

Summer Break

June 11 – June 25

- Students must leave AFTER church on the 11th and can arrive back anytime on the 25th.

Personal Items

Dress Code

Throughout your time in ZSOM, it is important to be sensitive in the area of dress. The way we dress can either help or hinder our ministry. The way we present ourselves should bring glory to Jesus instead of a distraction.

Jesus has chosen us to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8); therefore, wherever we go and whatever we do, we want to live in a way that draws others to Him. Paul shared this with the church in Corinth: “Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, just as I also please all men in all things...that they may be saved” (1 Corinthians 10:32). Although we can wear expressive clothes, our desire should be to reach out and minister to the greatest number of people possible (i.e. to the elderly lady sitting in church *and* to the young kid skateboarding outside). Simply stated, men and women should dress modestly, desiring to please the Lord in action, attitude and appearance (1 Timothy 2:9-10). The Apostle Paul, wanting those in Thessalonica to grow in the Lord, challenged them to behave properly toward those who are outside the church so they would lack nothing (1 Thessalonians 4:12).

Commissioned by Jesus, we want to do everything as unto the Lord and be His ambassadors to the greatest number of people possible. Therefore, the following items should **not** be brought to ZSOM:

- Clothing printed with offensive material
- Midriff-revealing tops
- Shorts that are above mid-thigh length
- Low cut tops and/or low-rise pants
- Strapless dresses/tops

- Spaghetti strap tank tops
- See-through clothing

For all classes, we ask students to dress presentable and ready to go. This means no shorts, sweatpants or lounge-wear. For all ministry-related water activities, we ask that both men and women wear a minimum of shorts and a high-cut tank top in an effort to be as above reproach as possible. During your free time outside of ministry, swimming attire is at the individual's discretion. However, we encourage each student to continue to be above reproach as you are being built up as a leader in ministry. Both men and women will be expected to honor each other and those they desire to minister to by taking special care in the modesty of their apparel, including their appearance on social media platforms. Staff members will not hesitate to ask that any attire deemed inappropriate or immodest be changed for these reasons.

Program Supplies

Curriculum books are provided as part of your tuition expense; however, you will need to purchase notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, highlighters and personal stationary. Backpacks are recommended.

Toiletries

Students need to bring their own toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and etc.

Medication

Personal Medication: Students must inform ZSOM staff of any personal medication that they are taking. This information should be listed (detailed) on the Medical Information and Release Form included with your application. All students will need to purchase their own supply of over-the-counter medications for basic colds, headaches, upset stomachs, etc.

Medication for severe allergic reactions: Students who suffer from severe allergic reactions must bring their own medications, such as an anaphylactic kit or Epi-Pen, and be prepared to self-administer. All such allergies must be documented on the student's Medical Information and Release Form.

Policies

Dedicate a Year to Jesus

By the very fact that you have been admitted into ZSOM, you indicate your desire to pursue the Lord's call on your life and dedicate this year to Him and His purposes. ZSOM takes very seriously this desire and asks that each student fully commit to and embrace the surrender of this year to Jesus Christ. As you strive after a deeper faith and a life of impact, the ZSOM staff and policies are in place to help create an environment which can help each student pursue Christ with undivided, wholehearted attention for ministry. All policies outlined in this handbook and any additional instruction given by staff and overseers come from a sincere desire for you to receive all the Lord has for you during this

year. Students should embrace these policies, knowing that as they learn to follow them, they are simply responding to the Lord in commitment, surrender, and submission – disciplines that are key to a life of impactful ministry, and an abundant relationship with the King of Kings!

Bedrooms

All students must keep their living space neat and presentable **AT ALL TIMES**. Wardrobes and closets should be uncluttered and organized. Nothing is to be kept on the floor, except in a bin under the bed. Beds are to be neatly made every morning. Please turn off lights when leaving the bedroom.

Bathrooms

There is limited space in each bathroom, therefore, we ask students to bring portable shower caddies to store their personal items. These caddies will be kept in your room while not in use. You are not to keep personal items on the floors of the bathroom or in the shower. Please turn off lights upon leaving the bathroom.

Laundry

There will be a washer and dryer available in each house. You must provide your own laundry detergent, fabric softener, etc. As the washer and dryer are shared among students, please be prompt in removing your items from the washer/dryer as soon as each cycle is finished.

Quiet Time

The “lights out” schedule will be noted during orientation – please show your diligence and respect by adhering to these rules. The purpose of quiet time hours is to encourage students to establish healthy sleeping habits as well as respect your roommates and neighbors.

Mail

Students may receive mail during their time in ZSOM. All mail and packages should be sent to our Administrative office. All items received in the mail should be addressed in the following format to ensure it gets to the right person:

ZEAL School of Ministry
Attn: Student’s full name
3800 17th Ave N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Conduct Policy

Participation

Participation is imperative. Students enrolled in ZSOM should enter into the program expecting to interact and be involved with others including your fellow students, staff, pastors, and the community.

Students should obey the biblical exhortation to consider others better than themselves (Philippians 2:3-11) and ask the Lord to give them a servant's heart. All course curriculum and activities are designed with the purpose of the students' full and wholehearted participation.

Dating/Romantic Relationships

It is our desire that both young men and women participate in growing deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ and, therefore, the ZSOM program is co-ed. Through ZSOM, each student will develop a greater insight into the calling of God on their life, effectively increase in their ability to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, and grow in their personal relationship with and understanding of Jesus Christ, unhindered by the distractions that are so prevalent in "normal" daily life. It is a unique opportunity to step away from distraction and focus intently on the Lord and His call and desires. With this in mind, romantic relationships/attachments that may develop within the program will only serve to detract from this stated purpose of ZSOM and, as such, are considered completely off-limits for students in the program. Students may at any point be specifically asked by staff or be addressed directly on any relationship that appears to be developing while in the program. We welcome any questions or discussion on this subject and encourage dialogue with staff regarding these things, either before or during your time in ZSOM. We wish for you to understand the heart behind this and not just see the "rule."

Unacceptable Behaviors

ZSOM expects students to be diligent, dedicated, and devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are confident that certain characteristics are not part of a disciple's life. Below is a list of behaviors that the ZSOM does not permit. Engaging in the following may be grounds for dismissal:

- Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug use
- Sexual Harassment
- Any Form of Sexual Immorality
- Profanity/Coarse or Inappropriate Joking
- Physical Fighting
- Disrespect for authority/Insubordination
- Possession of Weapons
- Inappropriate Internet Use
- Any Illegal Activity

Acknowledgements

Commitment Agreement

Participation in the ZEAL School of Ministry is a decision that should be made after counting the cost of the time, commitment, and challenges that will be placed before you. Please read the following Commitment Agreement **thoroughly** and save these pages as a reminder of the commitment you have made by entering the ZSOM program.

COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Our mission statement reads: “to disciple and train up the next generation of church ministry leaders.” This embodies the principles of the Greatest Commandments to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

ZSOM is program designed for those who desire to grow in their ministry giftings, live a life of faith, and create an impact for God’s kingdom. Throughout this year-long program you will be spiritually, physically, and mentally challenged as you prepare for God’s calling on your life. Participating in ZSOM is an obvious decision on your part that displays you are serious about serving the Lord in this way, as well as desiring to grow and advance in your relationship with Him. Thus, it is reasonably expected that your conduct, behavior, and attitude represent the Lord Jesus Christ. This decision must be a total reflection of your heart for discipleship.

Spiritually, you will have the opportunity to lay down your life to deny “self,” love others, abide in the Word of God, and bear much fruit. These marks of discipleship will involve the daily study of God’s Word, both personally and corporately. Constant training in godliness is profitable for all things (1 Timothy 4:8); therefore, students can expect every aspect of their experience in ZSOM to bring them to the point of absolute dependence on God, which is the best spiritual perspective there is.

Mentally, you should consider the task of taking captive every thought as an exercise that needs to be developed and mastered to the degree that your default mindset is in line with the Word of God and not the response of the world or its whims (2 Corinthians 10:4-7, Colossians 2:8). You will work diligently towards knowing the mind of Christ so that your will remains submitted and molded into His image, a vessel fit for service to Him. Supernaturally, this is accomplished with a heart that is seeking after God and by the power of His Spirit enabling you to know and accomplish God’s will in your life.

Emotionally, you will be challenged daily to identify those feelings that can wreak havoc on your soul and sabotage your choices. You will strive to make your decisions out of faith not emotions, and you will wholeheartedly endeavor to live at peace with every student and staff member, as much as it is in your power to do so. Should you find yourself at odds with another individual, you should follow the steps of Matthew 18 for reconciliation.

The ZEAL School of Ministry is a year-long commitment. While family emergencies, medical conditions, and/or other such related instances could cause you to depart prematurely or take a leave of absence, you should come to ZSOM with the desire and intent to fully complete the year-long commitment. The ZSOM staff is committed to your growth in the Lord. Their desire is for your experience in ZSOM to be life-transforming and move you towards greater depths in your spiritual walk and understanding of ministry.

The curriculum of the ZEAL School of Ministry has been specifically designed to grow you in your knowledge of all aspects of serving the Lord and also to stimulate your whole being towards godliness. The ultimate goal of the program is to equip men and women to live a life in ministry wherever God may call them.

By entering into the ZEAL School of Ministry, you are agreeing to the level of commitment expressed in this agreement for attendance, affirming that the information you have provided is truthful and accurate.

PREPARATION

Practical Preparation

Finances

The total program cost for ZSOM is \$2000. This covers tuition and housing for the year, as well as a cross-cultural mission trip at the end of the year. The total program cost does **NOT** cover food. Students are responsible for their own meals and groceries. Each house is equipped with a full-size kitchen to accommodate meal preparation, and multiple grocery stores are in walking distance from the church. The cost is intentionally low in an effort to remove financial burdens from the students and to make the program as affordable as possible.

Passport

As international travel is part of the ZSOM program, a passport is **REQUIRED** and must be valid for at least **one year** beyond your entry into ZSOM. Students should begin the renewal process immediately if their passport is not valid within the above timeframe. Students will need to send a copy of their passport to the ZSOM administrative office prior to arriving in Florida.

Personal Preparation

Preparing Your Heart and Mind

As you prepare to enter into the ZEAL School of Ministry, we would encourage you to consider the following eight concepts over the weeks leading up to the start of the program. We have found it beneficial for students to do some “pre-work,” preparing their heart and mind to step into this year commitment.

Spend time with the Lord considering each of these topics before you begin ZSOM. Carefully reflect on each concept and be open before the Lord, welcoming the work that He wants to do in your heart and mind! We know that heartfelt study of the following areas will only enhance your time in ZSOM and prepare you for that much more fruitfulness.

1. DYING TO SELF

Key Text

- “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” – Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- Dead men demand no rights.
- Dead men don't complain.
- Dead men are not in control.

Illustrations to Study

- Jesus, Himself, in Gethsemane; "Thy will be done" (Matthew 26:36-46).
- Paul refusing to change his course even though he was warned that hardship awaited him in Jerusalem (Acts 21:7-14).

Take Away Application

- We are bought with a price and our life is no longer our own.
- Laying down your life for the sake Jesus and others is basic Christianity.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 6:8; Romans 8:13

2. TEAMWORK/UNITY

Key Text

- "As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another." – 1 Corinthians 12:20-25 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- God puts others in our lives to be a blessing.
- God has called the church to function as one body.
- Christians are called to work as a team to accomplish God's will.

Illustrations to Study

- The people of Jerusalem rebuild the walls (Nehemiah 4:6-16).
- The paralyzed man's friends lower him through the roof (Mark 2:1-12).

Take Away Application

- There are no "lone rangers" in ministry.
- The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
- We are to identify needs within in the Body and meet them.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- Romans 15:5-6; Philippians 2:1-4; John 17:20-21; Psalm 133:1; Romans 12:16

3. RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

Key Text

- “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” – Romans 13:1 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- God has ordained authority in the church and in society
- God has called Christians to respect authority
- God uses human authority to accomplish his will

Illustrations to Study

- David refuses to kill Saul because he was God’s anointed (1 Samuel 24).
- Jesus tells the crowd to observe what the Pharisees teach because they sit in Moses’ seat (Matthew 23:1-3).

Take Away Application

- Respect of authority honors the LORD.
- Authority is designed to be a benefit to the Church.
- God is the ultimate authority in every situation.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- 1 Peter 2:18-20; Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 28:18; Romans 13:2

4. FLEXIBILITY

Key Text

- “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews...to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel’s sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.” – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NKJV)

Points to Ponder

- God calls us to keep a loose grip on our culture for the sake of the Gospel.
- We are called to be in the world, but not of it.

Illustrations to Study

- Jesus heals in various ways (see Gospel accounts).
- Peter’s vision and his subsequent encounter with Cornelius (Acts 10).

Take Away Application

- God is more interested in reaching the lost than preserving any methodology.
- It is the responsibility of the minister / missionary to meet the listener where they are at.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- Philippians 2:5-8; Ephesians 4:22-24; Isaiah 29:16; Romans 9:21

5. COMMUNITY

Key Text

- “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- Jesus established the Church as a community of believers.
- God calls us to share with our brothers and sisters.
- As believers, we are called to “do life together.”

Illustrations to Study

- Jesus lived with His disciples (John 1:38, 39).
- The Church held all things in common (Acts 4:32-37).

Take Away Application

- Community was ordained by Christ.
- The Church should be concerned for the welfare of individual believers.
- Community keeps us accountable.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:3-8; Acts 2:44-47; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 4:8

6. DISCIPLINE OF LISTENING

Key Texts

- “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God...But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” – James 1:19-22 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- We are to listen to what is being taught to us.
- Not everyone who hears will listen to what you are saying.
- As believers, we are called to “do life together,” and listening is a discipline needed for this

Illustrations to Study

- Jesus exhorted His followers to listen to what He taught (Mark 4:9).
- God tells Isaiah that they will listen and not understand (Isaiah 6:9).

Take Away Application

- We have been designed with one mouth and two ears for a reason.
- Listening is a skill that needs to be developed.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 5:2; Isaiah 55:2; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Romans 10:17

7. SANCTIFICATION/SET APART

Key Texts

- “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” – John 17:17 (ESV)
- “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 2:21 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- We are called to be set apart for the LORD’s service.
- Sanctification is the ongoing process of the Holy Spirit working in the life of the believer.

Illustrations for Study

- Nazarites in the Old Testament
- John the Baptist in the New Testament

Take Away Application

- God calls us to live a life of holiness.
- What is it like to be set apart and still function in daily life?

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 John 2:6, 15; John 13:35

8. IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Key Texts

- “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” – Colossians 3:3 (ESV)
- “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, gave the right to become children of God.” – John 1:12 (ESV)

Points to Ponder

- We are new creatures in Christ.
- We are adopted into the family of God.
- We are called to be in the world, but not of it.

Illustrations to Study

- Jesus tells Nicodemus you must be born again. (John 3:7)

Take Away Application

- The new life is essential to the Christian walk.
- We find our worth in Christ alone.

Additional Devotional Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 11:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 1:21

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