

A 40 Day Revolution



***Making a Difference in my own life
Making a Difference in the lives around me***

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Regardless if you have recently have gone to a Winter Retreat, will go to a Winter Retreat or are just simply trying to figure out how to grow in your personal relationship with God, sometimes life gets a little complicated and sometimes overwhelming. Sometimes it's tough to know what really should be the 'next step.' Sometimes life is tough because you simply feel like you are going at it all alone. I want to encourage you to know that you are not alone. The prophet Elijah felt like that (You can check out 1 Kings 19 for specifics). Simply the fact that you are reading this you should be encouraged that you are not alone. There are several programs that have a similar design that thousands of students and adults have and are participating with in order to grow in their relationship with Christ and are trying to make a positive difference out in the world.

Beginning March 1st, we'll be taking 40 Days to not only try to better connect with God, but to also specifically and actively make a positive difference in our world together.

Regardless of where you call 'home,' We will be providing resources, ideas and opportunities for you to see God do amazing things in and through your life!

The next couple of segments will help explain some of the things that we will be doing and why. I hope that you will join us in this Adventure of not only being changed by God, but also in helping to change our community and the world for the better! Additional information and resources will be regularly found online at CEFCYouth.com. You can download weekly updates and challenges there as well as share your thoughts, questions and helps.

God promises that if we look for Him with our whole heart, we WILL find Him. (Jeremiah 29:13) This is a great way to do that. If you are looking for God's direction in a specific circumstance, if you are looking for specific answers, or if you simply just desire to help make a positive change in our community, I invite you to join us!

Eager to see what God will do,

Jackson Fong
Student Ministries Pastor Community Church of Susanville

The basis of the program

There are multiple growth and change programs that are out there and are excellent and work. Rick Warren's 40 Days of Purpose, and Richard Mull's 40 Day Revolution are just two of many programs that this particular program has come from. If you look at these programs, you will find that most of the general concepts are from them.

You will find that overall, this is simply just a compellation or a collection of thoughts from many people with many applications. If you are well read or well versed in Christian literature, you will probably recognize most of the concepts.

Though applications can be pulled from many contemporary writers, the main basis for this work comes from Scripture. People can be wrong or applications can be misused or misinterpreted.

What we are simply trying to do is to take some of the best ideas and concepts and make them practical and applicable for our lives here today in Lassen County. Can these be used in other areas? Sure? The general concepts are currently being used all over the world by those people using the aforementioned 40 Day programs, but also by those who are simply trying to live out what the Bible says. You'll find that through the course of these daily readings that there is a mix of scripture, application options and reference to thoughts and stories. The Bible refers to itself as useful, living and active (Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16)

Most of the Biblical references are left for you to look up in a Bible that you are most familiar and comfortable with. My encouragement to you is to take a little time and read that references in more than one version of the Bible. Different versions of the Bible are translated with particular audiences in mind. As we are all different in reading styles and habits, additional translations have the potential of encouraging you to consider the possibilities and perhaps clarify thoughts that you may struggle with. You may also find that reading additional versions of the same scripture bring new questions or even broaden some thoughts.

I encourage you to allow God to stretch you and change you as you read. Ask Him to clarify and don't be afraid to talk with others for their thoughts as well.

Defining Revolution

Rev-o-lu-tion: Noun

- A sudden, radical or complete change
- Activity or movement designed to effect fundamental change
- A fundamental change in the way of thinking or visualizing something

-Merrim-Webster Dictionary

When most people think about revolutions, violent overthrow of government usually comes to mind. These are usually intense, bloody, long and drawn out.

Real change, regardless of the type or surrounding circumstances, requires effort and a personal ownership of those making the change. There are all sorts of things we may not like about our surrounding circumstances. There may even be a lot that we struggle with in relation to ourselves. The sheer volume of information regarding revolutions is slightly overwhelming.

Ultimately though, revolutions come from discontent, people not desiring to continue living the lives that they are.

When we look around, there are numerous things that we are not thrilled with. Some things can be perceived as minor while other issues seem insurmountable and all encompassing.

A phrase that has been used many times in the last several months is that it is "Time for Change".

Regardless of your personal political affiliations, it's difficult to look around and not say that there needs to be some change. It can be extremely tough to change something large, especially if there are many people involved in it. Whether it be in the political arena, in church leadership, in schools, the work place or home, sometimes the details that need to come with change are complex and increasingly difficult. However, we can always affect change in our own lives. Change starts with a single individual choosing to make that single step.

Why 40 Days?

No, 40 is not a magic number, though if the number 40 is on the back of your jersey you may feel differently. However, the Bible does speak of multiple that correlate with the number 40

Noah and the Flood– It rained 40 Days and 40 nights.

Isaac married his wife when he was 40.

The limit to scourging was 40 lashes.

The Israelites had to wander the wilderness for 40 years.

Moses spent 40 days and nights before receiving the 10 commandments and the plans for the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant.

Joshua was 40 when Moses sent him out to scout out the land of Canaan.

Goliath taunted the Israelites for 40 days before God sent David.

Elijah traveled 40 Days and 40 Nights to hear God.

God gave the Ninevites 40 Days to repent.

Jesus Fasted for 40 Days and 40 Nights.

Jesus was tempted for 40 Days.

During the 40 Days after the Crucifixion, Jesus appeared to many revealing his resurrection.

Most habits can be formed in 40 days.

Richard Mull, the originator of the Operation Life Force 40 Day Revolution, shares a story about the Mediterranean fruit fly whose life cycle takes 40 days.

The main concept we are focusing on with these 40 Days, is to give enough time to end a cycle of habits and present enough time to develop another.

The Main Concepts

Fasting

—A discipline of self restriction and refocusing, not solely of vacuum.

For this program we are solely focusing on **1** Food item and **1** Media item. (Food item—Chocolate, Junk Food, Starbucks, Soda, etc. Media Item—TV Program, Video Game, Television, Non Christian Music, Ipod, etc.)

Servant hood

—A discipline of putting others needs first, or helping those in need.

Blessing

– A Discipline of being a blessing or a help to other people you encounter.

Prayer

– A discipline of communicating with God on one's own as well as other's behalf.

Personal Bible Reading and Meditation

—A discipline of making time to hear from God and to make personal application.

All of these are aspects of our 40 Day Revolution. Individuals or families may choose to take things more intensely, but for the purpose of the group as a whole, these are the tenants we are focusing on.

Evangelism Methods

Friendship Evangelism—Sometimes people will accept information from a stranger, However, people will depend more on their friends and those that they are close to. Most people find it more important to listen to some one they trust, know and have a proven track record with. If a person has a personal relationship with Christ, their interaction with their friends can mean much more than speaking with a total stranger. Sometimes, beginning and developing a friendship says more than 'preaching' at someone.

Blessing Evangelism—It can be easy to tell someone something, but it can be much tougher to DO something. To take the time to bless someone during a time of difficulty or crisis means more than words. To help someone who is elderly, hungry, thirsty or tired can speak volumes to them.

Servant Evangelism—Following in the steps of Jesus, we see that Jesus was not afraid to serve, but that He embraced it and calls His followers to do the same.

Prayer Evangelism—The Bible talks numerous times about the importance of prayer and that some things only work out when prayer is involved. A simple act of regularly praying for an individual specifically opens up the opportunity to see God to something tremendous.

It is human nature to ask "Why?" These methods can open up many opportunities to share about Christ. As you interact with others and they ask "Why?" prepare yourself to use these opportunities to share the love of God.

Evangelism Core Concepts

How do I know that I have a Relationship with Christ?

1. **Admit** I'm lacking.

As God is perfect and I am not, I'm lacking. That imperfection is known as sin. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23) That sin will forever keep us from enjoying all that God desires for us.

2. **Believe** in who Jesus is and what He has done.

Because God Loves us, He sent His only son Jesus to be born on this earth to die a horrible death on the cross, was buried and was raised from the dead three days later. Jesus paid the price so that we would not have to (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10, Acts 16:31)

3. **Commit changing** your life to growing and developing in loving God and other people.

(Luke 13:3, 1 John 1:9, John 13:33-35, Romans 10:9-10, 1 John 4)

Sharing your faith becomes much easier when you **make the time to prepare**. It would be easy to just not plan ahead, but when God provides opportunities for you to interact with people, God will do more through you when you plan ahead and prepare yourself to interact with others. The more you fill yourself with God, the more He overflows out of your life.

Week 1

Verse for the week:
Matthew 22:37-39

The Great Commandment

³⁷Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (NIV)

³⁷And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸"This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹"The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOUR-SELF.' (NASB)

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³⁷Jesus answered:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. ³⁸This is the first and most important commandment. ³⁹The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." (CEV)

Day 1 Sunday, March 1, 2009



A Day of Commissioning

Com-mis-sion: Noun

- A group directed to perform a duty.
- An authorization or a charge to act in a prescribed manner
- Authority to act for, on behalf of or in the place of another; a task or matter entrusted to one as an agent of another.

Today you will be given the opportunity to take a stand and accept a challenge to make a difference in the world for Christ as well as for you to let God do something amazing in your own life.

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Luke 9:1-2

Colossians 3:23

Acts 1:8

Matthew 22:37-38

Matthew 28:19-20

What are you willing to sacrifice for the next 40 days?

Food Item(s) _____

Media Item(s) _____

Are you willing to step out in faith and actively seek God over the next 40 days to the best of your ability?

Who are some people that will pray with you during this process?

Monday, March 2, 2009

Day 2

Fighting Giants

Gi-ant: Noun

Something unusually large or powerful

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

1 Samuel 17:45-47

Deuteronomy 31:5-7

What would you consider to be some of the giants that affect your life? (Your school, workplace, neighborhood)

Here are some examples to start you off:

Violence Low Self Esteem Drugs Alcohol Depression
Rape Racism Sexual sin _____

Make a list of what affects you and those around you.

Take some time to pray for that list you just made.

Pray for yourself and for those around you.

Do at least one of the following:

1. Take a rock and paint it (This can be a symbol of the rock David used to kill Goliath.) You can place it on campus, put it in your locker, your pocket or bag. Use it to remind you that God is ultimately victorious and that your prayers and your participation CAN make a difference!

2. Make a leather bracelet to remind you of the sling that David used to kill Goliath. Use this as a reminder that God desires to use you to make a difference in helping others.



3. Pray with someone about these "giants".

Day 3 Tuesday March 3, 2009

A Lighthouse in Darkness



Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Matthew 5:13-16

1 Timothy 2:1

What would you consider to be some of the giants that affect your life? (Your school, workplace, neighborhood)

List some of the people that sit/live/work around you.

Write down their names and some of their prayer needs.

If you don't know, ask!

Ask God to give you wisdom and discernment to know how to specifically pray for them.

Ask THEM what you can pray for them about.

Ask God to help you to discover how you can serve them, love them and bless them in specific ways so that they can experience God's love.

Lighthouse Worksheet

Take a piece of paper and diagram to help you to remember who to pray for.

By Class/ Period/work setting

1st Period

	You	

2nd Period

	You	

3rd Period

	You	

4th Period

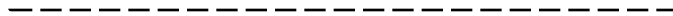
	You	

5th Period

	You	

6th Period

	You	



Your Block / Work Space

	You	

Prayer List:

Focus on the needs of at least 5 people. Write down what and when God answers.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Day 4 Wednesday, March 4, 2009

S.Y.A.T.P.

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Luke 22:31-33

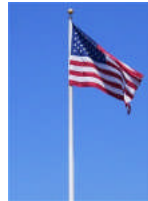
Acts 1:13-15

Acts 2:42

Acts 3:1

Acts 12:12

Hebrews 10:25



Typically speaking, people gather around flagpoles to pray two times a year, once in September for international **See You At The Pole** (S.Y.A.T.P.) day and another time in the spring for the National Day of Prayer. Why not make it a regular habit?

There are numerous benefits to come together.

You can do any of the following:

Share about what God has been doing through the daily assignments.

Share about what God is doing in your life.

Share about what God is teaching you.

Pray for our campus

Pray for each other.

Take note of who joined you. Thank God for them and pray for them.

Think about who you can invite to increase your support.

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Day 5

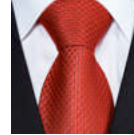
Administrators and Managers

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Romans 13:1-3

Hebrews 13:7

1 Timothy 2:2



It's funny how we don't think much about those in authority unless we are in trouble or if we want something from them. Regardless if it is one of the administrators at school or a manager at work, they go through extreme periods of stress and they do need support. Think about all the negative attention that they receive. Consider what it would mean to them if they received some positive attention instead. Pray for some of those people in leadership.

Principal Vice Principal Secretary
Counselor Manager Boss
Other: _____

Take some time and ask some of them how you can pray for them.

Principal/Boss: _____

Vice Principal/Manager: _____

Secretary: _____

You can also get them a Thank You card or a gift.

You can also pray one of these passages for their lives.

Ephesians 1:17-20

Philippians 1:8-11

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Ephesians 3:16-20

Colossians 1:9-11

2 Thessalonians 1:1-11

Day 6

Friday, March 6th 2009

A Day to Express Forgiveness (To Seek and to Give)

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Matthew 6:12	Matthew 5:21-24	
Matthew 18:20-35	Mark 11:25	Luke 6:37
Luke 11:4	Luke 17:3	John 20:23
Acts 10:43	Acts 13:38	Romans 4:5-8
Ephesians 4:32	Hebrews 8:12	1 John 2:12

Throughout these passages there are a couple of points that are pretty obvious.

God desires to forgive us.

God desires for us to forgive others.

The way we forgive others affects us.

When God forgives us, He doesn't keep bringing up the past.

Take some time to think about this.

If you have people you need to ask for forgiveness, go do it!

If you have a list of people who you have not forgiven, ask God to help you to forgive them. (Write their name on a list and cross it out after you have forgiven them)

If you are struggling with forgiving yourself, ask God to help you and memorize a passage on God's forgiveness.

Bitterness and unforgiveness can harden us to others and also reduce our quality of life.

Ask God to help you to move forward and to leave these hurts and burdens behind.



Saturday, March 7th 2009

Day 7

A Day of Demolition
(A Guy's favorite)

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Psalms 119:9-11

Romans 6:12-14

Ephesians 5:11

Ephesians 6:11-13

Colossians 3:4-6

We make a great investment on things. Some things are incredible. Some things may cause us to stumble. Go to your room, locker, desk, bag, and car and ask God if there are things that you need out of your life, things that get in the way of your relationship with Him, or with others.

Here are some options to consider:

-Delete pictures, songs, videos etc from your computer.

-Transfer those things to a CD/DVD and Smash it.

(Adrenaline is kinda nice sometimes)

-If the item is expensive or has the potential to be, spend some time talking with your parents or another adult about it.

-If you need to destroy something, be creative.

-If you would like additional support with the item, bring it in a plastic bag to Church tomorrow and ask the group (Or people in the group) to help keep you accountable.

Week 2

Verse for the week:
Matthew 28:19-20

The Great Commission

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

¹⁹"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NASB)

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

¹⁹ 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, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (ESV)

¹⁹Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world. (CEV)

Sunday, March 8th 2009

Day 8

Celebrating Heroes

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:



1 Corinthians 11:1-2
Philippians 3:17
2 Thessalonians 3:6-8
2 Timothy 1:13-14
1 Peter 2:21



Everyone loves a hero, regardless if you enjoy the TV show "Heroes", are a fan of Marvel or DC characters (The Incredible Hulk, Daredevil, Electra, The Fantastic Four, Wonder Woman, The X Men, Spider Man, Batman, Superman ...) We get caught up in the story. We love it when people overcome difficulties. We enjoy the bad guys 'getting it in the end'. Heroes aren't always supernatural or far off. Think about the every day heroes in your own life. Who are some of the people that you respect, that you look up to, that you desire to follow in their steps?



Here are some options to consider:



- Take some time to thank God for the 'Heroes' in your life.
- Send a card or write a note to your "Hero".
- Make a list of all the qualities of your "Hero" that you admire and send it to them.
- Get your "hero" a gift.
- Draw a picture of your favorite hero.
- Give your "hero" a hug.
- If your hero is unavailable, tell someone about your hero.
- Make a list of qualities that you value in a hero and ask God to help you to grow in those qualities.
- Read the book, "In His Steps" by Charles M. Sheldon

Day 9

Monday, March 9th 2009

Remembering Jericho

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Joshua 1

Joshua 6:2-5

1 John 1:7

Luke 2:52

2 Timothy 1:7



The Story of Jericho is one of God's provision and of His power. God encourages Joshua to be courageous. God not only makes Joshua and the Israelites promises, but He keeps his promises. God also gives us many promises and desires for us to experience them in our own lives. Note that when God tears down the walls of Jericho, He does the majority of the work. All God asks the Israelites to do is to take some pretty basic steps.

Here are some options to consider:

-Take some time to pray for your school.

Pray for administrators, teachers, students

Pray for problems at your school.

Pray for other schools.

Pray for those who don't know God.

Pray for Christians at your school to make a difference.

-Grab a friend and take a 'prayer walk' around the school.

- Ask People at your school for prayer requests.

- Write down your prayers for your school.



Tuesday, March 10th 2009

Day 10

Notes of Encouragement

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

James 2:1-3
Deuteronomy 1:37-38
Deuteronomy 3:28
Judges 20:22
1 Timothy 1:2-4
Titus 2:15
Philemon 1:7
Hebrews 13:3
Hebrews 10:25



Everyone enjoys getting things in the mail. (Ok. Perhaps not bills.) Sometimes people have tough days. It's a great surprise to receive a note sharing what you are appreciated for or that someone is thinking of you. God took the time to assemble the Bible which is a pretty incredible letter expressing to us how He feels about us. Through out the Bible God also expressed the importance of encouraging each other.

Here are some options to consider:

-Thank God for the encouragement that He has given to you.

-Ask God to help you to see people who need encouragement. (Then Encourage them!)

- Write a note or send a card/e-mail/text of encouragement.

-Take some time to read some of these other passages on encouragement.

Isaiah 1:17	Acts 9:31
Acts 11:33	Acts 13:15
Romans 1:11-13	Romans 15:4
1 Thessalonians 5:11	Philippians 2:1-3

- Send a note of encouragement secretly.



Day 11

Wednesday, March 11th 2009

Transportation, Safety and Protection

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Job 11:17-19

Psalms 4:7-8

Psalms 5

Matthew 32-33



Regardless if you walk, bike, drive or ride, transportation is something that we kind of take for granted. Every day, hundreds of accidents occur. Here in Lassen county as we experience some pretty intensive days of snow wind and rain, It could be easy to take our safety for granted.

Here are some options to consider:

- Take some time to pray for safety while you travel.
- Take some time to pray for the drivers around you.
- Talk to God about your transportation needs.
- Pray for opportunities to bless and minister to those you travel with.
- If you ride with someone, consider ways to bless your driver.
- Ask your driver/passengers for ways to pray for them.
- If you drive consider your testimony in your driving.
- If you drive, allow someone else to go first.
- Pray also for safety while you are at school and school functions.



Thursday, March 12th 2009

Day 12

The Value of Teachers

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Galatians 6:6

Matthew 10:24-26

Teachers take a lot of time to prepare their lessons. Regardless of how well you do in school or how you relate to your teachers, their job is pretty tough. They have to communicate to groups of people who don't all learn the same way. Remember that even if they love everything that they do, there are times that they will be frustrated and get tired as they deal with things that are unknown to you. Remember that especially in California, there are numerous years of education and a large number of additional testing that is required for a person to become a teacher. They need your prayers as much as family members or friends.

Here are some options to consider:

- Pray for your teachers.
- Ask your teachers for their prayer needs.
- Follow up with them for past prayer requests.
- Give a gift or a thank you note.
- Ask God to help you to notice ways for you to bless and minister to your teachers.



Day 13

Friday, March 13th 2009

Gathering Places



Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Acts 17:21-35

2 Timothy 4:2-4

There are all sorts of places that people like to 'hang out'. Think about some of those places. Regardless if it's in front of your school, in the gym, at the skatepark, Wal Mart, the Movies, or one of the coffee shops, there are people there who need to encounter the love of God. The apostle Paul went to Mars Hill, a place where many in the community would meet and have discussions. There Paul spoke with many about Christ.

Here are some options to consider:



-Read some of these additional passages.

Mark 1:32-34

Mark 2:1-3

Acts 5

Acts 10:26-28

Acts 13:43-45

Hebrews 10:24-25

Acts 2:45-47

- If you are waiting in line, let someone else go first.

-Open the door for someone.



-Say "Thank You".

- Wish someone a good day.



-Smile

- Pray over places where you know that things are not right.

- Pray with someone where you know that people struggle with drugs, alcohol, or other issues.

- Ask God to come up with creative ways to be a witness in these areas.

Saturday, March 14th 2009

Day 14

Regarding your Family

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

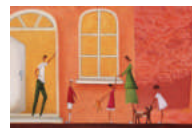
Colossians 3:17-19

Ephesians 6:1-3

Your family. You see them quite regularly and they probably know you really well. Family is easy to be a little too transparent with. We will tell our family things we might not tell anyone else, or in ways we would never express to others.

Here are some options to consider:

- Take some time to thank God for your family.
- Pray for your parents.
- Pray for your siblings.
- Ask them for forgiveness.
- Forgive them.
- Do a chore without being asked.
- Surprise your family with something special (Cook dinner or make desert.)



Week 3

Verse for the week:
Proverbs 18:21

Blessing Evangelism

²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

(NIV)

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit. “

(NASB)

²¹ The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the consequences.”

(NLT)

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.”

(ESV)

²¹ Words can bring death or life!

Talk too much, and you will eat

everything you say.”

(CEV)

Day 15

Sunday, March 15th 2009

A Lighthouse to your Neighborhood

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Matthew 5:42-44

James 2:7-9

Ephesians 4:24-26



Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

Matthew 19

Matthew 22:39

Luke 10

Romans 13:9-11

Romans 15:1-3

Leviticus 19:14-18

Proverbs 25:16-18

Galatians 5:14

- Pray for your Neighbors.

-Ask God to bless your neighbors.

-Ask your neighbors what you can pray for them about.

- Take their trash out on trash day.

-Shovel their driveway.

(If they ask why, tell them it's because Jesus loves them.)

-Ask God for opportunities to love and bless your neighbors.

- Ask God for opportunities to share His love with your neighbors.

-Ask God to give you creative ways to minister to our neighbors.



Day 16

Monday, March 16th 2009

Gate Control

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Genesis 24:60

Isaiah 26:2

Matthew 16:16-18



Gate: *noun*

1: an opening in a wall or fence
2: a city or castle entrance often with defensive structures (as towers)
3 a: the frame or door that closes a gate
b: a movable barrier (as at a grade crossing)
4 a: a means of entrance or exit
b: [starting gate](#)
c: an area (as at a railroad station or an airport) for departure or arrival

If you are coming back to Susanville from Reno, you have to pass a check point where the Highway patrol routinely checks vehicles for various things. Those are in place to help with keeping things in or out. Most of the schools in town have pretty open campuses. There are not many bars or serious physical restrictions on the campus. In ancient times, gates were incredibly important to keep out predatory animals and invaders. Gates assisted in controlling what came in and went out of cities, farms and other settlements. What comes in and goes out of your school campus? Your workplace?

Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

2 Chronicles 8

Nehemiah 12:30

Psalms 147:12-14

Matthew 7:12-14

- Pray about what comes in and goes out of your school.
- Pray for those who help/assist/run your campus security.
- Pray for campus safety.
- Ask those who help/assist with campus security for ways that you can pray for them.



Day 17

Tuesday, March 17th 2009

Cookies, Doughnuts and various food options

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Matthew 20:26-28

Mark 10:42-44

John 12:25-27



The Bible speaks much about service. We are called to serve others as we follow the example of Christ who was the ultimate servant. True service usually costs. To serve someone else requires time, effort, and usually sacrifice. Sometimes the sacrifice is monetary, sometimes the sacrifice may be intangible.

Though there are numerous ways to serve, for most people, food is something tangible that can satisfy almost immediately.

Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

John 13:15-21

Acts 4:28-31

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

2 Corinthians 6:3-13

Galatians 1:9-11

Ephesians 3:6-12

Philippians 2:6-8

2 Timothy 2:23-28

- Ask God to reveal ways that you can serve those around you.

-Get someone lunch

(If they ask why, tell them it's because Jesus loves them.)

- Buy or make food to give to people before school.

-Buy or make food to give out at lunch.



Day 18

Wednesday, March 18th 2009

Humility

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Matthew 11:28-30 Matthew 18:3-5

Matthew 23:11-13 1 Peter 3:8-9

James 4:5-11



hum·ble Function: *adjective*

1: not proud or haughty : not arrogant or assertive
2: reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission.

Humility. More often than not, we tend to view humility as looking down on ourselves. That is not the case. If you look at the definition, the focus is more about not being arrogant or seeing yourself to be more than what you really are. Our society tends to think that we are 'above' certain tasks. Cleaning bathrooms and picking up trash are two things that most of us try to avoid. Earlier this year when our new president came into office, there was much talk about making a change and taking personal responsibility, yet after the ceremony, trash was left all over Washington D.C. Americans overall are known to be sloppy and messy. There are hundreds of staff members at amusement parks schools and fair grounds whose only job is to clean up trash and to clean bathrooms.

Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

Matthew 20:26-28	Psalms 18:26-28
Psalms 25:8-10	Psalms 147:5-6
Psalms 149:3-4	Proverbs 3:33-35
Isaiah 2:10-12	Ephesians 4:1-3
James 1:9-10	1 Peter 5:4-7
Philippians 2:1-11	Luke 14:10-15

- Ask God to humble you.
- Take some time and pick up trash around school/work.
- Throw away someone else's trash.
- Take out trash for a teacher.
- Clean the bathroom at home.

Day 19

Thursday, March 19th 2009

Lost or Missing

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Galatians 6:1-2

Romans 15:1-2

No one really likes being lost. Sometimes it can be more frustrating when you lose something. God shares his concern for the lost and also encourages us to not forget those who are missing. Who are some people you haven't seen at church for a while?

Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-28

Matthew 18:9-11

Luke 15:1-5

Luke 15:7-10



- Ask God to reveal who hasn't been at church/ youth group for a while.

- Call up someone who hasn't been to church for a while.

- Send a miss you card to someone who hasn't been around.

- Send an e-mail to someone who hasn't been around.

- Go visit some people who have not been to church in a while.

- Meet with one or two people and come up with a plan to help people feel more welcome to church.

Day 20

Friday, March 20th 2009

Feed Me Feed Me!

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:

Matthew 25:35-40

Psalm 107:5-10

Psalm 146:6-8

Hunger pains. Even when we are really hungry, we seem to still have options. God's heart breaks for those in need. Ask God to help you to see the needs around you and to help fill them.

Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

Job 226-10

Psalm 34:9-11

Psalm 50_11-13

Proverbs 13:24-25

Proverbs 25:20-22

Matthew 15:31-33

Mark 8:2-4

Romans 12:20

1 Corinthians 4:11

1 Corinthians 11:21

- Pack an extra lunch and give it away.
- Take some time to pray for those who are starving
- Help serve food at Crossroads
- Help a needy family.
- Donate food to Crossroads.
- Give food to a homeless person.



Day 21

Saturday, March 21st 2009

Love Dad

Take some time to read the Applicable Passages:
Malachi 4:5-6

Fathers. Sometimes we can't help but love them. Sometimes they may drive us crazy. Regardless of how we relate to fathers here on Earth. Our heavenly Father is perfect and surpasses anything we can encounter here.

Here are some options to consider:

-Read some of these additional passages.

Matthew 5:47-48

Matthew 6:13-15

Matthew 6:25-27

Matthew 7

Matthew 18

Mark 11:24-26

Luke 15

John 6

- Pray for your dad.
- Ask God to reveal ways to bless / love your dad.
- If you need to ask for your dad's forgiveness
- If you need to, forgive your dad.
- Give your dad a hug
- Thank your dad.
- Do something nice for your dad.
- Write your dad a note/card
- Serve your dad in a practical way .
- Make your dad some food.

Week 4

Verse for the week:
John 13:14-15

Servant Evangelism

¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (NIV)

¹⁴"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. (NASB)

¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. (NLT)

¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. (ESV)

¹⁴And if your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you should do the same for each other. ¹⁵I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you. (CEV)

