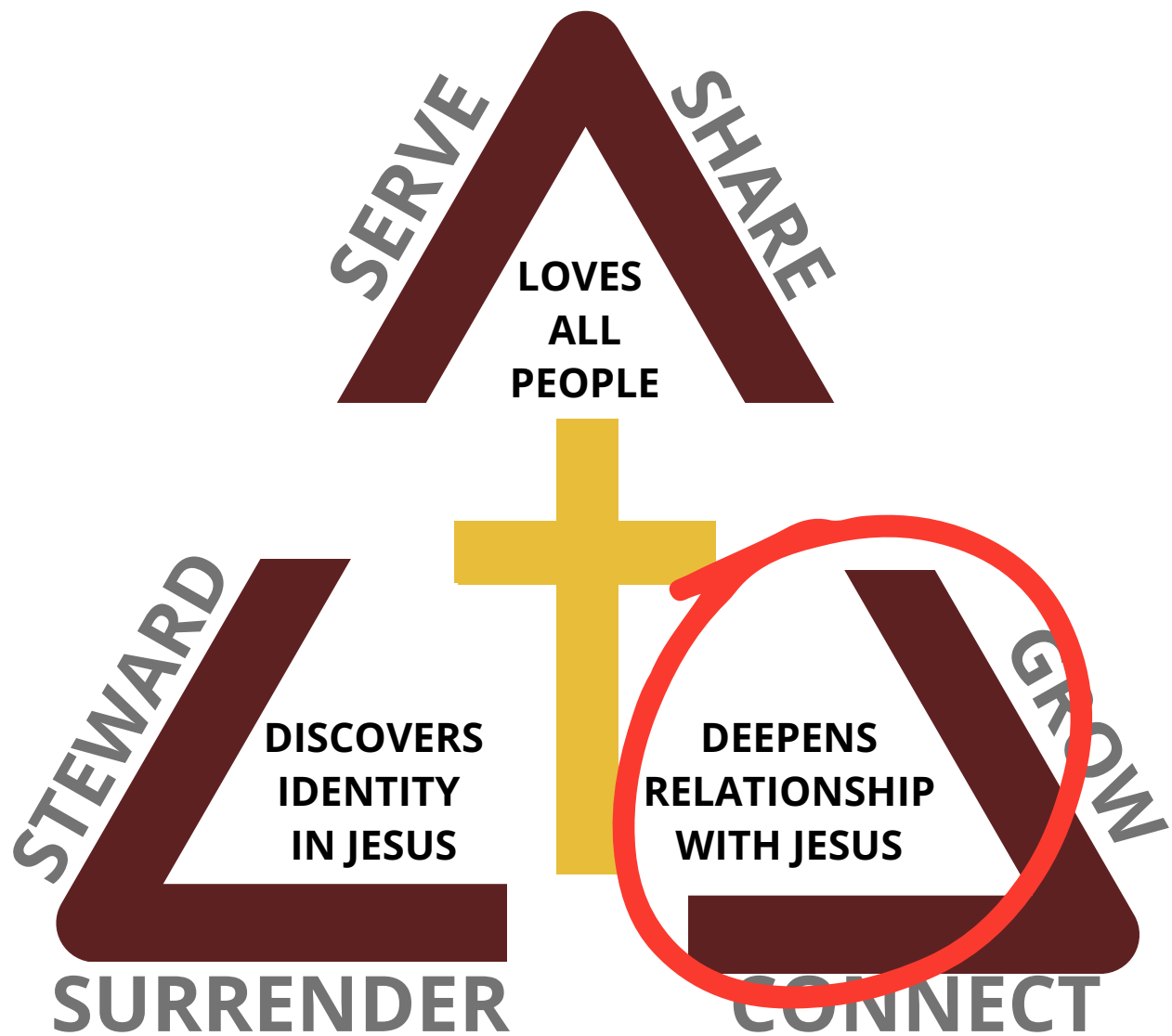


# 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL:



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# 5-Day Devotional: Deepening your relationship with Christ

*Dear Parents,*

*We are thrilled to share with you this devotional packet, which mirrors the topics and lessons we're covering with our students. This resource is designed not only to help keep you informed but also to empower you to engage in meaningful conversations with your teen about their spiritual journey. We believe that faith is best nurtured when reinforced both in the community & at home. These devotions provide a fantastic opportunity to deepen your connection with your teen, discuss the teachings they're receiving, & explore how these lessons apply to everyday life. We encourage you to set aside time each week to go through these devotions together, ask questions, & share your insights. This shared time can spark powerful discussions & help build a strong foundation of faith in your family. Along with the daily devotion, at the end of this document are the discussion questions that were covered in small group time to help you break down topics on a deeper level. Thank you for partnering with us in guiding our youth toward a deeper relationship with*

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## **Day 1:** Discovering Your Identity in Jesus

### **Scripture:**

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

**Devotional:** As individuals, we are all shaped by our personalities, experiences, and preferences. But above all, as followers of Jesus, our identity is found in Him. The journey of discovering your identity in Christ begins with surrender. Have you fully surrendered your life to Him, allowing Him to shape who you are? Take a few minutes to reflect on areas of your life where you might still be holding back from God. Ask God to help you surrender those areas and live fully in your identity in Him.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me discover who I truly am in You. I surrender the things I've held back, and I trust that You will shape me into who You've called me to be.

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## Day 2: The Importance of Community

**Scripture:** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching Hebrews 10:24-25

**Devotional:** God created us to live in community. From the very beginning, He said it was not good for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18). As Christians, we are called to encourage, support, and build each other up. Community is not optional—it's essential to living out our faith. What does your community look like? Are you fully present and engaged in it? Evaluate your involvement in your church or faith community. Are you committed and active, or do you tend to isolate? Reach out to someone in your community and offer encouragement today.

**Prayer:** God, thank You for creating me to be part of a community. Help me to be more engaged and to encourage others in their walk with You.

## Day 3: Being Present and Participating

**Scripture:** "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

**Devotional:** Just like in a sports team, being consistently present and participating is crucial for success. In the same way, being active in your church community helps you grow spiritually and strengthens the body of Christ. It's not just about showing up but also about engaging in worship, discussions, and serving. Reflect on how often you are present in your church community—both physically and emotionally. How can you become more involved? Commit to attending or participating more regularly in church gatherings this week.

**Prayer:** Father, give me the desire and discipline to be present in my community and to participate fully in the work You are doing. Help me to serve and grow alongside others.

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## **Day 4:** Carrying Each Other's Burdens

**Scripture:** "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

**Devotional:** One of the greatest gifts of community is support. Life can be hard, and we all go through difficult times. But God calls us to carry each other's burdens and help one another. When we support others, we reflect Christ's love and fulfill His command to love one another. Think of someone in your community who may be struggling right now. How can you help carry their burden? Reach out to them today—whether it's through prayer, a kind word, or a practical act of service.

**Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to the needs of those around me. Help me to carry others' burdens and reflect Your love in tangible ways.

## **Day 5:** Encouraging One Another Toward Spiritual Growth

**Scripture:** "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

**Devotional:** Discipleship is about more than just being together; it's about encouraging each other to grow spiritually. Sometimes this means having difficult conversations, holding each other accountable, and pushing one another toward love and good deeds. True community helps us grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus. Identify someone in your life who has helped you grow spiritually. Take time today to thank them and encourage them in their own walk with God. Consider how you can also help someone else grow in their faith.

**Prayer:** God, thank You for placing people in my life who help me grow. Help me to be an encouragement to others, and guide me as I spur them on toward love and good deeds.

# Discussion ?'s: Deepening your relationship with Christ

## Identity in Jesus

1. What does it mean to "discover your identity in Jesus"? How has this process looked for you personally?
2. We talked about surrendering to Jesus. What are some things you might need to surrender in your life to deepen your relationship with God?

## Community and Relationships

3. Why is community so important in deepening your relationship with God?
4. How does the idea of "one another" in the Bible challenge the individualism often promoted in today's culture?
5. In what ways can being part of a community help you grow spiritually that you wouldn't experience on your own?

## The Role of Community in Christian Life

6. What does it mean to you that the church isn't just a friend group or an exclusive club?
7. How do you think the concept of "one more" influences the way you interact with others in your community?

## Consistency and Participation

8. Why is being consistently present and actively participating in church or a faith community essential to spiritual growth?
9. How does your participation in activities like worship or group discussions help you build a deeper relationship with Jesus?

## Challenges and Support

10. The sermon talks about carrying each other's burdens. What are some practical ways we can support one another in the church community?
11. How can we offer loving accountability within the church without it feeling judgmental or harsh?

## Community's Impact on Direction and Growth

12. How do your friendships and the people you spend time with influence your spiritual direction?
13. Have you ever experienced a time when the support of a Christian community helped you through a difficult situation? How did that impact your faith?

## Encouragement and Discipleship

14. How can we spur one another on toward love and good deeds in our church and everyday life?
15. Why is it important to encourage each other to remain faithful, especially in challenging times?