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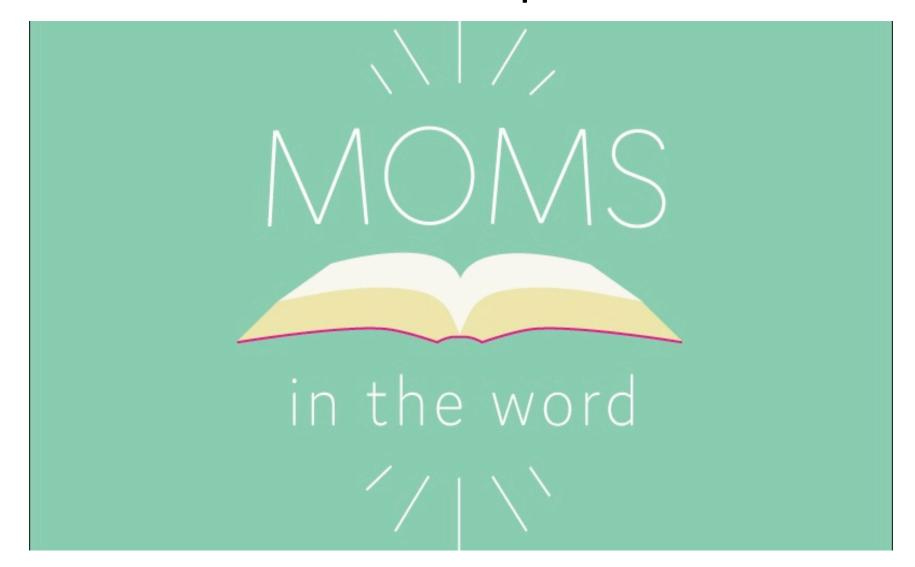
Meet, Greet, and Reconnect

- Find someone who has your same birthday.
- ...who is from the same home town.
- ...who has a dog.
- ...who has a cat.
- ...who has the most grandchildren.
- ...who moved the furthest to Austin.
- ...who is an Austin native.
- ...who has the same favorite Scripture verse.

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Welcome Home! Med Luckett & Stephanie Baker



Persian Pastries Thanks to Safia and Jen



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Thy Word

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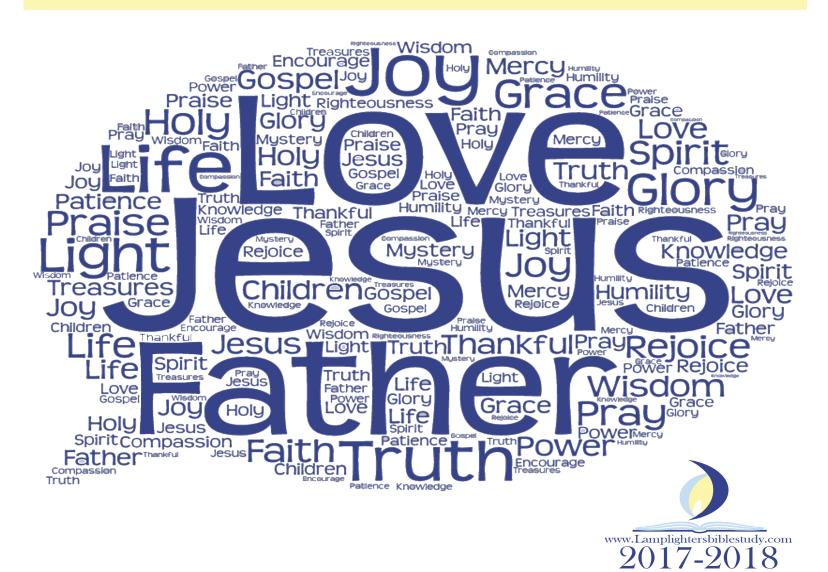
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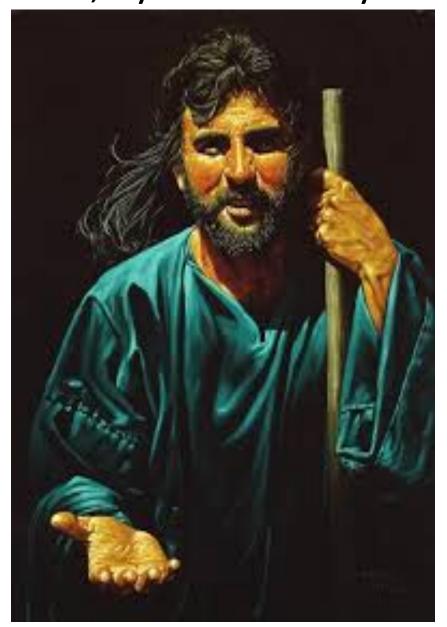


So, what did God do this summer?

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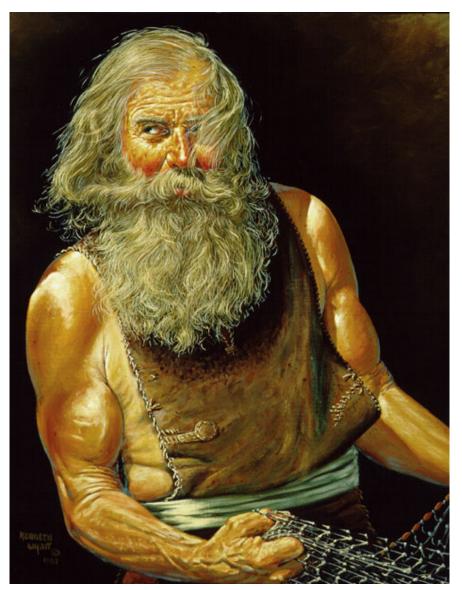


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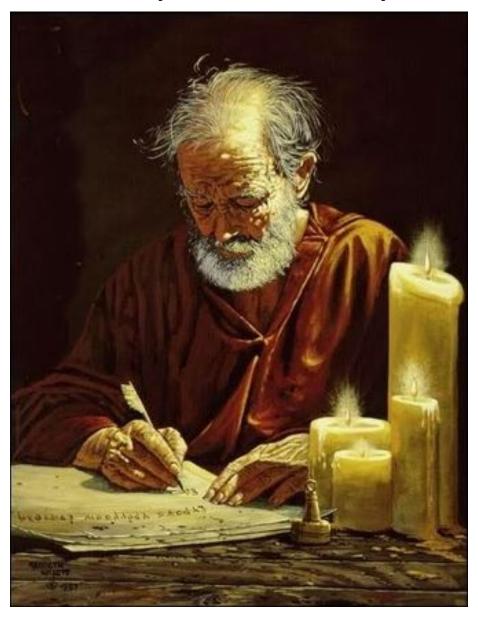
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Paul, by Kenneth Wyatt



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Different Voices--similarities

- "Street cred"
- Close to the end of their lives
- Intimacy and passion
- Warn of dangers
- Encouraging and practical
- Balance between "know and believe" and "live and behave"
- Common themes: love, grace, truth, joy

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The Centrality of Christ "Come Home to Jesus!"

Why?

Pivotal Questions:

- 1. In the past year, have you grown more in your love of God?
- 2. In the past year, have you grown more in your love of your neighbor?

The Key

NOT service, outreach, "spiritual involvement"

Biblical engagement

The Key to Transformation

Biblical Engagement

Experience

Relationships

Inductive Review

Lesson 1 1 John 1:1-4, 1:5-10

Bible Text New International Version	Observations What does the text say?	Interpretation & Questions What does it mean to all Christians?
1 John 1:1-4		
The Incarnation of the Word of Life		
¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our ^[a] joy complete.		
	Application What does it mean to me?	
Footnotes: a. 1 John 1:4 Some manuscripts your		
Summary:		

OBSERVATIONS

- Longest section, foundational to Interpretations and Applications
- Very Literal (don't insert personal bias)
- Listen to the text and try to put yourself there.
- Ask reporter questions: who, what, when, where, how? Who are the main characters, and how are they described?
- Write a summary in 10 words or less

INTERPRETATION

- What does this text mean to all Christians?
- What does the text mean THEN and NOW?
- What attributes of God's character are revealed?
- What are the:
 - Main teachings
 - Biblical principles & truths
 - Themes
 - Truths
 - Promises

Ask questions. Ask Why?



APPLICATION

- What is God saying to me personally?
- Do I need to adjust my life, beliefs, and/or feelings as a result of meeting God in this passage?
- Make sure it is measurable.
- Make yourself accountable.



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