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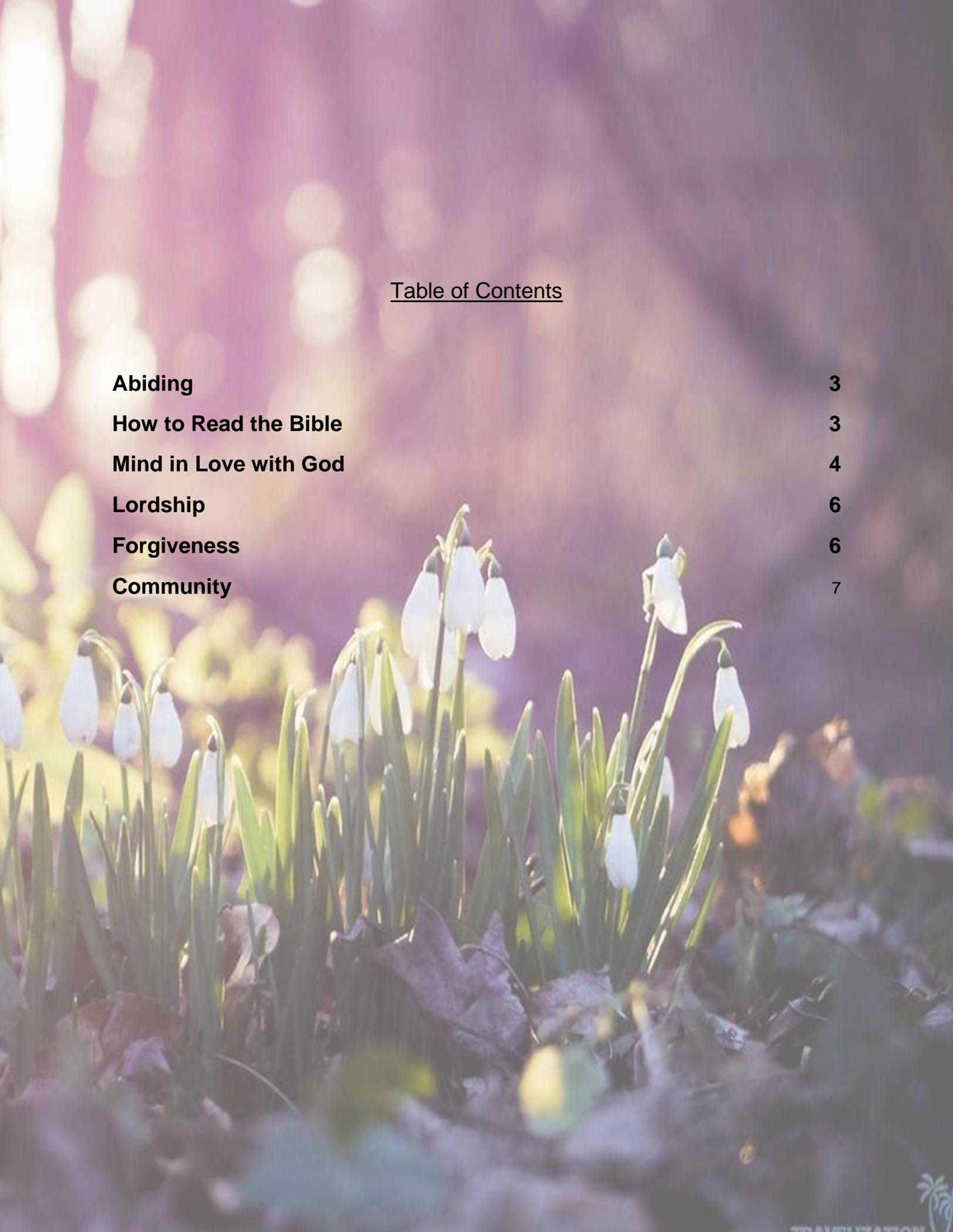


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Abiding

Questions:

- Can you be driving, walking, or doing homework and still abide in Jesus? (the idea that Jesus called us to remain and to not depart from Him)
- What do you think the word abiding means?
- How do you think we abide (remain) in Jesus?
- What can we lay down, to spend more time with Jesus?
- Do you think you can love someone without getting to know them?
- Do you think God will put us in a place where we wouldn't have time for Him?

Visual Applications:

- When you're in love or have a crush what does that affect in your life? Everything! When you lay in bed you think about him/her, text -waiting for the notifications or the dot dot dot, see their fav candy, hear their favorite song = sending your heart racing! When you like someone, you listen to what they talk about and care about it too. And it can be the same way with Jesus: it affects every part of our life, the anticipation of waiting to hear from Him, the love that wells inside of us when we look at creation and remember how good God is.

Scriptures:

- John 15
- Psalm 1:2-3
- Colossians 2:6
- 1 John 2:6
- 1 John 2:24
- Psalm 119:103 (delighting in God's Words)

How to Read the Bible

Questions:

- Why should we read the Bible?
- How much time do you have to read?(By reading five chapters a day, you can finish the bible in a year).
- Three tests for godly thoughts:
 - Is it taught, expressed or at least implied RIGHT THROUGH Scripture?
 - Is it practical, exciting and logically consistent within God's premises?

Does it help me love the Lord Jesus more, and more deeply hate sin?

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Visual Applications:

- Read through a passage of scripture together to demonstrate S.O.A.P: write down the scripture, observation, application, and prayer
- Bible Project video overview of the bible [Story of the Bible](#)
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Scriptures:

- Matthew 5:6 (Desire)
- Psalm 27:8 (Determine)
- John 8:31 (Discipline)

Mind in Love with God

Questions:

- The first commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul. Which do you think is the hardest of those 3 to do and why?
- Do you think you can love someone you are not willing to get to know?
- What is the most important thing about a person? (your thoughts! The bible says as a man thinks, so he is Prov. 23:7)

Visual Applications:

- Cup with dirty water. To get clean you can do 1 of 2 things:
 - dump the cup out—for some of us this would be hard because you can't forget some of the painful things you've been through already
 - fill it up with something good (pour clean water), eventually it will overflow again and again until there is no more dirty water and only pure water remains---THIS IS WHY WE READ

Scriptures:

- John 15
- Romans 12:1-2 (renewing your mind)
- Isaiah 1:18 God invites us to think/reason together
- Jeremiah 9:23-24
- 1 Chron. 28:9 thoughts, choice of obedience
- John 5:39-40 Jesus says you can study the right thing but if you have the wrong spirit, you'll end up far away from Jesus. Intent prior to content. Critical mind vs. critical spirit application here.
- Proverbs 23:7 your thoughts matter! Your thoughts about God are everything to who you are

Lordship

Questions:

- What authority does Jesus have in your life, selective authority or full authority?
- What does your life revolve around (integration point)? Why do you do the things you do and who do you do them for?
- What does our minds default to when we are relaxed?
- Why can we trust Jesus all the time?
 - What makes Him a good authority?
- How do you deal with authority figures? Do you have a hard time following their orders?
- Is it possible for one who does not recognize the Lordship of Christ to be saved?

Visual Applications:

- Try sitting on your friend during small groups. Relate how we try to share the chair with Jesus but it will become uncomfortable.

Scriptures:

- Matt. 19:16-22 (Rich young ruler)
- Psalm 24:1-2 (the earth is the Lord's and all that are in it)
- 1 Cor. 7:23 (you were bought at a price)
- Rom. 10:9
- Rom. 14:8
- Philippians 3:7-8 (count all things loss compared to Christ)

Story:

- There is a story of a beggar being approached by the king on his horse and asked for a bowl of coins, his bowl of coins that he has begged for. The beggar partially obeys, reaching into the bowl, and gives 2 of the coins. The king responds by reaching into his cloak, and takes two diamonds and gives them to the beggar and rides off. The beggar is left to say to himself "why didn't I give him everything?"

Forgiveness

Questions:

- Who in this room has ever been hurt? Hurt is a universal problem- but the way you deal with it makes all the difference in the world
- Does bitterness just hurt the person that is bitter? No- Heb. 12:15

Visual applications or Stories:

- Corrie ten Boom on forgiving her prison guard: [Corrie ten Boom on forgiveness](#)
- [Hurt And Bitterness](#) Winkie Pratney (start at How Hurt Happens- Johnny's Story, and on through the story continues)

Scriptures:

- Hebrews 12:15
- Proverbs 19:11 overlook an offense
- Matthew 6:14-15 don't forgive/won't be forgiven
- Matthew 18:21-35 unforgiving servant
- Mark 11:25 in prayer forgive that which you hold against others
- 2 Corinthians 2:9-11 forgive and so avoid Satan's schemes
- Ephesians 4:31, 32 put away anger, forgive as Christ forgave you
- Colossians 3:13 forgive as the Lord forgave you

Community

Questions:

- What does a healthy community look like to you?
 - Colossians 3:13, Galatians 6:2
- Why does God emphasize community in the Bible?
- What is the first step to community? (love for Jesus)
 - 1 John 1:7
- What is vulnerability? What is transparency?
- Why do you think we need each other?
- What do you think healthy friendship should be characterized by? (let them say different things but emphasize common understanding- if our friendship is centered on Jesus it can last forever!)

Visual applications or Stories:

- Anne Ortlund says this about John 1:7-9 “understand that learning to walk together in the light (exposed, knowable, open) as He is in the light is the only true way to true fellowship together and to cleansing.”
- Scene from the movie the Gladiator, “Stand together, as one!": [Gladiator clip](#)

Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 1:10
- 1 John 1:7
- Colossians 3:13
- Galatians 6:2
- Ecclesiastes 4:10-12
- John 13:35