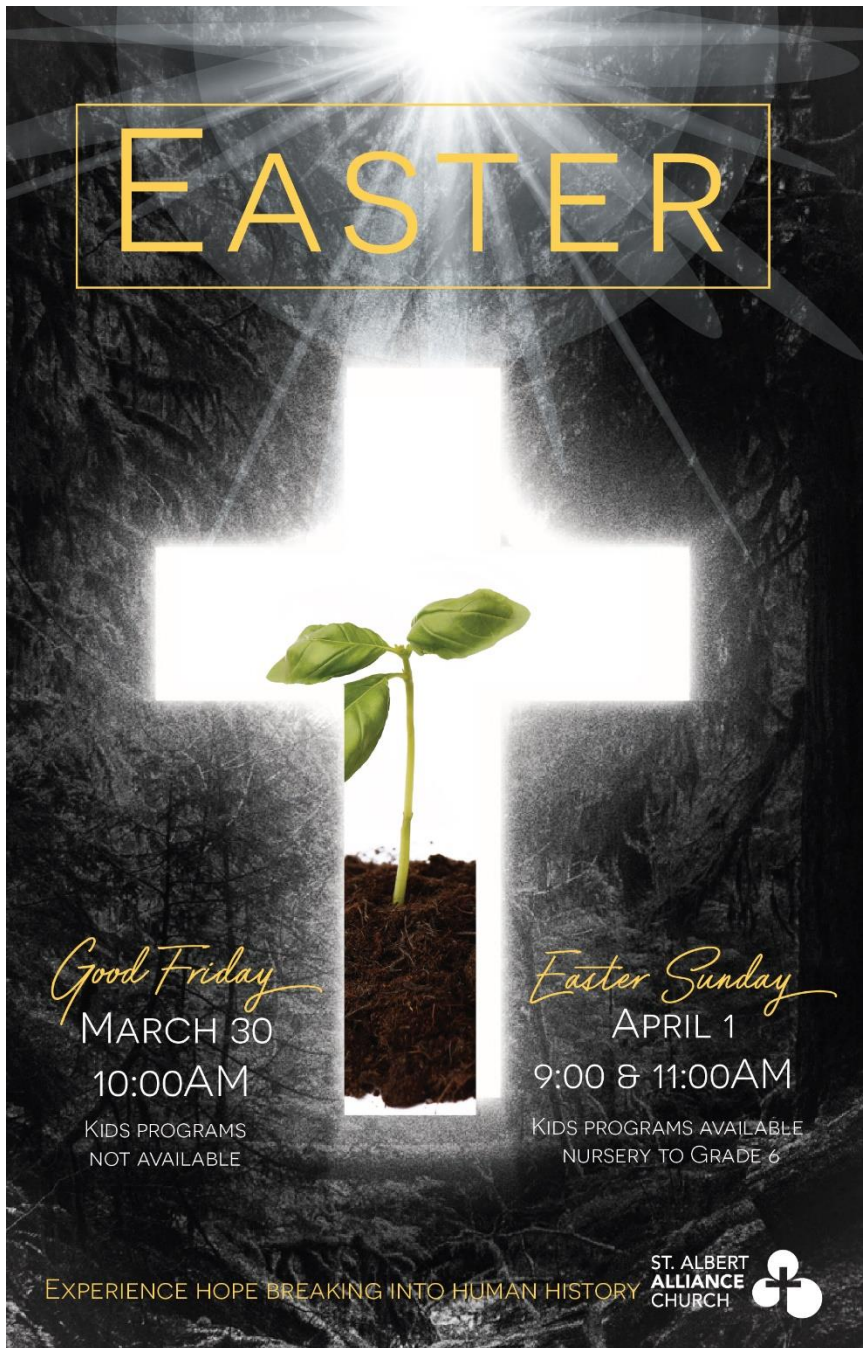




Living as Apprentices of Jesus

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1. Living Together as Apprentices of Jesus *in the now-available Kingdom of God.*

"Jesus is First"

Jesus' core message: "the Kingdom of God is now-available."

Mark 1:14-15 NLT "Later on... Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. 'The time promised by God has come at last!' he announced. **'The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News.'**"

2. Living Together *as Apprentices of Jesus* in the now-available Kingdom of God.

"Listen. Trust. Obey."

An **apprentice** is someone who has decided to _____ their lives around being and learning from another person SO THAT they can become _____ of doing what that person does, or to become what that person is.

Listen _____

Trust _____

Obey _____

3. **Living together** as apprentices of Jesus in the now-available Kingdom of God.

"Life on Life"

1 Thess. 2:8 NIV "...Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

John 13:34-35 NIV Jesus says, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**”

Three Primary Components for Apprenticeship Prayer Partners

Share _____

Reflect _____

Pray _____

How to Get Started with your Apprenticeship Prayer Partners

We know that many people who want to grow in their apprenticeship walk with Jesus also experience some apprehension and even intimidation when they consider this kind of lifestyle. The following suggestions are ways to get you started in this life-transforming journey.

Every A.P.P. should look to incorporate 3 core aspects:

Share... Reflect... Pray...

The ***Starting Point*** suggestions assume you feel a little intimidated, that you’re not used to sharing your life openly, to praying with people, and so these provide simple on-ramps.

The ***Next step*** suggestions assume some growing trust in relationship, a greater commitment to re-ordering your life, and that you’re willing to risk going to another level with each other.

The ***Going Deeper*** section suggestions really start to get to the “life on life” transformation potential within these groups. This is really where the real-life transformation happens. The *Starting Point* and the *Next Step* will get you moving, but the *Going Deeper* section is really what will accelerate your growth.

Share

Starting Point What are you thanking God for this past week?

Next Step Where did you sense the prompting of Jesus this past week and did you obey?

Going Deeper Identify 3-5 accountability questions (related to connection with God, use of speech, relationships, sex, finance, etc.). *See APP Field Guide for sample questions.

Reflect

Starting Point Read one Proverb a day for one month (there are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs). Then read one Psalm a day (there are 150 Psalms – could be done for 5 months). Highlight one verse each day that stands out to you. Share one or two verses that stood out to you and why when you get together.

Next Step Follow a daily reading plan together.* Highlight one verse that stands out to you each day. Write out a 1-3 sentence prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you do what it says. Text the prayer to your APPs each day.**

Going Deeper Follow a daily reading plan together. Write a short journal reflection on one verse or one idea that stands out to you, followed by a short, written prayer. Text the reflection and prayer to your APPs.

* If you don’t know where to read, consider the various reading plans in the YouVersion Mobile App or Overflow Mobile App (hint: start with the “Narrative Lectionary” within the app).

** WhatsApp is a very easy to use group texting app. See the APP Field Guide for more information.

Pray

Starting Point Share one praise report & prayer request each week and commit to praying for each other *on your own* 2-3x a week. (Bonus – consider writing out a 1-2 sentence prayer and text it to your APP.)

Next Step Share one praise report & prayer request each week and *pray together* for each other. Commit to praying for someone in each other’s relational circles who doesn’t yet know Jesus.

Going Deeper Listen in prayer for each other, asking Jesus for words of encouragement and wisdom.

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Challenge

What one thing can we do to be more intentional in our APP relationship? (Think: how do we grow deeper in Sharing, Reflecting, Praying?)