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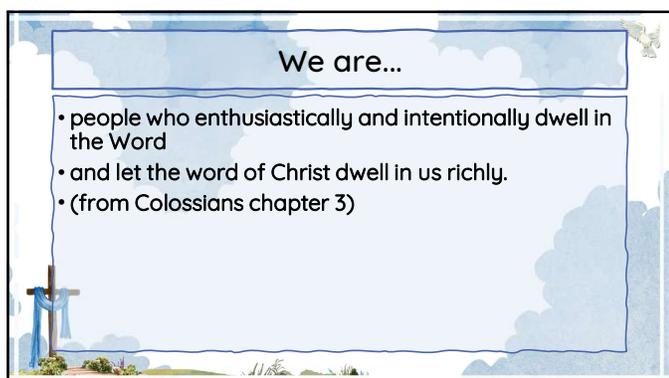
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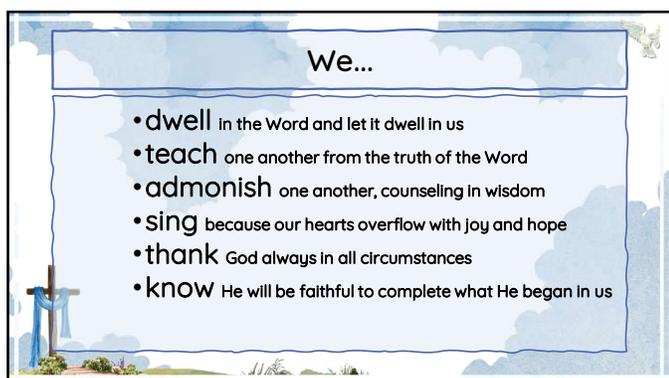
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**We Expect...**

- Bible-based teaching not worldly solutions or motivational messages
- Faith-strengthening studies that equip us as disciples who can disciple others.
- Community-building gatherings centered on God's Word
- to Have Fun because God's Word brings us true joy and we are delighted to dwell

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**We Expect...**

- to Learn a Ton! We are ready to learn and so we expect sometimes...
- to Get Stuck Patiently learning and trusting the Holy Spirit to teach us
- to Grow from who we are today to who we can become empowered by the Holy Spirit

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**How do we study?**

- Read - listen
- Use a printed Bible.
- Translation not a paraphrase.
  - \*English Standard Version (ESV) Also consider...
  - New International Version (NIV)
  - Christian Standard Bible (CSB)
  - New English Translation (NET)
- Take Notes
- Use colored pencils to mark in your Bible Pentel 8 colored pencil.

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**Trust the process.**

- Expect Growth & Set Backs
- Give yourself grace to learn
- Engage with the Scriptures - don't just read
- Think Who-To whom-Where-When-Why
- The Bible was written for you - not to you.
- Enjoy the process and have fun

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**Grace Groups**

- 📖 God's Word is our standard.
- 🙋 We Remember:
- 'In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.'
- 🚫 Do your own thinking
- Avoid commentaries and the study notes
- Trust God
- pray, ask for wisdom

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**Grace Groups**

- ❤️ Be gracious and patient - with yourself and with others
- 🙌👉 This is a Bible study
- There are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers
- in keeping with the truth of God's Word.

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**Grace Groups**

- 🗣️ Share or Listen.
- You don't have to share, but if you did the reading and responded to that prompt why not chime in?
- ⚡ Done or Not Done...Come.
- ⏰ Didn't finish the study this week? Come.
- 🕒 Be considerate. ...of time and tone.
- 🙏 Pray

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**A Simple Plan!**

- to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."
- Pattern and predictability - Rhythm and Flow
- Spiritual Disciplines
- GOAL...
- become equipped to know the Word and deepen your faith

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**Know Two Things...**

- You have an advocate! Jesus is praying for you!
  - "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word," (John 17:20)
  - "...we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God" (Hebrews 4:14)
  - But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 John 2:1)

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**Know Two Things...**

- You have an advocate! Jesus is praying for you!
- You have an enemy! - Satan is seeking to destroy!
  - “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:7-9)
  - “the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our Go (Revelation 12:10)

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**The Four P's...**

- Pray.
  - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all (James 1:5)
  - The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)
  - praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (Ephesians 6:18)

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**The Four P's...**

- Partner.
  - Connect in your group - encouragement and accountability.
  - I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:23)
  - exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13)
  - let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (Hebrews 10:24)

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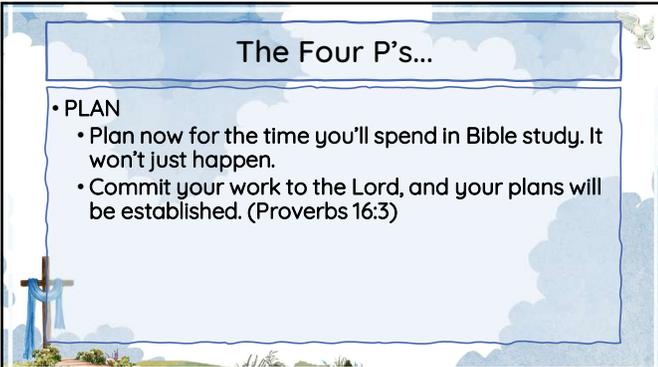
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**The Four P's...**

- **PLAN**
  - Plan now for the time you'll spend in Bible study. It won't just happen.
  - Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. (Proverbs 16:3)



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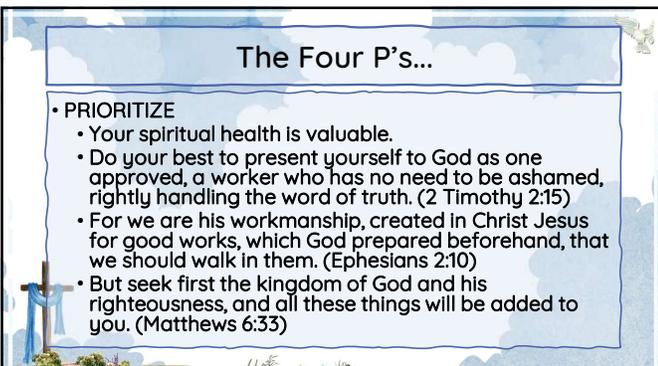
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**The Four P's...**

- **PRIORITIZE**
  - Your spiritual health is valuable.
  - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
  - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)
  - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthews 6:33)



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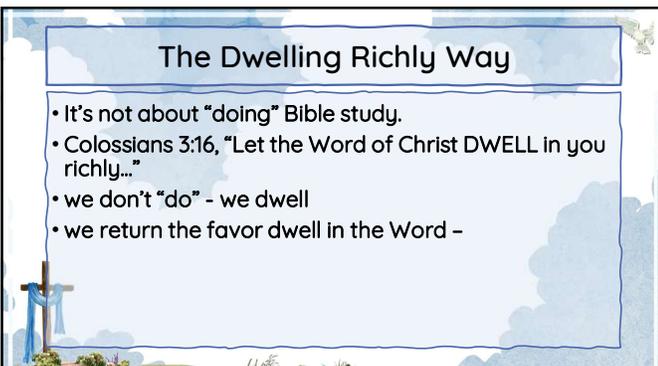
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**The Dwelling Richly Way**

- It's not about "doing" Bible study.
- Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ DWELL in you richly..."
- we don't "do" - we dwell
- we return the favor dwell in the Word -



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... Week by Week - Day by Day . .

- Day 1 -
  - Review previous lesson/passages -
  - Fellowship & Teaching
- Day 2 - Overview of the passages for the lesson ahead
- Days 3-9 - Dwell in and through the Word more deeply
- Day 10 - Create & Share

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... Week by Week - Day by Day . .

- Spiritual disciplines and habits to help you grow.
  - Pray First
  - ...then Memorize & Meditate.
  - Write. - memory verse and "Write the Word"
  - Simply Read.
  - Engage
  - Create & Share.

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What Dwelling Richly Is (and isn't)

- We come to Scripture first and foremost to know God—His plan, His love, His will, His ways.
- Only then do we come to know ourselves in light of who He is and His design for us

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What Dwelling Richly Is (and isn't)

- **Observation:** What does it say?.
- **Interpretation:** What does it mean?
- **Application:** How do I respond?

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**Google:**

- A frog is any member of a diverse and largely semiaquatic group of short-bodied, tailless amphibian vertebrates composing the order Anura.

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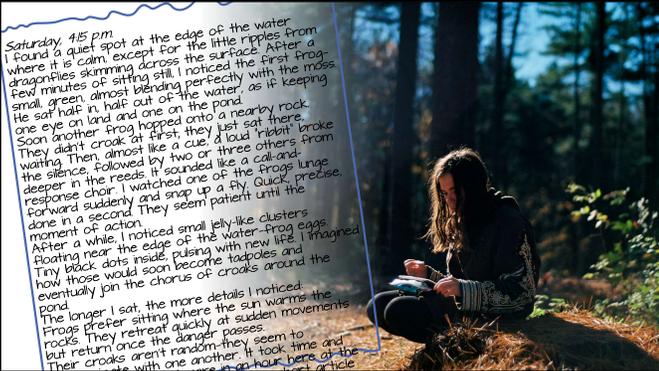
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Saturday, 4:15 pm  
I found a quiet spot at the edge of the water. From where it is calm, except for the little ripples from dragonflies skimming across the surface. After a few minutes of sitting still, I noticed with the moss small green, almost blending perfectly with the water, as if keeping one eye on land and one on the pond. He sat half in, half out of the water. Soon another frog hopped onto a nearby rock. They didn't croak at first, they just sat there waiting. Then, almost like a cue, a loud 'ribbit' broke the silence. Followed by two or three others from deeper in the reeds. It sounded like a call-and-response choir. I watched one of the frogs lunge forward suddenly and snap up a fly. Quick, precise, done in a second. They seem patient until the moment of action. After a while, I noticed small jelly-like clusters floating near the edge of the water—frog eggs. Tiny black dots inside, pulsing with new life. I imagined how those would soon become tadpoles and eventually join the chorus of croaks around the pond. The longer I sat, the more details I noticed. Frogs prefer sitting where the sun warms the rocks. They retreat quickly at sudden movements but return once the danger passes. Their croaks aren't random—they seem to be with one another. It took time and an hour here at the

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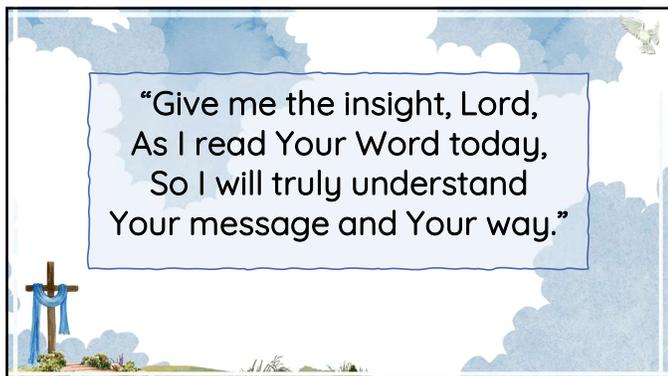
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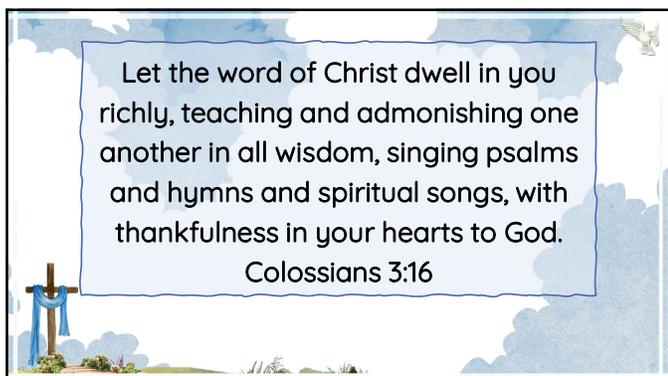
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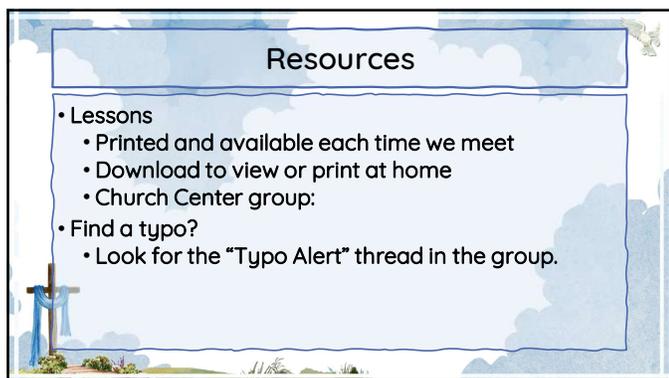
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### Resources

- Lessons
  - Printed and available each time we meet
  - Download to view or print at home
- Church Center group:
- Find a typo?
  - Look for the "Typo Alert" thread in the group.

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### Attend

- In person – La Mirada Church
- Online – Zoom – the link is the same every session.

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  - Shared contact info

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