

How to use the YouVersion devotionals

As we journey through Ephesians together, four days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) you will receive guidance on how to go deeper on the scripture used during the message from Sunday. The way we approach studying will have a four part rhythm as we reflect on the Scripture throughout the week. Those four parts are: Discovery, Application, Exploration and Conversation.

Discovery: This will be day one. It will consist of reading the passage from Sunday's message and journaling on three questions: What does this say about God? What does this say about humanity? What's one practical way I will respond to what I've read?

Application: Day two. After re-reading the passage, we will have the opportunity to journal answers to 2-4 prompting questions on ways to apply and implement this scripture to our lives.

Exploration: Day three. Here we will go even deeper by looking at corresponding scriptures and considering the impact not just to our own lives, but to the life of our community at Riverside.

Conversation: Day four. This day we will be very intentional about setting aside time to connect with God and ask Him to speak to us. We will begin by spending some time listening to worship music, singing, sitting in silence, or whatever way you connect best with your Heavenly Father. It may be helpful to review your journal entries from days 1-3 at this point. Then we simply ask that you begin journaling with this prompt: "(your name), I want you to know..." and then begin writing what God reveals to you about what He wants you to know. It's important to recognize we are simply asking our loving Father to speak to us.

We are hopeful that going deeper on understanding and applying the scriptures in this way will not only grow your individual relationship with God through His word, but would also more tightly knit our community together as we delve deep in the scriptures together.

