

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Did You Know?

Making the Most of Your Summer

Hey Poiema (college-aged students), June is fast approaching which means that summer has been in full swing. A quarter of the summer has already past and the question is, "Have you been making the most of your summer?" Before you know it, August will come and you'll be getting ready to go back to school. Now, don't get anxious, but also, don't wait until the end of summer to realize all the things you should've done. These months are an opportunity to get away from tests and the stresses of school and really focus on growing in Christ. Whether you've been intentional in your faith or have struggled the past 8 months, here are 10 ways to help you grow in your faith during the summer. These 10 ways are from an article found on The Gospel Coalition website.

1. **Make a plan.** Take some time to plan out your spiritual priorities. Schedule time every day to be in the Word and in prayer. If you're not sure what to do, follow CoaH's Bible Reading Plan.
2. **Rehearse your need for the Gospel daily.** Remind yourself of who Christ is and what He has done for you. Find victory each day through the power of the Gospel. Get into the habit of remembering truths from God's Word. Meditate on it day and night.
3. **Anticipate temptation.** Ask yourself, "What will likely tempt me to have my attention and heart drawn away from Christ this summer?" Figure out what's distracting you from following Christ and intentionally pursue Christ by resisting these temptations.
4. **Recognize that you need the church.** Enjoy connecting with fellow Poiema friends. Also, utilize the opportunity to connect with the wonderful, multi-generational community we have here at CoaH. Learn from them. There are many wise men and women who have gone through what you're going through, but most importantly, be spiritually fed by the sound teaching of God's Word.
5. **Meet regularly with brothers and sisters in Christ.** Join a Discipleship class; come out to Poiema fellowships, sign up for Moorelands (summer retreat in August, email [Pastor Tim](#)). Never give up meeting together. Find accountability and prayer with one another.
6. **Look for ways to serve your family.** For some of you, you're coming back home after 8 months. Find ways to encourage your family. Offer help when they may need it. Re-connect and engage in meaningful conversations.
7. **Turn off your phone.** I love this. Turn your phone off for an hour a day (perhaps during your quiet times with God), but focus on noticing God and others more with the time you might spend on social media or games.
8. **Set a goal to read.** Go to CoaH's Bookstore and commit to reading at least 2 books!
9. **Memorize Scripture.** Develop the discipline of memorizing Scripture verses. They are tools of encouragement and weapons against any attacks of the enemy!
10. **Seek to be bold with the Gospel.** As committed as you are to studying, commit to being a witness of Christ (both at home and on your campuses). Practice sharing the Gospel!

May this summer be fruitful as you grow in Christ more and more.

Pastor Tim Song