

The following 5 testimonies are representative of our group in 2016. We developed into a team, even though we are scattered all over the world. We prayed for each other, left words of encouragement for each other when we checked in to the web site, and were motivated to read every day. I hope you can join us this year! ~Steve, for the group

Transformed

Doing the Trek has transformed my Bible reading time. I only read here and there before and knew I wanted to be more consistent. The race emails would remind me each day to read and seeing where I was in the line-up would spur me on in a good competitive sort of way. It was fun to see the number of consecutive days read when I would log into the race. That really helped me not to let a day go by...most times :) Since the race ended, I have printed up a new Bible reading plan that I am really enjoying and I am reading everyday still. I cannot tell you how good it feels to be in the Word daily. I have definitely felt closer to the Lord and now I am hoping to increase consistent prayer times. This race was truly a huge boost in my spiritual life. I look forward to reading the Word now. It has changed from something I should be doing to something that is a part of my life now and I truly enjoy!

Accountability

Last year's journey was encouraging to me. Number one I felt apart of group. We were all trying to stay in God's word. I was in the word better than I had been in a long time. Not only that but our family was in the word together and more consistently. It was one of hardest years as a family. The Holy Spirit knew I needed the accountability to keep my head above the rising waters. I looked forward to marking off mileage and seeing a destination reached and a new journey begun even if it was just on a map.

Encouraged

I had fallen out of habit and wanted to re-establish myself in regular study of God's word. I read through the entire Bible once and started going more slowly through the various epistles, Gospels, and books. This would not have happened without the encouragement and community accountability to read everyday.

Competitive

I joined to provide some needed motivation with reading God's Word because I have become lazy in that area. Not proud of that, but this Trek did kick me in the pants at times and I probably read additional chapters at times to bump my meager numbers. Yes, I am a competitive guy who likes to win. I will join again because I am still too lazy.

Fruit in the Family

The BEST part about the trip was my 8 year old reading his Bible every single day so that he could report his "miles". He wanted his "miles" reported separate from the rest of the family so that he could see how much progress he added to the trip. I reported his miles every 2 or 3 weeks so that he would be able to see the little marker actually move on the map when I posted them. It was a GREAT reminder to the kids to read their Bible every day. They were very faithful.

The Whole Bible

When I read about the first Trek to Jerusalem in the email newsletter, I was excited and nervous at the same time. I had been longing to read my Bible more and to grow spiritually, but I had also failed at reading plans before. Something about this was different.

I began slowly, reading a chapter a day, but gradually built up to more. I began listening to an audio Bible app whenever I was alone. I became ravenous for God's word! Something in the camaraderie of these "strangers" united in purpose, encouraged me and kept me coming back every day for more!

Before starting the first Trek, I had never completed reading the Bible in its entirety. Now I am on my fourth trip through! In the past two Treks, I have rarely missed a day reading and I have logged almost 3,000 miles (chapters)! I also feel I have made some friends. This is a group that encourages each other on our Journey with Christ. I am ever grateful that the Lord led me to this group, and I am looking forward to the next Trek!