
When someone joins the Army, he begins the process of becoming a soldier with 9 weeks of training designed to give new recruits basic military knowledge and the physical conditioning required to carry out the challenging tasks required by war. Throughout history, society's most educated, disciplined, and well trained members have been warriors. Their job as protectors of the people was worth all the effort required to be the best they could be.

As Christians, one of our greatest needs is to hear and answer Jesus' call to a lifetime of discipleship. His call to "Follow Me" is a call to a lifetime of discipline and dedication to the glory of God. It is a call to join him on a spiritual battlefield, training and constantly striving for the King's honor. The cost for these spiritual warriors is high, but the rewards are great. In the fight for men's freedom from sin and the dominion of Satan, we need to be Spiritual Soldiers, developing ourselves and disciplining ourselves in every area of life, that we might be the right person, capable of doing the right thing at the right time. We live in a war zone. Are you in fighting condition?



GRIT is an 8-week discipleship training course held in Japan each summer for young adults aged 18 and over. The goal is a summer of intense personal growth, discipleship, and ministry in a cross-cultural setting. William Carey said it best: "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."

The summer is designed to challenge the believer Spiritually, Mentally, Physically, and Emotionally. Preparation for the spiritual battlefield requires a disciplined, committed believer to intentionally, actively pursue growth and maturity in all areas of life. Mediocre Christianity is not an option! Character is of primary importance in the life of a Christian. It takes time, intense effort, and intentional training to develop our character. But the results are well worth the effort. We want to be dedicated soldiers, prepared for every challenge that is ahead.



Spiritual Growth – 1 Timothy 4:7, Romans 12:1-2
Spiritual transformation is the goal of every believer. It is our goal to be transformed into the image of Jesus. However, we often mistakenly believe that this happens automatically. We need to heed the instruction Paul gave to Timothy: "Train yourself to be godly." As physical exercise strengthens the body, so spiritual exercise will strengthen and transform our character. During GRIT, we will learn about various tools that we can use to help us prepare our lives for the transformation that God intends.

Mental Growth - Proverbs 23:7, 1 Corinthians 13:11
The Christian life is an incredible challenge and adventure that requires us to commit everything we are and have to the task. As Christians, we are leaders wherever God takes us, leading the way among lost sheep looking for direction. Through the study of God's Word, we will examine the life of a spiritual leader; through the activities of the summer, we will have opportunities to practice what we learn.



Physical Growth - 1 Corinthians 3:16
First Corinthians 3:16 tells us that our bodies are the temple of the true and living God. We are stewards of His dwelling place here on earth. What an awesome responsibility! To maintain a fitting vessel prepared for His service, we will exercise and be ready for every opportunity that He gives us to serve.

Emotional Growth - Proverbs 29:11
As beings created in the image of God, we have many emotions that we use to express ourselves and that reveal our inner character. The challenge is to allow the Holy Spirit to rule not only our actions and thoughts, but our emotions as well. As the challenges of the summer intensify, each of us will reveal our "true self," as fatigue and the mental exhaustion of living and working in another culture take their toll. Self control is the result of a Spirit-controlled life!



The question we all must ask ourselves is not "Where will I be when I face the most difficult challenge in my life?" but "Who will I be?" If you are a spiritual soldier serving on the front lines, the challenge is coming...

Are You Ready??

GRIT 2010 – The Details

Date: May 19 – July 13, 2010 (plan to arrive on May 17 ,....get over jetlag time)

Location: Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan – the southern main island of Japan
For flight information purposes, plan to fly into the Kumamoto airport.

Costs: \$1600 + airfare, covers all expenses for the program.
Includes but is not limited to: food, housing, transportation while in Japan, public bath, camp fees, etc. Personal spending money is extra.

Sample Weekly Schedule:

Monday – Always a day of Bible, prayer and fasting
Tuesday – Leadership training course, Japanese study, teamwork initiatives
Wednesday – Rock climbing, planning session for youth outreach
Thursday – Leadership training course, Japanese study, teamwork initiatives
Friday – Ministry at a local church, Friday night outreach activity
Saturday – Airsoft scenario, guest lecture by a national pastor, Sunday ministry preparation
Sunday – Ministry in local church, English service in evening

Daily: Devos by participants, exercise, personal devo time, small group time, participants will frequently help cook, clean, etc. Average 1-2 hours of free time.

GRIT 2010 is limited to 12 participants.

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