

3DTC Women's Summer Tour



When I was asked to chaperone the women's summer tour as part of their 3DTC ministry practicum, I agreed with a nervous but willing "yes." This was the first exclusively women's summer tour ever and I knew it would come with its challenges. However, it turned out to

be an incredible blessing that touched my heart in so many ways. I had the honor not only of witnessing the ladies apply everything they had learned over the past year but also of watching them grow through the trials life on the road inevitably brings. The impact of God's word on the communities we visited and the way we grew together as sisters in Christ is something I will cherish forever.

-Kristina Olivarez



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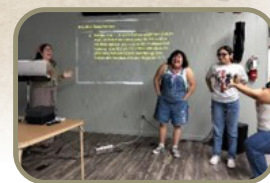
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3DTC Teacher Insights:

Before going on the summer tour, I was very nervous. I prayed I could go to summer camp instead. I didn't want to teach at the conferences, but God used them to really teach me to rely on Him. He showed me what steadfastness looks like in times of trials. Going over the book of James was something I truly needed for my personal life. God's faithfulness gave me a lot of encouragement. I saw first-hand that without Him I could not do it. When I tried to do things in my own strength, everything would go wrong. This really helped me to understand how we desperately need God every day. I loved the conferences because I was in an environment with women who loved the Lord and encouraged me to see Him always. It was just very encouraging to see how much people wanted to learn about the word of God and it gave me even more of a desire to deepen my relationship with God. It was just a great experience, and I would love to do it again when the time comes.

-Eimy Herrera, 3DTC graduate



The summer tour was amazing. There is something to be said for the growth and relationships made living with women who always point you to God and are there for each other. It was such a memorable and growing experience to be teaching the word of God every day, bringing it home into every aspect of life. I was very encouraged by the biblical churches and people I met. I really enjoyed getting to help set up, teach, and attend the conferences. I am very glad I had the opportunity to do this summer tour with 3D.

-Zoe Reyna 3DTC graduate

Attendee Insights:

I knew well in advance about the depth of biblical knowledge that would be provided, having met and followed a couple of ladies from DM2. I didn't, however, know how this conference would lay out. And truth be told, I foolishly thought it would be too long and excessive.

I'm here to tell you I was wrong! I only took off 2 days of vacation to attend, choosing Monday and Tuesday (I was disappointed in myself later for not taking the entire week). I was able to take off part of Friday afternoon as well.

The days were jam packed with verse-by-verse study through the book of James. Additional information was also provided, specifically on the gospel: what it is and what it is not. This was SUPER important information.



The 3DTC ladies were infectious in their passion and love for the Lord. They were also knowledgeable. When we asked some tougher questions, they didn't blink. Each and every time they just used the word of God to answer. *"Being always prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* 1 Peter 3:15

We need these young people, and I am forever grateful for their service.

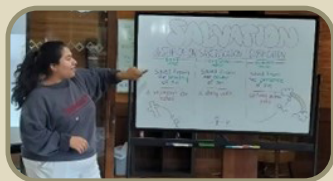
-Julie Watkins (Baytown)

At first, I was hesitant to give up an entire week to study the Bible every day for 8 hours. I thought I wouldn't have time for that. I wanted more freedom to do what I wanted and needed to do with my time off in the summer. Little did I know just how much I would come to appreciate this time in God's word. I couldn't make it to everything because of some preplanned commitments, but I made it most of the week, and what a work God did in my heart! I thought it would be a little miserable to sit and listen to someone teach all day every day, but I found myself soaking up the truth from the word of God and desiring more of it. We were studying through James, and going through it with a fine-tooth comb really opened my eyes to truth I never saw before when reading it. I was recently struggling with a lack of intimacy in my walk with God and had been asking Him to draw me near to Him (James 4:8). As we studied through the book of James, He did just that. At the end of each day, I felt refreshed and encouraged, with a heart so full of joy from God's truth. This time in God's word left me hungering for more, and I have since had a renewed joy and passion for understanding the truth He has given us in His word.

-Victoria Cleavinger (Baytown)

The study of James as presented by the DM2 group was well done. The students presented a clear and concise overview of the book with personal insightful examples. They taught how to live a Christian life through obedience to God by loving one another as God loves us. Truly a valuable life lesson!

-Ann White (Beaumont)



I attended the James conference hosted and taught by 3DTC graduates. The students' depth of knowledge of the book of James and of the Bible was invigorating, awe-inspiring, and motivational. I had studied these scriptures many times before, but seeing them through their perspectives based on teaching grounded in the foundation of the gospel led me to look more closely at how to respond to the message to Christians in the book of James. While I enjoyed

and learned James from a fresh perspective, the most important and thorough teachings and discussions surrounded the gospel and salvation through Jesus Christ. The gospel message was clear and concise. The young women who led the conference shared visuals that described, in simple terms, salvation through justification, sanctification, and glorification. I would encourage anyone (men, women, and children) to attend one of these conferences and be ready to think, learn, and walk away with a new understanding of who God is and the relationship He desires to have with each of us.

-Cyndy Kiefer (Beaumont)

Prayer and Praise:

- Praise for all who partner with us through prayer and financial support. You are an integral part of the team!
- Praise for the good news of how disciple-making is exploding in many places, especially in the countries of Bolivia and Zambia.
- Prayer for Bret and Wanda Nazworth as they move to Canada this month to get a 3DTC program off the ground there. Pray for Bret's paperwork, the provision of students and staff and the many details involved in this kind of move. If God wills, classes will begin in September.
- Prayer for the videoing of 3DTC classes this coming year so the program can go online.