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JERUSALEM, ISRAEL  
SONLIFE STUDY TOUR

# HOLLIDAY ADVENTURES



## Remember the Alamo!



Our Sonlife Leadership Team recently held our annual Prayer & Planning Retreat in San Antonio, Texas, home of the famed Alamo. We were there 183 years after the infamous battle that was pivotal in the Texas Revolution. That 13 day battle that took place between February 23 - March 6, 1836, saw every one of the over 200 Texans guarding the fort fall to Mexico's President General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna in what could only be described as a bloodbath. Included in those who fell that day were James Bowie and Davy Crockett. It was six weeks later, on April 21, 1836, that Sam Houston led the Texans to victory over Santa Anna, earning independence for the Republic of Texas. Houston led the Texans into that history-altering fight with the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo!"

**Remember  
Jesus Christ!**



That battle cry reminds me of an ever greater battle cry, reflective on the independence fought for and won for all mankind.

*“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s Word is not chained!”*  
2 Timothy 2:8-9

God’s Word is not chained! Unstoppable! This is our gospel! The gates of hell will not prevail!

Right before traveling to San Antonio, I’d spent the weekend in another historic city, St. Augustine, Florida. Several friends in my Disciple-Making Cohort came together to train and equip middle school and high school students to be disciples who make disciples. Using Sonlife’s ReVerb training that we released in 2018, we equipped the students to Love God, Love People, and Make New Disciples. The training was reinforced by hands-on experiences, including walking the historic district of Old Saint Augustine to engage people in gospel conversations.



Strider Stokes and Yannie Gray, the youth pastors for the group and members of our Cohort, were so excited by the transformation they were seeing in their students. Strider had promised the students that if they led someone to faith in Christ, he would shave his beard. Monday after the weekend, he gladly obliged, going beardless for the first time in years.



## Training Disciple-Makers

Disciple-Making Cohorts are small groups of ministry leaders that meet monthly, either in person or over video conference, to study the Son’s life and learn how to make disciples together. The Cohort I launched last Fall has nine leaders from Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio, and Colorado that meet by video conference, including Strider, Yannie, and Bill. This weekend, I train 4 *Chair Discipling* in Ohio for another member of our Cohort. How fun to make disciples together!

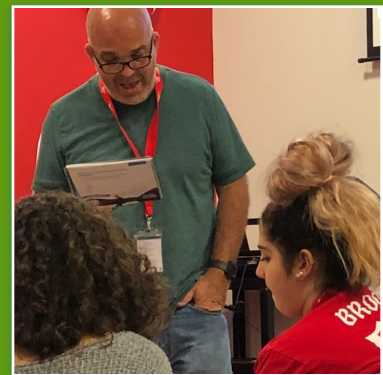
*Serving Christ together,*

*Doug and Jennifer*

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## ReVerb St. Augustine, FL



Dean Plumlee, Sonlife’s Director of Training and a former member of Good News Church in St. Augustine, came to FL to help Good News with their ReVerb event.

Bill Winton, a friend for 20 years, the Co-Facilitator of our Cohort, and a youth pastor in Jacksonville, FL, helped with the ReVerb training weekend.