



YOU'RE INVITED! EPIC SUMMER

Be Propelled Forward in your Unique Calling.

EPIC Summer is an 8-week study abroad program designed for emerging leaders who want to experience holistic ministry life in a cross-cultural setting. Participants will be challenged to grow in their faith, as well as strengthen ministry, team, and cross-cultural skills in the unparalleled context of the Holy Land and Jordan, including mentoring from veteran Grace 360 global workers.

Your Destiny is Waiting...



KEY INFO:

**Israel/Palestine
and Jordan**

**May 23-July 23,
2020**

**(7 weeks in
Israel/Palestine and 1
week in Jordan)**

**Earn college
credit (tuition cost
included)**

**Approximate
Cost: \$7,500
includes airfare and
insurance (fundraising
assistance provided)**

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PROGRAM DETAILS

EPIC Summer is a strategic part of Grace's vision to see the Kingdom of God advanced among the **NATIONS**. As a participant in that vision, each team member will have the opportunity to **SEE**, **STUDY**, and **SERVE**, and will:

- Participate in all pre-trip and post-trip trainings and meetings
- Complete all required reading and writing assignments, including a pre-trip reflection paper, weekly journal entries, and a final ministry integration paper
- Learn and apply the practical tools for cross-cultural Kingdom life: Extraordinary prayer, worship, support raising and donor care, team dynamics, language competency, deeper biblical competency, deeper understanding of other mono-theistic faiths and how to have Kingdom discussions with people from these faith backgrounds
- Reflect on scripture, history, theology and mission in the land of the Bible
- Consider the life and teachings of Jesus in new and profound ways
- Have practical opportunities for ministry and service
- Participate in tours, lectures, and other educational opportunities that will allow a consideration of both historical and contemporary dynamics of the land and the peoples of the Middle East region
- Live life in community with the leaders and participants
- Serve in a mentor role with a short-term EPIC Student team

The ultimate goal of the program is to grow in Christ-likeness—to love God more and see others as Jesus does, beyond the human constructs of religion, conflict, and politics.

THE SCHEDULE:

- Each week will be comprised of team discipleship, Bible study, training, local and educational field trips, Arabic language learning, relationship building, ministry and discipleship opportunities with locals
- Overnight field trips to places like the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the Golan Heights, the Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum
- Service projects with local organizations, including Young Life camp, English tutoring and conversation, youth sports camps, and other volunteer opportunities
- Frequent debriefs with the team and local workers
- Overnight retreats including a prayer retreat with local workers, and debrief retreat prior to re-entry
- Weekly Sabbath day for worship with local congregations and free time
- Concluding time in Jordan at a ministry training center for global workers

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Pre-trip training and preparation by EPIC Summer team leaders and Grace 360 staff
- All discipleship, training, lectures, language classes and scheduled team outings during the program period
- “Base camp” accommodations in guesthouse with air-conditioning, double and triple rooms with private baths, laundry facilities, wi-fi, kitchen, meeting areas, and common areas; within walking distance to markets, restaurants, medical facilities, and public transportation
- Breakfast daily, and most lunches and dinners, with weekly allowance for non-included meals, local transportation, and other social activities
- All field trips and related expenses, including accommodations, private transportation, meals, scheduled group activities, entrance fees, and guides (*may include one or more homestays with local families)
- 30 hours of classroom instruction in conversational Arabic (Palestinian dialect)
- Prayer retreat costs, Young Life camp project costs
- Group airport and border transfers by private transportation
- 3 credit hours of under-graduate college credit through Nazareth Evangelical College
- Travel: Fly from the U.S. to Tel Aviv, Israel with the EPIC Summer team. Spend 7 weeks in Israel/Palestine. Then cross the border to Jordan for the final week, flying back to the U.S. from Amman, Jordan.

NOTE: Oversight, logistics and all programming by Peace By Piece Tours in cooperation with EPIC Summer leadership team.

