

FELLOWSHIP FORWARD



SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



GOD HAS BEEN MOVING AT FELLOWSHIP

We have gotten the privilege of seeing countless people meet Jesus, grow in their walk with Jesus, and point those around them to Jesus. Now, as a church, we get to take a step of faith into what's next.

As we take that step, our great desire above all else is that you would take that step with us as a response to what the Lord is personally doing in your life. This season in our church's history will be the foundation for thousands of lives to be changed by the Gospel. Even more, this season will be the foundation for a generation of Gospel proclamation and transformation in Southwest Missouri and all over the world. But, one of my dreams for our church is that this season would also be a season where every person in our church would meet with the Lord and hear from the Lord more deeply than we ever have before.

This Fellowship Forward booklet is a tool for us as a church to hear from the Lord in His Word in a season that will impact generations in Southwest Missouri. I want to encourage you to use this booklet to guide your times with the Lord for the next 28 days.

It is my joy to walk through this booklet shoulder-to-shoulder with you. I am praying that the Lord meets you deeply here.

Pastor Justin Stringer

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

For all of the history of the church, Christians have met with the Lord devotionally through three, Bible-centered practices: reading, meditation, and prayer. We are going to join with centuries of Christians in letting these three practices guide our times with the Lord for the next month.

STEP 1: READ

Begin your time with the Lord by reading the passage of Scripture. Some days the reading will be a few verses. Some days the reading might be a whole chapter. We suggest using a Bible that you feel comfortable writing in. As you read the passage of Scripture for the day, mark words and phrases that stand out to you. You can write short thoughts in the margin. It is often helpful to read a passage multiple times.

The goal is to be consistent. Try to spend time with the Lord four days a week as we walk through this booklet. Our greatest goal is not that you would understand every part of what you read, but that you would truly connect with Christ each day in His Word.

STEP 2: MEDITATE

To meditate simply means “to think about.” It carries the idea of pondering about or chewing on something. In this section, you are going to ponder about and chew on what you just read in God’s Word. The goal will be to write down five observations from the passage of Scripture that you were pondering about.

For example, you might note that there are repeated words in a passage and then chew on why those words might be repeated. Or, you might take a powerful verse and ponder about why that verse feels so powerful to you. Or, you might note an unexpected word in the passage and chew on why God used that word in

that place. Or, you might take a particularly relevant idea and ponder about how it practically applies to you.

STEP 3: PRAYER

This is your opportunity to respond to what God has spoken to you through His Word. Prayer is simply an honest response to the Lord. You might respond with a prayer of confession, where you admit the ways that you have failed to live what God’s Word has called you to. You might respond with a prayer of faith where you take a Gospel truth and ask the Lord to help you to believe that truth for yourself throughout your day. You might respond with a plea for help as you need help to apply what the Lord has spoken in His Word. The important thing is that you respond honestly and authentically to the Lord in prayer.

HABIT TRACKER

How incredible is it that we have a God who desires for us to abide with Him? If you need extra motivation to stick with your commitments in this spiritual journey, and habit trackers are a helpful tool for you, we think you’ll love utilizing our spiritual journey tracker. Fill in each circle to mark off when you meet your goals.

This isn’t meant to provide any sort of guilt or shame if you miss a day (most of us likely will). Instead, it’s simply a visual tool to help you remember that these spiritual practices take discipline in order to truly become a rooted part of our abiding with God.



Matthew 6:5-15

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ Pray then like this:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name. ¹⁰
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹
Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

MEDITATE

The God of the universe is my heavenly Father. He wants to listen to me talk just like I want to listen to my son, Chip, talk.

I don't want to be a hypocrite. I want to be honest with everyone in my life, including God. God doesn't want my religious performance; He wants my relational presence through prayer.

God is the King, not me. He is also a better king than I would be. Why don't I trust His ways?

God has given us "His will" through His Word. I should be taking in God's Word more than listening to the words of people in this world.

God, I depend on Your grace every day just like I depend on food and water to live. I want to live with a better awareness of God's grace and power through His Spirit.

PRAY

God, You don't need me, but You want me! That is glorious good news! Who am I that You would want to listen to my prayers? Thank You for Your kindness and faithfulness.

Lord, sometimes it feels like my prayers hit the ceiling and You don't hear them. I know Your Word says that You are better than a good earthly father. Would You help me to truly experience this reality?

Father, I confess that I have sinned against You. I have wanted to live life my way and tried to take You off the throne. Would You please remind me that I am forgiven by the grace of the Gospel? Father, please empower me to resist future temptations as I surrender my life to You as King and obey You out of love.

God I want to listen to You and do Your will not mine. Would You speak to me over the next few weeks?

A GLORIOUS SAVIOR



HABIT TRACKER

DAILY

God before phone



Pray at 2:05pm for one minute



Time in Inefficient Prayer



WEEKLY

Spiritual Journey Guide



A Glorious Savior Sermon



WEEK ONE

We are a bunch of nobodies pointing to a great and glorious Somebody. Our church has made it our one main goal to put Christ on display. This happens for 1800+ people every single week in our weekend services. It happens for men and women in Discipleship Groups and Life Groups. It happens for those who are searching for freedom from sin in Re:generation, for the disability community in our Access Ministry, and for students in Fellowship Student Ministry. It happens for people all over the world as we send out mission teams and it happens in neighborhoods as we are engaged where we live. Christ be glorified!

“I felt a deep void in my heart that nothing in the world could fill, but God. His love broke through my pride and pain, and I surrendered. Every day is a gift to walk in His purpose, and I no longer live for myself but for His glory.”

*Philip
baptized November 2025*

“Jesus relentlessly pursued me and gave me a new life with Him. He is my Almighty God and my salvation.”

*Kelli
baptized April 2025*

DAY FOUR

Revelation 5:5-6

And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

MEDITATE AND PRAY

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

What characteristics of Jesus stand out to you as glorious from these passages? Spend time in awe of God and His grace.

What things (habits, thoughts, relationships, media) keep you from seeing Jesus accurately and biblically? Write them down and commit to laying them aside.

A GOSPEL BURDEN



HABIT TRACKER

DAILY

God before phone



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Time in Inefficient Prayer



WEEKLY

Spiritual Journey Guide



A Gospel Burden Sermon



WEEK TWO

The good news of God's grace is the best news in the history of the universe, and our community desperately needs more good news! Our goal has never been numerical growth. Our goal has been Gospel transformation. **We long for every single person in Southwest Missouri to be changed by the Gospel.** That high schooler who is thinking about taking his life needs it. That college sophomore sick to her stomach with guilt and condemnation with nowhere else to turn needs it. That first-time mother who has no hope and no community needs it. That father of three who is being crushed by secret sin needs it. That empty nester who is wondering if life has passed him by needs it. These are not made up stories. They are lives who have been changed in our midst, and **we are convinced that there are more lives to be changed by Gospel good news!**

"For so long I loved earthly things more than the Lord. But thanks to the Lord because He is a jealous God, and He pursued, ransomed, then redeemed me, now I love Him, now I see that His love for me goes beyond the sea."

*Nehemiah
baptized February 2025*

"Jesus is my Savior; He died on the cross for our sins so we could live for eternity. He has transformed me because I know that I'm never alone in my struggle and sadness. He is there for me and always will be. He's always listening."

*Alivia
baptized November 2024*

DAY ONE

Mark 2: 1-12

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

MEDITATE AND PRAY

DAY TWO

Matthew 19:16-26

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”¹⁷ And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”¹⁸ He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”²⁰ The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?”²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.”²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

MEDITATE AND PRAY

DAY FOUR

Mark 5: 1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” ⁸ For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” ⁹ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

What did you learn about Jesus after reading these passages?

Take a moment to describe the similarities and differences between the people that Jesus interacts with. What do you notice?

A GROWING NEED



HABIT TRACKER

DAILY

God before phone

Pray at 2:05pm for one minute

Time in Inefficient Prayer

WEEKLY

Spiritual Journey Guide

A Growing Need Sermon

WEEK THREE

God is moving at Fellowship! Our church has grown by 20+% per year for the last three years. Praise God! But, our facility can no longer accommodate the number of people who want to hear about God's grace here. In September, we had 66 people sitting in overflow in the lobby on one Sunday morning. We have been close, multiple times, to having to turn kids away from Kidslife because we simply do not have enough room. At our baptism services this fall, we had multiple services with zero open parking spaces.

Of course, this is not just a space problem. It is a Gospel problem. Can you imagine if the single Dad who hasn't been to church in a decade has no place to sit? Can you imagine if the kid who has been bullied all week gets turned away from Kidslife? Can you imagine what your neighbor might feel walking into church for the first time and seeing how few seats are available?

"Growing up in and out of the foster system, God has been my rock. He was the only thing that stayed the same. Everything else was constantly changing. He was the only one who never left my side through all of it."

*Kaylee
baptized April 2025*

DAY ONE

1 Chronicles 28:1-3

David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king, the commanders of thousands, the commanders of hundreds, the stewards of all the property and livestock of the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the mighty men and all the seasoned warriors.² Then King David rose to his feet and said: “Hear me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord and for the footstool of our God, and I made preparations for building.³ But God said to me, ‘You may not build a house for my name, for you are a man of war and have shed blood.’”

1 Chronicles 28:6

He said to me, “It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.”

1 Chronicles 28:9–10

“And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.¹⁰ Be careful now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it.”

MEDITATE AND PRAY

DAY TWO

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

MEDITATE AND PRAY

DAY FOUR

Philippians 4:10–20

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATE AND PRAY

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

As you look at God providing for His people to build the temple (1 Chronicles 28), what stands out to you?

You have sufficiency in all things at all times by the grace of the Lord. What if you really believed that? How might that impact your generosity?

2 Corinthians 9:7 says, “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Has this been your motive for giving in the past? How does this verse change your view of giving to Fellowship Forward?

In Philippians 4:17, Paul is describing the benefits of a church giving to him. What are some of the joys and benefits of this kind of sacrificial giving?

Would you ask God to show you what it would look like to give cheerfully and sacrificially to meet the needs of His people?

A GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



HABIT TRACKER

DAILY

God before phone

Pray at 2:05pm for one minute

Time in Inefficient Prayer

Financial Stewardship

WEEKLY

Spiritual Journey Guide

A Generational Opportunity Sermon

Worship and Prayer Night, March 22nd

WEEK FOUR

This is our time. We just celebrated 30 years of God's faithfulness to Fellowship Bible Church. He has used faithful men and women to protect His church, to provide for His church, and to guide His church. There are too many stories to recount, but, suffice it to say, we stand on the shoulders of giants.

Now is our time. We have a generational opportunity to create a place where Christ will be glorified and the Gospel will be proclaimed for decades to come, so that 30 years from now members of Fellowship Bible Church are recounting the joyful sacrifice of a body of believers in 2026.

"Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! His grace is truly amazing! When you completely surrender your entire life to the King of Kings...every waking moment is devoted to the advancement of the Kingdom!!! All of Him and none of me!"

*Jeremy
baptized September 2025*

"Jesus is the only way! After surrendering my life to Him and repenting my sins and truly walking with the Lord every day. His grace, mercy and unconditional love is REAL and AMAZING!"

*Mary (Jeremy's wife)
baptized September 2025*

DAY TWO

2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

MEDITATE AND PRAY

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