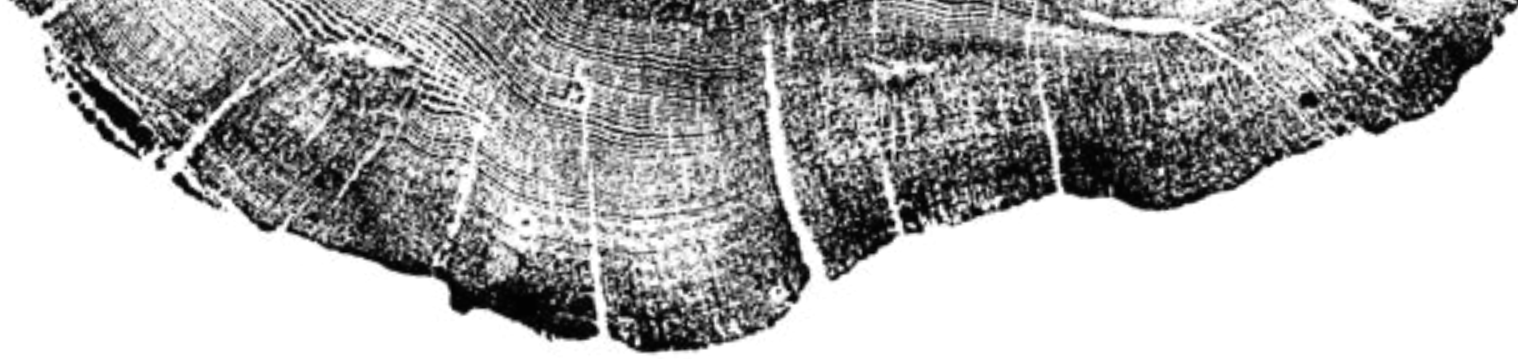


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A DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



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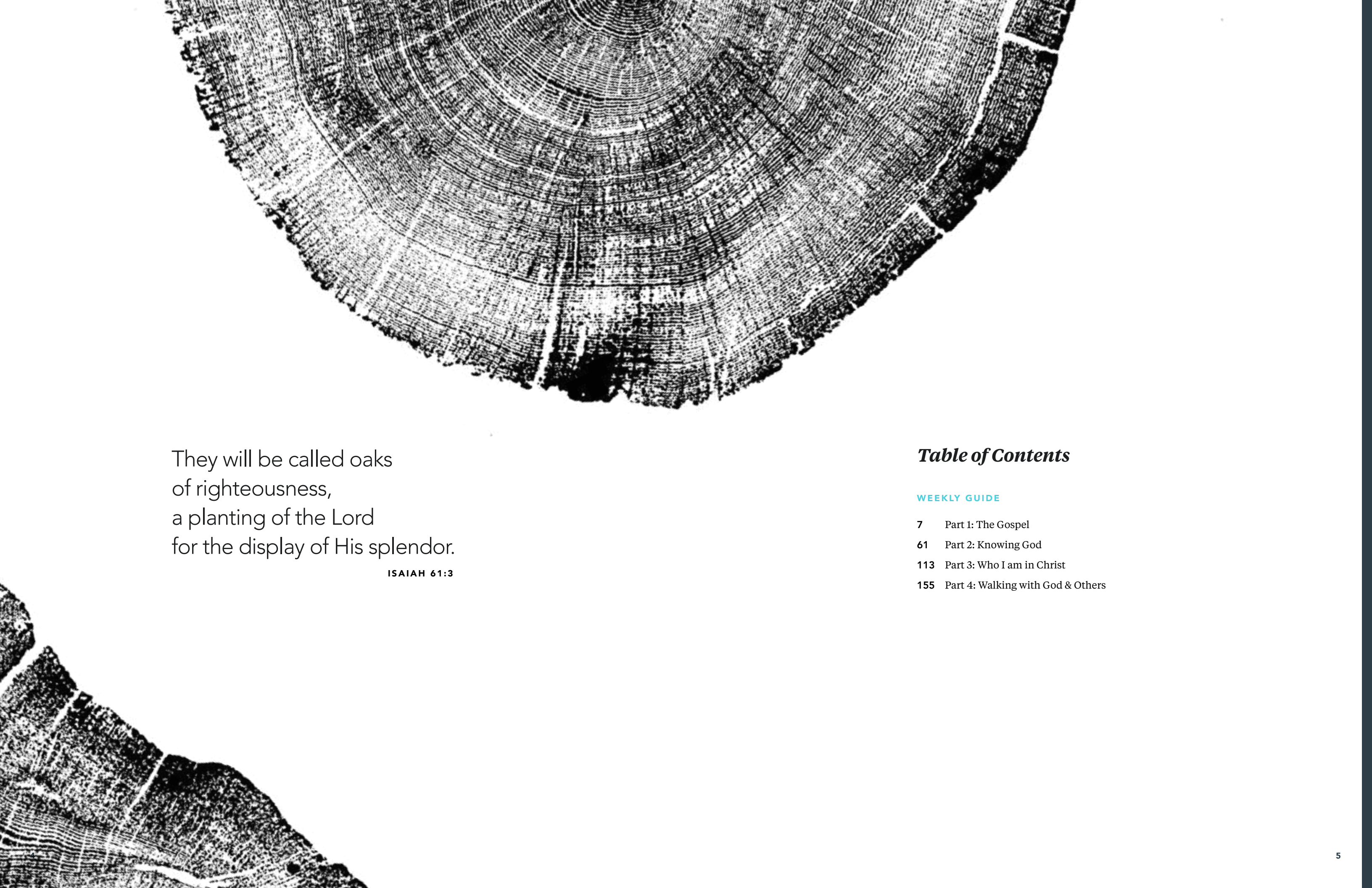
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They will be called oaks
of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of His splendor.

ISAIAH 61:3

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GOSPEL & RHYTHMS



PART 1

Gospel & Rhythms

Part 1 of Evergreen is designed to help you grow deeper in your faith by establishing life-giving rhythms of seeking God and depending on His guidance. You'll learn how to study the Bible, respond to Him in prayer, and allow His truth to shape your daily life. As you explore the redemptive story of the Gospel, you'll discover its life-changing power and be equipped to share it confidently—along with your own story of redemption.

Our hope is that as you invest your time in this study and these relationships, you will deepen your relationship with Jesus and be empowered to walk with Him daily by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome to the next chapter in your story.

Our prayer for you this year is that, through the power of the Holy Spirit and God's unwavering faithfulness, you will grow in your love for God and thrive in your relationship with Him. As you root yourself in the Gospel, you'll begin building a life centered on following Christ.

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew in Mark 1:17, He said, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." This simple yet powerful invitation is at the heart of discipleship: ***faithfully following Jesus, yielding to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, and committing to the mission of Jesus in the world.*** Just as Jesus invited His disciples into this life-changing journey, He invites you into the same — a relationship called discipleship.

Discipleship is an intentional relationship where one person helps another follow Jesus and become more like Him. Unlike any other connection, it's built on love, Biblical truth, and a commitment to spiritual growth — modeled by Jesus Himself. The person discipling you is living out Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19), a mission given to every believer so that the world might come to know and love Him. And the beauty of God's design is that it multiplies. As you are discipled, you'll draw near to God and learn a simple, practical way to help others do the same.



At this point, you might be wondering, “Can I really disciple someone else?” The answer is a resounding “YES!” Discipleship is part of God’s purpose for you, and He will equip you through the Holy Spirit. Over the next year, you’ll be guided, strengthened, and prepared to step into the calling of making disciples.

By the end of this journey, we’ll celebrate all that God has done in and through you. You’ll be ready to step confidently into the role of a discipler, walking in grace and wisdom as you help others grow in their faith. We invite you to come with an open heart and mind, ready to be amazed by the unexpected ways God will move in your life.



YOUR FIRST GROUP MEETING

Getting to know one another

→ **INTRODUCE YOURSELF**

- *Tell us about your family and how you spend your time.*
- *Tell us about the moment you decided to follow Jesus.*
- *To make communication smoother and ensure everyone stays connected, set up a group text. This way, updates can be shared in real time, and everyone can stay informed and engaged easily.*

Before we begin, let’s get familiar with a few important terms that will come up often in this study.

Understanding these four words will help us stay on the same page as we grow together.

Gospel

The word “Gospel” means “Good News.” And here’s the good news: God loves us and created us for a relationship with Him. But because of our sin, we were separated from His holiness. In His love, God sent His Son, Jesus, who died for our sins and rose again — making a way for us to be restored to Him. When we place our faith in Jesus, we receive forgiveness, eternal life, and the joy of a renewed relationship with God.

Disciple

A disciple is someone who faithfully follows Jesus, is yielding to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, and is committed to the mission of Jesus in the world.

Discipleship

Discipleship is an intentional relationship where one person helps another grow in faith and become more like Jesus. This includes teaching how to engage with Scripture, pray, build Christ-centered relationships, and serve others. The goal is that every disciple becomes a discipler — passing on what they’ve learned from their relationship with Jesus.

Disciple-Making Groups (DMG)

This is a small group of 2–4 new believers led by an equipped disciple or couple. Discipling a few people together fosters valuable cross-learning and accountability. However, don’t wait for a full group if you have one person ready to start. Keeping the group small is key, allowing you to walk closely alongside each individual. This balance offers the best opportunity to invest deeply in their growth.

Getting to know the Bible

The Bible is God's Word — His divine revelation to humanity. It's our central source for knowing Him, discerning His will, and receiving wisdom and guidance through every season of life. Through Scripture, God reveals His character, His promises, and His redemptive plan for us. As we study it, our relationship with Him deepens, our faith is strengthened, and our lives are anchored in His truth.

The Bible is also the primary way God speaks to us today. It serves as the foundation for how we live, shaping our beliefs, decisions, and understanding of the world.

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE:

- **Written Over 1,500 Years**
The Bible was written over a period of 1,500 years by around 40 different authors from various backgrounds, including prophets, kings, fishermen, and scholars.
- **Originally Written in Three Languages**
The Bible was originally written in Hebrew (Old Testament), Aramaic (parts of the Old Testament), and Greek (New Testament).
- **Contains 66 Books**
The Bible consists of 66 books — 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- **Diverse Literary Styles**
The Bible includes a wide range of literary genres: poetry, history, prophecy, wisdom literature, letters, and parables.

Start your daily rhythm of Bible reading

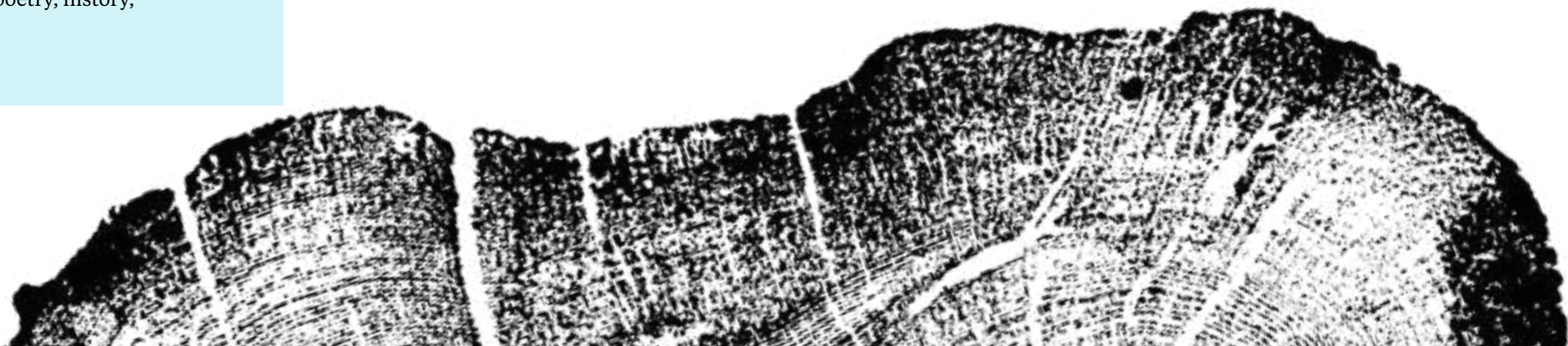
Each day, you'll read a short passage from the Bible, guiding you through three foundational books over the next 40 weeks: The Gospel of John, Acts of the Apostles, and Romans. These books will help you understand who Jesus is, how the early Church grew, and what it means to live by faith.

While God can speak through prayer, life circumstances, and the wisdom of other believers, the Bible is the clearest and most reliable way to hear His voice and know truth. As you spend time in Scripture, you'll begin to hear the Lord speak to you personally — revealing His character, bringing guidance, convicting your heart, or filling you with peace.

Each week includes five readings, giving you flexibility to catch up if you miss a day or to spend extra time studying a passage more deeply. To help you engage with what you're reading, use the following questions daily to discover what the Lord is saying to you.

JOURNAL YOUR THOUGHTS

Consider writing down your thoughts in a journal or a notes app to capture key insights and reflect on what God is teaching you through His Word.



Daily questions to help you engage with Scripture

1. What does this passage tell us about **God**?
2. What does this passage tell us about **people**?
3. What God is saying to you:
 - Is there a promise or truth to receive?
 - Is there something to thank God for?
 - Is there a sin to confess?
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there an example to follow?
4. How will you respond?

Learn more about the GROW acronym on pg. 18

WEEK 1

Getting started with the Gospel of John

The Gospel of John was written by the Apostle John, one of Jesus' closest disciples and an eyewitness to the events he describes. Likely written between A.D. 85 and 95, it was composed after the other Gospels to offer a distinct perspective on Jesus' life and ministry. John's purpose was clear: to inspire faith in Jesus as the Son of God so that through believing we may have eternal life in Him (John 20:31).

WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** John 1:1-8
- **Day 2:** John 1:9-18
- **Day 3:** John 1:19-28
- **Day 4:** John 1:29-34
- **Day 5:** John 1:35-42

To create a more meaningful and connected group discussion, it's important for everyone to be reading the same passages throughout the week. This shared focus helps deepen both your engagement with God's Word and your connection with one another. If your group plans to take a break — such as during holidays or spring break — pause your current reading plan. Instead, use the QR code below to access an alternate reading plan, allowing you to continue your daily rhythm of Scripture reading until you pick back up with the group study.



ALTERNATE
READING PLANS



SAMPLE
JOURNAL

**DISCUSS TOGETHER**

- You are beginning an incredible journey of following Jesus. Are there any questions about your daily time in God's Word?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Spend time in prayer, asking Him to do immeasurably more than you could ever ask or imagine over the next 40 weeks.

WEEK 2

Prayer

**LOOK BACK**

- God's primary way of speaking to us is through His Word. Last week as you read daily from the Gospel of John, how did God speak directly to you, whether through addressing something in your life, bringing conviction, or filling you with peace?
- **From your daily reading:**
In John 1:37-42, what do you think drew the disciples to Jesus so quickly? How does this inspire you to respond to His call in your own life?

**GET STARTED**

Prayer is a heartfelt conversation with God — a time to respond to what He's spoken to us, share our thoughts, seek guidance, express gratitude, confess, and find comfort. Every time we read God's Word, He's starting the conversation, and our prayer is a response to what He's said through it. Beginning with Scripture often leads to deeper, richer prayers that align more closely with God's will.

Of course, there are also times throughout our day when we begin the conversation, and that's exactly what our Heavenly Father invites us to do. It's an intentional act of bringing our hearts to Him — a true expression of faith in His presence and power in our everyday lives.

For many, it's an unfamiliar rhythm that can feel vulnerable or even one-sided at first. But this "oddness" often shifts as we grow more comfortable with the conversation, learning to recognize God's voice. The uniqueness of prayer reminds us that it's not like any other conversation; it's an interaction that transcends our usual ways of relating. This mystery, while it can feel unusual, is part of what makes prayer powerful and deeply transformative.

In this study, you'll discover what the disciples learned when they asked Jesus how to pray. This will become the framework for your daily time with Him as you continue to grow in your relationship with God.



READ MATTHEW 6:9-13

1. "Our Father in heaven"

How does recognizing God as our Father influence our relationship with Him, especially as we approach Him in prayer?

2. "Hallowed be your name"

To hallow God's name means to honor, revere, and set apart His name as holy. How does beginning with this focus on God's holiness affect the way we approach the rest of our prayers?

3. "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

What does it look like to desire God's kingdom and will over your own?

4. "Give us this day our daily bread"

How do you feel about the idea of relying on God for your daily needs?

5. "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"

Why do you think Jesus linked God's forgiveness of our sins to our forgiveness of others?

6. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"

How does this request shape our awareness of our need for God's guidance and protection in our daily lives?

7. Why do you think Jesus used a simple and structured prayer as a model for us?

The Lord's prayer contains six petitions.

Each of these petitions reflects a reliance on God and a desire for His presence, provision, guidance, and justice in our lives.

1. **Hallow** God's name (v. 9)
2. God's **kingdom** come (v. 10)
3. God's **will** be done (v. 10)
4. **Daily** needs (v. 11)
5. **Forgiveness** (v. 12)
6. **Protection** from temptation (v. 13)

The first three petitions focus our attention on God, centering our hearts on His holiness, authority, and purposes, while the final three address our personal needs and concerns. These petitions provide a balanced framework that we'll use for our daily time with the Lord.

This approach will complement our daily Bible reading and reflection questions with these six petitions through the **GROW** acronym.

Go to God in Prayer

Praise, Your Kingdom, Your Will (Matthew 6:9-10)

Praise God for who He is. Ask for His kingdom to come and His will to be done. Surrender once again to God, placing your focus and desire on His reign and His will in your life. Invite Him to prepare your heart before you read His Word.

Read His Word

Use the daily reading guide.

Observe and Obey

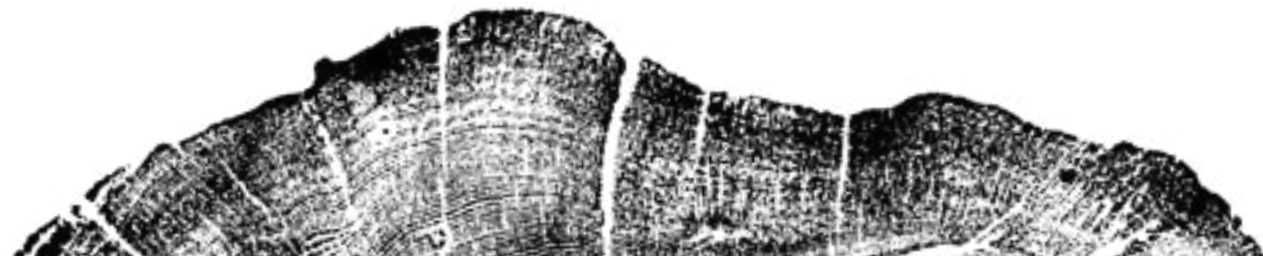
In your journal or app, respond to these questions:

1. What does this passage tell us about **God**?
2. What does this passage tell us about **people**?
3. What God is saying to you:
 - Is there a promise or truth to receive?
 - Is there something to thank God for?
 - Is there a sin to confess?
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there an example to follow?
4. How will you respond?

Wrap Up in Prayer

Respond, Daily Bread, Forgiveness, Protection (Matthew 6:11-13)

First, respond in prayer to what God has spoken to you through His Word. He initiates the conversation, and we have the privilege of responding. Then, pray for your daily needs, seek forgiveness for sin, and ask for protection from temptation.





WEEK 3

Creation



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
In John 3:1-21, Jesus tells Nicodemus about the need to be “born again.” What does it mean to be born of the Spirit, and how does this transformation impact the way we live?



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** John 1:43-51
- **Day 2:** John 2:1-12
- **Day 3:** John 2:13-25
- **Day 4:** John 3:1-15
- **Day 5:** John 3:16-21



GET STARTED

The Bible is a story about God entering into relationship with His creation. It provides compelling answers to four major questions: Why are we here? What went wrong? What did God do to make things right? Where are we going?

In the next four studies of Evergreen, you will review the overarching biblical narrative of the redemption story. It all starts on the first page of the Bible.

In this study, you will begin to understand the purpose as to why you were created.



READ GENESIS 1:1-25

1. What are some of the first things we learn about God?

See examples of what prayer can look like.



PRAYER EXAMPLES

*Use the **GROW** acronym this week to structure your daily time with the Lord.*



SAMPLE GROW JOURNAL

2. Why is it important to recognize that everything God created was initially good?

3. God created the world and declared it “good,” yet we now witness and experience profound brokenness and suffering. How can we reconcile the difference between God’s creation and our current reality?

4. How does the goodness of God’s original creation give us hope for future redemption and restoration?



READ **GENESIS 1:26-31**

5. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? How should this truth influence our understanding of our identity, purpose, and value?

6. What did God commission humanity to steward for Him? What does this look like practically?



READ **GENESIS 2:1-3**

7. On the seventh day, God rested and called it holy. How does this provide an example and pattern for us?

8. With our busy lives today, how can we incorporate the practice of setting aside a holy day of rest? What impact might this have on our spiritual and physical well-being?

9. As you reflect on the truth that God created everything and it was good, how can you intentionally seek out and appreciate the good in your life and the world around you this week? What specific actions can you take to acknowledge and share that goodness with others?

LEARN THE REDEMPTIVE STORY (1 of 4)

Creation: God created the world perfectly, declaring it “very good,” and humanity was made in His image to reflect His glory. In this perfect relationship, humans walked in harmony with God, each other, and creation.

A final encouragement: Start memorizing Scripture

When you memorize Scripture, you carry God’s Word with you wherever you go. It becomes a source of strength, wisdom, and encouragement in every situation. Psalm 119:11 says, ***“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”*** As you begin to understand the purpose and power of Scripture, memorization shifts from mere repetition to drawing closer to God and allowing His Word to dwell richly in your life (Colossians 3:16).

From this point on, you’ll have a verse (or verses) to memorize each week and share with your group at your next meeting. Through a little repetition and a deeper understanding of the words, you’ll be storing God’s Word in your heart.

DOWNLOAD A BIBLE MEMORY APP

For an engaging way to memorize the Scripture verses in this study, download a Bible memory app on your phone. Plenty of great options are available.

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

WEEK 4**Fall****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
How does Jesus' offer of "living water" to the Samaritan woman (John 4:10-14) reveal our own spiritual need today? How does her response (John 4:28-30) and the townspeople's reactions (John 4:39-42) illustrate the transformative power of encountering Him?
- Recite **Genesis 1:1** from memory.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 3:22-36
- **Day 2:** John 4:1-15
- **Day 3:** John 4:16-26
- **Day 4:** John 4:27-38
- **Day 5:** John 4:39-45

**GET STARTED**

God created everything, and it was good! So what went wrong? Many are familiar with the story of Adam and Eve, but it's easy to view it as just an ancient account of the first couple and their sin.

It's tempting to point fingers and blame them for the brokenness we see in the world today. However, Adam and Eve's story is also our story. Like them, we have disobeyed God, and through our sin, we share responsibility for the fallen state of creation.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

—GENESIS 1:1 ESV

In this study, you'll explore how humanity originally lost its righteousness, how that loss caused separation from God, how the ground became cursed, and how physical death entered the world.



READ GENESIS 3:1-13

1. The serpent asks Eve a leading question. What do you think he is trying to make her believe?
2. How does the belief that God doesn't love us or have our best interests at heart tempt us to make sinful choices? Can you think of a time when you've seen this play out in your own life?
3. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. What does their disobedience reveal about human nature?
4. How did the act of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil change Adam and Eve's relationship with God, themselves, and each other?



READ GENESIS 3:14-24

5. How does the curse of sin affect different aspects of creation, including work, relationships, and the natural world?

In what ways do we still experience the effects of this curse today?

6. God sought out Adam and Eve after they sinned, and He clothed them with garments of skin. What does this reveal about God's response to human sin?
7. How is God's removal of Adam and Eve from the garden an act of mercy?

8. What can we learn from Adam and Eve's response to guilt and shame, and how can we apply those lessons to our own lives when we fall short?

Take some time to reflect on areas where you may need to repent and seek God's grace.

9. How does Genesis 3 reveal humanity's need for redemption?

LEARN THE REDEMPTIVE STORY (2 of 4)

Creation: God created the world perfectly, declaring it "very good," and humanity was made in His image to reflect His glory. In this perfect relationship, humans walked in harmony with God, each other, and creation.

Fall: Through Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin entered the world, breaking their relationship with God, and bringing suffering and death into creation. Humanity's rebellion left us separated from God, unable to restore what was lost on our own.



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** John 4:46-54
- **Day 2:** John 5:1-18
- **Day 3:** John 5:19-29
- **Day 4:** John 5:30-47
- **Day 5:** John 6:1-15

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

—ROMANS 5:12 ESV



WEEK 5

Redemption



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
In John 6:1-15, Jesus feeds the five thousand with a small offering of loaves and fish. What does this miracle teach us about God's ability to use what we have to accomplish His purposes?
- Recite **Romans 5:12** from memory.



GET STARTED

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and the consequences were immediate. Sin and shame filled their hearts, and for the first time, they experienced the knowledge of evil. Their once-perfect relationship with God was shattered as they lost their righteousness. Where there had been trust, intimacy, and security, they now felt hurt, alienation, and exposure.

Yet, in His love for humanity, God set His plan of redemption into motion. The Greek word for "redemption" was often used to speak of purchasing a slave out of bondage or buying freedom for a debtor. The Gospel declares we were slaves to sin and Satan, Jesus died to pay the ransom price and redeem us, and now we are free in Christ.

In this study, you'll discover how God came to rescue and restore what was lost.



READ ROMANS 3:20-26

1. How does Paul explain the role of the law, and how does it reveal humanity's need for God's righteousness?
2. Paul states that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," emphasizing that no one is inherently good. How does this truth align or conflict with society's general view of human nature?
3. What does it mean that we are justified "by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"?

4. How does understanding justification as a gift of grace, rather than something earned, affect the way we view our relationship with God and others?



READ **EPHESIANS 1:7-10**

5. How does the concept of redemption through Christ's blood help us understand the cost of our salvation?
6. What does it mean that God's forgiveness is given "according to the riches of His grace," and how does this impact how we view His mercy?
7. How does Paul's description of God's plan to unite all things in Christ shape our understanding of His ultimate purpose for redemption?



READ **JOHN 3:16 & ROMANS 10:9-10**

8. What response is necessary to partake in redemption?
9. These verses emphasize a belief in the Gospel that goes beyond mere agreement, calling for a deeper, transformative faith that leads to action and commitment. What does this kind of faith look like in someone's life?



READ **ROMANS 6:3-6**

10. According to these verses, what has happened spiritually in those redeemed that is represented symbolically during baptism?
11. What does it mean to walk in "newness of life," and how can this truth influence the way we live daily?



A command of first importance following salvation:

Baptism is a beautiful step of obedience and faith, publicly declaring your commitment to Jesus and your new life in Him. It's an outward sign of the inward transformation God has done in your heart, a powerful symbol of being united with Christ in His death and resurrection.



DISCUSS TOGETHER

- Have you been baptized as a believer, with your baptism following your personal decision to place your faith in Christ? If so, tell us about that. If not, are you ready to take this next step?

LEARN THE REDEMPTIVE STORY (3 of 4)

Creation: God created the world and declared it “good,” with humanity made in His image to live in perfect relationship with Him.

Fall: Sin entered the world through human disobedience, breaking the relationship with God and bringing brokenness and suffering.

Redemption: In His love, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rise again, paying the penalty for sin. Through faith in Jesus, we are reconciled to God and receive the gift of eternal life.



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** John 6:16-21
- **Day 2:** John 6:22-40
- **Day 3:** John 6:41-59
- **Day 4:** John 6:60-71
- **Day 5:** John 7:1-13

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

—JOHN 3:16 ESV

WEEK 6

Restoration



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
Jesus walks on water and calms the disciples' fear. What does this miracle reveal about His authority over creation and His care for His followers during times of uncertainty?
- Recite **John 3:16** from memory.



GET STARTED

Jesus Christ, who first came in humility, will return in glory to restore all of creation to God's original intention by ushering in a new heaven and earth. Sin, death, disease, and tears will be no more. All things will be made perfect, and God's people will experience an eternal joy rooted in communion with God. This hope provides assurance and purpose for believers as we wait expectantly for His return.

In this study, you will learn how God will restore His people and His creation, fulfilling His ultimate plan of restoration.



READ REVELATION 19:11-16

1. Jesus is portrayed as a victorious warrior and King. How does this image of Christ differ from His first coming, and what does it reveal about His role in God's final plan?
2. The passage describes Jesus as "Faithful and True" and the One who judges and wages war with justice. How does this depiction challenge or deepen your understanding of His character and mission?
3. Jesus is referred to as the "King of kings and Lord of lords." How does this title affirm His ultimate authority, and how should this truth influence the way we live and worship today?

4. Some people find it difficult to accept the idea of Jesus as a judge. Why is it necessary for Jesus to judge evil? How does this truth bring hope and encouragement in the midst of a broken world?



READ REVELATION 21:1-8

5. What does this passage tell us about the new heaven and earth? How does this vision of eternity give hope and shape the way we live in the present?



READ REVELATION 21:22-27

6. What do these verses reveal about the intimacy and direct relationship believers will have with God in the new creation?



READ REVELATION 22:1-5

7. These verses speak of the river of life, the tree of life, and the eternal reign of God's people. How do these images reflect God's ultimate restoration of creation and His desire for eternal fellowship with His people?



READ REVELATION 22:6-20

8. What does Jesus promise three times in this passage? How should the certainty of His return influence the way we prepare our hearts and live out our faith?
9. An angel affirms the trustworthiness of these words and urges immediate worship of God. How does this reminder encourage us to live with urgency and focus on worship in our daily lives?

10. Jesus gives an invitation to “come” to all who are thirsty. How does this call to respond to God’s grace challenge us to share the hope of salvation with others?

LEARN THE REDEMPTIVE STORY (4 of 4)

Creation: God created the world and declared it “good,” with humanity made in His image to live in perfect relationship with Him.

Fall: Sin entered the world through human disobedience, breaking the relationship with God and bringing brokenness and suffering.

Redemption: In His love, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rise again, paying the penalty for sin. Through faith in Jesus, we are reconciled to God and receive the gift of eternal life.

Restoration: One day, God will fully restore His creation, making all things new and wiping away every tear. In this eternal kingdom, His people will dwell with Him in perfect joy, peace, and glory forever.

A practice of remembrance and longing

Jesus established the practice of the Lord’s Supper, or Communion, to help us remember the redemptive story because it’s in the act of remembering that transformation happens. Reflecting on His sacrifice and the hope of His return renews our faith, shapes our perspective, and deepens our gratitude for His grace.

On the night He was betrayed, He gathered with His disciples, broke bread, and shared the cup, saying, “*Do this in remembrance of Me.*” Through this act, Jesus calls us to reflect with gratitude on His sacrifice—symbolized by the bread, representing His body broken, and the cup, representing His blood shed for the forgiveness of sins—and to look forward with hope to the restoration of all things in His coming kingdom.

It is both a remembrance of His saving work and a declaration of the promise of eternal fellowship with Him.

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 7:14-24
- **Day 2:** John 7:25-36
- **Day 3:** John 7:37-52
- **Day 4:** John 7:53-8:11
- **Day 5:** John 8:12-20

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

—REVELATION 22:12-13 ESV

WEEK 7**Gospel****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
In John 7:14-24, Jesus challenges the crowd to judge with righteous judgment rather than by appearances. How can this teaching influence the way we discern truth and respond to others in our daily lives?
- Recite **Revelation 22:12-13** from memory.

**GET STARTED**

The word “gospel” comes from the Greek word “euangelion,” and it means “good news.” But it’s not just any kind of news. Euangelion most often refers to a royal announcement about a new king. When the disciples of Jesus proclaim the Gospel, they are announcing that Jesus is King.

Over the past four weeks, we’ve explored each part of the redemptive story, which addresses four key questions: How did it all begin? What has gone wrong? Is there any hope? What does the future hold?

This week, we’ll bring it all together by examining the Gospel through the redemptive story and reflecting on the significance of sharing it with others.

Let's review a summary of the redemptive story

Creation: God is the Creator of the earth and everything in it. He is perfectly holy, just, and righteous. He made man and woman in His image, designing us for a relationship with Him and for perfect harmony with one another.

Fall: Adam and Eve rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and separating themselves from a perfectly holy God. Like them, we have also turned away from Him, and as a result, we face the consequences of sin: death. Since life is found only in God, our sin separates us from the Creator and Giver of life, leading to spiritual and physical death.

Redemption: In His righteous anger, God could have justly condemned us to death, but He didn't. Instead, God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus Christ, to take our place. Jesus lived the perfect life we couldn't live and died the death we deserved. He was crucified and buried, but on the third day, He rose from the dead. His great love for us led Him to sacrifice Himself, crushing the power of sin and death on our behalf.

Restoration: Jesus Christ who first came in humility, will return in glory to restore all of creation to God's original intention by ushering in a new heavens and new earth. Sin, death, disease, and tears will be no more. All things will be made perfect, and God's people will experience an eternal joy rooted in communion with God.

Responding: When we place our faith in Jesus as our Savior and King and repent of our sins, our relationship with the Father is restored. The Holy Spirit then comes into our lives, empowering us to live for God, both today and forever.



DISCUSS TOGETHER

- Why is it helpful in sharing the Gospel to include all elements of the redemptive story?



TIME TO PRACTICE!

Pair up with a partner and take a moment to share the redemptive story in your own words. This isn't about memorizing specific phrases but about learning to share the story naturally and confidently. Understanding and communicating this story will equip you to share it effectively when the opportunity arises.



READ ROMANS 1:15-16

1. Paul describes the Gospel as "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." What does this statement teach us about the significance of the Gospel message?

2. Paul declares that he is not ashamed of the Gospel. What are some reasons people might feel hesitant to share their faith, and how can this verse encourage boldness?

3. In what ways does recognizing the Gospel as “the power of God for salvation” challenge us to trust in its ability to transform lives, even when sharing it feels difficult?



READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-16

4. Paul encourages Timothy not to be ashamed of the testimony about Jesus or of his imprisonment. What reasons does Paul provide to inspire boldness in sharing the Gospel?

5. Paul urges Timothy to hold onto sound teaching with faith and love in Christ. How can staying grounded in Scripture strengthen our confidence in sharing the Gospel with others?

Share your story

Sharing your personal story alongside the redemptive story is a powerful way to connect with others and point them to Christ. Your testimony shows how God’s plan of redemption—creation, the fall, salvation through Jesus, and restoration—has transformed your life. By sharing how you’ve experienced God’s grace, forgiveness, and hope, you make the Gospel personal and relatable, inviting others to see how it can impact their lives too.

One way to share your story of faith is through a 3-word testimony. This approach helps you shape your story by choosing three simple words to describe three key phases of your journey.

1. *The first word may describe your life before Jesus.*

2. *The second word describes how you came to faith in Jesus.*

3. *The third word describes the difference Jesus has made in your life.*

Whether you accepted Jesus as an adult or grew up in the church, there is no cookie-cutter story. Everyone has a unique testimony to share, and one that reveals the faithfulness of God. **Over this next week, work on your 3-word testimony and prepare to share this at your next group meeting.**



TESTIMONY
EXAMPLE

WEEK 8

BLESS



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
In John 9:1-23, Jesus heals a man born blind, and the Pharisees question both the miracle and the man's testimony. What does this story teach us about responding to skepticism and standing firm in sharing our own experiences of God's work in our lives?
- Share your 3-word testimonies.
- Recite **Romans 1:16** from memory.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** John 8:21-30
- **Day 2:** John 8:31-38
- **Day 3:** John 8:39-47
- **Day 4:** John 8:48-59
- **Day 5:** John 9:1-23

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

—ROMANS 1:16 ESV



GET STARTED

Jesus commands His disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations,” emphasizing the essential first step: going. This act of going involves stepping out of our comfort zones and intentionally sharing the Gospel with others. Before we can help someone grow in their faith or become a disciple, they must first hear the message of salvation. The going is where it all begins—meeting people where they are, sharing the love of Christ, and inviting them into a relationship with Him.

Without the willingness to go, the mission of making disciples stalls before it even starts. Going reflects obedience to Jesus' command and a heart that prioritizes the mission of Jesus. It's not just about physically going to far-off places; it's about going to your neighbor, coworker, or friend and introducing them to the hope found in Christ. Going first is an act of faith that opens the door for discipleship to follow, fulfilling Jesus' mission to bring His love and salvation to the world.

HOW DO WE GO?

God's way of reaching and restoring the world is through blessing.

“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

—GENESIS 12:2

God blessed Abraham in every way — spiritually, relationally, and even financially. But God didn't bless him just for His own benefit. He blessed him so that Abraham could ***be a blessing to others***. In the same way, God calls us to be a blessing, inviting us to take part in His mission. This means using the gifts, opportunities, and influence He has given us to share His love and truth with those around us.

The BLESS acronym is a simple and practical tool to help us become more intentional about being a “blessing” to the people God has placed in our lives. It's an everyday, actionable way to live out Jesus' call to “go.” BLESS is not a sales pitch or a quick method for making converts. Instead, it's a genuine way to love people, allowing them to experience not only our care but also the love of God.

BLESS consists of five missional practices that, when empowered by the Holy Spirit, allow you to actively participate in God's plan to reach the world. By committing to do one of these practices each day, you'll create space for God to work and witness Him move in powerful ways!

B ***Begin with prayer***

Blessing others starts with prayer. Prayer aligns our hearts with God's will and helps us see opportunities to serve and share His love. When we pray, we invite God to guide our interactions, soften our hearts, and work through us to make an eternal impact. Praying for someone by name is especially powerful because it not only brings their needs before God, but it also deepens our love and compassion for them. Through prayer, we become more aware of how God wants to use us to bless those around us.

L ***Listen***

We're called to be slow to speak and quick to listen. Listening is the key to understanding someone and what they're going through. Ask thoughtful questions and take the time to learn their story. Then, you'll be better equipped to pray for them and serve them in meaningful ways.

E ***Engage***

Engaging means intentionally investing time in someone to build and strengthen your relationship. This could be sharing a meal, a playdate for the kids, playing a round of golf, or enjoying a fun night out together.

S ***Serve***

By listening and engaging, people will reveal how they need to be loved, and you'll discover the best ways to serve them.

S ***Share***

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the Gospel and tell the story of how Jesus has transformed our lives. Over the past few weeks, you've been equipped to share both the redemptive story of Scripture and your own personal story of God's work in your life.



WHO DO I BLESS?

God sovereignly determines where and when people live, with the purpose of drawing them to Himself.

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us...”

—ACTS 17:26-27

It’s no accident that you live where you live, work where you work, or have the relationships you have. God has placed people in your life so you can love and serve them. So you can share the Gospel with them and help them grow as disciples.

In the busyness of life, we may notice neighbors, friends, or coworkers who don’t yet walk with the Lord, but we often miss opportunities to BLESS them. One simple way to stay intentional is by writing down their names and praying for ways to BLESS them. This keeps them at the forefront of our hearts and allows us to see how God is working in their lives. As we do, our faith grows, and our commitment to love them as God has called us to deepens.

Our hope is that, through these efforts, we will have the privilege of sharing the Gospel and seeing lives transformed by Christ. Those we BLESS and see come to faith can then be discipled, just as someone once invested in us.

In this guide, we refer to this group as your “BLESS30.” By identifying 30 people to intentionally bless, you’ll have one person to pray for each day of the month, ensuring a shift to live a lifestyle of “going.”

WHO SHOULD BE IN MY BLESS30?

- Anyone who is ***not a Christ-follower***.
- Anyone whose ***beliefs are not evident***.
- Anyone who ***claims to be a Christian and yet there is no visible fruit*** (words, actions, commitments).
- Anyone whom you have the ***opportunity for regular interaction with*** (local and available).

→ CREATE YOUR BLESS30

There are three main circles of relationships in your life — people you regularly interact with and have the opportunity to BLESS. Take the rest of the group meeting to write down as many names as you can of those who fit this description.

You can also write these names in your Evergreen Daily booklet to keep them easily accessible in your Bible. If filling out your BLESS30 feels challenging, don’t be discouraged! Pray that God will guide you to the right people and open opportunities for new relationships. By being intentional in these relationships, you’ll not only witness God transform lives but also experience transformation in your own life.

NOTES

Part 2
KNOWING GOD



PART 2

Knowing God & Your Identity in Christ

Part 2 of Evergreen takes you deeper into the heart of who God is and what it means to belong to Him. At its core, true discipleship flows from a growing, intimate relationship with Jesus, the One we follow. Together, we'll explore God's beautiful character and nature, discovering how truly knowing Him transforms the way we live, love, and lead.

Our view of God touches every part of our faith. Seeing Him as distant makes trust feel impossible. Believing He is harsh causes fear to overshadow freedom. But when we encounter His true nature—gracious, powerful, faithful, and good—everything begins to change. Discipleship isn't about collecting the right answers; it's about experiencing the living God in a real and profound way.

WEEK 9

The Trinity



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From your daily reading:**
How does Jesus' response to suffering and death—both with the blind man and with Lazarus—challenge our understanding of faith and God's timing?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Acts 1:8** from memory



GET STARTED

People often refer to God using different names, such as God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. These names represent three distinct persons, not just different titles for one person. God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit have eternally existed as three distinct persons, yet they are one God. This is known as the doctrine of the Trinity.

The Trinity is central to understanding who God is and how we can experience a life of joy in Him. More than an abstract concept, the Trinity is deeply relational and profoundly life-giving.



LET'S EXPLORE 3 BIBLICAL TRUTHS OF THE TRINITY

TRUTH 1:

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct persons

TRUTH 2:

Each Person is Fully God

The Father is a distinct Person and fully God, as shown in these verses:

- **Matthew 6:9:** “Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’” This verse emphasizes the distinct identity of the Father, who is addressed personally in prayer.
- **Isaiah 64:8:** “But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” This highlights the Father’s role as Creator and sovereign Lord, affirming His deity.
- How does understanding the Father as both distinct and fully God shape the way we trust Him in prayer and rely on His authority?

The Son is a distinct Person and fully God, as shown in these verses:

- **John 1:1-2:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The Word (Jesus) was in the beginning with God. He’s both distinct from God the Father and also fully divine.
- **Colossians 2:9:** “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.” This verse underscores that Jesus is fully God in every way. The “Incarnation” is the belief that God became human in Jesus Christ, to bring salvation to the world.
- How does recognizing Jesus as both distinct and fully God deepen our understanding of His role in salvation and His authority in our lives?

The Holy Spirit is a distinct Person and fully God, as shown in these verses:

- **John 14:26:** “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the name of Jesus, showing distinct roles and personhood.

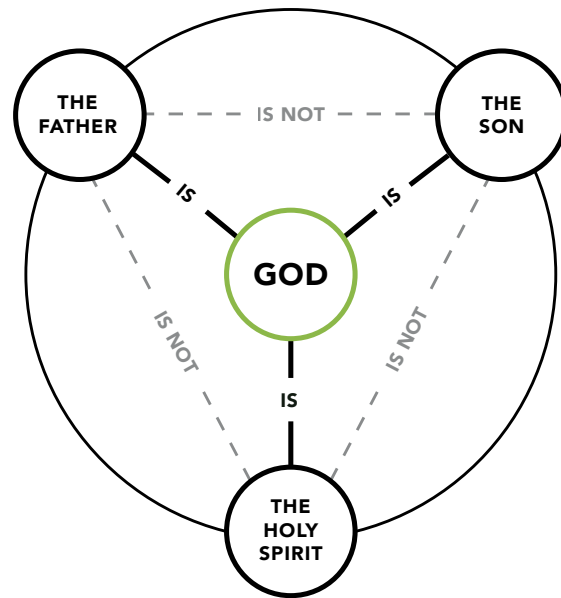
- **Acts 5:3-4:** “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ... You have not lied to man but to God.’” This passage identifies the Holy Spirit as God, equating lying to the Spirit with lying to God.
- How does understanding the Holy Spirit as both distinct and fully God influence how we rely on His guidance and presence in our daily lives?

All three persons are distinct and fully God, as shown in these verses:

- **Matthew 28:19:** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All three persons are named together, affirming their distinctiveness and unity in one God.
- **2 Corinthians 13:14:** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” Paul highlights the distinct roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in their relationship with believers.
- What does the unity and distinctiveness of the three persons of the Trinity teach us about God’s nature and His relationship with us?

ROLES OF THE FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT

- **The role of the Father:**
The Father holds supreme authority within the Trinity and is responsible for determining the grand purposes and plans that unfold in creation and redemption. He is the Source, the Sender, and the Planner of salvation. (See *Ephesians 1:3, 9-11*)
- **The Role of the Son (Jesus):**
The Son is under the Father’s authority and always seeks to do the Father’s will. Though fully God, the Son submits to the Father and aims to glorify Him in all that He does. The Son is the Means, the Sent One, and the Accomplisher of salvation. The Father sent the Son, and the Son came to save us. The Father planned salvation, and the Son completed it on the cross. (See *John 3:16-17; 8:28-29, 42*)
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:**
The Holy Spirit submits to both the Father and the Son. Just as the Son sought to glorify the Father in all He did, the Spirit seeks to glorify the Son, ultimately bringing praise to the Father. The Holy Spirit applies salvation to believers: the Father is the Source, the Son is the Means, and the Spirit is the Executor of salvation. He is the one who convicts, persuades, and transforms. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to live lives that honor and glorify Jesus. (See *John 16:14; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Philippians 2:11*)

**TRUTH 3:*****There is Only One God***

- **Deuteronomy 6:4:** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” This foundational verse affirms the oneness of God, central to both Old and New Testament teachings.
- **Isaiah 45:5:** “I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me.” God declares His exclusive divinity, underscoring that there is no other God.
- How does the truth that there is only one God impact our understanding of His supremacy and our worship of Him?

**APPLYING THE TRUTH OF THE TRINITY TO OUR LIVES**

1. God’s triune nature reveals that love is at the core of who He is, as the Father, Son, and Spirit have existed in eternal loving relationship. **How does understanding the eternal love within the Trinity encourage us to live in unity and love within our relationships?**
2. The Trinity inspires joy and worship, as believers are invited into the eternal delight and fellowship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **How can recognizing this joy help us approach worship?**
3. The Gospel is the work of the triune God: The Father sends, the Son redeems, and the Spirit seals and empowers believers. **How does the triune nature of God shape the way we share the Gospel and live out its message in our daily lives?**
4. The Trinity sets Christianity apart, revealing a God who is relational, self-giving, and completely unique in His nature and actions. **How does the relational and self-giving nature of the Trinity challenge us to live differently in our relationships and actions?**

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 11:17-27
- **Day 2:** John 11:28-37
- **Day 3:** John 11:38-44
- **Day 4:** John 11:45-57
- **Day 5:** John 12:1-11

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

—2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 ESV

WEEK 10**Father****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week’s reading:**
How does the story of Mary anointing Jesus’ feet invite us to worship and surrender Him?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **2 Corinthians 13:14** from memory.

**GET STARTED**

The Father holds supreme authority within the Trinity and is responsible for establishing the grand purposes and plans that unfold throughout creation and redemption.

While creation and redemption are works of all three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), it is right to refer to the Father as the architect. The Father creates the world through His Word (the Son) by His Spirit. Likewise, the Father redeems His people through His Son by His Spirit.

In this study, we’ll look more closely at the role of the Father.



READ **GENESIS 1:1; PSALM 19:1; ISAIAH 45:12; JAMES 1:17**

1. What does the Father's role as Creator reveal about His power, character, and nature?

2. How does recognizing God as the Creator influence the way we see ourselves and the world around us (ex. Understanding right vs wrong, the value of human life, the hope for the future)?



READ **JOHN 1:3 & COLOSSIANS 1:16**

3. What does the Father's collaboration with the Son in creation teach us about His love and purpose in bringing everything into existence?

4. God is the Creator of all good things. What are some things in creation that you personally enjoy, and how do they reflect His goodness?



READ **JOHN 3:16 & EPHESIANS 1:4-10**

5. What role did God play in redemption?

6. What was His motivation and purpose in carrying out His plan?

7. What other qualities, beyond the Father's love, does His plan reveal about Him?

THE AUTHORITY OF THE FATHER

The Father and the Son are equal and fully God, yet the Father holds eternal authority over the Son. Paul explains that even after the final judgment, when all things are defeated and placed under Jesus' feet, "*then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*" (1 Corinthians 15:28).

8. If the Father's authority over the Son is eternal, what does that teach us about God's authority over our lives, and how should we respond to it?

9. In John 4:34, Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me." How does His example of submission to the Father's authority inform, encourage, or challenge your own willingness to submit to God?

10. What is one command or area of your life that you need to submit to God?

What steps can you take this week to make this happen?



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** *John 12:12-19* • **Day 2:** *John 12:20-26* • **Day 3:** *John 12:27-36*
- **Day 4:** *John 12:37-43* • **Day 5:** *John 12:44-50*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

—1 JOHN 3:1 ESV

WEEK 11
Son



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
What does Jesus' statement in John 12:25-26 *'Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.'*— reveal about the cost of discipleship, and how does this challenge our priorities in daily living?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 John 3:1** from memory.



GET STARTED

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus is often referred to as the Son of God. This title is sometimes misunderstood, especially when considering Jesus' divine nature as the second person of the Trinity. It's important to clarify that Jesus is not a son in the sense of a human father-son relationship—Jesus is not the offspring of God. Instead, Jesus is called the Son of God because He is God Himself made manifest in human form. As John writes:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." – John 1:1, 14 (ESV)

The Father sent Jesus into the world for a profound purpose: to save the world from sin.

In this study, we'll explore how Jesus is both our Lord and Savior.



READ JOHN 3:16-18 & JOHN 14:6

1. What do these verses tell us about Jesus' role in the Father's plan of salvation?
2. Jesus didn't come to condemn the world because it was already condemned. Why do you think people struggle to accept that, apart from Jesus, they are lost and deserving of judgment?
3. Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." How does recognizing Him as the only truth shape our beliefs? And what does it mean for Him to be the only source of true life?
4. How can daily remembering God's love and the gift of eternal life through Jesus shape your attitude, decisions, and interactions with others?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

WEEK 12

Holy Spirit

**LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
What does it mean to love others "as Jesus loved us"? How does His washing the disciples' feet or forgiving Judas and Peter illustrate this?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **John 14:6** from memory.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 13:1-11
- **Day 2:** John 13:12-20
- **Day 3:** John 13:21-30
- **Day 4:** John 13:31-35
- **Day 5:** John 13:36-38

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

—JOHN 14:6 ESV

**GET STARTED**

It may be difficult to think of the Holy Spirit as a person rather than simply as a presence or force. In this study, you will see the Biblical evidence revealing that the Holy Spirit is a real person who loves and cares for you.

You will also discover why He came and how He can make a difference in your life. He is not an impersonal force but a person equal in every way with the Father and the Son. All the divine attributes ascribed to the Father and the Son are equally ascribed to the Holy Spirit.



EXPLORE THESE TRUTHS AND RESPOND

The personhood of God the Holy Spirit can be attested through His moral characteristics as well as His personal actions. The Holy Spirit is intelligent, has a mind, and comprehends (1 Corinthians 2:11; John 14:26; Romans 8:27). The will of the Holy Spirit is clearly revealed in that He apportions spiritual gifts to believers (1 Corinthians 12:11).

1. What evidence do you see in **Romans 15:30** and **Ephesians 4:30** that the Holy Spirit experiences emotions?

How does this shape your understanding of His role in our lives?

2. What do these verses tell us about the **Nature** of the Holy Spirit:

- *Isaiah 11:2* —
- *Acts 5:3-4* —
- *John 6:63* —
- *2 Corinthians 3:17* —

3. What do these verses reveal about the role and work of the Holy Spirit?

- *John 14:16, 26* —
- *John 16:8-11* —
- *Titus 3:5* —
- *Galatians 5:16* —
- *Romans 8:11* —
- *Acts 1:8* —
- *Romans 8:26* —

The moment you put your faith in Jesus, you receive the Holy Spirit.

As a result, you have the potential to live a life of obedience characterized by victory over sin and witness in the power of the Holy Spirit. This potential is released by faith as you surrender control of your life to Him. Various fillings and blessings by the Holy Spirit may occur throughout your Christian life to empower you for Christ-exalting opportunities.

4. When you became a Christian, the Holy Spirit did several things for you. What are they?

- *1 Corinthians 3:16* —
- *Ephesians 4:30* —
- *1 Corinthians 12:13* —
- *2 Corinthians 5:5* —



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

5. How does understanding who the Holy Spirit is encourage and empower you?

6. What does it look like to surrender daily to the leadership of the Holy Spirit?

7. Is there an area of your life where you need to give the Holy Spirit more control? What practical steps can you take this week to trust Him more fully?



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** *John 14:1-14* • **Day 2:** *John 14:15-31* • **Day 3:** *John 15:1-11*
- **Day 4:** *John 15:12-17* • **Day 5:** *John 15:18-25*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

—JOHN 14:26 ESV

WEEK 13

Attributes



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
Why would Jesus say it is better for Him to leave so that the Holy Spirit could come? How does this challenge the way we rely on God's presence in our lives today?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **John 14:26** from memory.



GET STARTED

God is unlike anything or anyone we could ever know or imagine. He is one of a kind, unique, and without comparison. Even describing Him with mere words truly falls short of capturing who He is.

While fully comprehending all facets of God's nature is impossible for us as limited beings, God does make Himself known in a variety of ways. Through what He reveals about Himself in His Word and through His creation, we can begin to wrap our minds around our awesome God.

In this study, we'll explore more of who God is. Knowing God is our greatest pursuit and the greatest gift we could be given.



READ ISAIAH 40:12-28

Israel was in exile, and they lost all hope. Their all-powerful God had allowed them to be conquered and didn't intervene on their behalf. Isaiah addresses their doubt and hopelessness by telling them that God is even bigger and more powerful than they could imagine.

1. How can these verses shape our trust in God during difficult times?
2. Why do you think God challenges us to compare Him to counselors, nations, idols, princes and rulers?
3. If God is both infinitely powerful and deeply caring, why do we still struggle to trust Him?

WEEK 14

Love



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
How does Jesus' description of the Holy Spirit as the "Advocate" or "Spirit of truth" (John 15:26; 16:7-13) shape our understanding of His guidance in our lives today?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 Chronicles 29:11** from memory.



GET STARTED

Everyone wants to be loved, but human love isn't always dependable or consistent. Even the most stable relationships change over time. Thankfully, we have a God that not only loves us, but His love is steadfast and true.

In this study, we will look at the quality of God's love.



READ 1 JOHN 4:7-10

Propitiation means "averting the wrath of God by the offering of a gift." God's wrath was turned away as the just judgment of our sin by God's own provision of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

1. How has God demonstrated His love for us? What does it mean that God is love?
2. Is it possible for God to do anything that is not loving? Why or why not?
3. How does God's love and justice work together?
4. God's love is not based on our love for Him, but on His initiative to love us first. How does this change the way we think about both God's love for us and how we love others?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

WEEK 15

Holy**LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
Jesus prays for His disciples to be set apart for God's mission, yet Peter, in a moment of fear, distances himself from Jesus. How do fear and the pressures of the world tempt us to deny or distance ourselves from Jesus in our own lives?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 John 4:7** from memory.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 17:6-19
- **Day 2:** John 17:20-26
- **Day 3:** John 18:1-11
- **Day 4:** John 18:12-18
- **Day 5:** John 18:19-27

**GET STARTED**

The word "holy" means "set apart" and speaks to God's absolute uniqueness—there is no one like Him. Only when we encounter God in His holiness can we truly see ourselves as we are.

In this study, we'll explore how a disciple's daily life is shaped by a clear vision of our holy God. Recognizing His holiness not only deepens our reverence for Him but also calls us to live differently. When we grasp who God truly is, it transforms the way we worship, obey, and reflect His character in the world.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."

—1 JOHN 4:7 ESV

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READ ISAIAH 6:1-8

Seraphim are heavenly angels who serve in the immediate presence of God, described as having six wings, each with a distinct purpose. With one pair, they cover their faces, expressing reverence for God's holiness, as no one can look upon His face and live. Another pair covers their feet, symbolizing humility as created beings before the Almighty. The final set is used for flight, enabling them to carry out their divine mission in His presence. Their very posture reflects worship, humility, and obedience before a holy God.

1. Isaiah sees the Lord *"high and exalted"* as the seraphim proclaim, *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty."* How does this vision deepen our understanding of God's holiness, and what impact should it have on how we approach Him?
2. Isaiah's immediate response to God's holiness is a deep awareness of his own sin (v. 5). Why does encountering God's holiness so clearly reveal our own sinfulness?

3. What influences or habits in our lives can dull our spiritual sensitivity and harden our hearts, making us more tolerant or complacent toward sin?

On the other hand, what practices help keep our hearts soft and our spirits sensitive to sin?

4. After Isaiah confesses his sin, God purifies him and removes his guilt. How does experiencing God's holiness lead not only to conviction but also to transformation?

How should we respond when we become aware of our sin?

5. God's holiness doesn't just call Isaiah to repentance—it commissions him for service. How does understanding God's holiness motivate us to live differently?



READ 1 PETER 1:15-16

6. Peter calls believers to be holy because God is holy. In a world that defines morality and goodness by shifting cultural standards, how does following His standard set us apart?
7. Holiness is not just about avoiding sin or following rules, but about being set apart for God for His purposes. How does this perspective change the way we think about our actions, attitudes, and priorities?

Holiness is not something we achieve on our own—it is the result of God's grace at work in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit transforms our hearts and minds, shaping us into the image of Christ, our holiness becomes a response to His presence rather than a product of our own effort.

8. Some people misinterpret God's grace as permission to live however they want, assuming that since they are forgiven, holiness is optional. How does a true understanding of God's grace lead us to pursue holiness rather than ignore it?
9. This week, what specific steps can you take to actively pursue holiness while depending on God's grace rather than striving in our own strength?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

WEEK 16**Mercy & Grace****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
Pilate asks Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:38), yet he doesn't wait for an answer. How does Pilate's response reflect how many people approach truth today, and how can we confidently stand for God's truth in a world that questions it?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Psalm 99:5** from memory.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 18:28-32 • **Day 2:** John 18:33-40 • **Day 3:** John 19:1-11
- **Day 4:** John 19:12-16 • **Day 5:** John 19:17-27

**GET STARTED**

The words "mercy" and "grace" both reflect God's deep love for us, but they have distinct meanings. Mercy is not receiving the punishment we deserve, while grace is receiving blessings we could never earn.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!"

—PSALM 99:5 ESV

In this study, we will explore how God has poured out both His mercy and grace, giving us the incredible gift of forgiveness, redemption, and new life in Him.

**READ ROMANS 6:23**

1. This verse contrasts the “wages of sin” with the “gift of God.” What does it reveal about the difference between what we earn through sin and what God freely offers through Jesus?

2. Why do many people struggle to accept that that the “wages of sin” is death?

3. If eternal life is a gift from God rather than something we earn, how does this change the way we view our relationship with Him and our motivation for obedience?

**READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

4. According to verses 1-3, what was true of us before we became followers of Jesus? How does this help us understand our need for salvation?

5. After receiving God’s mercy and grace, what is now true of us according to verses 5-6? How does this transformation impact the way we live?

6. Since we were dead in our sins but made alive in Christ, what does this reveal about God’s role in our salvation?

7. Paul emphasizes that we are not saved by works (v. 9), yet in verse 10, he says we were created to do good works. How do these truths work together rather than contradict each other?

WEEK 17

Comfort



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:** Jesus' final words on the cross were, "It is finished". What do these words mean for our salvation, and how should they shape the way we live our faith?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Ephesians 2:8-9** from memory.



GET STARTED

Life is hard. We suffer, face discouragement, and struggle with sin. Pain can break our hearts, wound our spirits, and leave us feeling lost and afraid. In our longing for comfort, we often search for it wherever we can. But thankfully, we have the God of all comfort. When we seek Him, we find a comfort that is unfailing and eternal.

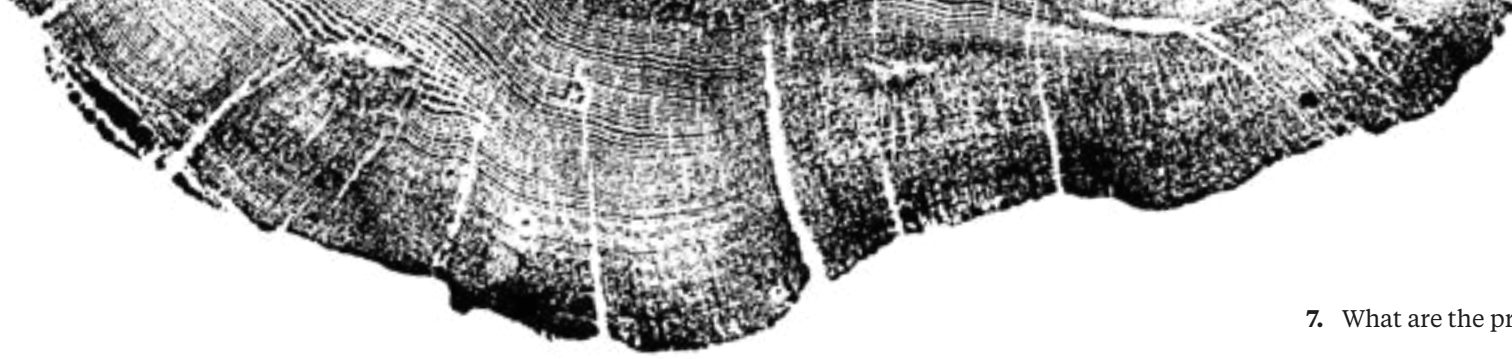


READ 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11 & JOHN 16:33

1. We know that trials and hardships are a part of life, yet they often catch us off guard. Why do you think we struggle to expect affliction?

In what ways do we seek comfort apart from God?

2. The Bible describes God as the "Father of mercies and the God of all comfort." How have you experienced His comfort in difficult seasons? (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
3. Paul writes that suffering has a purpose—it teaches us to rely on God rather than ourselves. What are some practical ways to trust Him more during trials? (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)



4. Paul emphasizes the power of prayer in times of trouble. Why is interceding for one another so important? (2 Corinthians 1:10-11)
5. In John 16:33, Jesus assures us that we will face trouble but also promises His peace. How does knowing that Jesus has overcome the world change the way we approach challenges?
6. Both passages highlight the reality of suffering, but also the hope we have in Christ. How can we maintain faith and courage when life feels overwhelming?
7. What are the promises that God give us from these passages:
 - *Psalm 34:18* —
 - *Isaiah 41:10* —
 - *Romans 5:3-5* —
 - *Romans 8:28* —
 - *Hebrews 4:15* —
 - *Revelation 21:4* —
8. How does knowing God and trusting in His promises bring you comfort and peace?
9. Why is it often more impactful to receive comfort from someone who has walked through a similar situation?
10. Is there someone in your life currently facing a difficult season? How can you intentionally offer them comfort and support this week?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** John 20:19-23 • **Day 2:** John 20:24-31 • **Day 3:** John 21:1-14
- **Day 4:** John 21:15-19 • **Day 5:** John 21:20-25

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

—2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4 ESV

Part 3

WHO I AM IN CHRIST



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Part 3 of Evergreen invites you to explore your identity in Christ as a new creation, fully transformed by His redemptive love. You are no longer defined by past mistakes or shame. Instead, you are clothed in His righteousness and called to live out His purpose. Through Scripture, you'll discover that being in Christ means you are completely forgiven, adopted as God's child, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Your identity is not based on what you do, but on what Christ has already done for you. As you embrace this truth, you'll grow in confidence to live boldly, love generously, and lead faithfully—secure in the unchanging reality of who God says you are.

WEEK 18

Justified



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the Gospel of John?
- **From last week's reading:**
Jesus restores Peter by asking three times, "Do you love me?" and then commissions him to "Feed my sheep." What does this passage teach us about Jesus' grace after failure, and how does it challenge us to extend grace to others?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **2 Corinthians 1:3-4** from memory.



GET STARTED

The Gospel offers the incredible promise of forgiveness and the assurance of an eternal relationship with God. Through faith in Jesus, we step into this relationship and begin to experience a depth of grace and blessing beyond what we ever imagined.

In this study, we will explore the life-changing reality of justification—what God accomplished for you through the cross.



READ ROMANS 5:1-5

In justification, God pardons the sinner completely, counting them as righteous in His sight. This is an immediate and decisive legal declaration that happens the moment a person places their trust in Jesus Christ (*Romans 3:21-26; 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21*).

1. Before we were justified, what was our relationship with God like?

What does it mean to have peace with God, and how does that benefit our daily lives? (v.1)

2. Paul says we now stand on grace—what were we standing on before? How does standing on grace change the way we relate to God and others? (v.2)

3. How does the promise of eternity give us hope for today?

In the midst of daily life, how often do you reflect on the hope of eternity? How might doing so transform your perspective? (v. 2)

4. How does peace with God and hope for eternity give us the endurance to face challenges?

Can you share a time when God used suffering to build perseverance, character, and hope in your life? (v.3-4)

5. How does receiving the Holy Spirit at the moment of justification transform our relationship with God and the way we live our daily lives?



READ **ROMANS 5:1-5**

6. Jesus willingly gave His life for us not when we had it all together, but while we were still lost in sin. His love is unconditional, sacrificial, and undeserved. (v.6-8) How does recognizing that Christ loved and died for you at your worst deepen your gratitude and response to Him?
7. Through Christ's blood, we are justified—declared righteous before God. Through His resurrected life, we are saved—continually transformed and secured for eternity. (v.9-10) How does understanding the difference between justification and salvation strengthen your confidence in your relationship with God?
8. Paul reminds us that we can rejoice because we have been reconciled to God. How does this truth shape the way we approach worship, prayer, and our relationships with others?
9. Since justification is a legal declaration by God and not based on our own efforts, it cannot be lost. (v.1,9) How does knowing that your justification is secure in Christ bring you assurance and confidence in your faith?
- How does this truth impact the way you respond to sin and struggles in your life?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 1:1-5
- **Day 2:** Acts 1:6-11
- **Day 3:** Acts 1:12-26
- **Day 4:** Acts 2:1-13
- **Day 5:** Acts 2:14-41

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

—ROMANS 5:1 ESV

WEEK 19**Sanctified****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in Acts?
- **From last week’s reading:**
Jesus tells His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. How does this instruction challenge our tendency to act in our own strength? How can we practice waiting on the Lord in our daily lives?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Romans 5:1** from memory.

**GET STARTED**

The moment we place our faith in Jesus, we are justified—declared righteous by God. However, this doesn’t mean we become perfect; sin is still present in our lives. While perfection is impossible, God calls us to grow in Christlikeness. This ongoing transformation is called sanctification, which means being made holy or set apart.

In this study, you’ll explore how God is continually at work, shaping you to become more like Jesus.



READ **HEBREWS 10:10, ROMANS 8:29 & 15:16**

1. How do these verses help us understand the difference between being made holy through Christ's sacrifice and being transformed into His image over time?
2. The Holy Spirit is the one who sanctifies us, setting us apart for God's purposes. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life—convicting, transforming, and guiding you to become more like Christ?

Three stages of sanctification

Stage 1: The moment you placed your faith in God, He broke sin's hold over your life, freeing you from its control.

Read: 1 John 3:9; Romans 6:11, 14

- When you put your faith in Jesus, did you sense a clear break from the ruling power of sin in your life? What are some things you used to delight in which no longer interest you?
- In Christ, you are declared dead to sin and have been given victory over sin. How can this truth help you in specific areas of your life where you still need to grow in sanctification (becoming like Jesus)?

Stage 2: God is continually working in you, shaping and transforming you to become more like Jesus.

Read: Romans 6:12-13; 2 Corinthians 3:18

- How would it affect your life if you thought more about the fact that the Holy Spirit is continually at work in you to increase your sanctification (becoming like Jesus)?

In what ways have you seen God grow you into Christlikeness?

Stage 3: Sanctification will be fully complete when you enter God's presence at death and ultimately at Christ's return.

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:23

- Our sanctification will not be fully complete in this life. However, it will be perfected when we die—our souls made completely holy (*Hebrews 12:23; Revelation 21:27*)—and ultimately fulfilled when Christ returns, as our bodies are resurrected and fully sanctified (*Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:23, 49*). How does knowing this promise encourage and empower you?



READ GALATIANS 5:16-26

- How do these verses describe the tension between walking by the Spirit and the desires of the flesh?

What are some specific challenges you face in choosing to walk by the Spirit versus by the flesh?

- Paul commands believers to walk by the Spirit, live by the Spirit, and keep in step with the Spirit (*Galatians 5:16, 25*), emphasizing a daily dependence on the Holy Spirit to resist the desires of the flesh and align our lives with God's will. What are some practical ways you can actively keep in step with the Spirit in your daily decisions, relationships, and challenges?



READ JOHN 7:17

- What does Jesus identify as the primary means of our sanctification, and why is it essential in our spiritual growth?

- How does knowing that God sanctifies us through His Word shape your approach to studying, applying, and treasuring Scripture in your daily life?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

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- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 2:42-47
- **Day 2:** Acts 3:1-10
- **Day 3:** Acts 3:11-26
- **Day 4:** Acts 4:1-22
- **Day 5:** Acts 4:23-31

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

—2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 ESV

WEEK 20**Identity****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in Acts?
- **From last week’s reading:**
The early believers devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. How can we model this kind of devotion with other believers today? What are some obstacles that prevent us from living this way?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **2 Corinthians 3:18** from memory.

**GET STARTED**

If I were to ask you, “Who are you?” how would you respond? Would you share your name, age, job, hobbies, or relationship status? While these details may describe aspects of your life, they aren’t permanent. What defines you today might change in the years to come. Understanding personal identity is crucial because it shapes how we see ourselves, how we navigate life, how we handle challenges, and even the relationships we build. It goes beyond external labels, influencing our sense of worth, purpose, and direction.

If you’re a follower of Jesus Christ, you have been given a new identity. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

In this study, you will learn about your new identity in Christ and how to live into it.



READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES AND RESPOND

Before we can fully understand our identity in Christ, we must first recognize what our identity looks like without Him. Read the following verses and take note of how life without Christ is described.

- *Read Ephesians 2:1-3*
Life without Christ is described as:
- *Read Romans 3:10-12*
Life without Christ is described as:
- *Read John 3:18*
Life without Christ is described as:
- *Read Titus 3:2*
Life without Christ is described as:

Write the words that describe a future **apart** from Christ:

- *Romans 2:8-9* —
- *Romans 6:23* —
- *2 Thessalonians 1:8-10* —

Knowing the truth about a life apart from Him should stir our hearts with compassion and a desire to share His love and salvation with those who have yet to know Him. How does understanding the reality of life **without** Christ deepen your sense of urgency for your BLESS30?

1. ***Identity in Christ: These statements are true of you!***

- *In Christ, I am accepted...*
- *I am God's child* – John 1:12
- *I am a friend of Jesus Christ* – John 15:15
- *I have been justified* – Romans 5:1
- *I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit* – 1 Corinthians 6:17
- *I have been bought with a price, and I belong to God* – 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- *I am a member of Christ's body* – 1 Corinthians 12:27
- *I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child* – Eph. 1:3-8
- *I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins* – Colossians 1:13-14
- *I am complete in Christ* – Colossians 2:9-10
- *I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ* – Hebrews 4:14-16

Which of these truths do you find most incredible? Are there any that you find challenging to fully grasp or accept?

2. In Christ, I am secure...

- *I am free from condemnation* – Romans 8:1-2
- *I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances* – Romans 8:28
- *I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God* – Romans 8:31-39
- *I have been established, anointed and sealed by God* – 2 Cor. 1:21-22
- *I am hidden with Christ in God* – Colossians 3:1-4
- *I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me* – Philippians 1:6
- *I am a citizen of heaven* – Philippians 3:20
- *I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind* – 2 Timothy 1:7
- *I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me* – 1 John 5:18

Which of these truths do you find most incredible? Are there any that you find challenging to fully grasp or accept?

3. In Christ, I am significant...

- *I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life* – John 15:5
- *I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit* – John 15:16
- *I am God's temple* – 1 Corinthians 3:16
- *I am a minister of reconciliation for God* – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- *I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm* – Ephesians 2:6
- *I am God's workmanship* – Ephesians 2:10
- *I may approach God with freedom and confidence* – Ephesians 3:12
- *I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me* – Phil. 4:13

Which of these truths do you find most incredible? Are there any that you find challenging to fully grasp or accept?

Knowing your identity in Christ is one thing but living it out is another. It requires daily renewal, intentional choices, and the courage to walk in the truth of who God says you are, rather than being shaped by the world.

WEEK 21

Blessed



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in Acts?
- **From last week's reading:**
What do we learn from Ananias and Sapphira about honesty before God? How does this passage challenge our attitudes toward giving and accountability in our faith community?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 Corinthians 5:17** from memory.



GET STARTED

We've all heard someone say, "I've been blessed by God." To be blessed means to receive God's favor or a gift from Him. Often, we associate blessings with success, health, family, wealth, or career achievements. But is God's blessing limited to material things? While these can be included, defining His blessing primarily in material terms greatly narrows our understanding of how He truly blesses His people.

In this study, you will discover that when you put your faith in Jesus, God immediately blessed you "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." These are blessings that can never rust, fade, or be lost.



READ EPHESIANS 1:1-14

The blessings of God—such as salvation, transformation, and eternal life—are only available to those who are in Christ. Apart from Him, these gifts cannot be received. A person becomes “in Christ” by repenting of their sin and placing their faith in Jesus.

Five spiritual blessings that are yours in Christ

1. God Sees You As Perfect (*Ephesians 1:4 – Holy and Blameless*)

- How can God see us as holy, accepted, and without blame when we still struggle with sin?
- How does knowing that God sees you as holy, accepted, and blameless in Christ inspire you to live into this truth in your daily life?

2. God Has Adopted You as His Child (*Ephesians 1:5*)

- What are the benefits of adoption, both physically and spiritually? How does being adopted by God shape your identity?
- How does knowing you were chosen before the foundation of the world help you navigate past mistakes and give you hope for the future?

3. God Has Redeemed You (*Ephesians 1:7*)

- What has Jesus redeemed you from? Does redemption cost us anything? What did it cost Jesus?

4. God Has Included You in His Redemptive Story (*Ephesians 1:8-10*)

- What is God's ultimate plan as described in these verses?
- What does it mean that Jesus will "unite all things" in heaven and on earth?

5. God Has Given You a Guarantee of Your Future (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

- How can you be confident in your future in Christ?
- What are the signs of the Holy Spirit's work in your life?
- How does having a guaranteed future in Christ empower you and bring freedom?



READ EPHESIANS 1:15-23

- 6.** Paul concludes this section by sharing his prayer for the Ephesians. What specific things does he pray for, and why are they significant for their spiritual growth?

- 7.** How does knowing that you already have every spiritual blessing in Christ shape your daily life?

What practical steps can you take this week to keep these blessings at the forefront of your mind?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 6:8-15
- **Day 2:** Acts 7:1-16
- **Day 3:** Acts 7:17-34
- **Day 4:** Acts 7:35-50
- **Day 5:** Acts 7:51-60

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.”

—EPHESIANS 1:3 ESV

WEEK 22

Empowered**LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in Acts?
- **From last week's reading:**
Stephen recounts Israel's history to show how God has always been at work. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen our trust in Him today?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Ephesians 1:3** from memory.

**GET STARTED**

God the Holy Spirit dwells within believers empowering them to live life to the fullest. Just as a lightbulb cannot shine without power, we cannot truly live as disciples without the Holy Spirit. It is through His power that we are equipped to obey God and live in a way that brings Him glory.

In this study, we will discover six practical ways to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in our daily lives.



EXPLORE THESE TRUTHS AND RESPOND

1. **Led to live out Freedom.** *Read Romans 7:21-8:4*

- Paul describes a struggle between wanting to do good and being enslaved to sin. How have you experienced this struggle in your own life, and how does recognizing it help you rely more on the Holy Spirit?
- There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. How does this truth, along with the power of the Holy Spirit, change the way we live and respond to sin?

2. **Led to a Renewed Mind.** *Read Romans 8:5-8*

- What does it mean to live by the flesh versus living by the Spirit?
- Practically, what steps can you take each day to set your mind on the Spirit and follow His leading?

3. **Led to put sin to death in our lives.** *Read Romans 8:9-13*

- What is true of you if you've put your faith in Jesus?
- What does the Holy Spirit enable us to do regarding sin?

4. **Led to Understand our Identity in Christ.** *Read Romans 8:14-17*

- The Holy Spirit leads us out of a place of slavery and fear and into a place of adoption and acceptance. He helps us to cry out to God as Father. He testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. Why are these truths significant? Why do we need to be daily reminded of them?

5. **Led to Hope.** *Read Romans 8:18-25*

- Paul says that our present sufferings are nothing compared to the glory that will be revealed. How does this perspective help you endure hardships?

6. **Led in Prayer.** Read Romans 8:26-28

- Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we don't know what to pray. How have you experienced the Spirit's guidance in prayer?

Look back at each of the ways to be led by the Holy Spirit.

- Which of the six do think you need to grow in the most?
- How can you encourage one another this week to be led by the Spirit?



RESPOND IN PRAYER

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- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Acts 8:1-8
- **Day 2:** Acts 8:9-25
- **Day 3:** Acts 8:26-40
- **Day 4:** Acts 9:1-19
- **Day 5:** Acts 9:20-31

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

—ACTS 1:8 ESV

WEEK 23

Assurance



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in Acts?
- **From last week's reading:**
How does Saul's dramatic transformation from persecutor to apostle reveal God's power to redeem and repurpose even those who seem farthest from Him? How does Ananias' obedience, despite his fears, challenge us to trust God when reaching out to difficult or intimidating people in our own lives?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Acts 1:8** from memory.



GET STARTED

The Apostle John recorded this truth: "But to all who did receive him, who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God..." -John 1:12

If you have received Jesus Christ - trusted Him as your Lord and Savior — you have become a child of God in whom the Holy Spirit dwells. Too often people make the mistake of measuring the assurance they have in the Lord by their feelings or performance, instead of the work of Jesus on their behalf. As a child of God, you have been born into His family. This means you can have complete assurance that Jesus has saved you, will answer your prayers, will give you victory over temptation, will forgive you, and will guide you every day of your life.

In this study, you will learn the assurances that are yours in Christ.



READ MATTHEW 4:1-11

- In what three ways was Jesus tempted? How did Jesus defeat each of these temptations?

Before you trusted Jesus as your Savior, Satan may not have paid much attention to you. But now that you belong to Christ and have stepped out of his domain, you can be certain he will try to attack. One of his primary tactics is temptation, planting doubt and challenging the assurances we have in Christ.

We can be assured of the following five truths:**1. *The assurance of salvation:*** Read 1 John 5:11-12 & John 10:28-29

- How does John's statement that "whoever has the Son has life" provide confidence in our relationship with God?
- How does Jesus' assurance that "no one can snatch them from my hand," coupled with the Father's supreme power, bring us comfort or challenge us as we navigate doubts and external pressures that test our faith?

2. The assurance of answered prayer: Read 1 John 5:14-15

- How does the promise that God hears us when we pray shape the way we approach prayer, especially when our requests seem unanswered or unclear?
- What does it mean practically to ask “according to His will,” and how might this encourage us to deepen our understanding of God’s desires as we bring our needs before Him?

3. The assurance of victory over temptation: Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

- How would you define temptation, and what does it mean to you that the temptations you encounter aren’t unique to just you but are common to everyone?
- How does this promise strengthen our trust in Him when we face difficult trials or temptations?

- What does this verse suggest about the balance between relying on God’s provision and taking action ourselves to resist temptation?

- How can we recognize the “way out” He offers in practical situations?

4. The assurance of forgiveness: Read 1 John 1:9

- How does the promise that God will forgive and purify us when we confess our sins encourage you to be honest with Him about your struggles?

- What does this verse reveal about God’s character in response to our confession?

5. **The assurance of guidance:** Read Proverbs 3:5-6

- How does trusting in the Lord with all your heart, rather than leaning on your own understanding, challenge or comfort you when facing decisions or situations where the path ahead isn't clear?
- What does it look like in your daily life to acknowledge God in all your ways, and how have you seen Him make your paths straight as a result of that surrender?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

- How can knowing God's promises give you confidence in your daily decisions and fuel your spiritual growth?
- Which of God's assurances do you find hardest to fully embrace?
- How might deepening your grasp of these truths strengthen your faith in daily life?



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Acts 9:32-43
- **Day 2:** Acts 10:1-8
- **Day 3:** Acts 10:9-33
- **Day 4:** Acts 10:34-43
- **Day 5:** Acts 10:44-48

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

—JOHN 10:10 ESV

WEEK 24

Ambassador



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in Acts?
- **From last week's reading:**
What does Cornelius' immediate obedience to God's vision reveal about his heart? How can his example of seeking God challenge or inspire you to respond to God's leading?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **John 10:10** from memory.



GET STARTED

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be His ambassadors—representatives who embody His character and proclaim His message to the world.

An ambassador doesn't act on their own agenda but carries the authority and heart of the one they serve, just as a disciple follows and reflects their Master. Scripture shows Jesus as God's perfect ambassador, living out the Father's will, and He invites us into this same mission as an expression of our discipleship.

In this study, you'll discover how being an ambassador reflects being a disciple, shaping your life and interactions as you grow in faith and obedience to Him.



READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

1. How does becoming a "new creation" in Christ change the way you see yourself and your purpose in life?
2. What does it mean to you that God has given us the "ministry of reconciliation," and how can you live this out in your relationships or community?
3. As an ambassador for Christ, pleading on His behalf for others to be reconciled to God, what challenges or opportunities do you face, and how does Jesus' sacrifice (v. 21) inspire you in this role?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 11:1-18
- **Day 2:** Acts 11:19-30
- **Day 3:** Acts 12:1-19
- **Day 4:** Acts 12:20-25
- **Day 5:** Acts 13:1-12

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

—2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 ESV

Part 4

WALKING WITH GOD & OTHERS

WEEK 25

Faith



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
Acts 12:1–24 describes both the persecution of the early church (e.g., James' martyrdom and Peter's imprisonment) and God's miraculous intervention (e.g., Peter's escape). These contrasting events highlight the mystery of God's sovereignty, where He sometimes delivers His people and sometimes allows suffering. How can encountering these dynamics in our own lives both challenge our trust in God and deepen our faith in His greater plan?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **2 Corinthians 5:20** from memory



GET STARTED

Faith is essential to your relationship with God. As you explore God's Word, you will discover numerous examples highlighting the importance of faith. Jesus consistently encouraged faith, praising it when he witnessed great examples of it, while at times expressing frustration when it was lacking.

- *"Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith...Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." –Matthew 8:10,13*
- *"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." –Matthew 15:28*
- *"O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you?" –Mark 9:19*

PART 4

Walking with God & Others

Part 4 of Evergreen focuses on walking with God — cultivating a close, vibrant relationship rooted in trust, obedience, and abiding in Him through daily prayer, worship, and time in Scripture. It means aligning your heart with God's will and learning to rely on His guidance moment by moment. As Jesus reminded us, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

God designed us for community. Walking alongside others in faith shapes us to become more like Christ. Through fellowship, we find accountability, encouragement, and support that strengthen our faith (Proverbs 27:17). In community we practice love, forgiveness, and service — just as Jesus did. As we share our struggles and joys, we bear one another's burdens, grow in humility, and reflect the heart of Christ together.

In this study, you will discover what God's Word teaches about the significance of faith in Jesus.



READ HEBREWS 11:1

1. What does it mean in practical terms to live with the “assurance of things hoped for” and the “conviction of things not seen?”

2. How does the faith described here differ from blind faith?

3. We practice faith daily, often without realizing it. For example, we trust a chair to support us, expect a driver to stop at a red light, or rely on a friend to keep a promise. Why, then, is it often more challenging to apply this same level of faith in God?



READ HEBREWS 11:2-6

4. God commended those who lived by faith, such as Abel and Enoch, whose trust in Him inspired actions that pleased Him. How does your faith appear in your daily choices and behaviors?

5. Why is faith essential to please God?

6. What are some practical ways you can “earnestly seek” God in your daily life to strengthen your faith?



READ PSALM 1:1; 33:16-17; PROVERBS 3:5, JEREMIAH 9:23

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**READ JAMES 2:14-19**

9. James challenges the idea that faith can exist independently of actions. In what ways should the lifestyle of a disciple verify his or her faith?

10. What is your interpretation of the comparison made in verse 19?

**REFLECT ON TODAY'S PASSAGES**

Living a life that honors God requires faith, which is reflected through our words, thoughts, and actions (works). If you find yourself struggling to maintain faith or trust in God, what practical steps can you take to strengthen your relationship with Him and renew your confidence in His promises?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 13:13-52
- **Day 2:** Acts 14:1-18
- **Day 3:** Acts 14:19-28
- **Day 4:** Acts 15:1-21
- **Day 5:** Acts 15:22-35

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.”*

—HEBREWS 11:1 ESV

WEEK 26

Abide



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Acts 13:46-48, Paul and Barnabas boldly proclaim the gospel to the Gentiles after Jewish rejection. How can their courage and adaptability in sharing the Gospel inspire you to reach out to others in your own context?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Hebrews 11:1** from memory



GET STARTED

On the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested, He shared the Passover meal with His disciples. During their time, He spoke of His death and resurrection, washed the disciples' feet, and addressed the challenging days ahead, emphasizing the importance of abiding.

The term "abide" means to remain, reflecting a deep, intimate relationship with Jesus marked by connection, dependence, and loyalty.

In this study, you will explore God's Word to understand the vital significance of abiding in Christ.

In the Old Testament, Israel is frequently likened to a vine. For example, Psalm 80:8 portrays the exodus as God transplanting a vine from Egypt to Canaan. In Isaiah 5, Israel is depicted as a vineyard that fails to bear fruit, and in Jeremiah 2:21, it is described as a degenerate, wild vine. Repeatedly, the vine symbolized the nation of Israel. Understanding this background is essential for grasping the significance of Jesus' sayings from this passage.



READ JOHN 15:1-11

1. Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and God as the gardener who prunes fruitful branches. How does the idea of pruning—removing or refining aspects of your life—challenge or encourage your spiritual growth?
2. Jesus emphasizes the need to “abide” in Him. What are practical ways you can cultivate a daily habit of abiding?
3. What does Jesus mean by “fruit?”

4. Jesus declares, "Apart from me you can do nothing." How does this statement challenge your sense of self-reliance?

5. Jesus warns that branches not abiding in Him are thrown away and wither. What does this imagery suggest about the consequences of living disconnected from Him?

6. Jesus promises, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." How does aligning our prayers with God's Word shape our requests and deepen our connection with Him, and how might this promise be misunderstood?

7. In verses 9-10, Jesus connects abiding in His love with obeying His commands, emphasizing that obedience should flow from love for Him rather than mere duty. How might this perspective shape a person's attitudes and actions toward obedience?

8. In verse 11, Jesus links abiding in Him with experiencing His joy. How have you found joy through your relationship with Christ, and what obstacles might prevent you from fully embracing this joy in your spiritual journey?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S PASSAGES:

9. What temptations pose the greatest challenges to abiding in Christ for you?

10. What new actions can you take this week to abide in Christ?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

WEEK 27

Worship**LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Acts 17:16-34, Paul engages the Athenians by connecting the Gospel to their culture and beliefs when he addresses their “unknown god.” What can you learn from Paul’s approach to sharing your faith with people of different backgrounds or worldviews?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **John 15:5** from memory

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 15:36-41
- **Day 2:** Acts 16:1-15
- **Day 3:** Acts 16:16-40
- **Day 4:** Acts 17:1-15
- **Day 5:** Acts 17:16-34

**GET STARTED**

When people think of worship, they often think of singing and attending a church service. These are certainly beautiful expressions of worship. However, worship encompasses far more. It is our heartfelt response to who God is, reflected in our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words. Worshipping God means offering ourselves gladly and sacrificially, embracing it as a way of life. This act of worship is our privilege, purpose, and source of fulfillment.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

—JOHN 15:5 ESV

In this study, you will discover what God’s Word reveals about the true nature of worship.



READ JOHN 4:23-24

Worshipping in spirit means our worship flows from the heart, guided by the Holy Spirit, and rooted in sincerity. We're driven by love for God and gratitude for His nature and deeds.

Worshipping in truth means our worship is anchored in God's Word, shaped by the truth of who God is and what He is like as revealed in Scripture.

1. What might happen if our worship is solely in spirit, lacking truth?
2. What might happen if our worship is solely in truth, lacking spirit?
3. How can you cultivate a deeper practice of worshiping God in spirit and in truth?



READ ROMANS 12:1-2

4. We are called to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. What does it mean in practical terms to live as a living sacrifice through your daily actions and choices?
5. Verse 2 emphasizes renewing our minds to discern God's will. Why is it essential for the mind to be renewed to worship God and understand His will?

Beware of misplaced worship

In John 4, we learn that God seeks "true" worshipers, implying the existence of false or misplaced worship. Scripture teaches that worship belongs to God alone, yet it warns of the danger of idolatry—when we devote ourselves to anything other than God. Idolatry can take many forms, such as material possessions, personal ambitions, or other priorities that displace God, ultimately distorting our relationship with the Creator. Let's examine what God's Word reveals about misplaced worship.

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
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WEEK 28

Obedience**LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Acts 18:1–11, Paul faces opposition in Corinth yet persists in sharing the gospel, encouraged by God’s assurance. How can Paul’s example of perseverance and trust in God’s promises inspire us to remain faithful in sharing our faith despite challenges?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **John 4:23-24** from memory

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Acts 18:1-23
- **Day 2:** Acts 18:24-28
- **Day 3:** Acts 19:1-10
- **Day 4:** Acts 19:11-20
- **Day 5:** Acts 19:21-41

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

—JOHN 4:23-24 ESV

**GET STARTED**

What motivates you to obey God? For many believers, obedience stems from guilt, shame, or fear. Some obey in an effort to earn God’s love or approval, while others act out of a desire to assist God in His work. The source of your motivation makes all the difference—it determines whether your obedience brings joy or feels like a burdensome obligation, whether it fills you with life or leaves you feeling drained.

In the New Testament, Jesus gives nearly 50 commands, all rooted in a single truth: love for God leads to obedience. As Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” The only true motivation for obedience is love. Keeping this truth at the forefront is essential as you explore what God’s Word teaches about obedience.

**READ 1 SAMUEL 15:1-20**

1. The prophet Samuel anointed Saul as king under God's direction, and the Lord gave Saul a specific command. What was God's command to Saul?

The purpose of this command was to execute God's judgment on the Amalekites for their wickedness and their historical attack on Israel during the exodus (Exodus 17:8–16; Deuteronomy 25:17–19). God's command was rooted in His justice, as the Amalekites' persistent hostility and sin warranted their destruction, and it tested Saul's obedience as Israel's king.

2. How did Saul attempt to redefine obedience to God?

3. What are some common ways people rationalize their disobedience to God today?

4. Can you recall a time when you tried to redefine or rationalize your obedience to God? Describe the situation and your reasoning.

5. Obedience proved too costly for Saul, leading to his downfall. In what ways might living a life of obedience to God require personal sacrifice or cost in today's world?

**READ 1 SAMUEL 15:21-35**

6. Samuel declared obedience to be more valuable to God than offerings or sacrifices. Are there areas in your life where you might be relying on hard work, sacrifice, or generosity to compensate for disobedience?

7. In verse 24, Saul explains that his disobedience stemmed from his fear of the people. Are there specific commands from God that you find yourself disobeying due to fear of what others might think or say?

8. How can you recognize areas in your life where you might be rebelling against God or acting with arrogance, and what steps can you take to address these attitudes?



READ MATTHEW 26:36-39

9. Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, asking for the cup of suffering to pass but ultimately yielding to God's will, demonstrated the balance between honest expression of human emotion and complete trust in God's plan. What does this moment reveal about Jesus' character, and how can it encourage you in your own struggles to trust and obey God?

10. Jesus' obeyed even in the face of immense pain. In what specific areas of your life today can you emulate Jesus by choosing to obey God's will over your own desires, despite the difficulty or sacrifice involved?



RESPOND IN PRAYER

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WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Acts 20:1-16
- **Day 2:** Acts 20:17-38
- **Day 3:** Acts 21:1-16
- **Day 4:** Acts 21:17-26
- **Day 5:** Acts 21:27-36

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

—JOHN 14:15 ESV

WEEK 29

Holiness



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Acts 20:28–31, Paul warns the Ephesian elders to protect the church from false teachers who distort the truth. How can we discern and guard against misleading teachings in our modern context?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **John 14:15** from memory



GET STARTED

As a disciple, you're invited to embrace holiness as a vital part of your faith, not merely an optional addition to your walk with God. But what does it mean to be holy?

To be holy is to be morally pure, set apart from sin, and wholly devoted to God. The term signifies being separated from the ways of the world and consecrated (dedicated) to God's purposes. Living a holy life means aligning your actions with the moral teachings of Scripture, in contrast to the sinful patterns of the world. It involves "putting off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires," and "putting on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:22, 24).

In this study, you will explore what it means to pursue holiness as a follower of Christ, discovering how to live a life that reflects God's character and glorifies Him.



READ LEVITICUS 19:2

1. God called you to be holy, just as He is holy. In light of holiness being described as moral purity, separation from sin, and dedication to God's purposes, how have you personally reflected on or pursued holiness in your own life?
2. The call to holiness can sometimes be perceived as legalistic or judgmental by believers or others. Why do you think discussions about pursuing holiness are often misunderstood in this way?



READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

3. How does "setting your mind on things above," foster the pursuit of holiness?
4. How does being "hidden with Christ in God" and the promise of future glory encourage you to live holy lives?

WEEK 30

Repentance



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Acts 23:12–35, Paul’s enemies plot against him, yet God protects him through Roman intervention. Reflect on a time when you faced resistance or difficulty while seeking to obey God.
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 Peter 1:15–16** from memory



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Acts 21:37-22:21 • **Day 2:** Acts 22:22-29 • **Day 3:** Acts 22:30-23:11
- **Day 4:** Acts 23:12-22 • **Day 5:** Acts 23:23-35

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

*“But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy
in all your conduct, since it is written,
“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*

—1 PETER 1:15-16 ESV



GET STARTED

Repentance is a vital aspect of our walk with Christ that transforms our hearts and aligns our lives with God’s will. Repentance is more than feeling sorry for our wrongs; it is a heartfelt sorrow for sin, a deliberate turning away from it, and a sincere commitment to follow Jesus in obedience.

Repentance is amazing because it reveals the kind of God we serve—a God of boundless grace, mercy, and love. When we repent, we experience His forgiveness, which restores us and invites us into a deeper relationship with Him. This act of turning back to God is cause for celebration, as it reflects His patient desire for reconciliation rather than condemnation. Scripture tells us there is “joy in heaven” over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:7), showing that repentance is a triumphant moment of alignment with God’s heart. Celebrating repentance honors the transformative power of God’s love and His unchanging commitment to redeem us.

In this study, you will explore the importance of repentance in your relationship with God.



EXPLORE THESE TRUTHS AND RESPOND

1. What do these verses reveal about the *nature* and *importance* of repentance:
 - *Mark 1:14-15* —
 - *Luke 5:32* —
 - *Luke 13:1-15* —
 - *Acts 2:38* —

In 2 Samuel 11–12, King David committed adultery with Bathsheba and orchestrated the death of her husband, Uriah, by sending him to the front lines of battle. David went to great lengths to conceal his sin, but his actions did not escape God’s notice. The prophet Nathan confronted David, exposing his sin and urging him to repent. Initially, David resisted admitting his wrongdoing, but Nathan’s rebuke awakened his heart, leading him to recognize his need to turn from sin and seek God’s forgiveness. David’s heartfelt response is captured in Psalm 51.



READ PSALM 51

2. How does David’s honest admission of his sin model the first step of genuine repentance for you?

3. David prays, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” How does David’s request reflect the deeper purpose of repentance beyond mere sorrow?

4. How does David’s hope for restored joy and his commitment to share God’s ways with others illustrate the outcome of true repentance?



READ PSALM 32:1-5

5. Based on this passage, how does the experience of a person who confesses their sin differ from one who remains silent?

6. What is the distinction between confession and repentance?

Believers often feel deep inner turmoil when unconfessed sin creates a barrier between them and God. It can feel as though the weight of the world rests on our shoulders. Yet, this burden may be the gentle, loving hand of a patient God, guiding us toward confession and repentance.

7. Have you ever felt the “heavy hand” of God (v4)?

What was the outcome?

8. If God already knows our sins, why do we sometimes struggle to confess them?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

We often downplay our sin, convincing ourselves it's “not that bad.” We compare our failings to those of others, deceiving ourselves into thinking genuine repentance isn't necessary. At times, like David, we try to conceal our sin despite knowing it's wrong. Yet repentance is more than a one-time act—it's a way of life, a posture of the heart. We can embrace this posture with confidence, resting in the grace and forgiveness God freely offers.

8. *Read Romans 2:4.* How does God's grace and forgiveness guide us toward repentance?

9. What specific habit or practice can you adopt this week to deepen your commitment to a lifestyle of repentance?

WEEK 31

Trials



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Acts 26:1-11, Paul shares his dramatic conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a devoted apostle, called to proclaim the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles. How does this personal testimony strengthen his credibility and advance his witness to Agrippa and others? What insights can we gain about the power of personal stories in sharing our faith and the gospel today?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Psalm 51:10** from memory



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Acts 24:1-21
- **Day 2:** Acts 24:22-28
- **Day 3:** Acts 25:1-12
- **Day 4:** Acts 25:13-27
- **Day 5:** Acts 26:1-11

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me.”*

—PSALM 51:10 ESV



GET STARTED

Every one of us encounters trials—those hard moments we must walk through, whether they’re personal struggles, unexpected losses, or overwhelming obstacles. These trials, no matter their source, test and strengthen our faith in unique ways.

Some trials are part of God’s purposeful design, crafted to refine our character and draw us closer to Him. Others stem from the brokenness of our fallen world, arising from sin, human choices, or natural hardships. Still others are authored by Satan, who seeks to tempt us and lead us astray. While God never authors evil or temptation, His sovereignty allows Him to use any trial—whether divinely ordained, born of a broken world, or instigated by the enemy—to transform us for His glory.

9. How might his example inform our own responses to trials?

From verses 1:6–12, 2:1–6:

10. How do God's and Satan's differing motivations for Job's trials illustrate the purposes of trials in a believer's life?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

11. How can you distinguish between God-allowed trials and other temptations?

12. What practical steps can you take to cultivate joy during present or future trials?



RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Acts 26:12-32
- **Day 2:** Acts 27:1-12
- **Day 3:** Acts 27:13-44
- **Day 4:** Acts 28:1-10
- **Day 5:** Acts 28:11-31

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

—JAMES 1:2-3 ESV

WEEK 32

Spiritual Warfare



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Acts?
- **From your daily reading:**
Throughout Acts 27:1–28:10, Paul faces numerous trials, including a shipwreck and a snakebite, yet remains a faithful witness. How do these events illustrate God’s protection and purpose in Paul’s life, and how might they encourage us to trust God in our own challenges?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **James 1:2-3** from memory



GET STARTED

To understand spiritual warfare, we must first recognize that we are at war. As disciples of Jesus, we are in a spiritual battle every day. Like any war, spiritual conflicts happen on multiple fronts, with varying purposes and intensities. Though our enemy is invisible, these battles are real.

In this study, you will explore who the enemy is and how to engage in the spiritual battle you face.



READ EPHESIANS 6:10-12

1. What does Paul urge believers to do and why?
2. What might the “schemes of the devil” entail, and how can you recognize and resist these tactics?
3. According to verse 12, who is our true enemy in spiritual warfare, and why does battling spiritual forces present unique challenges compared to physical adversaries?
4. What insights about the nature and tactics of our enemy, the devil, can we glean from:
 - *Luke 8:12* —
 - *John 8:44* —
 - *2 Corinthians 4:3-4* —
 - *1 Peter 5:8-9* —

5. How does the devil gain an advantage when believers dismiss, underestimate, or remain unaware of his influence in spiritual warfare?



READ **EPHESIANS 6:13-18**

6. According to verse 13, why is the full armor of God essential for believers, and what are the potential consequences of neglecting to “put it on?”

- **Belt of Truth (v. 14):** The belt of truth represents a commitment to God’s truth, grounding believers in honesty and biblical reality. It serves as the foundation for spiritual armor, enabling steadfastness against deception by anchoring one’s life in the truth of Scripture and Christ’s teachings.
- **Breastplate of Righteousness (v. 14):** The breastplate of righteousness guards a believer’s heart through a life of obedience and integrity. It reflects the righteousness imputed by Christ and pursued through godly living, protecting against accusations and moral compromise in spiritual battles.

- **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace (v. 15):** The shoes of the gospel of peace equip believers to stand firm and advance with the message of Christ’s peace. They provide stability in conflict and readiness to share the Gospel, fostering inner calm and outward witness amidst spiritual warfare.
- **Shield of Faith (v. 16):** The shield of faith is active trust in God, deflecting the devil’s fiery darts of doubt, fear, and temptation. Through faith in God’s promises, believers neutralize attacks, maintaining confidence in His protection and victory.
- **Helmet of Salvation (v. 17):** The helmet of salvation safeguards the mind with assurance of God’s saving work through Christ. It protects against despair and false teachings by anchoring thoughts in the certainty of eternal life and God’s redemptive plan.
- **Sword of the Spirit (v. 17):** The sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, is both a defensive and offensive weapon. Through Scripture, believers refute lies and proclaim truth, engaging in spiritual warfare by relying on the inspired Word to guide, correct, and empower.

7. In verse 18, Paul urges believers to “pray at all times in the Spirit” after listing the armor of God. How does prayer support the armor and strengthen us for spiritual battles?

**READ EPHESIANS 6:13-18**

8. If Jesus' death nullified the devil's ultimate weapon—death—by securing victory through His resurrection, then why do believers still engage in spiritual battles against him despite this victory?

**REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

9. How often do you discern that your challenges, like doubts, conflicts, or temptations, are spiritual battles
10. The ultimate victory was won on the cross. Daily victory is won through reliance on the Lord. What specific steps can you take this week to intentionally incorporate the practice of putting on the full armor of God into your daily routine?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom. 1:1-7
- **Day 2:** Rom. 1:8-17
- **Day 3:** Rom. 1:18-32
- **Day 4:** Rom. 2:1-11
- **Day 5:** Rom. 2:12-29

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

—EPHESIANS 6:10-11 ESV

WEEK 33

Cost



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
Romans 1:18–32 describes God’s wrath against human sinfulness and the consequences of suppressing the truth. What are some modern examples of how people exchange God’s truth for lies, and how can believers respond with grace and truth in these situations?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Ephesians 6:10-11** from memory



GET STARTED

Jesus built a deep, transformative relationship with His disciples through shared experiences, teaching, and unwavering honesty, calling them to leave everything to follow Him. He made it unmistakably clear that discipleship would be costly, urging them to weigh the sacrifice involved.

What was your understanding of the cost of following Jesus when you first placed your faith in Him?

Jesus spoke with clarity and conviction, never softening the call to follow Him.

In this study, we’ll explore Jesus’ powerful ‘if-then’ statements, which lay out the true cost and commitment of being His disciple.



READ LUKE 14:25-26

1. Large crowds were following Jesus. What might have attracted these crowds to Jesus at this point in His ministry?
2. Why do you think people today are initially drawn to Jesus?
3. Jesus uses the word “hate,” which scholars interpret as “to love less” or prioritize below God. How might elevating family, self, or other priorities above God create obstacles to fully following Jesus in your daily life?
4. In what specific ways does Jesus’ radical call to prioritize Him above all challenge your current commitments, loyalties, or lifestyle?



READ LUKE 14:27-33

5. Given the crowd's familiarity with the cross as a symbol of agonizing death, what do you think Jesus was communicating about the level of commitment required to follow Him?
6. Why do you think this level of radical devotion is rare, and what factors contribute to the widespread belief that a lesser, more flexible level of commitment is acceptable for following Jesus?
7. Jesus uses the analogies of building a tower and waging a war to illustrate the need to count the cost of discipleship. How can these analogies help us seriously evaluate our preparedness and resolve to fully commit to Jesus?
8. Verse 33 states that disciples must renounce all that they have. How does this challenge our modern understanding of material wealth and security?
9. What specific possessions or aspects of material security (e.g., money, career, or lifestyle) are hardest for you to hold loosely, and what small, intentional steps could you take to begin releasing your grip on these things in order to follow Jesus more fully?
10. Reflecting on the areas you identified where you feel challenged to "carry your cross," what is one practical action you could take this week to surrender that part of your life to Jesus and align more closely with His call to discipleship?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

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WEEK 34**Multiplication****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Romans 3:21–31, Paul emphasizes that righteousness is received through faith in Jesus, not by obeying the law. How does this truth challenge the works-based mindset of our culture?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Luke 9:23-24** from memory

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom. 3:1-8
- **Day 2:** Rom. 3:9-20
- **Day 3:** Rom. 3:21-31
- **Day 4:** Rom. 4:1-12
- **Day 5:** Rom. 4:13-25

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“And he said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.’”

—LUKE 9:23-24 ESV

**GET STARTED**

For the last 33+ weeks, you have been discipled. Are you done with discipleship? No, far from it because discipleship is a life-long journey of becoming more like Jesus. A great start is essential, along with learning in such a way that you can replicate it in the lives of others. You have been equipped to do that, and in 6 weeks, it’s your turn to disciple someone else. There is no better way to glorify the Lord and grow spiritually than by obeying Jesus and making disciples.



READ ACTS 1:6-8

1. The disciples interact with the risen Jesus. What emotions and expectations might they have experienced?

2. Jesus instructs His disciples, discipled by Him for three years, to wait for the Holy Spirit's power before witnessing. What does this reveal about the Holy Spirit's role in empowering believers to share the gospel?

3. What have you discovered about the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit as you've committed to being a witness for Him to your "Bless30?"



READ MATTHEW 28:17-20

4. Some disciples doubted even as they worshiped Jesus on the mountain, yet He still commissioned them. How can His response to their doubt encourage you to stay the course even when you face moments of uncertainty in your faith?

5. Jesus commands His disciples to "go." Why is it crucial for disciples to proactively go out to others, rather than passively waiting for people to seek them, in fulfilling Jesus' mission?

6. Jesus instructs His disciples to make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all His commandments. Why is it vital for a disciple—and for the growth of God's Kingdom—that they actively replicate what they've learned?

7. Jesus' command to make disciples can feel intimidating, yet He reassures in verse 20, saying, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age." How can Jesus' promise of His constant presence empower you to overcome fear or intimidation when sharing the gospel and making disciples?

Multiplying Disciples

As we approach the final six weeks of this journey, our prayer has been that you've not only grown deeper as a disciple but have also been equipped to make disciples of others. Now is the time to look ahead and plan your disciple-making group. Intentionally BLESSing those in your life will open doors for discipleship. Who will you invite to join you in following Jesus? Spend the rest of your time together discussing those God has placed on your heart to disciple. Write down their names, pray for them, and seek God's guidance as you prepare to take this exciting next step.

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RESPOND IN PRAYER

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.



WEEKLY READING

- **Day 1:** Rom. 5:1-11
- **Day 2:** Rom. 5:12-21
- **Day 3:** Rom. 6:1-14
- **Day 4:** Rom. 6:15-23
- **Day 5:** Rom. 7:1-6

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

—MATTHEW 28:18-20 ESV

WEEK 35

Like Jesus



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
Romans 5:1-5 describes the peace and hope we have through justification by faith, even in suffering. How have you experienced God's peace or seen His love "poured into your heart" during a challenging time?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Matthew 28:18-20** from memory



GET STARTED

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to reflect His character in every aspect of our lives, becoming more like Him by loving as He loves, extending mercy as He has shown us mercy, and forgiving as He has forgiven us. Scripture reveals God's boundless love and mercy, as seen in Lamentations 3:22-23, which says, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Likewise, Jesus commands us in Matthew 22:37-39 to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, marking us as His followers through joyful obedience and intentional love.

This study invites you to explore how these divine qualities—love, mercy, and forgiveness—shape your heart as a disciple, equipping you to mirror Christ's heart in a world that desperately needs His grace.

Love



READ JOHN 13:35 & 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

1. In John 13:35, Jesus says His disciples are known by their love. How effectively does your life demonstrate this distinguishing love?
2. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 lists qualities of love like patience, kindness, and humility. How have you experienced these aspects of God's love in your life?
3. Reflecting on the attributes of God's love for you in 1 Corinthians 13, evaluate your love for others against this list. Where do you see your love for others needing to grow?

Mercy & Forgiveness



READ MATTHEW 5:7

4. How would you define mercy?

5. The promise that those who show mercy will receive God's mercy in return is a powerful truth. Why is this mutual exchange of mercy essential for growing your faith and building stronger relationships?



READ MATTHEW 6:14-15; 18:21-35

6. According to these verses, why should we forgive those who hurt us?

7. What can the forgiveness we have received from God teach us about forgiving those who hurt us?

8. What conditions or expectations do people often place on offering forgiveness, and how does God's unconditional forgiveness of us challenge or remove those barriers?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Extending love, mercy, and forgiveness to others is at the heart of our relationship with Jesus, reflecting His transformative work in us. As we receive these gifts from Him and hold fast to His example, we grow in Christlikeness.

9. Reflecting on 1 Corinthians 13:7, which says love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things," who in your life is challenging to love with this enduring love?

What specific step can you take, relying on God's strength, to grow in loving them more like Christ?

10. Who in your life needs your mercy or forgiveness? Commit to praying for them daily, asking God to guide you in fully extending His mercy and forgiveness to them.

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom .7:2-25
- **Day 2:** Rom. 8:1-11
- **Day 3:** Rom. 8:12-17
- **Day 4:** Rom.8:18-30
- **Day 5:** Rom. 8:31-39

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

—COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 ESV

WEEK 36**Church****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
How does the assurance of “no condemnation” for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1) deepen your understanding of grace?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Colossians 3:12-14** from memory

**GET STARTED**

The Church is far more than a building or a weekly gathering—it is the living, breathing body of Christ, a community designed by God to reflect His love, purpose, and glory. As a believer, YOU are the church, an integral part of this divine community, called to embody its mission and values. Also, you’ve been given unique spiritual gifts to strengthen and build up the Church, contributing to its unity and growth. Through the lens of Scripture, we see the Church described as a family, a temple, a body, and a household of faith, each metaphor revealing its unique role and significance in the lives of believers.

This study invites you to explore the essence of the Church: what it is, how it functions, and why it matters.

1. How do the following Scriptures describe the nature and identity of the Church?

- *Galatians 6:10* —
- *Ephesians 2:19-22* —
- *Colossians 1:24* —
- *1 Corinthians 12:25* —

2. How has your personal experience with the Church aligned with or reflected the descriptions of the Church found in Scripture?

Though not perfect, the early Church in Acts 2:42–47 provides a powerful model for today’s Church, exemplifying devotion to Scripture, fellowship, worship, and prayer. Their example inspires modern believers to pursue spiritual depth, authentic community, and selfless love, becoming the people God has called us to be.



READ ACTS 2:42-47

3. Why is steadfast devotion to God’s Word together in the Church essential for spiritual growth compared to just studying Scripture alone?

4. What does it mean to be devoted to fellowship?

5. How does observing the Lord’s Supper strengthen faith and community?

6. What qualities and outcomes does consistent prayer cultivate in the spiritual life and community of the church?

7. How did the early Church's devotion to Christ shape their treatment of one another?



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

8. How do these verses emphasize the value and role of each individual in the Church, regardless of their gifts or position?

9. What would a local church look like if its members fully embraced and lived out the principles of unity and interdependence described in these verses?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

10. Considering Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, what does it mean for you to actively "be" the Church in your daily life?

The Holy Spirit equips every believer with unique spiritual gifts to strengthen the Church and join Jesus on His mission of reaching the world. These gifts empower us to serve, encourage, and build up the Body of Christ.

To prepare for our next meeting, scan the QR code below to complete your spiritual gifts survey. This will help you discover how God has uniquely gifted you to make an impact!



UNDERSTANDING
SPIRITUAL GIFTS



SPIRITUAL GIFTS
SURVEY

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

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**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom. 9:1-29
- **Day 2:** Rom. 9:30-10:4
- **Day 3:** Rom. 10:5-13
- **Day 4:** Rom. 10:14-21
- **Day 5:** Rom. 11:1-10

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

—ACTS 2:42 ESV

WEEK 37**Gifts****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Romans 9:1–5, Paul is heartbroken that many Israelites don’t believe in Jesus, even though God gave them special promises. How does Paul’s sadness show the balance between God’s control and human choices?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Acts 2:42** from memory

**GET STARTED**

God’s greatest gift to His people is Himself. Through His Son, Jesus, He paid the price for our sins, offering forgiveness and eternal life. By grace through faith, He adopts us as His children, filling us with His Holy Spirit. The Spirit not only dwells in us but also equips every believer with unique spiritual gifts to serve the church and glorify God. These gifts are vital for your spiritual growth and for strengthening the Body of Christ.

In this study, we’ll explore what Scripture teaches about spiritual gifts, reflect on your spiritual gifts survey results, and discuss practical ways to use your gifts to serve and strengthen the Body of Christ.



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-26

1. Paul urges believers not to be uninformed about spiritual gifts. How familiar are you with your spiritual gifts, and how often do you consider using them to serve others?
2. Paul contrasts the Corinthians' past worship of "mute idols" with life in the Spirit (12:2-3). What modern "idols" might distract us from relying on the Holy Spirit's gifts in our lives?
3. According to verse 7, why are spiritual gifts given to believers, and how should this purpose shape the way we use them in the church?
4. The Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts to believers (12:4-11). Why do you think God provides such diversity, and what are the benefits and challenges of this variety in the Church?
5. Some believers may feel their gifts are less important (12:15-16). Why might this happen, and how does Paul's body metaphor address this misconception (12:12-26)?



REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

6. Share with your group the top spiritual gift you identified from your spiritual gifts survey. Read the description of this gift aloud to ensure everyone understands its meaning and significance. Do you agree with its findings?
7. Are you actively using your spiritual gifts to serve the Church? If not, what specific steps can you take this week to begin using your gifts to build up and strengthen the Church community?

The spiritual gifts survey can be a helpful starting point for identifying your gifts, but it's not the final word. The most dependable way to discover and confirm the spiritual gifts God has given you is through the affirmation of other believers who recognize those gifts within you. Who is someone you trust and may have witnessed your gifts in action? Reach out to them this week to seek their insight.

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom. 11:11-24 • **Day 2:** Rom. 11:25-36 • **Day 3:** Rom. 12:1-8
- **Day 4:** Rom. 12:9-21 • **Day 5:** Rom. 13:1-7

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

—1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7 ESV

WEEK 38**Serving Others****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:** Romans 12:1-2 calls believers to offer their bodies as living sacrifices and to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. What practical steps can Christians take to live out this call to nonconformity with the world while discerning God’s will in their daily lives?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** from memory

**GET STARTED**

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, embodying the essence of true humility. This humility, a hallmark of Christ’s character, is cultivated in a disciple’s life through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Serving flows from a humble heart that places others above self, not by diminishing our worth, but by focusing less on ourselves.

Scripture offers profound insights into how servanthood transforms our perspective, shapes our attitudes, and guides our actions.

In this study, you will explore how Jesus exemplifies servanthood and calls His followers to reflect His love and humility through a life of service to others.



READ PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8

1. How does Jesus' life and actions demonstrate the humility and selflessness taught in verses 3 and 4? Share specific examples from His ministry that illustrate this.
2. What does it mean that Jesus "did not consider equality with God something to be grasped"? How did He embody this attitude through specific actions or choices in Scripture?
3. Jesus took on the form of a servant. What are the key characteristics of a servant's heart, and why is it remarkable that Jesus, being fully divine, chose this role?

4. How does humility, rooted in a true understanding of who we are before God, enable us to become the servants He has called us to be?



READ JOHN 13:1-11

5. How did Peter react when Jesus attempted to wash his feet, and what motivated his response?
6. What does Jesus' act of washing the disciples' feet reveal about His approach to leadership?
7. What did Jesus mean by telling Peter, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me," and how does this statement reflect the deeper significance of His actions?

**READ JOHN 13:12-15**

8. What reasons does Jesus provide to His disciples for washing their feet, and how do these reasons reflect His purpose in this act?

9. Is Jesus' command to wash feet literal, or does it reflect a broader principle for His followers?

**REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

10. How have you demonstrated Christ-like humility by serving those on your "BLESS30," and what specific steps can you take to deepen your service to others in your daily life this week?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom. 13:8-14
- **Day 2:** Rom. 14:1-12
- **Day 3:** Rom. 14:13-23
- **Day 4:** Rom. 15:1-7
- **Day 5:** Rom. 15:8-13

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

—MARK 10:45 ESV

WEEK 39

Stewardship



LOOK BACK

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
In Romans 15:1–6, Paul urges the strong to bear with the weak and to please others rather than themselves. How can we apply this principle of selflessness in our relationships within the Church?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **Mark 10:45** from memory



GET STARTED

Stewardship, often misunderstood as merely giving money, encompasses far more in the life of a disciple. Rooted in Scripture, stewardship is the faithful management of all that God has entrusted to us—our time, talents, resources, relationships, and faith. It reflects a heart of gratitude and obedience, recognizing that everything we have belongs to God.

In this study, you will explore the biblical call to stewardship, discovering how it shapes every aspect of life and deepens our relationship with the One who entrusts us with His gifts.



READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES AND RESPOND

1. What's the difference between owning something outright and being a steward?
2. Why do you think most people in today's world strive to own things outright rather than embrace the role of a steward?

God as the Owner, We as Stewards

Read Psalm 24:1

3. The truth that everything belongs to God challenges worldly thinking and can be hard to digest. How does recognizing God's ultimate ownership transform the way you view and use your possessions, time, and abilities in your daily life?

Faithful Management of Resources

Read Luke 16:10–11 & Matthew 25:14–15

4. In light of the parables in Luke 16:10–11 and Matthew 25:14–15, what does it mean to be faithful with the resources God has entrusted to us?

Stewardship of Time and Opportunities*Read Ephesians 5:15–16; Colossians 4:5*

- As believers, we're called to make the best use of our time. What are some practical ways we can prioritize our time to align with God's purposes?

Stewardship of Gifts and Abilities*Read 1 Peter 4:10–11*

- God gives us unique gifts to serve others. How can we identify and actively use our spiritual gifts to build up the church and glorify God?

Stewardship of the Gospel and Faith*Read 1 Corinthians 4:1–2; 2 Timothy 1:14*

- Paul describes himself as a steward of the Gospel. How can we faithfully share and protect the truth of the Gospel in our community and personal lives?

Generosity and Financial Stewardship*Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–7*

- Believers are encouraged to be cheerful and faithful givers. How can we cultivate a heart of joyful stewardship in our finances?

Accountability as Stewards*Read Luke 12:48b*

- This verse reminds us that we are accountable for what God entrusts to us. How does the reality of giving an account to God shape our decisions with what He's entr

**REFLECT ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

- How does trusting in God's provision enable you to confidently steward the resources, time, and abilities He has entrusted to you for His purposes?
- What is one specific resource, talent, or opportunity God has entrusted to you to steward for His purpose, but you find yourself holding onto tightly for personal reasons?

**RESPOND IN PRAYER**

- Close your time by responding to what God has said through His Word.
- Pray for specific needs of your group.

**WEEKLY READING**

- **Day 1:** Rom. 15:14-21 • **Day 2:** Rom. 15:22-33 • **Day 3:** Rom. 16:1-16
- **Day 4:** Rom. 16:17-23 • **Day 5:** Rom. 16:25-27

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”

—1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-2 ESV

WEEK 40**Ready****LOOK BACK**

- How did you hear from God this week from your daily reading in the book of Romans?
- **From your daily reading:**
Paul speaks of his ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ is not yet known (Romans 15:20-21) and relies on the support of others to fulfill this mission (Romans 15:24). How does Paul’s example of collaboration and urgency in spreading the Gospel challenge you to actively participate in t God’s mission?
- Have you had any meaningful conversations or opportunities to share from your BLESS30 this week?
- Recite **1 Corinthians 4:1-2** from memory

**GET STARTED**

As we start this final study, we stand at a pivotal juncture in our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. Throughout our time together, we have explored the transformative power of His teachings, the depth of His love, and the urgency of His call to follow Him.

This study invites us to reflect deeply and rejoice in what God has accomplished through this discipleship journey. It challenges us to live watchfully and to be ready for Christ's return. It also sobers us with the reality of those who don't yet know Him, compelling us to carry forward the ministry Jesus began, sharing His love and inviting others into an eternal relationship with the Father.



READ MARK 1:17

1. When Simon and Andrew left their nets to follow Jesus, they made a bold choice to put Him first. How has following Jesus reshaped your priorities?
2. Jesus says, "I will make you become," suggesting a process of transformation. What personal changes have you experienced or observed in one another during these past 40 weeks?
3. Each week, you've been encouraged to engage (fish) in meaningful conversations and opportunities through your BLESS30. How has this intentional outreach challenged and encouraged you?



READ MATTHEW 24:42-44

4. How does Jesus' comparison challenge you to maintain spiritual vigilance in your life?

5. The passage urges believers to "stay awake" and "be ready." What practical steps can you take to cultivate a lifestyle of readiness for Christ's return, especially in a world full of distractions?



**READ JOHN 3:18; 3:36; ROMANS 6:23;
2 THESSALONIANS 1:8-9; REVELATION 20:15**

6. How do these teachings collectively shape your understanding of the eternal consequences for those who do not know or accept Jesus?
7. How can you balance the urgency of sharing the gospel with compassion and sensitivity when engaging with those who do not know or accept Jesus?

As we close this disciple-making journey together,

let's pause to reflect on the incredible work God has done in each of you—transforming your hearts, deepening your faith, and equipping you for His mission. The practices you've embraced are not just tasks, but a way of life. Continue in them with diligence, for God has called you to join Him in a mission where eternity hangs in the balance. Live faithfully to honor and love Him, knowing that Jesus is returning, and we long to be found faithful. Yet, with this exciting truth comes the sobering reality that those who don't yet know Him face eternal separation.

So, go forth as disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to continue Jesus' ministry of making His love known. He came to save and invite us into an eternal relationship with the Father—***let's boldly share that invitation with the world!***



CELEBRATE IN PRAYER

- Spend some time praying over one another and the participants in these new DMGs.
- Celebrate all that God has done this past year.
- Close your time by thanking Him.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR THIS WEEK

“Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

— MATTHEW 24:44 ESV

