

Pathways Bible Study Workbook

Winter 2023

Includes 1 Small Group Zone on 2 Peter
And additional study



"UNDER THE WORD"

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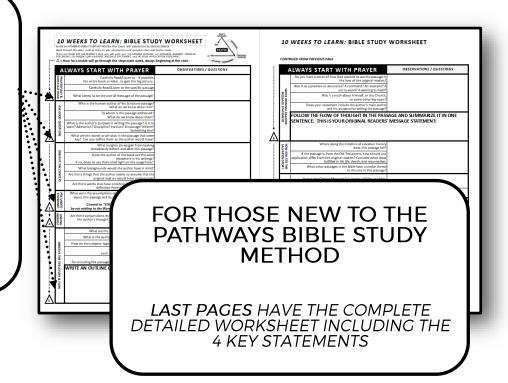
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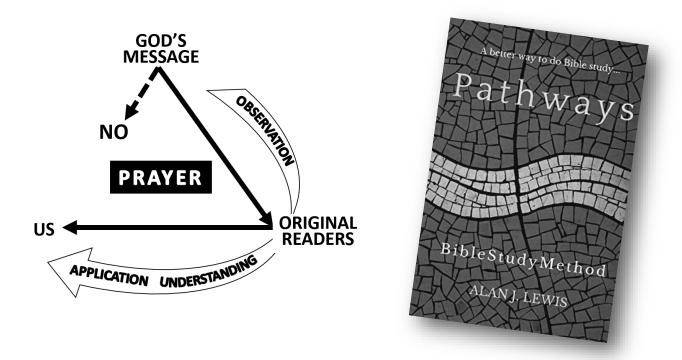
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MESSAGE STATEMENT. What does the passage mean for our day? FOR YOUR NOTES has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of ul desire. 3 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue knowledge, 4 and knowledge with self-control, and Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, belie differently because of them? Write out your personal APPLICATION STATEMENT. self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ² and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord WORKSHEET TO Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins CAPTURE YOUR 4 KEY STATEMENTS FROM THE PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD

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BY STEP FOR 10
WEEKS

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ON THE PATHWAY





THIS STUDY APPLIES THE CONCEPTS TAUGHT IN ALAN J. LEWIS' PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD.

This resource is online available at Amazon.com

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TRINITY FELLOWSHIP'S VISION 2025

Not defensive, nor belligerent, but as unshakable as the Kingdom we are receiving (Hebrews 12:28).

Unshakable in FAITH, in HOPE, and in LOVE.

This is the visionary path of growth for Trinity Fellowship through August 2025.

The key results we pray we will see are as follows.

UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN THE GOSPEL

Prepared to engage the world that grows increasingly dark and hostile, and more antagonistic to Biblical faith in Jesus Christ . . .

the believers at Trinity Fellowship have been equipped to be steadfast and immovable in their confident, unshakable faith in Christ Jesus and His Word. And to be discerning, gracious, and reasonable as they encounter and engage the hard questions and crucial conversations of those within and outside of the church.

UNSHAKABLE HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE

Prepared to engage the anticipated transitions of the next 3-5 years . . .

Trinity Fellowship believers have resolutely, joyfully, and with anticipation, marched toward the future that the Lord has planned for us. Celebrating our victories and grieving our losses, we have placed our unshakable hope in the God of hope, Who has promised a hope and a future for us as His children.

UNSHAKABLE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

Prepared to engage even more deeply in our unity and inter-dependence with one another . . .

Trinity Fellowship has intentionally created a shepherding culture of growing and unshakable love for each other, where everyone is only a step or two away from direct encouragement and care by an elder or pastor and all are stirred up to engage meaningfully in life-on-life relationships.

Context of 2 Peter

Author: It is largely believed that Peter is the author, though some do believe a later author used the pseudonym to appear apostolic. However, evidence for that view is lacking. Most believe this letter to be written near the end of Peter's life.

Date: 1 Peter, which is referenced in 2 Peter, was likely penned in 62-63 AD. Peter would later be martyred by Emperor Nero after the Great Fire in Rome in 64 AD. Which makes it that 2 Peter would have been penned in 64-65 AD, with Peter knowing that his martyrdom was close approaching.

Audience: If you refer to the back cover you can view a map that highlights the 5 regions listed in verse 1 of 1 Peter. Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia are all Roman controlled regions in



what is modern day Turkey. While it is likely Peter had never been to these places himself, he was likely in contact with them through other traveling missionaries. These were well developed areas in which the majority of the population worshipped the Emperor. The churches in the area would have been a mix of local Gentiles and Jewish settlers. In 2 Peter, Peter mentions that this is his second letter to the audience, which best points to churches in these 5 regions being the audience once again.

Literary Style: 2 Peter in one sense is a farewell testament. Since Peter knows of his encroaching death this is in some extent a goodbye to the churches he has written to. However, much of 2 Peter is also devoted to clarifying the Gospel in light of many false teachers who have been presenting alternative beliefs and causing division within the churches. Peter is specifically writing against early forms of Gnosticism, which tend to proclaim having secret spiritual knowledge while also denying the divinity of Jesus.

There are also numerous parallels between 2 Peter and Jude, which makes it likely the either one of them used the other as source material (a common practice among the New Testament books and early epistles). Due to the careful arrangement of Jude, it is likely Peter used Jude and added more content.

Key Themes:

- <u>Jesus: Lord and Savior</u> Lord appears 8 times and Savior 5 times, 4 times those are used together. Establishing Jesus as both supernaturally sovereign and victorious, directly contrasting the Gnostic's false teachings on Jesus.
- <u>Eschatological Judgement</u> Gnostics also ignore any real end to the current era, which Peter corrects in this letter by highlighting a destruction and a renewal.
- <u>Ethics</u> Gnostics also tended to live immorally, which Peter seeks to correct with upholding a righteous path of living, and that we will still be accountable.

Spiritual Formation and Christian Practice's

In recent workbooks we have strived to hold up our value of Head and Heart. Our first attempt being in the Psalm's workbook where we had a "Heart Focus" section with prompts and questions to go through. In the 1 Peter workbook this became the "On this Rock" section with suggested Christian Spiritual Practices to help supplement your study and growth in Faith, Hope, and Love. One of our goals in this workbook is to continue holding together our Head and our Heart through study and practices.

We recognize though that sometimes these practices, and even "Spiritual Formation" in general, have come to have other connotations in our culture. So we saw it beneficial to explain these practices, why they are important, and how these are different then the cultural connotations they seem to have.

What is Spiritual Formation in Christianity?

In essence, spiritual formation in Christianity is the transformative process that leads us to be increasingly more Christ-like. We could also call this sanctification. Its not about the work we do to become holy, but rather how we walk in the Spirit, joined together with Christ, to be renewed even in this life.

Christian Practices simply then are the avenue we take to walk with the Holy Spirit to grow in our relationship with Christ. Today, practices have tended to be limited to Bible Study, Prayer, and Fasting. Yet, believers throughout the Church's history, spanning all times, places, and traditions, have used a wide variety of Christian Practices to aid in their walks with Christ.

Further, there are practices that we can do by ourselves, but also with other people. Some practices that you do by yourself include but are not limited to; solitude, silence, fasting, submission, and various prayer practices. Other practices that you do in community include but are not limited to; small groups, fellowship, worship, Bible study, sabbath, serving, and various prayer practices. The core desire of all of them is unity with Christ and transformation in the Spirit.

How is this different than our culture's connotations?

Christians across various traditions have at times been suspicious of the practices because they come across as too "New Age" or mystical. There are many "New Age" practices to avoid. However, we need to remember that "New Age" is a 20th century melting pot of cherry-picked spiritual beliefs and practices. Meaning, "New Age" have hijacked various Christian practices that have been used for nearly 2,000 years.

While the "New Age" movement has hijacked these practices and turned them into something we shouldn't do; we can still, with pure hearts centered on Christ and in step with the Holy Spirit, use these ancient Christian practices for our benefit. Meaning we can do Breathe Prayers that are entirely Christ-centered, or practice the Listening Prayer which helps us focus on the still and quiet voice of the Holy Spirit.

These practices are not to be the primary way we live. They are supplementary and held alongside our study of the Word, worship of God, and fellowship with the Church.

Being Known:

The supplementary theme for our study is "Being Known." This will include two features:

- 1) A brief exercise that you do individually but then with your small group, family, or a close friend. We will go through our Freedom in Christ, our Identity in Christ, and our Life in the Spirit.
- 2) A spiritual discipline for you to practice. Rather than multiple suggestions there will be one practice for a few weeks to help you gain familiarity with the practice. These will be short and have a guide as well. These practices are described below: they are Listening Prayer, Devotional Reading (traditionally called *Lectio Divina*), and Practicing the Presence.

Listening Prayer

What's it about?

Prayer is more about having a conversation with God than it is making a speech. You can't have a good conversation without listening.

Listening Prayer is about slowing down and noticing the still and quiet whispers of God in prayer, in reading the Bible, in our thoughts, and in the ordinary. It's about taking the same posture that Eli instructed the young Samuel to take, "Speak, LORD, for your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:9).

Devotional Reading—Lectio Divina

What's it about?

Way before people had easy access to studying the Bible, they relied on meditating on a small portion of Scripture they heard or read. It allowed priests, monks, and commoners alike to feast on the Word for the whole week, even if they didn't have a Bible.

A Brief Guide:

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Silence—Slow down and quiet your heart and mind, casting worries aside for now.

Seek—Briefly pray what is on your heart: worries,

Listen—Though it's hard, quiet everything inside of

Obey—Discern what you heard, does it line up with Scripture? If needed, talk about this with a believer.

stresses, other thoughts, and questions.

you and be open to God's voice.

If it seems like its from God, obey it.

Watch—See what God does from this!

Lectio—Read a section of Scripture out loud until something in it catches your attention.

Meditate—Explore why that word or phrase caught your attention.

Respond—In light of this, pray about it.

Contemplate—Let the Word sink deep, think on it often.

Practicing the Presence

What's it about?

One of the best parts of the Gospel and who God is, is that He is with us in Christ all the time and everywhere. This is cause for great praise and comfort. Practicing the Presence is about helping ourselves realize His presence in our life more often and in the ordinary. Over time, we may even recognize His presence transform the way we live.

Ideas for practicing:

- Pray at the start or end of any task or meeting.
- Set reminders in your phone to read a short passage of Scripture.
- Have a symbol or object that reminds you to go to Christ with praise or needs.
- At the end of the day ask yourself, where did I encounter God?

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ONE 10-WEEK GROWTH CAMPAIGN THROUGH 2 PETER

Integrating
Personal Bible Study,
Small Group Life-on-life Gatherings,
Weekly Sermons

January 22—March 26, 2023

FOR THE WEEK PRIOR TO THIS		STEP-BY-STEP LEARNING	SMALL GROUP
SUNDAY	READING	THE PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD	All pages numbers refer to Alan Lewis' <u>Pathways Bible Study Method</u>
S	IN LEWIS BOOK		These apply to groups that have ROOKIES;
₹	DOOK	FOR BEGINNERS:	If a group has <u>ALL</u> VETERANS of the
WINTER 2023 SMALL GROUP SEMESTE	THOSE WHO HAVE	WORK THROUGH THIS STEP FOR THIS WEEK'S PASSAGE	Pathways Method, then discussion will center on the FOUR KEY STATEMENTS along the Pathway:
	PREVIOUSLY STUDIED THE	THESE ARE IDENTIFIED BY $ riangle$ ON THE COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET	(1) OUTLINE,
:R 2	PATHWAY SHOULD	TEMPLATE ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER	(2) ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT,
2023 SEMESTE	MERELY REVIEW	FOR EXPERIENCED:	(3) PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT,
23 STER	THESE	WORK THROUGH THE ENTIRE PATHWAY AND CAPTURE THE 4 KEY STATEMENTS	(4) PERSONAL APPLICATION STATEMENT.
January 22	Pages 7-21	PRAYERFULLY &	Discuss Lewis' intro and Session #1;
January 20	Dames 22 24	ASK COOD OUTSTIONS	Discuss Lewis' Sessions #2 and #3;
January 29	Pages 23-34	ASK GOOD QUESTIONS	see questions on pages 98-99
February 5	Pages 35-43	OBSERVE THE CONTEXT	Discuss Lewis' Sessions #4 and 5;
February 12	Pages 45-47	LINKING WORDS?	Discuss Lewis' Session #6;
February 19	Pages 49-57	OBSERVE THE STRUCTURE	Discuss Lewis' Sessions #7 and #8;
rebluary 19	Pages 49-57	& FLOW	see questions on pages 102-103
February 26	Pages 59-65	WRITE ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT	Discuss Lewis' Session #9;
March 5	Dagge (7.72	HOW AIM FITS THE SALVATION STORY and	Discuss Lewis' Session #10;
March 5	Pages 67-73	WRITE THE PRESENT-DAY MESSAGE STATEMENT	see questions on page 106
March 12	Pages 75-81	POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS	Discuss Lewis' Session #11;
March 19	Pages 83-95	WRITE OUT YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT	Discuss Lewis' Session #12;
March 26		REVIEW THE ALL THE STEPS ALONG THE PATHWAY METHOD	Share and pray through the application steps God has directed you to pursue.

		Winter 2023 "Under the Word" Study Schedule			
	SMALL GROUP MEETING DATES	STUDY BEFORE DATE	ТЕХТ	PAGE #	NOTES
		Jan 22	2 Peter 1:1-9	10-11	FIRST SUNDAY MOST GROUPS WILL PREPARE FOR
SMALL GRO		Jan 29	2 Peter 1:10-15	12-13	
A		Feb 5	2 Peter 1:16-21	14-15	
		Feb 12	2 Peter 2:1-10b	16-17	
GR.		Feb 19	2 Peter 2:10c-22	18-19	
		Feb 26	2 Peter 3:1-9	20-21	
UP :		Mar 5	2 Peter 3:10-18 & Review	22-25	
NOZ		Mar 12	Acts 17:16-34	26-27	
		Mar 19	Acts 22:1-23:11	28-29	
		Mar 26	Acts 24:1-27	30-31	LAST SUNDAY MOST GROUPS WILL PREPARE FOR
		Apr 2	Acts 26:1-32 & Review	32-34	



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1:1Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us toc his own glory and excellence, 4by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind,

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sins.

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 1:1-9

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Jan 22, 2023

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 What did the passage mean for its original audience?
- Prayerfully consider our own time and culture today. Write a **PRESENT-DAY READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT.** What does the passage mean for our day?

- Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, believe, or love differently because of them? Write out your personal **APPLICATION STATEMENT.**
- Write out a **PRAYER** based on this weeks text.

Being Known

Assessing your Heart:

Use the journaling space (p.36) or a separate sheet of paper.

- 1) How are you feeling at the start of this study?
- 2) What are some things that are currently troubling your heart in life?
- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your felt experience of:
 - Your Freedom in Christ?
 - Your Identity in Christ?
 - You Walk in the Spirit?
- 4) How do you hope to grow through this study?

Listening Prayer:

Seek—Take 3 minutes, or more if needed, and quiet your heart, letting any burdens be known to God.

Listen—Take 3 minutes or more, to listen for the Spirit's promptings. (Don't be too discouraged if you don't hear, sense, or think of anything from God, this is a hard practice to pick up in our chaotic lives.) It may help to pray, "Lord, here I am."

Obey and Watch—Take what you hear and put it to action, or share with a friend or small group for input and processing! Then see what God does!



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 24.

1:10Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 12Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,

as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15And I will make every effort so that after my

14since I know that the putting off of my body will be

you may be able at any time to recall these things.

soon,

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 1:10-15

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Jan 29, 2023

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Being Known

Freedom in Christ:

- Identify Snares—These are things that keep you in spiritual bondage, including but not limited to: non-Christian spirituality, pride, rebellion, habitual sins, and family wounds. Use a journaling space (p.36) and write out any thing that could be ensnaring. Ask God for freedom from each snare.
- 2) Build Joy—In Christ we are free, and we can have joy in that! What brings you joy? As a small group or with others, go around and share what aspects of spiritual freedom bring you joy.

Listening Prayer:

Seek—Take 3 minutes, or more if needed, and quiet your heart, letting any burdens be known to God.

Listen—Take 3 minutes or more, to listen for the Spirit's promptings. (Don't be too discouraged if you don't hear, sense, or think of anything from God, this is a hard practice to pick up in our chaotic lives.) It may help to pray, "Lord, here I am."

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Prayerfully, draft an **OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE**, tracing the author's structure and thought-flow.

1:16For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 1:16-21

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Feb 5, 2023

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 What did the passage mean for its original audience?
- Prayerfully consider our own time and culture today. Write a PRESENT-DAY READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT. What does the passage mean for our day?

- Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, believe, or love differently because of them? Write out your personal **APPLICATION STATEMENT.**
- Write out a **PRAYER** based on this weeks text.

Being Known

Freedom in Christ:

- Identify Lies—Satan loves to twist truth, and make us believe lies about ourselves, others, the world, and even God. Use the journaling space (p.36) and write down what lies you are tempted to believe.
- 2) Taking Thoughts Captive—In Christ we are free, and we have authority to cast aside the thoughts that come from Satan. When lies enter your mind, write them down, and turn to what is true! Confess these together and encourage each other in the truth.

Listening Prayer:

Seek—Take 3 minutes, or more if needed, and quiet your heart, letting any burdens be known to God.

Listen—Take 3 minutes or more, to listen for the Spirit's promptings. (Don't be too discouraged if you don't hear, sense, or think of anything from God, this is a hard practice to pick up in our chaotic lives.) It may help to pray, "Lord, here I am."

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2:1But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

3And in their greed they will exploit you with false words.

Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell

and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

5if he did not spare the ancient world,

but preserved Noah,

a herald of righteousness,

with seven others,

when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes

he condemned them to extinction,

making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

7and if he rescued righteous Lot,

greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day,

he was tormenting his righteous soul

over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);
9then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from
trials,

and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

10and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion

and despise authority.

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 2:1-10b

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Feb 12, 2023

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- Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, believe, or love differently because of them? Write out your personal **APPLICATION STATEMENT.**
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Being Known

Freedom in Christ:

- Identify Bitterness—If conflict goes on without resolution it can produce bitterness and contempt. In bitterness, we collect a record of debts against us. Journal a list (p.36) of potential areas of bitterness and contempt.
- 2) Forgiveness—In Christ we are free, and we can extend forgiveness. Though healing will take time, forgiveness is the catalyst and stops your debt collecting. Perhaps with one or two others in your small group, begin moving to forgiveness.

Listening Prayer:

Seek—Take 3 minutes, or more if needed, and quiet your heart, letting any burdens be known to God.

Listen—Take 3 minutes or more, to listen for the Spirit's promptings. (Don't be too discouraged if you don't hear, sense, or think of anything from God, this is a hard practice to pick up in our chaotic lives.) It may help to pray, "Lord, here I am."

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2:10c Bold and willful,

they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, 11whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.

12But these, like irrational animals,

creatures of instinct,

born to be caught and destroyed,

blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant,

will also be destroyed in their destruction, 13suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing.

They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime.

They are blots and blemishes,

reveling in their deceptions,

while they feast with you.

14They have eyes full of adultery,

insatiable for sin.

They entice unsteady souls.

They have hearts trained in greed.

Accursed children!

15Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of

Beor,

who loved gain from wrongdoing,

16but was rebuked for his own transgression;

a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

17These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm.

For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.

18For, speaking loud boasts of folly,

they entice by sensual passions of the flesh

those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

19They promise them freedom,

but they themselves are slaves of corruption.

For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is

enslaved.

20For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the

world

through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

they are again entangled in them and overcome,

the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21For it would have been better for them never to have

known the way of righteousness

than after knowing it to turn back from the holy

commandment delivered to them.

22What the true proverb says has happened to them:

"The dog returns to its own vomit,

and the sow, after washing herself,

returns to wallow in the mire."

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 2:10c-22

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Feb 19, 2023

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- Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, believe, or love differently because of them? Write out your personal **APPLICATION STATEMENT.**
- **5** Write out a **PRAYER** based on this weeks text.

Being Known

Identity in Christ: Rest in being Pardoned

Our identity in Christ is given to us by Christ without any of our doing. In Christ we are legally pardoned of our sins. We are forgiven and there is no way to reverse it! Through Christ, God no longer sees us with all our sins, but has given us forgiveness and sees us as righteous!

This can be hard to accept sometimes, especially as we struggle with sin and temptations still. Meditate on how to make this truth just as real to you as it is to God.

Devotional Reading (Lectio Divina):

If you can, practice this once a day. If not, try any time you can:

Silence—Slow down and quiet your heart and mind, casting worries aside for now.

Lectio—Read **Romans 3** out loud, what catches your attention?

Meditate—Why did that word or phrase catch your attention?

Respond—In light of this, pray about it.

Contemplate—Let the Word sink deep, how can you think about this regularly today?



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 24.

3:1This is now the second letter that I am writing to vou, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." 5For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness. but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 3:1-9

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Feb 26, 2023

Prayerfully, summarize the outline. This is your ORIGINAL READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT.

What did the passage mean for its original audience?

Prayerfully consider our own time and culture today. Write a **PRESENT-DAY READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT.** What does the passage mean for our day?

- Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, believe, or love differently because of them? Write out your personal **APPLICATION STATEMENT.**
- Write out a **PRAYER** based on this weeks text.

Being Known

Identity in Christ: Rest in being Adopted

In our new legal identity, Christ also paves the way to the Father. We are adopted into God's family. Being adopted gives us access, acceptance, authority, and inheritance. All this is guaranteed and counters any feelings of loneliness and estrangement.

Yet, loneliness is an epidemic. Meditate on being adopted into Christ's family, and how to seek and build community based on our being part of the family of God.

Devotional Reading (Lectio Divina):

If you can, practice this once a day. If not, try any time you can:

Silence—Slow down and quiet your heart and mind, casting worries aside for now.

Lectio—Read **Galatians 4** out loud, what catches your attention?

Meditate—Why did that word or phrase catch your attention?

Respond—In light of this, pray about it.

Contemplate—Let the Word sink deep, how can you think about this regularly today?



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 24.

3:10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved,

and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

11Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

12 waiting for

and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved,

and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

13But according to his promise we are waiting
for new heavens and a new earth

in which righteousness dwells.

14Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish,

and at peace.

15And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

16as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters.

There are some things in them that are hard to understand,

which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction,

as they do the other Scriptures.

17You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away

with the error of lawless people

and lose your own stability.

18But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now

and to the day of eternity.

Amen.

 TEXT:
 2 Peter 3:10-18

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Mar 5, 2023

Prayerfully, summarize the outline. This is your ORIGINAL READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT.

What did the passage mean for its original audience?

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Being Known

Identity in Christ: Rest in being a Citizen

No longer do we belong to the world but we belong to the Kingdom! In the world we followed our own passions and desires, but as citizens of the Kingdom our passions and desires are being rewritten as Christ's ambassadors. Forgiven, adopted, and given new purpose!

Sometimes we wrongly prioritize things in this world. We may more closely identify with them. What would it look like to shift from being a citizen of the world to being a citizen of the Kingdom?

Devotional Reading (Lectio Divina):

If you can, practice this once a day. If not, try any time you can:

Silence—Slow down and quiet your heart and mind, casting worries aside for now.

Lectio—Read **2 Corinthians 5** out loud, what catches your attention?

Meditate—Why did that word or phrase catch your attention?

Respond—In light of this, pray about it.

Contemplate—Let the Word sink deep, how can you think about this regularly today?



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 24.

Knowing God Summary

Utilize this page to note key words and thoughts from going through each weeks study.

Date	2 Peter	Notes from Discussion, Reflection, or Discipline
Jan 22	1:1-9	
Jan 29	1:10-15	
Feb 5	1:16-21	
Feb 12	2:1-10b	
Feb 19	2:10c-22	
Feb 26	3:1-9	
Mar 5	3:10-18	

2 Peter Review

2 Peter	TEXT:	
Mar 5, 2023	TO BE DONE BEFORE:	

Congratulations! You've studied through all of 2 Peter and have began focusing on your freedom and identity in Christ, along with some spiritual disciplines. Below is a way to reflect on your study and review some points you discovered.

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What are three of your bigger take-aways from studying 2 Peter?

How have you grown in Freedom or Identity in Christ? Was there a partiuclar spiritual discipline that God used? Or a special passage God spoke through?

While we are not at the end of the study, what is one thing you want to pursue and work on for the rest of this workbook?

17:22So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said:

"Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious."

23For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.'

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

24The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything,

since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

26And 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,

27that 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, 28for

"'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"'For we are indeed his offspring.'

29Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

30The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

31because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness

by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

TEXT: Acts 17:16-34

TO BE DONE BEFORE: Mar 12, 2023

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Being Known

Identity in Christ: Rest in being a Saint

Jesus' righteousness, now given to us, made us saints when we trusted Him as Lord and Savior. Often we allow the lies of Satan to permeate our thinking. This may include seeing our identity rooted in Self rather than our Savior. If you have received Christ as Lord and Savior, thank God for making you a saint.

Sometimes we tend to live life as normal though, and we don't allow this new identity to transform all of who we are. How could you begin leaning more into you're your sainthood?

Devotional Reading (Lectio Divina):

If you can, practice this once a day. If not, try any time you can:

Silence—Slow down and quiet your heart and mind, casting worries aside for now.

Lectio—Read **Romans 12** out loud, what catches your attention?

Meditate—Why did that word or phrase catch your attention?

Respond—In light of this, pray about it.

Contemplate—Let the Word sink deep, how can you think about this regularly today?



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 34.

READ Acts 22:1-23:11 STUDY Acts 22:3-21

Prayerfully, draft an **OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE**, tracing the author's structure and thought-flow.

22:3"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers,

being zealous for God as all of you are this day.

4l persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,

5as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness.

From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished. 6"As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. 7And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 8And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?'

And he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

9Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.'

11And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

12"And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.'

And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. 14And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;

15for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.

16And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

17"When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance 18and saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.'

19And I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. 20And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.'

21And he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

 TEXT:
 Acts 22:1-23:11

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Mar 19, 2023

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Being Known

Life in the Spirit: Joy vs. Fear

If you could choose to live out of joy or fear, which would you choose? It's a no brainer. We would want joy. But, for some reason we routinely make anxiety-ridden survivalist decisions. Joy is found in the bond (relationship) we make with God and the fellowship. However, we can also develop bonds with God and others based in fear, insecurity, and shame.

Reflect on experiences with God and others that brought true joy. Then ones that looked more like fear, and share those with your group.

Practicing the Presence:

This is all about intentionally making ourselves aware of God's presence. God always is with us, but we don't always live aware of Him.

What's a worship song or a Psalm that puts you into a state of joy?

This week, at the top of each hour, if possible, play that song or read a section of that Psalm! Increasing your joy-filled awareness of God's presence in your ordinary day.



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 34.

READ Acts 24:1-27 STUDY Acts 24:10-27

Prayerfully, draft an **OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE**, tracing the author's structure and thought-flow.

24:10And when the governor had nodded to him to speak,
Paul replied:

"Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense.

11You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, 12and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. 13Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me.
14But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,

15having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

16So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

17Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. 18While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— 19they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me.

20Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, 21other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: 'It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.'"

22But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case." 23Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

24After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.

25And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you."

26At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.

27When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

 TEXT:
 Acts 24:1-27

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Mar 26, 2023

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Being Known

Life in the Spirit: Heart Values

Another way to increase joy is by prioritizing what you value! "Heart Values" can express some of the unique ways God has created different people. These values include but are not limited to: Justice, Mercy, Creative, Organizer, Builder, Teacher, Healer, Leader, Protector, Loyalty, Coach, and more. These are incredibly personal characteristics.

Go around as a group and/or family and seek to identify one or two of each person's Heart Values, affirming them.

Practicing the Presence:

This is all about intentionally making ourselves aware of God's presence. God always is with us, but we don't always live aware of Him.

First, identify your own heart values as you perceive them. As you see them play out in your ordinary day, pause and give thanks to God for creating you in such a beautiful way, reflecting in carious ways our Creator and Redeemer.



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 34.

READ Acts 26:1-32 STUDY Acts 26:12-29

Prayerfully, draft an **OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE**, tracing the author's structure and thought-flow.

26:12"In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me.

14And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

16But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, 17delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18to open their eyes,

so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins

and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' 19"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. 21For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

22To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: 23that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

24And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind."

25But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words.

26For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.

27King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." 28And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"

29And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

 TEXT:
 Acts 26:1-32

 TO BE DONE BEFORE:
 Apr 2, 2023

Prayerfully, summarize the outline. This is your ORIGINAL READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT.

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Being Known I

Life in the Spirit: Listening to the Spirit

The beauty of God's presence is that He is not just with us, walking alongside. The Holy Spirit it in us, dwelling in our hearts. That means our lives can be molded by a continuous dialogue with God!

Reflect on times you have heard from God. What was it like? What was it about? What was the fruit of listening?

Then go around and share those experiences and identify common themes. Give thanks to God for these experiences.

Practicing the Presence:

This is all about intentionally making ourselves aware of God's presence. God always is with us, but we don't always live aware of Him.

Take some time and write out various short prayers for key parts of your daily routine, and practice praying them this week.

Examples: Waking up, Commuting to Work, Starting a Task, Finishing a Task, at Meals, Getting to Bed, and more!



Summarize key points of discussion, reflection, and disciplines on page 34.

And Making Him Known Summary

Utilize this page to note key words and thoughts from going through each weeks study.

Date	Acts	Notes from Discussion, Reflection, or Discipline
Mar 12	17:16-34	
Mar 19	22:1-23:11	
Mar 26	24:1-27	
Apr 2	26:1-32	

Congratulations! You have made it all the way through the studies of *Knowing God And Making Him Known*! As well as participating in various *Being Known* conversations and practices! Use this page to review key things you want to remember.

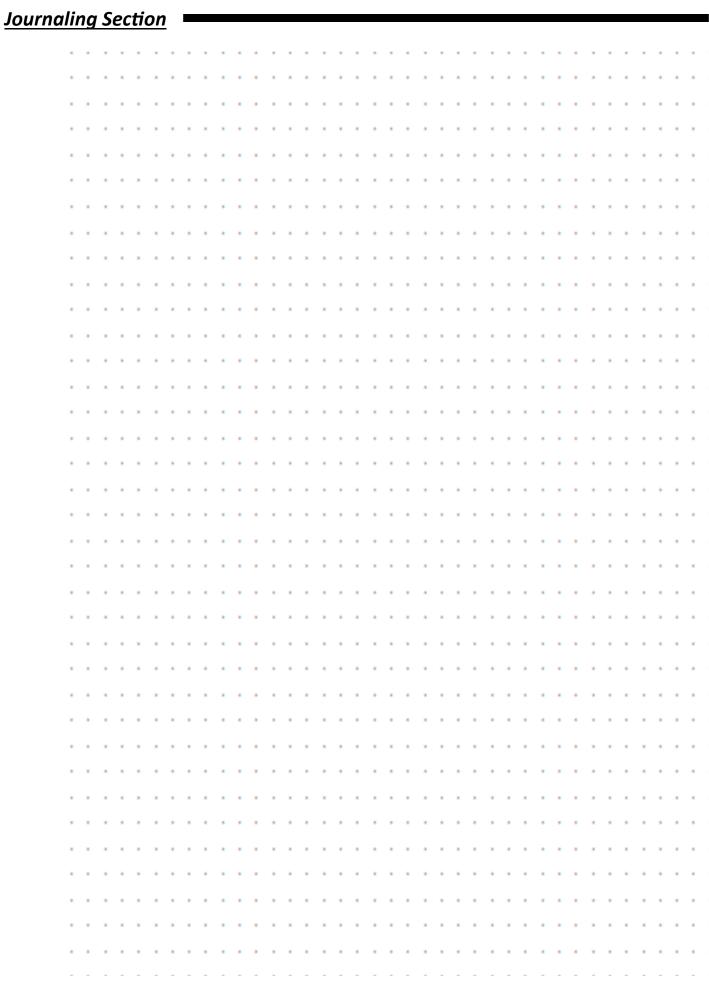
1 What are three of your bigger takeaways from our study?

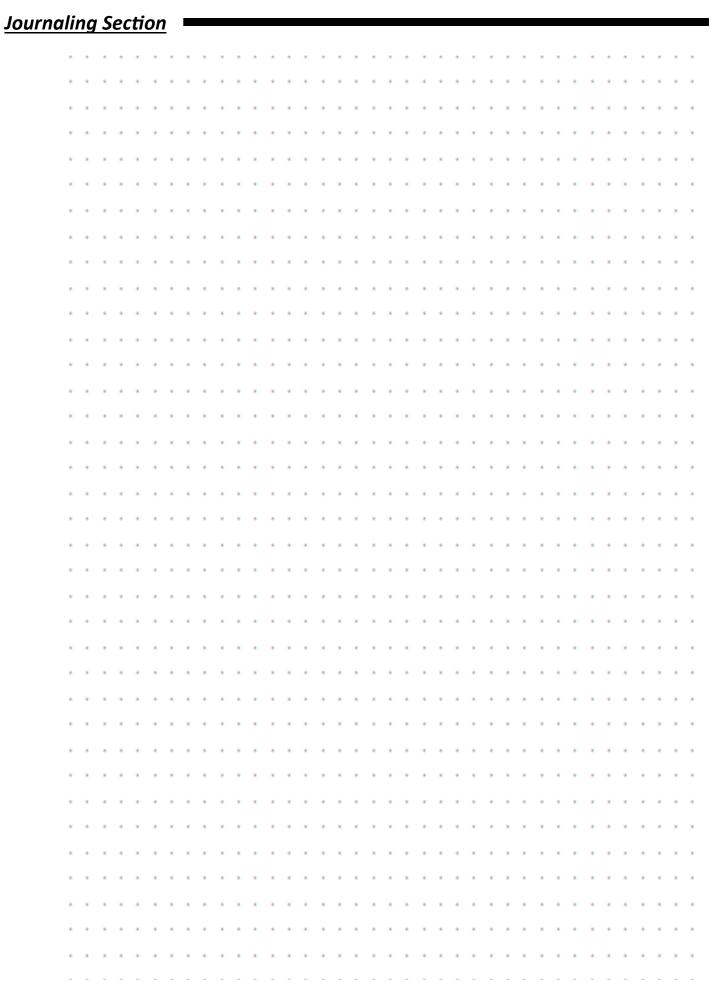
How have you grown in either *Making Him Known* or *Being Known*? How do you hope to leverage and continue this growth?

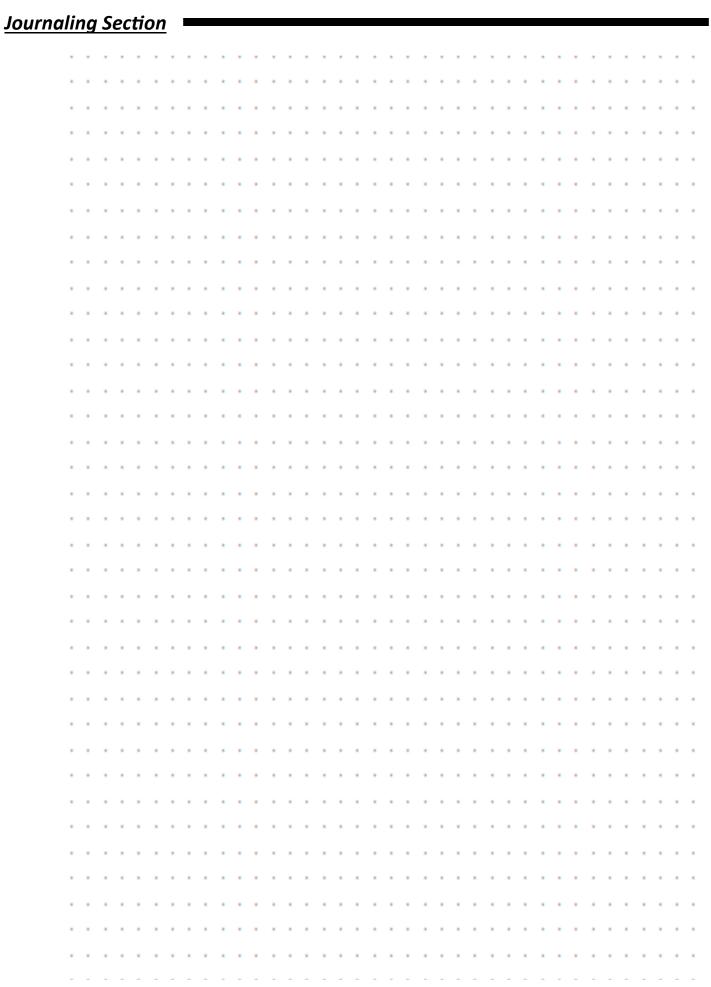
On the Road to Easter Devotions

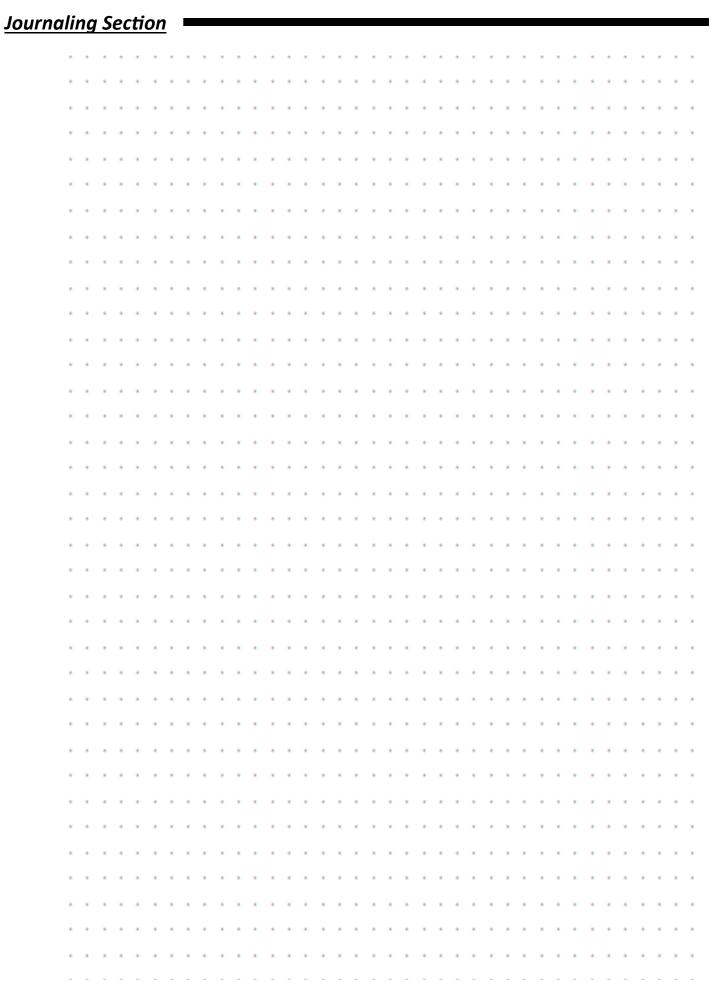
As we journey to Easter, here is a devotional guide! Each day, read the passage, and reflect!

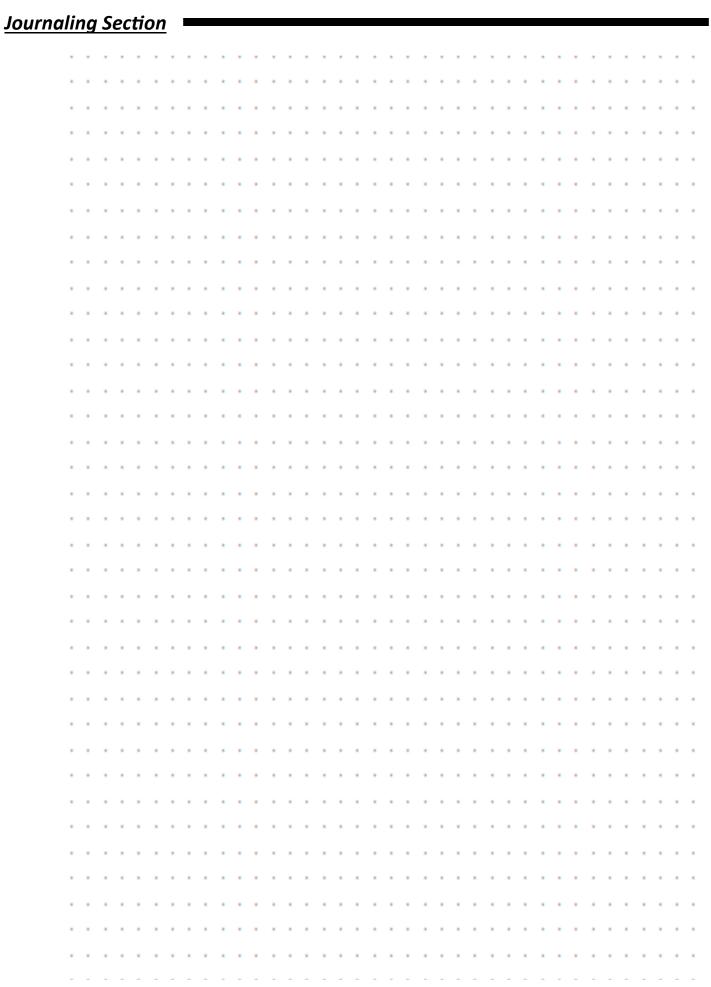
Date	Passage	Question
Apr 2	Luke 19:28-44	What are the people enthusiastic about? What moves Jesus? What motivates the chief priests and rulers?
Apr 3	Mark 11:12-25	What does Jesus say about His authority? What is Jesus saying about forgiveness? How can that help us learn to forgive others?
Apr 4	Matthew 20:1-21:4	Jesus enters into various controversial topics with the religious leaders, what are the lessons from these for us today?
Apr 5	Luke 21:5-36	What is Jesus trying to communicate about the future?
Apr 6	John 13-14	This was to be a night of celebration, but turned somber. How do you see Jesus trying to prepare His disciples for His death?
Apr 7	Luke 22:39- 23:56	What a paradox that we call this Good Friday, simply read the story and trace Jesus' steps and the perspective of the disciples.
Apr 8		No reflection question. Rather, treat this day like the disciples, filled with somber mourning, and fear.
Apr 9	John 20	Join the disciples and followers of Jesus in their celebration, joy, and even doubt!

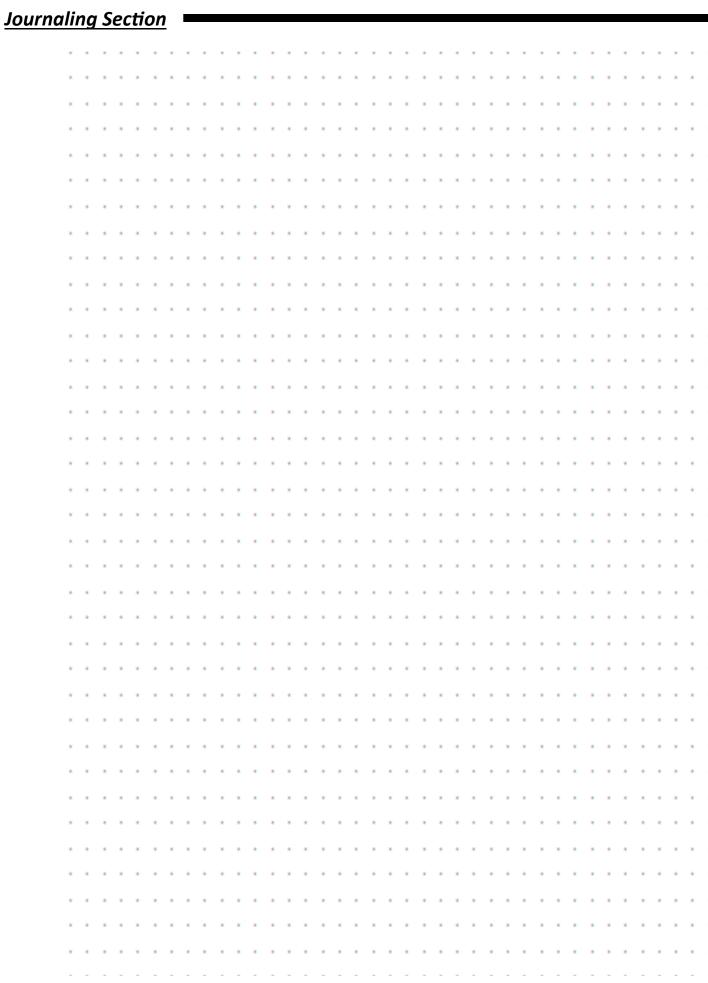












10 WEEKS TO LEARN: BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

Based on PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD by Alan Lewis, with adaptations by Gerhard deBock Work through the steps, making notes on your observations and questions that need further study. There are FOUR KEY STATEMENTS that you will write out: (1) PASSAGE OUTLINE, (2) ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT, (3) PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT, and (4) YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT. **•• \triangle = How far a rookie will go through the steps each week, always beginning at the start.

	Αl	WAYS START WITH PRAYER	OBSERVATIONS / QUESTIONS
	PRAYERFULLY & CAREFULLY	Carefully Read/Listen to - if possible,	
:		the entire book or letter, to gain the big picture.	
À		Carefully Read/Listen to the specific passage	
1		What seems to be the overall message of the passage?	
		Who is the human author of the Scripture passage?	
	ASH	What do we know about him?	
	ASK GOOD QUESTIONS	To whom is the passage addressed?	
		What do we know about them?	
	QUE	What is the author's purpose in writing the passage? Is it	
▼	STIC	to warn? Admonish? Discipline? Instruct? Encourage? Inform? Something else?	
٨	SNC	What are the words or phrases in the passage that seem	
$\sqrt{2}$		key? Can you define them as the author would have?	
:		What insights do we gain from looking	
	0	immediately before and after this passage?	
)BSE	Does the author of the book use the word	
	:RVE	elsewhere in his writings?	
	Ξ	If so, does its use there shed light on the usage here?	
	.: ::	What backgrounds would the author have in mind?	
	OBSERVE THE CONTEXT	Are there things that the author seems to assume that the original readers would have understood?	
	·	Are there words that have a technical or semi-technical definition from earlier Biblical writings?	
*	PRE-UNDER- STANDING?	What were the assumptions and presuppositions we had about this passage and its subject BEFORE we started?	
٨	IDER- ING?	Commit to "STAY ON THE LINE"	
3	•	by not adding to the Word, nor taking away from it.	
Å	LINKING WORDS?	Are there conjunctions that could be clues to the flow of the author's thought? Such as "and," "but," "since," "therefore," "in spite of," "so."	
:		What are the main subjects of this passage?	
		What is the author saying about these subjects?	
	овѕ	How do the subjects logically flow from one to another?	
	ΈRV	Are there other patterns	
	Ψ.	such as comparisons or repetitions?	
	IE SI	What is the author's purpose	
	RUC	for including this passage in the whole flow of his work?	
*	OBSERVE THE STRUCTURE & FLOW	WRITE AN OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE TRA	CING THE AUTHOR'S THOUGHT-FLOW:
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<u> 5</u>		42	CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

10 WEEKS TO LEARN: BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

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	ALWAYS START WITH PRAYER	OBSERVATIONS / QUESTIONS
	Do you have a sense of how God wanted to use the passage in the lives of the original readers?	
WRITE ORIGINAL READERS MESSAGE STATEMENT	Was it as a promise or assurance? A command? An example? A sin to avoid? A warning to heed?	
RITE ORIGINAL READEF MESSAGE STATEMENT	Was it a truth about Himself, or the Church,	
RIGII	or some other key topic?	
NAL	Does your statement include the author's main points	
REAL	and his purpose for writing the passage?	
ERS'	FOLLOW THE FLOW OF THOUGHT IN THE PASS SENTENCE. THIS IS YOUR ORIGINAL READERS	
 -	Where along the timeline of salvation history	
MOH	does this passage fall?	
HOW AIM FITS THE SALVATION STORY	If the passage is from the Old Testament, how should our application differ from the original readers? Consider what Jesus fulfilled in His life, death, and resurrection.	
ASA HE S	What other passages in the Bible have a similar theme	
	to the one in this passage?	
8	How is the Original Message Statement still for us today,	
N RIE	as seen through the lens of the Bible's history of salvation?	
TE PRESEN	Does your message statement lead you	
GE :	to depend more upon and rejoice in Jesus?	
WRITE PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT	WRITE A PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE ST	ATEIVIENT.
P	Using 2 Timothy 3:16-17 as a guide	
POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS	TEACHING: What's RIGHT in this passage about Who God is or what He has done; about who I am or what I am to do?	
APP	REBUKING: What's WRONG in my life that needs to change?	
LICA	CORRECTION: How should I do, think or love differently?	
Į OĮ	TRAINING: What are my next steps?	
S	How/when should I take these next steps?	
	Prayerfully choose the applications	
₽₹	the Holy Spirit wants you to make at this time.	
WRITE YOUR APPLICATION	WRITE OUT YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT:	





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