



5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Theme: The Disciple's Call — Following, Learning, and Going

Day 1: The Invitation Into Relationship

Reading: Mark 3:13-19

Devotional: Jesus did not build his movement through programs or platforms. He summoned people into relationship. The word "summoned" carries the weight of a personal, intentional invitation. He wanted them with him, not merely informed by him. Discipleship begins the moment you accept that invitation and draw near. Before there is any mission, there is relationship.

Consider the quality of your relationship with Christ right now. **Is it intimate and daily, or distant and occasional?** A disciple cannot be formed from a distance. Draw near to him today, and let that nearness become the foundation for everything else he calls you to do.

Personal Reflection: In what ways have you been treating your relationship with Christ as informational rather than relational?

Practical Application: Set aside time today not to study or pray through a list, but simply to sit in the presence of God with no agenda other than being with him.

Day 2: Formation Happens in the Following

Reading: Matthew 4:18-22

Devotional: When Jesus said "follow me," he was not handing out a syllabus. He was extending a way of life. The disciples did not attend a weekend seminar and return to their nets as changed men. They walked with him, ate with him, watched him handle conflict, witnessed his compassion, and observed his prayer life in unguarded moments.

Formation is not an event. It is a process that happens through proximity and consistency. You become like the people you spend the most time with. As you follow Christ daily, his character begins to replace your own habits and instincts. That is the miracle of discipleship.

Personal Reflection: Who or what has shaped your character the most over the past year? Does that answer reflect intentional time with Christ?

Practical Application: Identify one habit or routine in your daily life where you can intentionally invite Christ's presence and allow his example to shape how you respond.

Day 3: Faithfulness Over Feelings

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Devotional: The Great Commission was given to disciples who were still doubting. Matthew records that even as they worshiped, some doubted. Jesus did not wait for perfect faith before issuing the command to go. He commissioned imperfect, struggling, sometimes fearful followers and sent them out anyway. This dismantles every excuse rooted in inadequacy. You do not need to have all the answers. You do not need to have your life fully in order. You need to believe what God says about you over what your feelings tell you about yourself. He has equipped you. He has commissioned you. That settles the matter.

Personal Reflection: What specific feelings of inadequacy have kept you from stepping into the responsibility of making disciples?

Practical Application: Write down one thing God's word says about your identity and calling. Place it somewhere visible this week as a daily reminder to believe the word over your feelings.

Day 4: The Power of Doing Life Together

Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Devotional: The early church did not grow because of a single gifted

communicator or a perfectly crafted Sunday service. It grew because believers were devoted to one another in the most practical and consistent ways. They shared meals, prayed together, met in homes, and served side by side. The result was that God added to their number daily.

Biblical community is not a program you attend. It is a life you share. When disciples genuinely do life together, accountability deepens, faith strengthens, and the watching world takes notice. The question is not whether your church has community. The question is whether you are actually in it.

Personal Reflection: Are you in a relationship with other believers where you are truly known, not just recognized?

Practical Application: Reach out this week to one person in your church and make a plan to share a meal, pray together, or simply spend time in genuine conversation outside of a Sunday service.

Day 5: Go and Reproduce

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Devotional: Paul's instruction to Timothy captures the entire disciple-making process in a single verse. What was received was meant to be entrusted, and what was entrusted was meant to be taught to others who would then teach others still.

The gospel was never designed to terminate with the person who receives it. It is a living, moving, multiplying truth that is meant to travel from one life into the next. You are not the final destination of what God has done in you. You are a steward of it. Someone went so that you could know Jesus. Now the question that every disciple must answer is whether the gospel will continue to flow through you into someone else.

Personal Reflection: Who in your life right now could benefit from what God has taught you, even in the midst of your own ongoing growth and imperfection?

Practical Application: Identify your one. Ask God specifically this week to show you one person you can begin investing in intentionally. Start simply with a conversation, a shared scripture, or a prayer. Take the first step and trust God with the rest.