



5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Discipleship: Following Jesus and Leading Others

Day 1: The Call to Follow

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20 — The Great Commission, in which Jesus commands his followers to go, make disciples, baptize them, and teach them everything he commanded.

Devotional: Salvation is not the finish line — it is the starting block. Jesus did not call us to simply make converts; he called us to make disciples. That means walking alongside people, teaching them, correcting them, and modeling what it looks like to follow Christ in everyday life. The mission belongs to every believer, not just those behind a pulpit. Ask yourself today: have you treated your faith as a personal destination, or as a road you are actively inviting others to travel with you? The Great Commission is not a suggestion reserved for professionals. It is a command for every follower of Christ.

Reflection: Who in your life have you introduced to Jesus but never walked alongside in faith?

Practical Application: Pray and ask God to show you one person you can intentionally begin to disciple this week.

Day 2: Consistent Rhythms, Not Occasional Moments

Reading: Acts 2:42 — A description of the early church devoting themselves continually to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

Devotional: The early church did not treat spiritual growth as an occasional event. They were continually devoted — not once in a while, not when it was convenient, but as a consistent, daily rhythm of life. Discipleship is not built on a single powerful moment at an altar or a conference. It is built on the steady, sometimes unglamorous practice of showing up — to the Word, to prayer, to community, and to one another. Spiritual maintenance, much like caring for a vehicle, prevents breakdown. Neglect it long enough, and eventually something will give way. Devotion is not a feeling; it is a decision made repeatedly.

Reflection: Which of the four elements — teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, or prayer — have you been most neglecting in your spiritual life?

Practical Application: Choose one of the four and commit to practicing it intentionally every day this week.

Day 3: Passing It On

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:2 — Paul instructs Timothy to entrust what he has received to faithful people who will be capable of teaching others as well.

Devotional: In a single verse, four generations of discipleship are at work: Paul to Timothy, Timothy to faithful people, and those faithful people to others still. This is not addition — it is multiplication. The kingdom of God was never designed to grow through one person doing everything. It was designed to grow through ordinary believers reproducing what they have received. You do not need a seminary degree to pass on what God has taught you. You need faithfulness and a willingness to invest in someone else. What you have learned about following Jesus is not meant to stop with you. It was always meant to keep moving.

Reflection: What has God taught you through your own journey that someone else genuinely needs to hear?

Practical Application: Write down three spiritual lessons God has taught you and consider sharing at least one with someone this week.

Day 4: God Works in the Wreckage

Reading: Romans 8:28 — The assurance that God works all things together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.

Devotional: Sometimes discipleship does not happen in a classroom or over a cup of coffee. Sometimes it happens in the aftermath of a house fire, a health crisis, or a season of overwhelming loss. What makes a disciple is not the

absence of hardship but the presence of trust when hardship arrives. When everything is stripped away and you still choose to look forward and ask, "What does God have next?" — that is faith in action. That is the fruit of someone who has been disciplined well. God does not waste pain. He works it, shapes it, and ultimately turns it toward something good for those who remain devoted to him.

Reflection: Is there a current difficulty in your life that you have not yet surrendered to God's purposes?

Practical Application: Write out Romans 8:28 and place it somewhere visible as a daily reminder that God is still working in your situation.

Day 5: You Are Ready to Go

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1 — Paul's instruction to imitate him as he imitates Christ, presenting himself as a living model of discipleship.

Devotional: Many believers disqualify themselves from discipling others because they feel they have not been saved long enough, do not know enough Scripture, or have not yet figured everything out. But Jesus told his disciples to go and teach what he had already taught them — not what they would eventually learn, but what they already knew. You do not need to be perfect to disciple someone. You need to be honest, available, and pointing toward Christ. Teach what you know. Admit what you do not know. Model humility, and watch God use your imperfect faithfulness to shape someone else's life in ways you cannot yet imagine.

Reflection: What is the real reason you have not yet begun discipling someone — and is that reason truly valid before God?

Practical Application: Reach out today to one person and invite them to meet with you regularly. Start simply. Start now. Bring what you have and trust God to multiply it.