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MAKING DISCIPLES

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HEART OF MAKING DISCIPLES

GETTING STARTED

The Motivation of Making Disciples

We are motivated to make disciples because of our love for God and His people. This isn't just a task. It isn't just a command. Discipleship flows out of a heart of love. God has poured his love into us and that love pours out to others. If we miss this, we will not fulfill Jesus' mandate to make disciples.

The great commandment ([Mark 12:28-31](#)) must never be separated from the great commission ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)). We love, so we disciple.

The great commandment:

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'"

Mark 12:28-31

The great commission:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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We see over and over again that Jesus was moved by His love for people. He challenges us to do the same. (Matthew 9:25-38) As we make disciples it must be motivated like Jesus from a heart of love otherwise we will fail.

After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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The Model of Making Disciples

As we look at making disciples, we want to look at how Jesus did so. Jesus' model was **high invitation**. (Matthew 4:19, Matthew 8:22, Matthew 9:9). Over and over Jesus invites people to come and follow Him. This was an invitation to walk beside Him, to view His life, and to be with Him 24/7. Jesus didn't hold people at an arm's length. We can't either. If we want to make disciples it will mean allowing people to get close to us. We are challenging you to open up your life to people and let them see how you walk with Jesus.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Matthew 4:19

But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Matthew 8:22

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

Matthew 9:9.

Jesus model was **high challenge**. (Matthew 14:31, Matthew 15:15-20). Time and time again Jesus challenged his disciples to have faith and dig beneath the surface in order to understand what God was saying. He challenges people to make sure they have the right heart and attitude.

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

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Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.” “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Matthew 15:15-20

Jesus didn’t shy away from difficult and challenging conversations ([Matthew 16:23-25](#), [Luke 9:55](#)). If we are to make disciples as Jesus did, we need to lean into difficult and challenging conversations. We must engage those we are discipling to help their faith grow and see them become more like Christ.

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:23-25

But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

Luke 9:55

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A Life Worth Reproducing

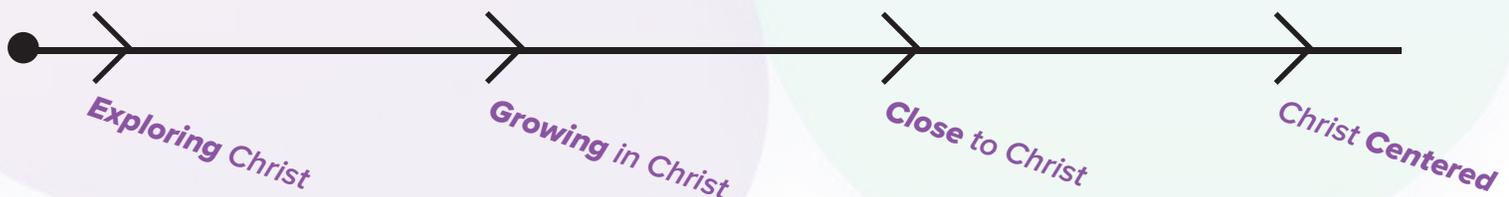
We don't wait to make disciples until we think we have it all figured out or live a perfect life. However, we do want to make sure we have something to give others. Making disciples starts with surrendering your life to God and examining your heart. We can say what we want, but we reproduce who we are.

A Life that is Close to Christ

As we grow in our relationships with Jesus, we progress through different stages of spiritual maturity. In the "Close to Christ" stage, we replace self-centeredness with Christ-like self-sacrifice. We pour out our increasing love for Jesus through spiritual outreach, activities, and evangelism. It's all about movement of the heart. . A disciple in this stage is prepared to take on the responsibility of making disciples.

Reveal Assessment

The Reveal Assessment is a tool we use to help discover our current stage of spiritual development. The first two stages (Exploring Christ and Growing in Christ) are all about building beliefs and spiritual practices central to following Jesus. The second two stages (Close to Christ and Christ-centered) indicate internalized practices and beliefs, along with the need to pass these on to others.



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BUILDING DEEP RELATIONSHIPS

Following Jesus' Example:

Jesus' model was high invitation, meaning He invited many to follow. At NCC, we recommend inviting 3-4 into your discipleship group. We don't disciple in a strictly one-on-one basis, because Jesus didn't. We learn from each other! Others can add to what you are leading and teaching. That said, we discourage large groups, because fostering close relationships is vital to discipleship.

Daily Connections: 1 - 4 weeks

In the beginning, we strongly encourage you to have daily contact with those you are discipling. Some suggested connections are: Read a bible reading plan together in the YouVersion app & share comments on what God spoke to you // Text feed - text the group with a few prompts (how they are doing, about their day, if they are struggling, prayer, etc.) // Prayer phone call - get on the phone and pray for each other's needs.

Weekly Connections:

We need more than just a digital connection when we're sharing life together. Each week we want to spend time together. This is your opportunity to have intentional discussions about life, God's word, and discipleship content. Get creative with this time! i.e. Morning coffee // family dinner // a shared interest or activity of the group // Serve together at a non-profit. The goals are to be together, have intentional conversations, and engage with scripture.

Monthly Connections: Last 2 months

Everyone is growing together, and you've been living life together. The heart of this phase is to still connect and challenge each other to grow, while making an effort to multiply. This is the time to challenge each other to pray for the people God is leading you to disciple next. As you disciple others, stay connected to keep growing and make sure the new groups are solid.

MAKE DISCIPLES. Remember: this is an organic process. The goal isn't to stick to a rigid timeline. You may find that you can move more quickly or need to slow down. We want to walk at the pace of natural growth and focus on developing those we're discipling.

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STAY CONNECTED

Making Disciples Website

Let's be honest, we all lose stuff. At some point this document is going to be get misplaced. The following web page is a one-stop hub with all the resources to help in this process.

newcommunity.co/makedisciples

RightNow Media

This is a website with loads of video resources. Each of the teaching components in this booklet will have links to videos where you and those you are discipling can learn more about the topic at hand. You can find the link to sign up on the next page.

Reveal Individual Assessment

We have partnered with Reveal and Gloop to help us in the discipleship process. The Reveal Individual Discipleship Assessment is a tool that will help you and your disciples discover your stage of spiritual development.

We encourage you to have your disciples take this assessment at the beginning and end of the disciple making process to see how they have grown. You can find the link for this on the next page.

Connecting with us

We are here to help! There will be times when you have questions, you want to give up, or you don't how to handle a situation. We are here to provide wisdom and to point you in the right direction. Reach out to us by emailing info@newcommunity.co or by visiting newcommunity.co/makingdisciples.

As you are making disciples you may discover some best practices of your own. We would love to hear what you are learning and share this with others. On the website there is a form to send feedback or consider joining the NCC Disciple Makers Facebook group. This will help us constantly improve and grow as we make disciples.

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RIGHTNOW MEDIA

We want to help resource you as you walk through this discipleship process. You will notice some additional resources with the spiritual growth content in this manual. There are also videos that will help you understand more about what you are learning on RightNow Media. There you will find all kinds of videos on topics like parenting, marriage, faith, studying the scripture and much more. There are instructions below to access the RIGHT NOW MEDIA library, and this is all completely free to you. Don't feel limited to just the videos we suggest! Use this tool to grow in all areas of your life.



CREATEACCOUNT

To create a RightNow media account with NCC, just click on the button below. You will be taken to a new page to set up your account.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

<http://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/NewComm>

Reveal Individual Assessment

We know you want to grow spiritually. But how do you know if you are growing? We have partnered with Reveal to help. We have a short survey to help you know your current stage of spiritual growth and how you can keep moving forward. This short assessment asks questions about loving attitudes along the Spiritual Continuum, beliefs, personal spiritual practices, virtues and faith in action. We encourage you to take this at the beginning and end of your discipleship process.



CREATEACCOUNT

This survey is 36 questions long. Try not to overthink it. After you complete the survey you will immediately get an email with your results along with some tips to keep moving forward in your faith.

REVEAL SURVEY

COMING SOON

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DISCIPLE MAKERS SNAPSHOT

The Win of Making Disciples

The win of discipleship is to walk closely in relationship and have intentional conversations with those willing to walk with you. To the best of our abilities, we want to help people grow closer to Jesus in personal beliefs, practices, and spiritual gifts. It may not be that all who begin finish the process with you. Jesus lost some, and we will too. We are succeeding when we are able to say, "Jesus, I did my best to reflect you to others and help them do the same."

Disciple Makers are...

Living a life worth reproducing - We don't wait to make disciples until we think we have it all figured out. However, we do want to make sure we have something to give others. Disciple Makers strive daily to live in a way that reflects the life of Christ, through strong personal and corporate spiritual practices.

Teachable - We are willing to keep learning. Good leaders are teachable and know how to follow. We must always keep a heart that is guided by truth and open to instruction.

Spiritually mature - We are close to Christ, reflected by decisions that are guided by a daily dependence on Jesus. We pour out our increasing love for Jesus through spiritual outreach, activities, and evangelism. It's all about movement of the heart.

Emotionally healthy - As followers of Christ we will walk through difficult times. We know our spiritual health is tied into our emotional health. Disciple makers know how to process and display emotions in a healthy way, and we understand the importance of forgiveness, grieving, celebration, and joy.

Open and Honest - Since disciple-making is done in close relationship, we must be willing to open our lives to others. This means allowing those we disciple to see our struggles and mistakes, as well as how we grow from them. Maintaining this open relationship will take more than a one-hour meeting each week, so we must be prepared to share other moments of our lives with those we disciple.

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DISCIPLE MAKER'S COMMITMENT

Expectations and Requirements

Apply to be disciple-maker | Attend Disciple Maker training | Completed NCC's EHS class or commit to attend the next one | Close to Christ or Christ-Centered on the Reveal Spiritual Assessment | Complete the NCC Connect Track | Complete the Disciple-Making process at NCC or be vetted by an NCC Pastor or Spiritual Director

Commitments

I am committing to:

___ ***Meet and stay connected*** as lined out in the Disciple Maker's training.

___ ***Stay connected with NCC leadership.*** I will do my best to respond to emails and texts from my disciple maker coach. I will keep the training and communication front-and-center to ensure I am doing my best to help fulfill the vision of NCC.

___ ***Use the resources available*** (Right Now media, training videos, spiritual assessments, suggested relational and serving times) to make this a great opportunity for spiritual growth. I will walk my disciples through the disciple making content: the beliefs, practices, and Bible stories.

___ ***Recommend professional counseling*** when I sense it is needed. I realize i am not a licensed counselor and am not able to give mental health advice or professional counseling. I can only offer spiritual advice and wisdom from my life and relationship with God.

___ ***Maintain my personal, spiritual, emotional health.*** I realize that I need a to live a life that is worth reproducing. I vow to keep growing and have strong personal spiritual practices, beliefs, and church engagement.

___ ***Create good boundaries.*** I realize I am not anyone's savior, and I am not a superhero. While I am passionate about helping others grow, I know that I am not responsible for another person's salvation. I will have good boundaries in place to make sure I don't take on more than God has given me to carry.

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BEING A DISCIPLE

DISCIPLE COMMITMENT SHEET

Characteristics of a Disciple

A desire to grow spiritually | Willingness to be open and honest with others | Teachable heart open to instruction, challenge, and growth | A desire for relationships with others | Commitment to meeting together and engaging with the scriptures and discipleship content.

Expectations and Requirements

Let's be honest- there is a reason people chose not to follow Jesus when he called them. Discipleship is hard work! In order to be discipled, we must be open to correction, committed to growth, and willing to open the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of our lives to others. Disciples must attend and engage in connection times with their Disciple Makers. They must be willing to prioritize their spiritual growth above all else.

Commitments

I am committing to:

___ **Meet and stay connected as my Disciple Maker lines out.** Emergencies may come up, but I commit to connections with my group a top priority in my life. I understand that lack of attendance may result in my dismissal from my discipleship group.

___ **Use the resources provided to own my spiritual growth.** I agree to walk through the disciple making content - the beliefs, practices, and bible stories- in order to grow closer to Christ.

___ **Allow my Disciple Maker to challenge me.** I will be honest and teachable as I desire to grow and learn from others. I realize I am responsible for my spiritual growth, but the person who is discipling me will challenge me and encourage me to change and grow. I will do my best to be humble and committed to this process.

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CONNECTING WITH DISCIPLES

BEFORE YOUR FIRST MEETING

Initial Conversation

Discipleship happens in relationship. We don't assign or pair people in disciple making groups, because we believe a personal connection is vital in this process. Spend time praying and asking God to show you who He is calling you to disciple, and reach out to them. You may also have people who ask you to disciple them. We encourage you to be proactive in building discipleship connections.

Commitment Form

Walk through the commitment form with your disciples. Make sure to convey the heart behind each statement without rushing through it. Make sure each person understands the commitment before getting started. This will help when it is time for challenging conversations and accountability.

Reveal Spiritual Assessment

Make sure that each of your disciples takes the Reveal Spiritual Assessment and forwards you their results. This will take about 15 minutes. You will discuss this in your initial meeting, so it should be completed it before then. This tool will help you determine which topics and practices will be most important as you walk with those you are discipling.

Disciple Booklet

You have this Disciple Maker's booklet, and we created a Disciple booklet, as well. Please make sure you have enough copies and get them to your disciples before or at your first meeting. This content may also be accessed online at the disciple website, but a physical copy will be helpful to take notes during the process.

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FIRST MEETING

This first meeting is about getting to know one other. Take time to review the guidelines and set meeting and connection times. You can use the suggested questions to help people open up. Encourage each person to share the results of their Reveal assessment.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped. (Message Translation)

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

DISCIPLE GROUP GUIDELINES

Be Prepared

You will get out of this process what you put into it. From Bible reading, Right Now Media videos, or content topics, come ready to engage in the process.

Open and Honest Conversations

It can be easy to hide parts of our lives we don't want others to see. But growth happens when we are open and honest with each other. Lead the way in being vulnerable so others can be open as well.

Confidentiality

This group and relationships thrive off of trust. You will hear personal things about others in this group. Don't share these stories with others outside the group.

Show Up

We can all use the "I'm busy" excuse, but relationships are vital to our spiritual growth. Make an attempt to be present and engaged at all of your weekly meetings.

No Fixing People

Although we give spiritual advice and can help each other by sharing our life experiences, our goal isn't to fix people. We believe that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

This is Not Counseling

Although we open our lives to create deep relationships, discipleship is not professional counseling. When counseling is needed, refer people to NCC's counseling resources.



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NEXT TWO WEEKS

These two weeks are about learning about each other and building deep relationships. The tendency may be for people to rush through this process or not be fully engaged. This process of sharing your life timeline will help build closer connections. Ask questions to help you understand one another better.

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LIFE STORY TIMELINE TERMS

God

Key moments of spiritual growth and transformation. These can be seemingly small or big, but if it stood out to you, write it down.

Wins

Celebrations and moments of joy. Examples are graduations, marriage, birth of a child, dreams and goals you have achieved.

Losses

Anything that felt like a loss is one. Loss of a loved one, death of a dream or goal, failures or mistakes in your life are all losses.

Life Change

These are any other major life changes that didn't fit into the categories above but have significantly shaped you. i.e. Starting college, moving, beginning a new career, etc.

RESOURCES

Life Story Timeline

Physical Print Out | Online PDF



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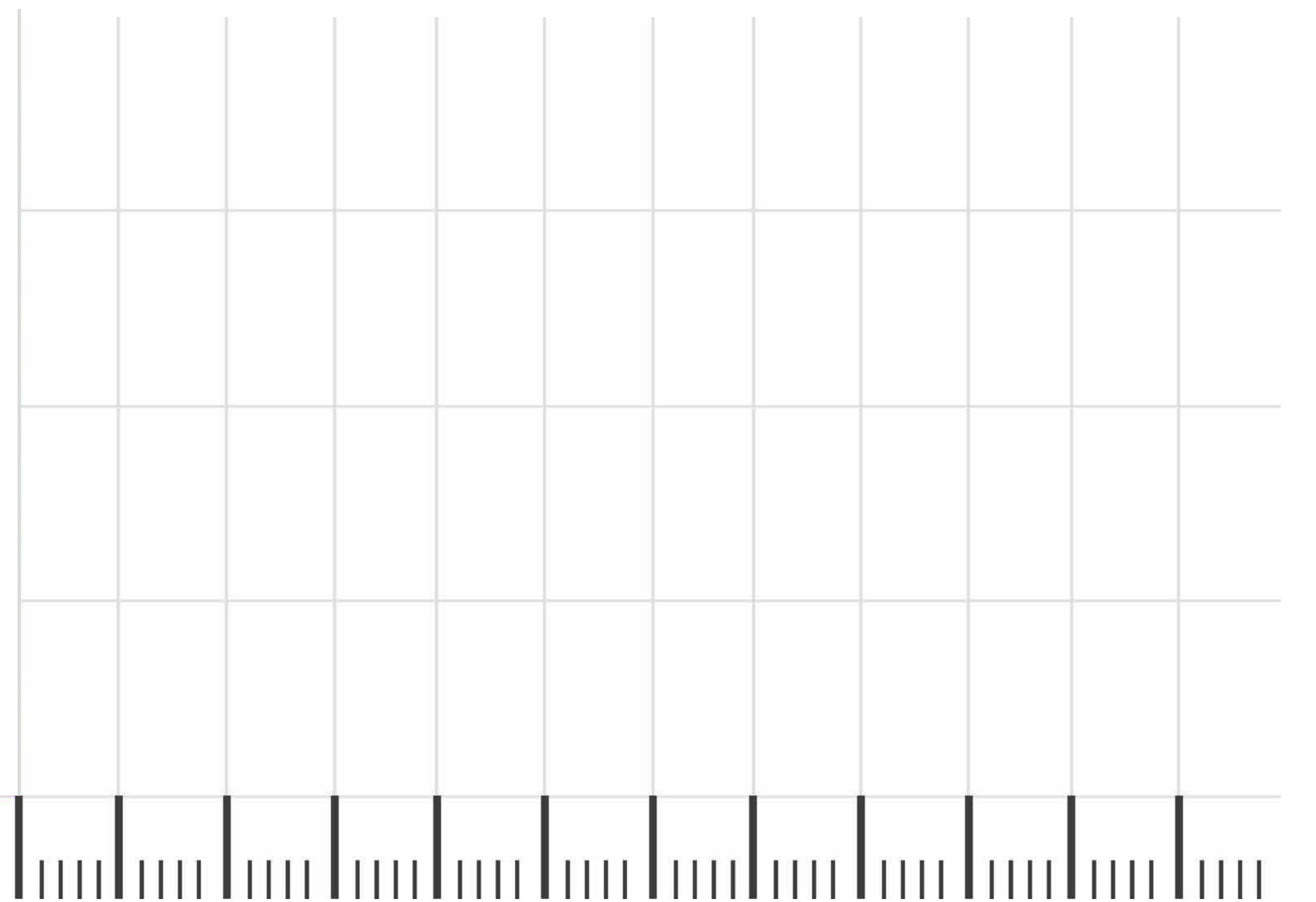
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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

SALVATION BY GRACE

The belief of salvation by grace is the core of our Christian faith by proclaiming God's victory over sin in our lives. From the first man and women, our disobedience results in spiritual death, which separates us from God. Nothing we've done or could do can bridge that separation. Man's only hope of redemption is through God's grace.

Acts 16:30-31

He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:22-24

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

KEY TERMS

Salvation // Saved

Salvation is a gift from God. The Bible teaches that none of us is good enough to earn salvation. We must accept it as a gift from God. God freely gives this wonderful gift to all who will accept it on His terms. We receive salvation when we admit to God that we have sinned and are truly sorry for our sins and when we receive, by faith, the Lord Jesus Christ into our lives as our personal Lord and Savior. We simply trust Him to forgive us our sins and to give us the gift of eternal life.

Sin

Sin separates us from God. This refers to us "missing the mark" or our state as human beings. But we cannot "fix" our sin problem by just trying really hard to be good. That's why our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross--to pay the death penalty for our sins in our place.

RESOURCES

"Salvation by Grace Alone"

Online Article

Salvation by Grace Resources

Online Video

Francis Chan "Amazing Grace"

Right Now Media Online video



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This grace brings deliverance, healing and a restored life through Jesus. Whether a new believer or a mature Christian, every believer is dependent on God's free gift of grace.

Romans 10:9-13

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

KEY TERMS

Repent

To repent means to change one's mind and heart completely. Usually, we use the word to mean to change one's mind and heart completely about sin.

Conviction

When we have done things that are wrong, and the Holy Spirit reminds us that we have sinned. Also can be used to refer to strong beliefs on which we base our lives.

Justification

Justification is the act of all our sins being forgiven and cleansed away from us forever. The words "righteous" and "justified" come from the same Greek word.

RESOURCES

"God's Grace"

Bible Reading Plan

"The Prodigal Son"

Luke 15:11-32

Timothy Keller "Prodigal God"

Book



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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and has authority over what we say and do. The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired by God and are the revelation of God to man, it tells us the story of God's plan of salvation.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

KEY TERMS

Translations

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew and Greek. So, there have been many translations making the Scripture accessible to different languages and the adaptation of those languages. Some are "word for word" translations (KJV, ESV), some being "thought for thought" (NIV, NLT) and others "phrase for phrase" (The Message, Passion Translation).

Gospel

The Gospel is the good news of what Jesus did to redeem his people (his birth, life, death, and resurrection). It is good news because we are unable to save ourselves. "The Gospels" refers to the books of the Bible where Jesus' life is recorded - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

RESOURCES

"How to Read the Bible"

Right Now Media Video

Authority of Scripture A/G Core

Online Article

"Who Wrote the Bible"

Online Article

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AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

The Scriptures define the believer's worldview, morality, and ethics. Moreover, the Scriptures are not simply one authority among others; they are the final authority.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:18

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Psalms 119

KEY TERMS

Infallible

Often used with the word "inerrant." It means that since the Bible is God's Word, it cannot fail or mislead in any way. It is perfect.

Inerrancy

The belief that God caused His Word, the Bible, to be written perfectly and without any errors at all. Because of this, we take every part of Scripture as truth and instruction.

Old/New Testament

The first part of the Bible that is Hebrew Scriptures. In the New Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures are simply called "the scriptures" or "the holy scriptures".

The NT contains the Gospels, the Epistles and the book of Revelation. Together with the Old Testament makes the whole Bible.

RESOURCES

N.T. Wright "Effective Bible Study"

Online Article

"Reading Through the Bible in 5 Days"

Bible Reading Plan

Jesus Temptation

Luke 4:1-11



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ONE TRUE GOD

We believe that the God of the Bible is the one true God, demonstrated in 3 persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The one true God has revealed Himself as "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. There is no other god, "truth" or way.

Isaiah 43:10-11

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. "

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Isaiah 44:6

"This is what the Lord says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

KEY TERMS

Trinity

The Bible teaches that God reveals Himself as One God who exists as three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. The word "Trinity" combines the prefix "tri-" (meaning "three" as in tricycle, triangle, or tripod) with the word "unity" meaning one.

Monotheism

The belief in one God - Christians, Jews and Muslims are monotheistic.

Omnipotent

Means "all powerful." It is a word that describes God alone. He has perfect and total power in the entire universe. He has the power to do anything He chooses to do.

RESOURCES

Ravi Zacharias "Jesus Among Other Gods"
Book

"Explaining The Trinity"
Online Video

"The Case for Christ"
Right Now Media Online video

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1 Corinthians 8:6

.. yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

1 John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

KEY TERMS

Omnipresent

Means that God can be everywhere at the same time. Only God is omnipresent. (It is important to remember that "omnipresence" is not the same as a pagan belief called "pantheism.")

Omniscient

Means that God knows everything there is to know. He has all knowledge and there is nothing hidden from Him.

RESOURCES

"Names of God"

Bible Reading Plan

"Description of God"

Isaiah 40:9-31

"One God One Lord"

Online Article

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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

SPIRIT FILLED LIVING

When Jesus left earth, He promised that we'd not be alone. The Holy Spirit came to live inside us to lead, empower and point to Jesus. Being Spirit-filled means being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting, displaying the fruits of the Spirit, and a submission to God.

Acts 1:8

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.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

John 14:15-18

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

KEY TERMS

Pentecost

The festival when the disciples received the Holy Spirit. Often thought of as the birth of the Church.

Speaking in Tongues

The New Testament mentions both speaking and praying in tongues. When the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost, the believers spoke in tongues. This gift is a “heavenly language” to intercede for others and encourage people.

Indwelling of the Spirit

When we receive Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit of God comes to live inside us or dwell inside us.

Revelation

Truth that men cannot figure out on their own, but which must be given to them by God, is called “revelation.” The whole Bible is the revelation of God and God's truth to men.

RESOURCES

“The Holy Spirit”

Bible Project Video

Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit

Online Article

Francis Chan “Who is the Holy Spirit”

Right Now Media Video



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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

SPIRIT FILLED LIVING

All believers in Jesus Christ have God's Spirit living within them, or dwelling within them; but not all believers live filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Romans 8:14

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

KEY TERMS

Walking in the Spirit

We are living our lives in a way that shows we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. When we are filled by the Spirit, we see an attitude of joy and thanksgiving as well as a posture of humility toward God and of submission to one another.

Spiritual Warfare

Christians have an enemy--Satan. In His Word, God has given us weapons which He commands us to use for that purpose.

Prompting of the Spirit

When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in our lives to give us wisdom and direction. He speaks to us by giving us thoughts to do the right thing. His promptings will never contradict or disagree with God's Word.

RESOURCES

Francis Chan "Forgotten God"
Book

"The Holy Spirit"
Bible Reading Plan

Stories of the Spirit
The Book of Acts

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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is not a building; it is a group of people God is using to bring about His plan of redemption in the world. As the local church, we worship and learn together, we encourage and support each other and we bring The Gospel to our community. We use what God has given us in resources and talents to build the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 16:18-19

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 4:6

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

KEY TERMS

Communion

Communion is a name for the “Lord’s Supper.” The word “communion” emphasizes the fellowship we have with Jesus because of His sacrifice on the cross.

Baptism

begin submerged into water as a sign to others you’ve been made new and living a new life in Christ.

Kingdom of God

Also called the Kingdom Of Heaven is the spiritual realm over which God reigns as King and also applies to the fulfillment of God’s will

The Body of Christ

The body of Christ is made up of every person who has given their life to Jesus. They work in the ministry that He leads, which differs from person to person, for the edification and unity of The Church.

RESOURCES

Francis Chan “Letters to the Church”
Book

“Why the Church is Vital to Every Christian”
Online Article

“The Church”
Right Now Media Online video



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Acts 2:42-47

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Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

KEY TERMS

The Bride of Christ

The Bride is another term for The Church. This symbolism is used throughout the New Testament to show how Jesus loves and cares for The Church while The Church is waiting for her groom.

Brothers / Sisters

The “brothers” and “sisters” are those who are a part of the church of Christ.

Evangelical

Christians who believe the Bible is God's Word and who believe that the Gospel of Jesus should be shared with others.

RESOURCES

“The Body of Christ”

Right Now Media Video

“The Church Has Left the Building”

Bible Reading Plan

How the Body of Christ should work

1 Corinthians 12

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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, our identity and position in life changes. Our identity is no longer found in our status or the words of others, but by Jesus Himself. God intends for all people to find their identity in Him and be adopted into His family.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

KEY TERMS

Coheirs with Christ

Jesus, the only Son of God, is the natural "heir" of the Father. Being a co-heir with Christ means that we, as God's adopted children, will share in the inheritance of Jesus. All that belongs to Jesus Christ will belong to us, the co-heirs, as well. Christ gives us His glory (John 17:22), His riches (2 Corinthians 8:9), and all things (Hebrews 1:2).

Adopted in Christ

We have been adopted or "grafted" into the family of God. It wasn't out right or anything that we did, but God in His grace called us his rightful children.

RESOURCES

Rick Warren "The Purpose Driven Life"
Book

Who am I in Christ
Online Article

Identity in Christ
Online Article

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KEY SPIRITUAL BELIEFS

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

As part of this family, we are free from shame, chosen to carry God's love to this world and live in the confidence of being His son or daughter.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

KEY TERMS

Armor of God

The armor of God is a metaphor in the Bible (Ephesians 6:10-18) that reminds Christians about the reality of spiritual battle and describes the protection and confidence available to them.

RESOURCES

"Identity in Christ"

Message on Right Now Media

"Blessings God Has For Us"

Ephesians 1:3-14

Identity in Christ

Bible Reading Plan

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BIBLICAL OVERVIEW

The power of the stories of the bible isn't that they happened but they are a reflection of what is still happening. They mirror our lives in so many way. Through these powerful stories we see the character, salvation, power and love of God as He rescues us from our sin. We also see some of the common ways we miss God's purpose and plans for our life. These stories can help shape our life.

OLD TESTAMENT PRT 1

This is the part of the bible that is before the time of Christ. It highlights the story of God's salvation and plan through His chosen people the nation of Israel. They were supposed to be a light and witness of Yahweh to the nations around them. *(35 authors // written over 1200 years. // written in Hebrew)*

Creation and the Fall of Humans (Genesis 1-3)

Overview:: Genesis goes through the creation story, the fall of man. It shows how we as people keep rebelling against God and His plan for us. We see the history of civilization. Also we see how God forms and choses His people to be an instrument to bring His salvation to the world.

KEY TERMS

Creation

God speaking everything into existence that has come to be. His creative power brought everything in our world into existence.

Original Sin

The act of disobedience of Adam and Eve eating of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil and allowed sin to enter the world.

QUESTIONS

What does the way God created everything show us about Him?

What does chapter 3 of Genesis show us about our relationship with God?

Moses and the Exodus of God's people from slavery (Exodus 3 and 9-11)

Overview:: The people of God had been enslaved for 400 years in Egypt. Through many signs and wonders He frees His people and takes them to a mountain. At this place He shows them his presence and gives them a new way to live in relationship with Him and others around them.

KEY TERMS

Israelites

These were the people God had chosen that were descendants of Jacob (who later become known as Israel). They were part of God's plan of salvation for the world.

Passover

The people of God were told to sacrifice a lamb on the night the death angel would visit Egypt. They were to wipe the lamb's blood on their doorpost and the angel would passover their house.

QUESTIONS

What do these signs and wonders and the Passover show about who God is?

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OLD TESTAMENT PRT 2,

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Samson and Delilah (Judges 16)

Overview:: The people of God conquered and settled into the land that God has promised them. God raised up Judges (spiritual leaders & warriors) to lead His people. The people started a horrible cycle of doing their own thing, getting into trouble, crying out to God, God would send victory over their enemies. then they would forget God and do their own thing again. One of the judges was Samson.

KEY TERMS

Nazarite

A vow that's taken by individuals who have voluntarily dedicated themselves to God. It may limit their consumption of alcohol or other unclean foods.

Judge

Spiritual leaders of Israel that God used to rescue his people and remind them to follow God's word.

QUESTIONS

What are some of the pitfalls and traps Samson fell into?

What are some pitfalls or traps you have in your life?

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Overview:: The people of God asked God for a king to be like other nations. This was a bad decision. Their first king was named Saul and was a madman who was full of pride. God chose the second king a shepherd boy named David who had a heart for God.

KEY TERMS

Philistines

Enemies of the people of God that worshiped the God Dagon and were at constant war with the people of God.

Slingshot

Was a weapon that was made of leather that was used to defend people. A rock or hard piece of material could be thrown a fast speeds to disable an enemy.

QUESTIONS

Where was David's confidence?

How did David's past prepare him for the giant He was facing? What does God do in your past to prepare you for future giants or battles in your life?

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BIBLICAL OVERVIEW

OLD TESTAMENT PRT 3

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Elijah and the False Prophets (1 Kings 18:20-46)

Overview:: The people had begun to worship the false God Baal. Elijah calls out the false prophets of Baal and challenges them to prove if their God was real. God did many signs and wonders through His prophets like this call His people back to Himself.

KEY TERMS

Baal

A god worshiped in many ancient Middle Eastern communities, especially among the Canaanites, who considered him a fertility deity.

Altar / Sacrifice

Offering an animals life as an act of worship to a spiritual being or God. This could be done as an act of worship or to receive favor from God or a spiritual being.

QUESTIONS

What are things we worship in our life that turn our hearts and love away from God?

What was powerful about Elijah's prayer and faith in God?

Daniel (Daniel 1,3, & 6)

Overview:: The people of God turned away from Him. He allowed them to be taken into exile by a neighboring country. They were in exile in an empire called Babylon. Daniel even in a different culture and land never forsakes God, but lives a life of conviction and no compromise.

KEY TERMS

Babylon

A nation north of Israel that conquered the people of God. It was a strong empire that was short lived and eventually fell to the Medes and Persians

Idol

A statue that symbolized a god offering and prayers could be offered as a representation of the god one served.

QUESTIONS

What characteristics do you see in the life of Daniel and the his friends? Which one of these do you admire the most

What is a moment where you had to trust God, maybe where it felt like you were in a fire?

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BIBLICAL OVERVIEW

After the Old Testament comes to an end we see about 400 years of God's people struggling and not listening to His voice. But God isn't done with them or us. He has a plan to still bring about salvation and restore us to Him. This is where Jesus steps on the scene. That is the part of the bible known as the New Testament.

NEW TESTAMENT PRT 1

This is the part of the bible that is during and after the time of Christ. It highlights the story of God's son coming and dying for our sins. After the gospels we see the church being established and growing and spreading throughout the roman empire. *(27 books // 9 authors // written over 55 years. // written in Greek)*

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)

Overview:: God visits a young jewish girl who is a virgin to reveal that it is through her the messiah will be born. The roman empire is ruling the then known world. Yet it is in a small town that the world salvation will come, and the true King will arrive on the scene of history.

KEY TERMS

Advent

The 25 days of December leading up to Christmas. Christians have used these day to reflect on the birth of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas.

Wisemen

Ancient scholars and astronomers that would study the stars to foretell key moments and important events on the earth.

QUESTIONS

What do you as the significance of Jesus being born as a baby in God's salvation plan?

What is the impact or where Jesus was born and who was first told of His birth?

Jesus feeds five thousand people (John 6.1–15)

Overview:: Jesus began to do many miracles. He gained a large following of thousands. He had a small close group that were his true disciples. People were coming from all over the nation to witness the amazing miracles that were being done through this young rabbi.

KEY TERMS

Manana

Communion is a name for the "Lord's Supper." The word "communion" emphasizes the fellowship we have with Jesus because of His sacrifice on the cross.

Bread of Life

begin submerged into water as a sign to others you've been made new and living a new life in Christ.

QUESTIONS

So many people are following Jesus just to be feed and see the miracles? What are no pure motives people follow Jesus today?

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BIBLICAL OVERVIEW

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The parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15.11–32)

Overview:: Jesus used stories to convey the powerful truths of the kingdom of God. These many times are referred to as parables. He would share a truth through an illustration that people were familiar with. From seeds in a garden, to fishing Jesus was always using what is around us in the physical world to draw our attention to what is unseen in the world.

KEY TERMS

Prodigal

Prodigal means reckless or wasteful spending. It was used to describe situations where someone surprised you by their actions in spending or giving.

Inheritance

This was given after the father of the family died. To ask for it ahead of time was a great offense. In essence you were wishing that person was dead.

QUESTIONS

What does the heart of the Father in this story reveal about God?

Why is it easier to admit we are the prodigal son rather than the older brother?

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11.1–44)

Overview:: Jesus continued to do many signs and wonders. His miracles many times were to show a spiritual truth, such as healing the blind to illustrate spiritual sight. Jesus in his time on earth developed close relationships. Lazarus was a close friend of Jesus.

KEY TERMS

Resurrection

The restoring of life to someone that has been officially died. This not done through medical means but through a supernatural act of God.

Mourners

During this time, people were hired to come and weep and cry with families that had lost someone. As odd as it seems to us it was a common thing in biblical time.

QUESTIONS

Why did Jesus weep if He knew He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead?

Why did this miracle upset the religious leaders so much?

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BIBLICAL OVERVIEW

NEW TESTAMENT PRT 3

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The Holy Spirit is sent to the disciples (Acts 2.1–13)

Overview:: After His death and resurrection Jesus continued to meet and speak to His disciples for 40 days. After this He ascended into heaven. After his accession we see the growth and expansion of the church in the book of Acts and the epistles.

KEY TERMS

Pentecost

This was a Jewish festival that celebrated the first fruits of the wheat harvest. It also reminded the people where God visited them on Mount Sinai.

Tongues of Fire

Visible small pockets of fire that accompanied the Holy Spirit being given to the first disciples.

QUESTIONS

What is the importance of what these followers of Christ experience on this day?

How does this outpouring of God's Spirit effect them and the city of Jerusalem?

The conversion of Saul (Acts 9.1–19)

Overview:: As the church began to grow and spread it began to experience extreme persecution. From being placed in jail to even torture and death Jewish leaders and roman leaders tried to find ways to contain the spread of Christianity through painful means. One of these men was named Saul.

KEY TERMS

Pharisees

Jewish religious leaders who were very strict in regards to the law and religious practices. They were considered the elite in Jewish society.

Persecution

Physical pain, Verbal abuse, imprisonment or other forms of torture to prohibit or impede the spread of a religious belief.

QUESTIONS

How you have responded if God asked you to speak to someone like Paul? Have you ever felt challenged to share Jesus with someone that is difficult to speak with?

Saul thought He was doing something for God, but was fighting against Him. Have you ever been in a situation like this?

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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

PERSONAL: PRAYER AND SOLITUDE

Throughout Scripture Jesus gives us examples of how He prayed and spent time in solitude. These practices remind us that God sees us and reigns over our lives. This connection with God through daily prayer and intentional times of solitude are vital to our spiritual health.

Matthew 4:1-2

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry..

Luke 6:12

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

Luke 9:28

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

Matthew 14:23

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

Luke 5:16

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

KEY TERMS

Silence & Solitude with God

“Alone time” with God can allow God to examine us. It can be a time of knowing God more deeply, a time of strengthening, a time of refreshment, a time of sharing our deepest concerns with God, and a time of simply being with the One who formed us and loves us beyond our understanding.

Listening to God

This is where we quiet our hearts to try to listen to God's voice. We don't hear God speak to us audible. However we can hear the prompting and guiding of His Spirit in our heart.

RESOURCES

Jesus example of Prayer and Solitude
Online Article

Shift
RightNow Media video (57 mins)

Podcast Silence and Solitude
Pete Scazzero (51 mins)

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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

PERSONAL: SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

With shifting culture and viewpoints, we need Scripture to keep us grounded. It's our foundation when we need steady ground, wisdom, and correction. Whether is a daily verse or extended times of study, we each need to be engaging with Scripture every day.

Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

KEY TERMS

Word of God

John 1:1-2 says, "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." Here, Word is a title of the Lord Jesus.

Bible Study

More than just reading the scriptures this is the process of studying the context, and culture of the original scriptures to better understand the meaning of the scripture.

Engagement

This is more than just reading the words on the page. This is the process of taking what you have read and asking the question of how you apply this to your life.

RESOURCES

YouVersion Bible app

Smartphone app

Read Scripture app

Smartphone app

Basics of Studying the Bible

(8 mins)

Bible Project

Podcast



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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

PERSONAL: GENEROUS LIVING

We have been given so much as followers of Christ. When we practice generosity it reflects the character of our heavenly father who gives generously to us. Our generosity should start with tithing to the local church which we belong to. This act of giving reminds us all we have come from God. However, it doesn't stop there. In every area of our life we

Proverbs 11:25

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

2 Corinthians 9:7 & 11

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

Malachi 3:8-11

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord

KEY TERMS

Firstfruits

God's word makes it clear that we are to give Him the first and best of what we receive. Everything we have has been provided by Him. Not only to give our tithes to our church, we are told to give cheerfully and generously to others..

Offering

Our tithe is what God requires we give first while our offering is anything we give beyond that.

Tithe

Obedying God by giving Him the first 10% of our income.

RESOURCES

Tithing to the Church
(Online Article)

Surrender Stuff
(20 mins)

The Blessed Life
(32 mins)

The Blessed Life
(Book)

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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

CORPORATE PRACTICES: GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering together as the church is a vital part of our spiritual growth. We gather to worship, hear God's word and encourage each other. Being a part of the gathering isn't just for you to receive something from God. Your faith, worship and words may encourage someone else. It is about what you can give and challenge others.

Acts 2:24-27

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Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

KEY TERMS

The Church

The Church is the body of Christ. It isn't a building or a service time but the gathering of believers to connect and encourage each other in Christ.

The Message

As the church gathers today, the pastor shares a message from scripture to encourage the church to reflect Jesus more or challenge the church to grow spiritually.

Worship

The act of singing and declaring the goodness of God. This isn't just those on stage but everyone joining together to sing and proclaim how great God is.

RESOURCES

Importance of meeting together

Online Article

Relationships in the Church

(5 mins)

We are the Church

(38 mins)



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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

CORPORATE PRACTICES: SERVING OTHERS

We believe that God has placed gifts in each of our lives. We are called to use those to encourage others in the body of Christ as well as use them to meet the needs of others around us. You are uniquely gifted. We don't want to hide or waste the gifts God has given us. We want to use them to build others up. Whether it is in the church or in the community, we want to use what God has given us to impact others.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

KEY TERMS

Service

Jesus provides the ultimate example of what our faith should look like. He spent most of his ministry serving others. He performed miracles, comforted others, and told us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have been given gifts from our Father to honor Him and to serve as productive, not passive, parts of the Body.

Poverty

Is not just a lack of resource. Poverty is more accurately broken relationship (with God and others). It is when we don't see the value we have in ourselves, or the value we bring to the community around us.

RESOURCES

Who lives that way?
(8 mins)

When Helping Hurts
Book

What the Bible says about those in need
Online Article

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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

CORPORATE PRACTICES: SERVING OTHERS

Romans 12:3-8

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Galations 5:13

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

KEY TERMS

Justice

Partnering God to help restore the world back to the way he designed it. This is working to make sure every one is treated a person of worth created in God’s image.

RESOURCES

Gifted for Love
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KEY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP AND TEACHING

Seeking out additional times of worship and teaching is vital to our spiritual growth. Whether it is a podcast, bible study with friends, or a book we read about spiritual growth we need more than just Sunday mornings with our church to grow. This is part of us owning our spiritual growth.

John 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Psalms 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

KEY TERMS

Owning our Spiritual Growth

As part of the Body we seek God and meditate on His word throughout our day. Our faith isn't compartmentalized on Sunday morning but is instead evident in every aspect of our lives. An intimate relationship with God not only protects us from many snares in life, but also emboldens us to share our faith with those around us.

Worship

We honor God through our worship. When we think of worship we may think of singing hymns and praises but the bible tells us that worship is more than this. Worship can be glorifying God through our work or through our God given gifts.

RESOURCES

A Biblical definition of Worship

Online Article

Books of the Bible

RightNow Media online study

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52 WEEK CONTENT SUGGESTION

OVERVIEW OF CONTENT TOPICS

See full training guide for Scriptures, descriptions and additional resources

2 OPTIONS

1. **Fill out your own path** - use the suggestions below and your experience to fit your group
2. **Use the suggested week by week path** - or use it as a framework

KEY TOPICS...

Key Beliefs - These important themes and beliefs throughout Scripture are vital to move forward in a solid relationship with Jesus. After taking the Reveal survey, you may find there's a few key beliefs that need to be focused on.

- Salvation by Grace
- Spirit- Filled Living
- Authority of Scripture
- The Church
- One True God
- Identity in Christ

Key Stories in the Bible - Opening the Bible and reading a story together is great to encourage the personal practice of reading Scripture. Along with the stories listed in the full guide, add in stories that have impacted you!

- Old Testament
- New Testament

Spiritual Practices - These practices help all of us put our faith into action. There may be a few action steps the group can take together - like a Bible reading plan, serving the community together, sharing a Spotify playlist, etc.

- Prayer and Solitude
- Serving Others
- Gathering for Worship
- Generous Living
- Scripture Engagement
- Additional Worship and Teachings

Life Practices and Health - Discipleship takes living life open to others. Use your experience and wisdom to help in practical life issues.

- Financial Health
- Sexual Boundaries and Accountability
- Marriage or Singleness
- Family Dynamics
- Mental Health and Life Balance

Relationship Building - Have fun together! Just spent time getting to know each other and sharing a memory.

- Grilling Out
- Date Night Out
- Movie Night
- Serving Together
- Game Night
- Family Bowling

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52 WEEK CONTENT SUGGESTED PATH

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FOCUS: **Life Timeline***
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FOCUS: **Old Testament Story**
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FOCUS: **Relationship Building**
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FOCUS: **Scripture Engagement**
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FOCUS: **Additional Worship & Teachings**
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FOCUS: **Relationship Building**
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FOCUS: **Old Testament Story**
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FOCUS: **Life Health**
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