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WHAT'S HERE?

FOUR WEEKS OF SHORT DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

Now that you are a Christian, I am sure you are asking the question, “What just happened?” and “How do I learn more about God?” If you will plan to spend at least five or ten minutes a day reading the short Bible study, you will learn a lot about God and what has just happened in your life.

MENTOR GUIDES

Included are four short mentor guides. Meet with someone from your church once a week, for four weeks, to go through the mentor guide together. It is designed to help you talk about what God is doing in your life and for them to help you find answers to your questions.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH HELPS

Check out the tools in the back to help you with daily time with the Lord, scripture memory, sharing your faith, and more.

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I'M A BELIEVER... NOW WHAT?

4 B's to Walking in Obedience

1 BE BAPTIZED!

Why?

Baptism is an important step of obedience you are taking to show that you belong to God through Jesus.

Baptism is a symbolic, physical act. By being immersed in water, you are publicly expressing your faith in Christ. It is a visible way to show others the decision you have made to trust Jesus for salvation and trust Him to be Lord of your life. You are making a promise or covenant before them to live faithfully as a follower of Jesus.

Baptism shows Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, which is why a person is put completely under the water for baptism. It identifies your death to sin, the burial of your old life, and your resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus!

Baptism is a demonstration on the outside of what happened to you spiritually on the inside when your sins were washed away and you chose to follow Jesus for the rest of your life.

When? Where?

We can't wait to help you make your decision public and show the world what Jesus has done in you!

Date I trusted my life to Christ: _____

Witness: _____

☐ I plan to follow the Lord in believer's baptism!

Date: _____

Worship Service (circle one):

☐ SUN AM ☐ SUN PM ☐ WED PM ☐ Other: _____

2 BELONG.

You belong to the body of Christ now! It is important for you to connect with the local church, get involved in a small group, stay connected to other believers, and serve as a part of the church!

3 BUILD.

You will begin to grow by building devotion and discipline into your life and by building habits of holiness and obedience. Get into God's Word and pray.

Daily is the goal, but start somewhere.

Where do you think you can try to start? Once a week? Two times? Three times? Daily?

4 BE BOLD!

As a new follower of Christ, tell someone!

Share your story with someone of how Jesus changed you.

Help them know how they too can be saved!

Use this simple picture of the Gospel to help others come to Jesus.

ONE GREAT HOPE:

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

- One Great God
- One Great Problem
- One Great Hope
- One Great Decision

Look for more evangelism tools at the back of this book.

All believers are to Make Disciples

Lead others to Jesus and help them grow so they can do the same! As a follower, God has called you to make more disciples! Don't wait! Get after it!

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Week One

DAY 1:

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW LIFE!

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Did you catch that? You are a new creation! Does that sound weird? Believe it or not you are a different person because of Jesus. Now, you may be thinking, “How can they know me? How can they know if I’m different? OK, you may be right. But, if you’re reading this, it is because you just trusted Jesus and are looking for a way to help you understand the decision you made. (By the way, it was a good decision!)

In Christ you are made new. But, why are you new? Let’s talk about this new you. The old life you lived is dead! You are now someone who knows God. Isn’t that awesome! Now what does that mean?

First, it means there are changes coming to your life, and they are going to be good changes. Stop and think for a minute, what did you hate about your old life? Were you angry or depressed? Were you violent? Maybe everyone took advantage of you or you were the person no one liked? Like everyone else, you are a person with a past. God set you free from that past. In fact, it is the old that has gone. You are new because you began a relationship with Jesus!

Second, there are lots of other people who need to know about Jesus just like you did. As you begin to live your new life, be on the lookout for those people. As your life changes, people will notice, and you will get to tell them why and how Jesus changed your life.

So, what are you leaving behind in your old life? Take a few minutes to release those things to God. Tell Him “thank you” for setting you free to live a new life and ask Him to give you opportunities to tell other people about Jesus.

BTW, welcome to your new life!

DAY 2:

DEFINITION TIME

Dead- 1: deprived of life: having died: 2: lacking power to move, feel, or respond

People generally don't like to talk about death. Death is usually a topic reserved for quiet talk surrounding a coffin, or in moments of great fear, when death seems close and you can't avoid it. Sometimes death is a conversation because it is so mysterious and powerful. Occasionally, death is something to celebrate. For example, how do you feel about bread? You may like a good sandwich, or a biscuit, or a thick, fluffy pancake. All of those things require something. A seed had to die. Did you know that's where wheat comes from? A seed is planted, it dies, and wheat is born from its death.

You have a new beginning that you get to enjoy because of Christ, but, understand that when you were made alive in Christ part of you died. When Jesus came into your life, He destroyed a part of you that had been there a long time. It's called sin. What is sin? The Bible defines sin as missing the mark – not hitting the exact spot or standard that God has set. In other words, sin is not being perfect. Sin was in charge of your life before Jesus came in. You were a slave to sin.

Read Romans 6:11-14

Did you get that? Your sin was keeping you from God and Jesus killed it. You are dead to sin. Your sins do not control you anymore. You are free but temptation does not end. That is the scary part. Every day your old sins are going to try to come back. They are going to try to drag you back into the old way of life. Every day for the rest of your life, you have a choice to make. Are you going to continue in the freedom you have been given in Christ or are you going to go back?

How do you keep from going back to your old life? Choose to follow what God's

Word says. When you want to go back to the old way – pray, talk to a friend who is a Christian, and get out of the place where you are thinking about going back to your old ways. When you do mess up and fall back into old sin habits, tell someone and confess to God as well. This will protect you from falling back into those old ways again. There is no way to beat sin on your own. Everyone needs help from God and other Christians.

Take a few minutes to think about what you know was in your old life that was not in line with God's plan for you. Pray and ask God to protect you from going back to those things.

You never knew death could feel so good, did you?

DAY 3

DESTINATION...

Take a few minutes to think about traveling. Have you ever been on a “destination unknown” trip, one of those hop in the car, drive in any direction until you get somewhere kind of trips? Life can be this way. We get to a point where we are not sure where we’re going to end up. That is scary. You’ve been a Christ follower for a few days now. It’s time to talk about destinations, where this life ends and the next life begins.

Because you know Christ, you have a new destination for your life.

Read Matthew 7:13-14

Now the narrow gate is where you are. You took that road when you met Jesus and asked Him into your life. Going down that road means your future is secure. When this life ends, you will spend eternity in heaven with Jesus.

You used to be on the wide road. The one Jesus says leads to destruction. That place is called hell. People who refuse to accept Christ end up there after they die. What is it like? The Bible describes it as a place of pain and sadness where people are eternally separated from God. Not a place, you’d really want to go. Amazing, isn’t it? That one decision, to ask Christ into your life, has eternal, life changing consequences.

Reread Matthew 7:13-14

Take some time and thank God for leading you to the narrow gate. Thank Him for saving you from an eternity in hell. Express your gratefulness to Him for your salvation.

DAY 4

RESET

You may not remember the old Nintendo Entertainment System, but one of the best parts about the NES was the little button to the right of the power button. It was called the “RESET” button. If you got stuck and couldn’t get out of the game, you could reach down and hit “reset” and BOOM you were right back at the beginning.

That button is remarkably like your life. When you asked Jesus into your heart you hit the RESET button in your soul. You got the once in a lifetime opportunity to begin again. Don’t believe me?

Read Ephesians 4:22-24

The Bible speaks of the “new self” when we find, life in Jesus. There is a RESET button! Your old life has been erased. God no longer remembers your sins, failures, or past. All of that junk was put on Jesus, and you get to begin again.

So, what does that mean for today? It means you can get rid of the guilt of your past. It means you can leave your house today knowing that the God of the universe no longer remembers your past or counts it against you. You are free!

Take a few minutes to read through today’s passage a few times. Take some time to pray. Thank God for setting you free from your past. Thank Him for sending Jesus to take all your sin. Ask God to give you the strength to begin again. RESET!

DAY 5

THE JOURNEY

How do you feel about starting your journey of knowing Jesus better? You should know that what you have been reading, thinking, and praying about so far is beginning to shape you into something more like Jesus. It's exciting to realize that you know more about God today than when you began!

The Christian life is like a journey, which never stops. You will not stop learning and being shaped. People who have followed Christ for 50 or 60 years still learn more about God every day. You have taken the first steps over the past few days, but you are just beginning. Isn't that exciting?

Believe it or not, that's in the Bible.

Read Philippians 3:10-16

Paul had been following Jesus for many years when he wrote those words. Notice that he tells the reader to "press on" and to shoot for a "goal." That goal is not a trophy or a pile of cash. It is greater knowledge of Jesus. (Look at verses 10 and 11.)

Your life with Christ is a journey. It is going to have ups and downs. You will grow weary and be excited. The point is, don't quit. The new life you have is precious. God wants to use you and teach you. That's what happened to you!

If you have not already met with a spiritual mentor this week (or yet), print off Mentor Guide One (page 13) and find someone from your church that you can do the study with this weekend. There are four Mentor Guides, one a week for four weeks. The studies require no preparation. They are designed to help you ask questions and deal with issues that are unique to a new Christian.

DAYS 6 & 7

PAUSE

During these days take some time to meditate on scripture. Write down what God taught you this week. Write down what you see, circle and underline words or phrases that stick out to you.

Psalms 116

1 Corinthians 13

MENTOR GUIDE

Week One

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1. Why and when did you pray to receive Jesus?
2. What changes do you feel God has already made in your life?
3. Are there any other changes that you think need to be made?
4. Is there anything from your Bible studies this week that you don't understand?
5. Do you have a copy of the Bible?
6. Has anyone talked to you about baptism?
7. Can you explain baptism and its purpose?
8. How can I pray for you, your family, or friends?
9. Pray with student thanking God for their new life and asking God to guide them as they walk with Christ.

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Week Two

DAY 1

GETTING DOWN THE BASICS: GOD'S WORD

What are the basics of following Christ? Over the next five days, you will discover some things that can help you to grow more like Jesus every day. Today's focus: God's Word.

Read Psalm 119:9-16

In today's reading, you will notice that "Your Word" is repeated several times. So what is God's Word? Well, it's the book you have been reading from - the Bible. In the Bible, we have God's Word to us. It's like a love letter, instruction book, biography, song book and more written for us from a God who wants to know us. The Bible is powerful. Look at your passage again.

This Bible can teach you how to stay out of sin. It can protect you from going back to your old life. In fact, the Bible has been called a light to guide us down the path of life. How do you use this light? Well, you read it every day like you've been doing the past week. Also, you listen when people talk about it, like at church or at camp or during a Bible study. You can also memorize it. For example, when you find a verse that speaks to your life, write it down and memorize it like a song lyric.

Reread Psalm 119:9-16

As you read the Bible today, take some time to pray. Thank God for His word and for the guidance it provides. Ask God to help you discover how to live by studying His word.

Finally, read John 3:16. That's a good verse to memorize. Work on that this week!

DAY 2

GETTING DOWN THE BASICS: THE CHURCH

Have you ever known someone who was deaf or blind? Surely, it can be frustrating not to be able to do something with your body that most everyone else can do. If you stop and think for a moment you can probably remember a time when you wanted to do something but your body would not cooperate.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

In today's reading, you might have caught the word "body"? What does Paul mean? The body Paul is talking about isn't a human being, but the Church. Did you ever stop to think about God and church? Sometimes we forget that God made the church. He created it so that we would have a place to gather, to strengthen one another, and be strengthened by each other. He also created the church to accomplish His plans on earth. For 2000 years, God has been using churches to spread the message of Jesus and the hope He brings to life.

Now where do you fit in there? You may think, "It's not important if I'm at church. I've got nothing to offer. I've only been a follower of Christ for a short time. Surely God doesn't want to use me." But if you think that, it is not true.

In the verses you read today, you see that Paul says everyone has a gift. The church needs everyone. Otherwise, the church risks becoming one-dimensional, everyone being the same. That is not what God had in mind. Every person who is saved by Jesus has a part to play in the church, even you.

What do you need to do? First, go to church. Meet people both older and younger than you. Give them a chance to get to know you. Second, offer to help. If you have a talent or ability, let people know that you are willing to volunteer your time at the church. Your church is looking for someone just like you.

Take a few minutes and thank God for the church. Thank God for creating a place to get His business done on earth. Thank Him that it was through the work of a church that you came to know Christ. Thank Him for allowing you to serve in the church. Ask God to reveal to you your role in the church.

DAY 3

GETTING DOWN THE BASICS: PRAYER

What are the building blocks of a good friendship? Common interests? Likes? Dislikes? Common background? Maybe, but the trouble with that theory is, you can continue to like the same things, and have much in common, but when you stop being connected to that other person? What happens? Well, when you stop connecting to someone else, stop contacting them, stop spending time with them, and stop talking, you cease having a healthy friendship. Amazing how that happens, isn't it? One day the conversation just comes to a close. That can happen with you and God too.

God is not going to wake up one morning and decide not to speak to you anymore. He wants to talk to you every day. The thing is, you need to talk to Him as well. After all, who wants a one-sided conversation in a friendship? Talking to God is what we call prayer. What should prayer sound like? The disciples asked Jesus that same question one day.

Read Luke 11:1-4

When you look at the prayer in today's Bible reading, we see His answer? You can see that Jesus' model prayer breaks down into several parts that we can model our prayers after.

First, our prayers should give recognition to God for who He is. When you pray, take time to thank God for being a holy and righteous God who was willing to send Jesus to save us.

Second, our prayers should seek God's will for our lives. When we ask that God's "kingdom come," we are praying that God's desires may be accomplished in our lives.

Third, we should take our requests and needs to God. God is kind and compassionate. He wants us to bring our needs before Him, knowing that He will give us what we need. God wants to answer our prayers.

Fourth, we need to ask God to forgive us from our sins and to guide us away from temptation to sin. It's important that we continue to bring our sins and failures before God. We are not perfect, but He desires to forgive us.

Don't let anything keep you from praying consistently. Take time out each day to pray. Build prayer into your daily routine. When opportunities to pray with other people or for other people come up, pray. Don't miss an opportunity to talk to God. He wants to spend time in conversation with us.

Take some time now to pray. Also, before you are done with today's time with God, plan a time later today when you will pray.

DAY 4

GETTING DOWN THE BASICS: ACCOUNTABILITY

There are some things in life that are scary when faced alone. Our sin can be the scariest. As you walk through this study, you get further away from the moment when you accepted Christ as your Savior. It seems more normal by the day. In fact, you may even begin to think, I've got this Christian thing down pretty good. I'm strong enough not to go back to my old life or maybe you've already fallen back into an old habit. Truth is, if you keep going it alone, then you're going to be more likely go right back to your old life.

The Christian life was never meant to be a solo mission. In fact, over and over again scripture mentions that we need each other. Want an example?

Hebrews 3:12-14

Notice in today's passage the way the writer of Hebrews uses the word "we." It's "our" faith. Something we hold on to, together. Even more, the writer tells us to encourage one another. Want to guess why? Because, living for Jesus in our world is tough. Few people believe in Christ as their Savior, and even fewer are committed to follow Him fully and faithfully. All around us, people are trying to pull us into our old patterns. I'm sure that at least one person who knew you "before Christ" has asked or will ask why you don't come back with the old crowd and do the old things anymore.

The writer of Hebrews is telling us to hold one another accountable. In other words, you need someone in your life that has permission to ask you the how your walk with Christ is going. That someone needs to be able to ask if you are falling back into old sins or losing the battle with new temptations. Even more, you need someone to encourage you to stay with Christ. And you need someone to share the victories you are seeing in your life. In short, we need each other.

Today, take a few minutes to thank God for the people who have encouraged you in your walk with Christ. Then write down three people who might hold you accountable for connecting to the church and continuing to follow Christ in your daily life. It needs to be someone who has been following Christ longer than you. Maybe a pastor or Bible study teacher. Today, you need to talk to at least one of those people about holding you accountable.

DAY 5

GETTING DOWN THE BASICS: SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS & BAPTISM

Let me ask you a question. How did you find out about Jesus? Think about that for a minute. Someone started you on this journey by telling you about Him. As Christians, we are called to tell other people about Jesus and what He has done for us. Believe it or not, that's in the Bible.

Read Matthew 28:18-20

In today's reading, we see Jesus telling His disciples to tell other people about Him. They were to teach other people who believed in Jesus to live like Jesus lived. By the way, those followers now include you and that means you get to tell other people about Jesus, too.

Here's an easy way to begin telling other people about Christ, get baptized. What's that, you ask? Baptism is a ceremony where you are immersed in water. It is a symbol of the end of your old life without Christ, and the beginning of your new life with Christ. It is a public demonstration on the outside of you to show everyone what happened to the inside of you. Here's the challenge, tell your pastor or church leaders you want to be baptized. It's a guarantee they will be thrilled. Then, invite your friends and family to watch your baptism. Trust this, if they don't know Jesus they will ask you all about Him.

What do you tell them when they ask? Tell them what happened to you. Tell them why you trusted Jesus. Then show them that verse you've been memorizing (John 3:16). Tell them that verse means that Jesus isn't just for you, but for everyone. If they have questions you can't answer, be honest and say you don't know. Maybe even invite them to ask your pastor, church leader, or the person helping hold you accountable.

Take a few minutes to thank God that someone shared Jesus with you. Now ask God to show you a friend to share Jesus with them. Write that friend's name down in the front cover of your Bible. Pray for them every day. Ask God to give you a chance to talk to them about Jesus.

If you have not already met with a spiritual mentor this week (or yet), print off Mentor Guide Two (page 19) and find someone from your church that you can do the study with this weekend.

DAYS 6 & 7

PAUSE

During the weekend take some time to meditate on scripture. Write down what God taught you this week. Circle key words that seem really important as you read through the scriptures for the weekend. If there is one verse that stands out, underline that verse so you can easily find it later. Maybe share it with your friends.

Psalms 40

Philippians 2:1-18

MENTOR GUIDE

Week Two

At least once each week, sit down with a Christian friend from your church and talk through the Mentor Guide below. There is no preparation needed for either of you, this will just give you an opportunity to talk through some big questions and issues about knowing God. The Mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. The questions are for you to practice talking about Jesus and to help clarify some of the things that are happening in your life. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

1. Did you go to church this past week? What did you like/not like?
2. Was there anything you did not understand during the worship service or the group Bible study time?
3. Are you reading your Bible and doing the devotions?
4. What do you like about what you are reading in the Bible?
5. Do you find the Bible hard to understand sometimes? (Mentor must reassure that understanding comes with maturity)
6. Have you settled on an accountability partner? Who is it?
7. Check to see if student knows the memory verse for the week. It's John 3:16. Pray with student thanking God for their faithfulness to continue their journey with Jesus.
8. Pray for specific areas where the student is struggling.

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Week Three

DAY 1

NEW LIFE V. OLD LIFE

How are you doing on breaking your old habits? That old way of life may be catching up with you right now. That happens to all Christ-followers. Stop and think for a minute about how long you have been living life the old way. You have spent your entire life up to that point learning to get away with as much as you can. Now you understand the consequences of those actions and you have allowed Jesus to pay for your sin. But, those old habits are still there and they die hard. You are not the only person to ever deal with this problem.

Read Romans 7:17-25

Notice how Paul opens up these verses. Why do I do wrong things and not do right things? Have you been asking yourself that question? Truth is, we have two natures living in us. One nature wants to do things that please God and honor God. The other nature wants to do things that are wrong in God's sight. In other words, you are a war zone.

So, what can you do? First, take a few minutes to think about what drags you back to old habits. Is it a friendship? A relationship? Is it a song or movie? Do you have things at your house that you need to get rid of like a stash of porn, drugs, or alcohol? Second, you need to deal with whatever it is that tempts you. You may need to end a friendship or relationship or at least add some new friends that follow God. You may need to get rid of something that tempts you. Finally, you need to tell the person holding you accountable about your temptation. Remember, we talked last week about not going it alone.

Take a few minutes to pray. Ask God to help you to deal with temptation. Thank Him for forgiving you when you fail.

Maybe this week you would memorize another verse from the Bible, one that reminds us of who we are in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).

DAY 2

WHY BE NORMAL?

Has it been tough to explain to your old friends exactly why you are so different? You probably have had some pretty interesting conversations for the past couple of weeks. Everyone wants to know what makes you act so different. They're curious about your new direction in life. Some people just don't understand. Maybe you've been made fun of or some people won't talk to you anymore. What happened when your new friends and old friends met?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

In today's reading, did you catch that first verse? You are an alien, not from Mars or Jupiter, but you are someone in a place where you do not belong anymore. In other words, you are a Christian living in a world that doesn't, and can't, understand your faith. In some ways, you are like a soldier caught in enemy territory. That's where the hostility exists.

So, how do we respond to this hostility? We can't beat people up or resort to name-calling. The people who are rejecting you are the same people Jesus died for. In fact, you used to be just like them a few days ago. Today's reading, in verse 12, God's word tells us what to do. We are to live good lives. When we are treated poorly, we treat people nice in return. We pray for people who do not like us or understand Christians. We return hate and rejection with love and acceptance. It may be hard to do, but God will enable you to love your enemies.

Take a few minutes and pray. Pray for your friends who do not understand your faith in Jesus. Ask God to give you patience and understanding with them. Ask God to use you to tell your old friends about Jesus.

**Oh, and don't forget your verse to memorize this week
(2 Corinthians 5:17)!**

DAY 3

PUT THE PAST BEHIND YOU

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17

In today's reading, Paul is talking about his past. Paul is the guy who wrote quite a bit of the New Testament in the Bible. Before he met Jesus, he was very different. Look at the description of his old life. He was violent. He spoke against what God had done. He did bad things to people who believed in Jesus, including killing them. His life changed when he met Jesus, but he still had to live with his past.

You may be dealing with that at this point as well. Often, when you begin to study God's Word and see what His standards are, you begin to feel guilty about things you did before you met Christ. If you had understood how bad those decisions would be, you would have acted very differently. Like Paul, you acted in ignorance and unbelief.

What can you do with our past? You can remember that God has forgiven it. You can be confident that Jesus died so you can be free from our past. You still deal with consequences for some bad decisions in your past, but you do not have to worry about God being mad at or not forgiving you. Further, you can let the changes in your life be a demonstration to others that God can forgive anyone- as Paul says, even the worst of sinners.

Take a few minutes today and thank God for forgiving your past. Ask God to help you bury the past and look to the future you have serving Him. Ask God to use the changes in your life to reach others.

Remember the verse you are memorizing, 2 Corinthians 5:17. You are a new creation!

DAY 4

MY PARENTS AREN'T FOLLOWERS

This may be true of you (If not, maybe you can apply this to your friends or other family members). Many students, and adults, today are the only believer in their family. Maybe your family even supports your decision to follow Christ, but they themselves will not place faith in Jesus. Your parents, and family, may be hostile towards the idea of your faith or towards you as a believer.

It can be really tough to be a Christian in a family that does not know Jesus. Do you want to know how to survive?

Read Ephesians 6:1-3

Now you may say, “Obey? Honor? How do I do that when they don’t even know God!?” It isn’t easy. Being a child who believes in Christ and in a family of unbelievers is tough. Your parents are watching your every move. They want to see if you will live what you say you believe. They want to know if you are authentic. It’s going to be tough sometimes, but God’s commands do not change, no matter our circumstances.

Here are some thoughts that might help you if you are in that boat: Take their criticism in silence. Pray for your parents every day. Be a servant to your parents. Be the best son or daughter you can be. Obey your parents. Submit to their discipline whether you agree or not. By the way, it can be tough.

Look, you may be the main person helping your family understand Jesus. God may have saved you to reach your parents. Trust God. He will not put you in a situation you cannot endure. Ask your accountability partner to keep watch over your relationship with your parents.

If your parents are Christians, then you still must live out your faith in front of them. Seek to honor and serve them as well. Talk to them about what God is teaching you. Pray for them and with them.

Take some time today to pray for your parents. Thank God that He chose to give you the parents you have. Pray, asking God to show you how to best serve those around you who do not believe in Jesus.

DAY 5

SECURE

Living the Christian life is a struggle sometimes. You can still get bogged down in sin. You still act like the old you sometimes. Some days you will make poor choices and guilt follows you around for days or weeks. Sometimes your poor choices are made public, even those you consider Christian friends might look at you like, “Are you really saved?” That is not how God looks at you. No one can separate a person from Christ once the relationship has begun. Don’t believe it? Check out today’s reading in the Bible.

Romans 8:37-39

Catch what it says in verse 38? NOTHING can separate you. There isn’t an action, word, sin, or person who can snatch you from the hand of God once the relationship has begun. You rest in God’s hand because of your decision to trust Him with your life a few weeks ago. You cannot be separated from God!

What does this mean? Should you just do whatever you want? No way! You know how that ends up. (Besides you are a new creation, remember the verse you are memorizing 1 Corinthians 5:17). You don’t want to go back to the chronic guilt and pain and despair of your past. You live in victory! When you sin, ask forgiveness and move forward. You cannot be separated from God’s forgiveness.

Take a few minutes and talk to God. Thank Him for your secure salvation. Thank Him for His forgiveness. Ask Him to help you to stay on the right path.

If you have not already met with a spiritual mentor this week, print off Mentor Guide Three (page 25 and find someone from your church that you can do the study with this weekend.

DAY 6 & 7

PAUSE

During these next couple of days, take some time to meditate on scripture. Write down, bookmark, or note what God taught you this week. If there is one verse that stands out, underline that verse so you can easily find it later. Who knows, maybe that can be your next verse to memorize.

Psalms 51

James 3:1-12

MENTOR GUIDE

Week Three

At least once each week, sit down with a Christian friend from your church and talk through the Mentor Guide below. There is no preparation needed for either of you, this will just give you an opportunity to talk through some big questions and issues about knowing God. The Mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. The questions are for you to practice talking about Jesus and to help clarify some of the things that are happening in your life. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

1. Ask the student about their relationships with friends and family. Who is encouraging them to follow Christ and who is distracting them from following Christ?
2. Have you continued reading your Bible and your devotions this week?
3. Ask student if they are feeling tempted by old habits. Talk about how old habits are harder to go back to if the student has accountability.
4. Do you understand that Jesus loves you and will always be with you? Remind student of their security in Christ.
5. Ask student to repeat their memory verse for this week: 2 Corinthians 5:17
6. Pray with student asking God to protect them from temptation. Ask God to continue to break bad habits in their lives. Ask that God would help friends and family members begin to see Christ working in the student's life.

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Week 4

DAY 1

WHO DOESN'T LIKE A GIFT?

Do you like presents? You know...the surprises that you don't expect that fulfill your hopes, dreams and leave you breathless! Everyone loves the thrill of receiving gifts, especially big gifts. Well, God is a gift-giver as well. Have you discovered yours yet?

"What gift?" you may be saying. Well, each person who trusts in Christ is given a gift, or gifts, that are used to spread the message of Jesus to other people and to help Christians learn more about Jesus. Take a look at today's reading to see what it looks like.

Read Romans 12:1-8

Out of the gifts listed in the reading for today... which one do you think you might have? Take a spiritual gifts inventory (page 43) to find out and for a description of each gift. Then, talk to your mentor during your meeting time this week. Ask how your gift could benefit your church.

Take a few minutes and thank God for gifting you. Thank Him for trusting you to build His kingdom on earth. Ask God to show you your gift, so you can use it in service to Christ.

Memorize Luke 9:23 this week.

DAY 2

WORTH FOLLOWING

The thought may be going through your mind, “What do I do now?” I’ve given my life to Jesus. I’m going to heaven. So, what’s next? Do I just sit around waiting to die? Far from it! In fact, the real journey has just begun. The disciples discovered that. Take a look at what Jesus told them.

Read Luke 9:23-25

The verses in today’s reading are a call to give up doing what we want with our lives and to start following God’s direction. Believe it or not, God has great interest in what happens in your life. God wants you to follow His leadership because His way will give you the greatest joy and the greatest meaning in our life.

What does God’s leadership look like? It is different for each believer. God will call you to do things that are in line with your gifts and talents. He will use you out on the edge where failure is close and only He can keep you going. That is what happens when you follow Jesus.

Take a few minutes and ask God to reveal His direction for your life and for today. Ask Him to use you wherever and whenever. When God guides you, be ready to act.

Remember to make time to memorize Luke 9:23 this week.

DAY 3

WHEN GOD IS SILENT

Yesterday you read about following God's direction. That is an exciting prospect, but it leaves an important question. What do you do when God seems silent? It's going to happen. You are going to pray and sometimes He will seem to be strangely distant. When He does not seem to answer, what do you do?

Look for an answer in today's first reading.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

When God seems silent, you are called to go forward in faith. You are to continue to do the things that please God. You may, at times, become frustrated with God's seeming silence, but you do not turn your back on Him. Verse six from today's passage shows that you can be "confident" that God is working things out for you as one who belongs to Him. He is answering you, but you cannot see the answer yet. Why can't you see the answer?

There are a number of reasons why the answer may be hard to see.

First, the answer could be NO. God could be denying your request because it is not in line with His will, His way, His glory, or your good.

Second, there could be sin in your life that is preventing you from seeing God's answer. When God seems silent, it is good to take an inventory of your life. Are you involved in things that are hurting your conversation with God?

Third, the answer could be coming, but in God's time not yours. God is not a vending machine. He acts in His own time and His own way. He acts for our best interests. We see that in today's second reading.

Read Romans 8:28

Take a few minutes to pray today. Thank God for having your best interests at heart. Thank Him for answering prayer. Ask Him to help you to focus on pleasing Him, even when you don't get immediate answers.

Remember to work on memorizing Luke 9:23.

DAY 4

DISCIPLE IN THE MAKING

For the next two days, you will look at the same passage of scripture.

Read Matthew 28:18-20

These are the last directions Jesus gave to His followers, the church, before He went to heaven. When reading them, the first question might be, “What’s a disciple?” Well, the answer is a learner, a follower. It was common for teachers in ancient Israel to have disciples devoted to their teachings. By trusting Christ with your life, you have identified yourself as a disciple or follower of Jesus.

What should a disciple look like? Well, a disciple studies the teachings of the teacher. That’s what you do every day when you read one of these studies. You are reviewing what Jesus told us to do with our lives. Further, a disciple does what the teacher says to do. You act a little more like your teacher every day. As you learn more about Jesus, in church, in Bible study, talking with Christian friends, you are building into your life what Jesus told you to do.

Finally, a disciple wants to see the teachings of the teacher spread to others. In other words, you begin to share what you are learning with other people who do not know. The more you know Jesus, and the more He changes your life, the more you desire to see other people transformed by meeting Jesus.

Take a few minutes and thank God for what you have already learned. Ask God to teach you daily to be more like Jesus. (Remember Luke 9:23? It’s not easy to follow Jesus.) Ask God to lead you to people who can help you to be more like Jesus and to bring people into your life who need to know Jesus.

DAY 5

MAKING DISCIPLES

Today you visit again Jesus' final commands to the church to look at one more thing.

Read Matthew 28:18-20

The word “nations” is an interesting word. Today, you might think of nations like England, Brazil, and Uganda. This passage is not referring to making Jesus known in governments, but to people groups. People groups are defined by their culture, language, and traditions. There are multitudes of people groups across the earth. Sometimes there are several people groups in one nation. God's people are told by Jesus to tell them about Him and help them know how to follow Him.

God is calling each of one of His followers, including you, to do their part in reaching people groups across the world. Believe it or not, there are millions of people across the world who do not know about Jesus and His sacrifice. They need to know.

What can you do?

First, you can pray. Ask God to make Himself known among the peoples of the world.

Second, you can speak up. Make sure those you encounter everyday know you belong to Jesus and that they can know Him too.

Third, you can support missions around the world. Ask someone at your church about what your church is doing to reach the world and how you can be involved in giving or in going, whether close by or around the globe.

Fourth, you can go. God is calling people to go all over the world for short-term trips and/or a lifetime of service. Be open. You never know what God might call you to do.

Know this: Going to the nations is not an option. It is a command, the last command of Jesus to His people. In fulfilling this command, you are a faithful disciple of Jesus. Now take up your cross and walk with Him (Luke 9:23).

If you have not already met with a spiritual mentor this week, print off Mentor Guide Four (page 32) and find someone from your church that you can do the study with this weekend.

DAY 6 & 7

PAUSE

Close out this week by reading through the scriptures listed on these days. If there is one verse that stands out, underline that verse so you can easily find it later. Continue to memorize scripture. Continue to spend time in God's word daily. Continue to connect to the church. Continue on in this pursuit of Jesus you have started.

Ask your pastor or spiritual mentor for ideas and resources that will help you continue to learn more about Jesus and His teachings. After just a few weeks, you are just getting started learning about our incredible God and the plans that He has for your life.

Psalms 150

Galatians 5:1-15

MENTOR GUIDE

Week Four

At least once each week, sit down with a Christian friend from your church and talk through the Mentor Guide below. There is no preparation needed for either of you, this will just give you an opportunity to talk through some big questions and issues about knowing God. The Mentor will ask you each of the questions for the week and then they will allow you to ask any question that you may have thought about during the week. The questions are for you to practice talking about Jesus and to help clarify some of the things that are happening in your life. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't worry about it. That is why you are meeting with the mentor.

Mentors, ask the questions below:

1. Ask the student the result of their spiritual gifts assessment. Celebrate with student about discovering what God has built them to do.
2. Ask them if they understand what a spiritual gift is all about.
3. Have you continued reading your Bible and your devotions this week?
4. Talk about seeking God's direction and prayer. Ask them what are they enjoying about prayer and what is difficult about prayer.
5. Talk about being a disciple. What does it mean to be a disciple? (Matthew 16:24)
6. Ask student if they understand what it means to talk to other people, all around the world, about Jesus. Ask them whom they know that needs to know Jesus.
7. Pray with them for that person and help them to know how they can tell them about Jesus.
8. Help them know where they can read in their Bible and what they can do to continue to understand more about God.

HOW TO HAVE A G.O.O.D. N.E.W.S. CONVERSATION

Have you ever wondered how to start a conversation with someone about faith and the Gospel of Jesus? Here are some helpful tips in having conversations that point people to the GOOD NEWS of Jesus!



GO TO GOD IN PRAYER. (JAMES 5:16B)

- Ask God to be involved and give you opportunities to show and share the Gospel.
- Pray for 3 people with laser like focus
- Pray through your yearbook
- Prayer walk your school campus
- Pray specifically for lost people with other believers at church, school, etc.



OPEN UP A CONVERSATION. (PROVERBS 20:5)

- Talk about L.I.F.E.
- Location: From? Going?
- Interests: Sports? Music? Movies? - Favorite things to do?
- Family: Brothers/Sisters? Older/Younger? Parents? Close?
- Education/Experiences: Always gone to this school? College Plans? Favorite Teacher?

Look to turn a natural conversation into a spiritual one.

Ex: After talking about their interests, you can talk about your interest in church/ youth group, and then ask if they attend any church regularly. Don't assume that if they do, they are automatically a Christian.



OBSERVE AND ADMIRE WHAT THEY BELIEVE. (PROVERBS 15:1)

Inquire their thoughts on spiritual things. Go to church? Have any spiritual beliefs? Where did everything come from? What happens to us after we die? Do you believe in a Heaven/Hell? Do you think God would consider you to be a good person? Who do you say Jesus is? Admire all you can about their beliefs. Build a bridge with them, not a wall.

- **Atheist:** Appreciation for science and logic
- **Mormon:** Hardworking, nice, family values
- **Muslim:** Committed to prayer, devout life
- **Religious:** Goes to church, read the Bible, good person
- **Jehovah's Witness:** One God, dedication to evangelism
- **New Ager:** Desire for a better world, good person

D DESCRIBE WHAT YOU BELIEVE (ROMANS 5:8)

N NOTE YOUR TESTIMONY. (1 JOHN 1:3)

Briefly tell your story of how you trusted Christ for salvation.

- Before you were saved.
- When you were saved.
- After you were saved.

Keep it short (under 2 minutes) and focused on Jesus.

E EXAMINE IF THAT HAPPENED TO THEM (ACTS 4:12)

After you share your testimony, ask if anything like that has happened to them. Listen to what they are putting their trust in. Is it in the Savior or in being a “good person” or being “religious”?

W WELCOME THEM TO TRUST IN JESUS (ROMANS 10:13)

You've explained the Gospel. Now what? Ask 2 questions:

- Does that make sense?
- Is there anything holding you back from trusting Jesus right now?

S SHOW THEM WHAT TO DO NEXT. (2 PETER 3:18)

Ask them to pray or lead them in a prayer to trust Christ based on your Gospel conversation.

Dear God / I know I'm a sinner / I believe that Jesus
died on the cross for my sins / and rose from the dead/
I trust in Him alone to be forgiven and for life now and
for eternity in Heaven. / Thank you for saving me. /
Help me to live for you. / Amen.

Explain the importance of these areas to growing in the grace of Christ:

OBEDIENCE

Baptism, Church Family, Disciple-Making

NEW LIFE

Growth, Prayer, Bible (reading, studying, memorizing, meditating, doing)

EXPRESS

Express your new faith through evangelism

DAILY TIME WITH GOD

Date:

READ

Passage:

MEDITATE: What do I think God is saying to me through this passage?

ACT: How can I act on what He has shown me?

PRAY:

1. Adoration/Praise
2. Confession
3. Thanksgiving
4. Petition-Pray for your needs
5. Intercession-Pray for others

Copy this or use this format to list quiet time notes and daily prayer requests in a discipleship journal.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 1

Day One	Gen 1-3; Mat 1
Day Two	Gen 4-8; Mat 2-3
Day Three	Gen 9-12; Mat 4
Day Four	Gen 13-16; Mat 5
Day Five	Gen 17-19

Week 2

Day One	Gen 20-23; Mat 6
Day Two	Gen 24-25; Mat 7
Day Three	Gen 26-27; Mat 8
Day Four	Gen 28-30; Mat 9
Day Five	Gen 31-33; Mat 10

Week 3

Day One	Gen 34-36; Mat 11
Day Two	Gen 37-39; Mat 12
Day Three	Gen 40-41
Day Four	Gen 42-44; Mat 13
Day Five	Gen 45-47

Week 4

Day One	Gen 48-50; Mat 14
Day Two	Ex 1-4; Mat 15
Day Three	Ex 5-7; Mat 16
Day Four	Ex 8-9; Mat 17
Day Five	Ex 10-12; Mat 18

Week 5

Day One	Ex 13-15; Mat 19
Day Two	Ex 16-18; Mat 20

Day Three	Ex 19-22; Mat 21
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Day Four	Ex 23-25
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Day Five	Ex 26-28; Mat 22
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Week 6

Day One	Ex 29; Mat 23
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Day Two	Ex 30-32; Mat 24
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Day Three	Ex 33-35
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Day Four	Ex 36-38; Mat 25
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Day Five	Ex 39-40; Lev 1
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Week 7

Day One	Lev 2-5; Mat 26
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Day Two	Lev 6-7
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Day Three	Lev 8-10; Mat 27
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Day Four	Lev 11-13; Mat 28
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Day Five	Lev 14; Mk 1
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Week 8

Day One	Lev 15-17; Mk 2
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Day Two	Lev 18-20; Mk 3
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Day Three	Lev 21-22; Mk 4
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Day Four	Lev 23-25
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Day Five	Lev 26-27; Mk 5
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Week 9

Day One	Num 1-2; Mk 6
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Day Two	Num 3-4
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Day Three	Num 5-6; Mk 7
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Day Four	Num 7-8; Mk 8
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Day Five	Num 9-11; Mk 9
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Week 10

Day One	Num 12-14
Day Two	Num 15-16; Mk 10
Day Three	Num 17-19
Day Four	Num 20-22; Mk 11
Day Five	Num 23-25; Mk 12

Week 11

Day One	Num 26-27; Mk 13
Day Two	Num 28-30
Day Three	Num 31-33; Mk 14
Day Four	Num 34-36
Day Five	Deut 1-2; Mk 15

Week 12

Day One	Deut 3-4; Mk 16
Day Two	Deut 5-7; Luk 1
Day Three	Deut 8-10
Day Four	Deut 11-12; Luk 2
Day Five	Deut 13-16; Luk 3

Week 13

Day One	Deut 17-19
Day Two	Deut 20-22; Luk 4
Day Three	Deut 23-26; Luk 5
Day Four	Deut 27-28
Day Five	Deut 29-30; Luk 6

Week 14

Day One	Deut 31-32; Luk 7
Day Two	Deut 33-34; Josh 1-2
Day Three	Josh 3-6; Luk 8
Day Four	Josh 7-8
Day Five	Josh 9-10; Luk 9

Week 15

Day One	Josh 11-14
Day Two	Josh 15-18; Luk 10
Day Three	Josh 19-21
Day Four	Josh 22-23; Luk 11
Day Five	Josh 24; Jdg 1-2

Week 16

Day One	Jdg 3-5; Luk 12
Day Two	Jdg 6-7; Luk 13
Day Three	Jdg 8-9; Luk 14
Day Four	Jdg 10-12
Day Five	Jdg 13-15; Luk 15

Week 17

Day One	Jdg 16-18; Luk 16
Day Two	Jdg 19-20; Luk 17
Day Three	Jdg 21; Rut 1-2; Luk 18
Day Four	Rut 3-4; 1 Sa 1; Luk 19
Day Five	1 Sa 2-5

Week 18

Day One	1 Sa 6-8; Luk 20
Day Two	1 Sa 9-12; Luk 21
Day Three	1 Sa 13-14
Day Four	1 Sa 15-16; Luk 22
Day Five	1 Sa 17-18; Luk 23

Week 19

Day One	1 Sa 19-21
Day Two	1 Sa 22-24; Luk 24
Day Three	1 Sa 25-27; John 1
Day Four	1 Sa 28-30; John 2
Day Five	1 Sa 31; 2 Sa 1-2; John 3

Week 20

Day One	2 Sa 3-6
Day Two	2 Sa 7-10; John 4
Day Three	2 Sa 11-12; John 5
Day Four	2 Sa 13-14
Day Five	2 Sa 15-17; John 6

Week 21

Day One	2 Sa 18-19
Day Two	2 Sa 20-21; John 7
Day Three	2 Sa 22-24
Day Four	1 Kgs 1-2; John 8
Day Five	1 Kgs 3-4; John 9

Week 22

Day One	1 Kgs 5-7; John 10
Day Two	1 Kgs 8
Day Three	1 Kgs 9-10; John 11
Day Four	1 Kgs 11-12; John 12
Day Five	1 Kgs 13-15

Week 23

Day One	1 Kgs 16-17; John 13
Day Two	1 Kgs 18-19; John 14
Day Three	1 Kgs 20-21; John 15
Day Four	1 Kgs 22; 2 Kgs 1-2; John 16
Day Five	2 Kgs 3-4; John 17

Week 24

Day One	2 Kgs 5-6; John 18
Day Two	2 Kgs 7-9
Day Three	2 Kgs 10-11; John 19
Day Four	2 Kgs 12-14; John 20
Day Five	2 Kgs 15-17; John 21

Week 25

Day One	2 Kgs 18; Acts 1
Day Two	2 Kgs 19-21; Acts 2
Day Three	2 Kgs 22-24; Acts 3
Day Four	2 Kgs 25; 1 Chr 1-2; Acts 4
Day Five	1 Chr 3-5

Week 26

Day One	1 Chr 6-7; Acts 5
Day Two	
Day Three	
Day Four	1 Chr 8-11; Acts 6
Day Five	1 Chr 12-14; Acts 7

Week 27

Day One	1 Chr 15-17
Day Two	1 Chr 18-22; Acts 8
Day Three	1 Chr 23-25; Acts 9
Day Four	1 Chr 26-28; Acts 10
Day Five	1 Chr 29; 2 Chr 1-3

Week 28

Day One	2 Chr 4-6; Acts 11
Day Two	2 Chr 7-9; Acts 12
Day Three	2 Chr 10-13; Acts 13
Day Four	2 Chr 14-17; Acts 14
Day Five	2 Chr 18-20; Acts 15

Week 29

Day One	2 Chr 21-24
Day Two	2 Chr 25-27; Acts 16
Day Three	2 Chr 28-30; Acts 17
Day Four	2 Chr 31-32; Acts 18
Day Five	2 Chr 33-34; Acts 19

Week 30

Day One 2 Chr 35-36; Ezr 1-2

Day Two Ezr 3-5; Acts 20

Day Three Ezr 6-8; Acts 21

Day Four Ezr 9-10; Neh 1; Acts 22

Day Five Neh 2-4

Week 31

Day One Neh 5-7; Acts 23

Day Two Neh 8-10; Acts 24

Day Three Neh 11-12; Acts 25

Day Four Neh 13; Est 1-2; Acts 26

Day Five Est 3-7; Acts 27

Week 32

Day One Est 8-10; Job 1; Acts 28

Day Two Job 2-7

Day Three Job 8-12; Rom 1

Day Four Job 13-18; Rom 2-3

Day Five Job 19-23; Rom 4

Week 33

Day One Job 24-30; Rom 5

Day Two Job 31-34; Rom 6

Day Three Job 35-39; Rom 7

Day Four Job 40-42; Ps 1-6; Rom 8

Day Five Ps 7-16; Rom 9

Week 34

Day One Ps 17-22; Rom 10

Day Two Ps 23-31; Rom 11

Day Three Ps 32-37; Rom 12-13

Day Four Ps 38-44; Rom 14

Day Five Ps 45-54; Rom 15

Week 35

Day One Ps 55-63; Rom 16; 1 Co 1

Day Two Ps 64-69; 1 Co 2

Day Three Ps 70-77; 1 Co 3

Day Four Ps 78-82; 1 Co 4-5

Day Five Ps 83-89; 1 Co 6

Week 36

Day One Ps 90-100; 1 Co 7

Day Two Ps 101-105; 1 Co 8-9

Day Three Ps 106-111; 1 Co 10

Day Four Ps 112-118; 1 Co 11

Day Five Ps 119-126; 1 Co 12

Week 37

Day One Ps 127-139; 1 Co 13

Day Two Ps 140-150; 1 Co 14

Day Three Pro 1-5; 1 Co 15

Day Four Pro 6-10

Day Five Pro 11-15; 1 Co 16; 2 Co 1

Week 38

Day One Pro 16-20; 2 Co 2

Day Two Pro 21-24; 2 Co 3-4

Day Three Pro 25-29; 2 Co

Day Four Pro 30-31; Ecc 1-2; 2 Co 6-7

Day Five Ecc 3-7; 2 Co 8

Week 39

Day One Ecc 8-12; Sos 1; 2 Co 9-10

Day Two Sos 2-8; 2 Co 11

Day Three Isa 1-4; 2 Co 12

Day Four Isa 5-8; 2 Co 13; Gal 1

Day Five Isa 9-12; Gal 2

Week 40

Day One	Isa 13-17; Gal 3
Day Two	Isa 18-22; Gal 4
Day Three	Isa 23-27; Gal 5-6
Day Four	Isa 28-30; Eph 1
Day Five	Isa 31-35; Eph 2-3

Week 41

Day One	Isa 36-38; Eph 4
Day Two	Isa 39-42; Eph 5
Day Three	Isa 43-45; Eph 6
Day Four	Isa 46-49; Phil 1
Day Five	Isa 50-53; Phil 2-3

Week 42

Day One	Isa 54-58; Phil 4
Day Two	Isa 59-63; Col 1
Day Three	Isa 64-66; Jer 1; Col 2
Day Four	Jer 2-3; Col 3-4
Day Five	Jer 4-6; 1 Th 1-2

Week 43

Day One	Jer 7-9; 1 Th 3-4
Day Two	Jer 10-12; 1 Th 5; 2 Th 1
Day Three	Jer 13-15; 2 Th 2
Day Four	Jer 16-19; 2 Th 3; 1 Ti 1
Day Five	Jer 20-22; 1 Ti 2-4

Week 44

Day One	Jer 23-25; 1 Ti 5
Day Two	Jer 26-28; 1 Ti 6; 2 Ti 1
Day Three	Jer 29-31; 2 Ti 2
Day Four	Jer 32; 2 Ti 3-4
Day Five	Jer 33-35; Tit 1-2

Week 45

Day One	Jer 36-38; Tit 3; Phlm
Day Two	Jer 39-41; Heb 1-2
Day Three	Jer 42-44; Heb
Day Four	Jer 45-48; Heb 4-5
Day Five	Jer 49-50; Heb 6-7

Week 46

Day One	Jer 51; Heb 8
Day Two	Jer 52; Lam 1-2; Heb 9
Day Three	Lam 3-5; Heb 1
Day Four	Eze 1-4; Heb 11
Day Five	Eze 5-8

Week 47

Day One	Eze 9-11; Heb 12-13
Day Two	Eze 12-15; Jam 1
Day Three	Eze 16-17; Jam 2
Day Four	Eze 18-20; Jam 3-4
Day Five	Eze 21-22; Jam 5

Week 48

Day One	Eze 23-24; 1 Pe 1
Day Two	Eze 25-27; 1 Pe 2-3
Day Three	Eze 28-30; 1 Pe 4
Day Four	Eze 31-33; 1 Pe 5; 2 Pe 1
Day Five	Eze 34-35; 2 Pe 2

Week 49

Day One	Eze 36-38; 2 Pe 3; 1 Jn 1
Day Two	Eze 39-40; 1 Jn 2
Day Three	Eze 41-43; 1 Jn 3
Day Four	Eze 44-45; 1 Jn 4-5
Day Five	Eze 46-48; 2 Jn; 3 Jn

Week 50

Day One	Dan 1-2; Jude
Day Two	Dan 3-4; Rev 1
Day Three	Dan 5-6; Rev 2
Day Four	Dan 7-9; Rev 3
Day Five	Dan 10-11; Rev 4-5

Week 51

Day One	Dan 12; Hos 1-5; Rev 6
Day Two	Hos 6-11; Rev 7-8
Day Three	Hos 12-14; Joe 1-2; Rev 9
Day Four	Joe 3; Amo 1-4; Rev 10-11
Day Five	Amo 5-9; Rev 12

Week 52

Day One	Oba; Jon 1-4; Rev 13
Day Two	Mic 1-6; Rev 14-15
Day Three	Mic 7; Nah 1-3; Hab 1; Rv 16
Day Four	Hab 2-3; Zep 1-3; Rev 17
Day Five	Hag 1-2; Zec 1-2; Rev 18

Week 53

Day One	Zec 3-8; Rev 19-20
Day Two	Zec 9-13; Rev 21
Day Three	Zec 14; Mal 1-4; Rev 22

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

DIRECTIONS

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The Spiritual Gifts Survey consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually, your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

Your response choices are:

- 5 Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
- 4 Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
- 3 Frequently characteristic of me/true for me—about 50 percent of the time
- 2 Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me—about 25 percent of the time
- 1 Not at all characteristics of me/definitely untrue for me

- ___ 1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively.
- ___ 2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
- ___ 3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
- ___ 4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
- ___ 5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
- ___ 6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary.
- ___ 7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
- ___ 8. I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions.
- ___ 9. I enjoy studying.
- ___ 10. I have delivered God's message of warning and judgment.

- ___ 11. I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements.
- ___ 12. I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations.
- ___ 13. I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches.
- ___ 14. I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help.
- ___ 15. I enjoy entertaining guests in my home.
- ___ 16. I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me.
- ___ 17. I can delegate and assign meaningful work.
- ___ 18. I have an ability and desire to teach.
- ___ 19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
- ___ 20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
- ___ 21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
- ___ 22. I have an acute awareness of the emotions of other people, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and anger.
- ___ 23. I am a cheerful giver.
- ___ 24. I spend time digging into facts.
- ___ 25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.
- ___ 26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
- ___ 27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). I am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
- ___ 28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
- ___ 29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other lands.
- ___ 30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
- ___ 31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
- ___ 32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
- ___ 33. I have the ability to plan learning approaches.
- ___ 34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
- ___ 35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.

- ___ 36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
- ___ 37. I am attracted to people who are hurting.
- ___ 38. I am a generous giver.
- ___ 39. I am able to discover new truths.
- ___ 40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
- ___ 41. I can sense when a person is acting in accord with God's will.
- ___ 42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
- ___ 43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
- ___ 44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
- ___ 45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
- ___ 46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
- ___ 47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group.
- ___ 48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decisions.
- ___ 49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.
- ___ 50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.
- ___ 51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvation.
- ___ 52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feelings of those in distress.
- ___ 53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.
- ___ 54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
- ___ 55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
- ___ 56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
- ___ 57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
- ___ 58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
- ___ 59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.

- ___ 60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
- ___ 61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.
- ___ 62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
- ___ 63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
- ___ 64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
- ___ 65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
- ___ 66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
- ___ 67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
- ___ 68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
- ___ 69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
- ___ 70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
- ___ 71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
- ___ 72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
- ___ 73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation.
- ___ 74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
- ___ 75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christ-like lives.
- ___ 76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.
- ___ 77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
- ___ 78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
- ___ 79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
- ___ 80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seems impossible.

SCORING YOUR SURVEY

Follow these directions to figure your score for each spiritual gift.

1. Place in each box your numerical response (1-5) to the item number which is indicated below the box.
2. For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put the total in the TOTAL box.

LEADERSHIP

Item 6 + Item 16 + Item 27 + Item 43 + Item 65 = TOTAL

ADMINISTRATION

Item 1 + Item 17 + Item 31 + Item 47 + Item 59 = TOTAL

TEACHING

Item 2 + Item 18 + Item 33 + Item 61 + Item 73 = TOTAL

KNOWLEDGE

Item 9 + Item 24 + Item 39 + Item 68 + Item 79 = TOTAL

WISDOM

Item 3 + Item 19 + Item 48 + Item 62 + Item 74 = TOTAL

PROPHECY

Item 10 + Item 25 + Item 40 + Item 54 + Item 69 = TOTAL

DISCERNMENT

Item 11 + Item 26 + Item 41 + Item 55 + Item 70 = TOTAL

EXHORTATION

Item 20 + Item 34 + Item 49 + Item 63 + Item 75 = TOTAL

SHEPHERDING

Item 4 + Item 21 + Item 35 + Item 50 + Item 76 = TOTAL

FAITH

Item 12 + Item 28 + Item 42 + Item 56 + Item 80 = TOTAL

EVANGELISM

<u>Item 5</u>	+	<u>Item 3</u>	+	<u>Item 51</u>	+	<u>Item 64</u>	+	<u>Item 77</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
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APOSTLESHIP

<u>Item 13</u>	+	<u>Item 29</u>	+	<u>Item 44</u>	+	<u>Item 57</u>	+	<u>Item 71</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
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SERVICE/HELPS

<u>Item 14</u>	+	<u>Item 30</u>	+	<u>Item 46</u>	+	<u>Item 58</u>	+	<u>Item 72</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
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MERCY

<u>Item 7</u>	+	<u>Item 22</u>	+	<u>Item 37</u>	+	<u>Item 52</u>	+	<u>Item 66</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
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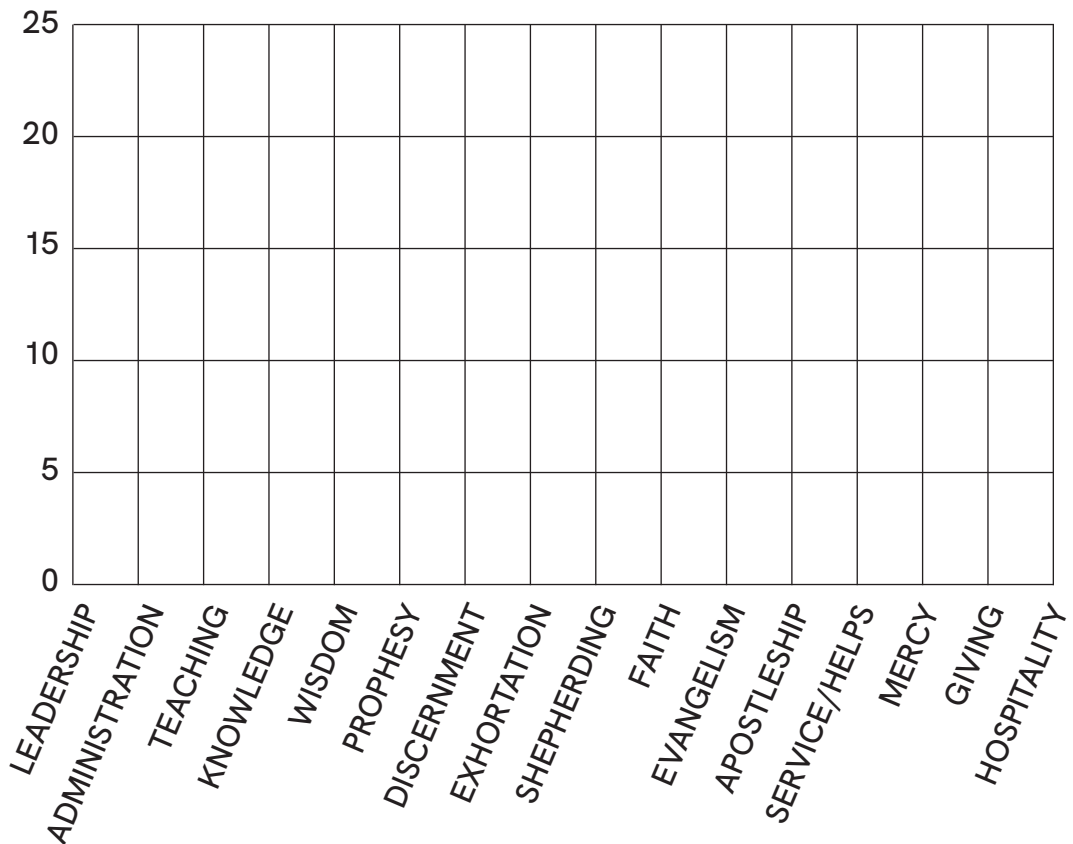
GIVING

<u>Item 8</u>	+	<u>Item 23</u>	+	<u>Item 38</u>	+	<u>Item 53</u>	+	<u>Item 67</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
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HOSPITALITY

<u>Item 15</u>	+	<u>Item 32</u>	+	<u>Item 45</u>	+	<u>Item 60</u>	+	<u>Item 78</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
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GRAPHING YOUR PROFILE



1. For each gift place a mark across the bar at the point that corresponds to your TOTAL for that gift.
2. For each gift shade the bar below the mark that you have drawn.
3. The resultant graph gives a picture of your gifts. Gifts for which the bars are tall are the ones in which you appear to be strongest. Gifts for which the bars are very short are the ones in which you appear not to be strong.

Now that you have completed the survey, thoughtfully answer the following questions.

The gifts I have begun to discover in my life are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- After prayer and worship, I am beginning to sense that God wants me to use my spiritual gifts to serve Christ's body by _____

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- I am not sure yet how God wants me to use my gifts to serve others. But I am committed to prayer and worship, seeking wisdom and opportunities to use the gifts I have received from God.

Ask God to help you know how He has gifted you for service and how you can begin to use this gift in ministry to others.

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**FOLLOWING
JESUS**

Luke 9:23

SALVATION

John 3:16

**NEW LIFE IN
CHRIST**

2 Corinthians 5:17

**MAKE
DISCIPLES**

Matthew 28:18-20

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (CSB)

“Then he said to them all, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23 (CSB)

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

Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (CSB)

