

Week 11: What's Next?



Scripture for the Week

Overview

Challenge Feedback

Ask what verse was memorized to help during an attack fought on a regular basis?

Main Focus

Talk about how this material can be applied to participants' next steps. This is a process

Daily Topics

1. Know God

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5. Dream a Big Dream

Discussion Questions

Take Aways

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Next Steps

Prayer

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Day 1: Know God

God wants to know you personally. More than just practicing religion. He wants to have a relationship with you. As a believer, you are able to experience this relationship.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Ephesians 1:17

To get to know him:

Seek God

Jeremiah 29:13-14

James 4:8

Take a leap of faith

Hebrews 11:7

Luke 17:33

Experience His power

John 9:17, 25

Surrender your life to Him

Romans 10:9

Remember, all good things come from God. Nothing outside of God is good.

Day 2: Find Freedom

We all have things from our past that need to be settled once and for all. God's process for you to experience freedom from yesterday is to have the right people in your life.

It is for freedom that Christ set us free. That's what Paul wrote in Galatians 5:1, and Jesus Himself said that He came to earth so that we may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). Just imagine that: life abundant. Not barely surviving, but truly living. It means days that begin with gladness and nights that end in a peaceful sleep. It means days filled with hope, joy, and purpose. This is the kind of life God always intended for you to have.

God wants a relationship with you and He sent His son, Jesus, to bridge the gap between earth and heaven so you could know Him. It may not be easy, but it will be rewarding.

You are the one who decides how far you are willing to go to find freedom. Jeremiah 29:13 promises if you seek Him with your whole heart, you will find Him.

Decide – is your baggage worth holding on to? This group dealt with issues common to men, but there are other areas we have not addressed. Continue your journey to live an abundant life, and find freedom in all areas that still have a yesterday attached to it.

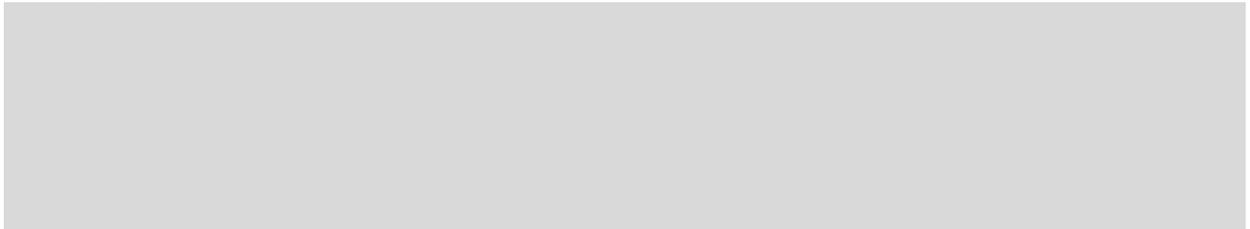
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free (John 8:32)

Day 3: Discover Purpose

If you are looking for hope in a hopeless world, you will find it in your calling. You are an important part of God's plan, and your life will never make sense until you discover your purpose.

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others.

Write Ephesians 2:10



Here is the foundation of our purpose:

[Worship God](#)

Matthew 4:10

John 4:23-24

1 John 4:11

[Preach the Good News](#)

Ephesians 3:10

Romans 10:13-14

[Maintain relationships](#)

Ephesians 4:16

John 13:35

1 John 3:16-17

Hebrews 13:16

Romans 12:13

[Become part of a ministry and mature in our faith](#)

Hebrews 6:1

2 Peter 3:18

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

1 Corinthians 12:27

Ephesians 4:11-13

Romans 10:13-14

Become leaders

Ephesians 2:10

Acts 20:24

When your foundations are strong, your house will stand through any storm.

Day 4: Make a Difference

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Write Matthew 9:35

Write Matthew 10:1

Start by finding a place to get involved.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages (9:35a)

Jesus went out to find ways to serve. He did not sit at home waiting for them to come to Him. God usually shares His vision with those who are obeying what they already know to do. He's just waiting for you to take the next step.

Share what you already know with others

Teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom (9:35)

Understand this simple concept: you already know 95% of god's will. It's in God's Word. By reading and learning what God has already said, we can obey what we already know, the Holy Spirit will show you the rest.

Focus on people

When he saw the crowds (9:36a)

We have to be among people to make a difference. Jesus met and talked with people from all walks of life. He looked into their eyes, saw their hurts, fears, shame, the diseases impacting their lives. His love for them gave Him motivation.

Identify a need

He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (9:36b)



Jesus' heart was touched by what He saw. Every vision begins with a burden to change something. Whether there is a need not being met, an improvement to an existing process, or supporting something that already exists, you will feel drawn to a need. This is how dreams are born.

Find a solution

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (9:37)

Jesus had been doing the work of healing up until this point in Scripture. Rather than stressing over how He was going to care for so many people, He found a solution – get more people.

Pray for God's help

Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field (9:38)

Jesus prays for more workers. Not for funding, facilities, publicity, but more workers. The implication is that there is a great need to satisfy, and it will take lots of people to satisfy it.

Join a team or build a team

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority (10:1)

Jesus was not able to take care of the needs of everyone on his own. He called His disciples and gave them authority to help. We have the same authority, and we have also been called to help.

Take action to fulfill the vision

These twelve Jesus sent out (10:5)

Jesus didn't hesitate. He chose His team, empowered them, and sends them out to work.

All He gave them was the vision and tools to fulfill that vision.

Again, we have been called to help – we are the continuing answer to Jesus' prayer *to send out workers into His harvest field.*

Day 5: Dream a Big Dream⁹¹

Dream a God honoring dream

Hebrews 11:6

A God dream will seem incredibly risky

A God dream will require a leap of faith

A God dream will change lives.

Dream Big

Ephesians 3:20

Luke 1:37

Never give up on your dream.

Galatians 6:9

Ask Yourself: What is God's dream for my life?

Jeremiah 29:11

⁹¹ Adapted from When Dreamers Dream, Chris Hodges Jun 1, 2008.

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Challenge

Dream Big! Don't let this be the end of another group. Let it be the beginning of a new chapter in your life, with a new name, and new purpose.

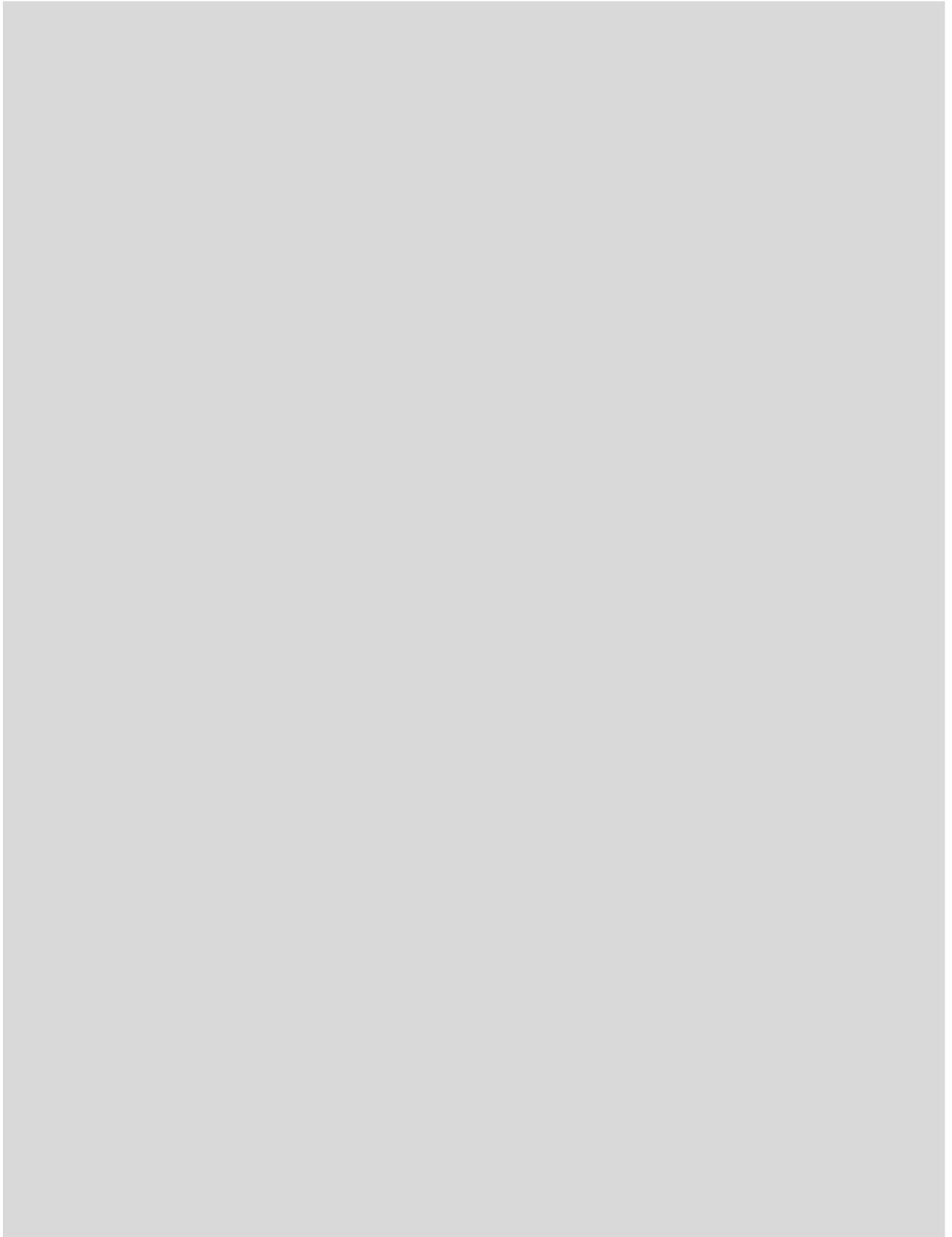
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Prayer

Journal – What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?



Appendix 1: Receiving Christ⁹²

While this guide has been intended for someone who is already saved, we recognize there may be someone who realizes they are unsaved, or you may simply want to renew your commitment to Christ. The truth is, this page is more important than the rest of this guide. Without this commitment, nothing else matters, so thank you for coming here. Your life will never be the same once you take this step.

The process is simple:

1. Recognize God's plan: peace and life.
God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life. The Bible says: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*
2. Realize our problem: separation from God.
People choose to disobey God and go their own way. This results in separation from God. The Bible says, *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)*
3. Respond to God's remedy: the cross.
God sent His Son to bridge the gap. Christ did this by paying the penalty for our sins when He died on the cross and rose from the grave. The Bible says, *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*
4. Receive Christ as Lord and Savior.
You cross the bridge into God's family when you prayerfully ask Christ to come into your life. The Bible says: *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— (John 1:12)*

How to receive Christ

1. Admit your need for Christ as the only way for salvation.
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and to control your life through the Holy Spirit (receive Him as Lord and Savior).

Prayer of Commitment

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I stand in need of Your forgiveness. I now accept Your forgiveness of my sin and believe You are the Son of God and my only way to salvation. I accept Your payment of the penalty for my sin by my faith in You because of Your finished work on the cross and Your gift of grace. I now turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and my life. I commit this day forward to trust You with my life and to follow You as my Lord and Savior.

In Jesus' name

Amen

⁹² Adapted from Often, Told Rarely Trained

Next Steps

If you made the decision to receive Christ today, your next step is to find a local church. And get plugged in.

Talk to your small group leader and the members of your group – share the good news with them!!!

Appendix 2: Basic Introduction to Soul Ties⁹³

The Bible speaks of what is today known as soul ties. In the Bible, it doesn't use the word soul tie, but it speaks of them when it talks about souls being knit together, becoming one flesh, etc. A soul tie can serve many functions, but in its simplest form, it ties two souls together in the spiritual realm. Soul ties between married couples draw them together like magnets, while soul ties between fornicators can draw a beaten and abused woman to the man which in the natural realm she would hate and run from, but instead she runs to him even though he doesn't love her, and treats her like dirt. In the demonic world, unholy soul ties can serve as bridges between two people to pass demonic garbage through. I helped a young man not too long ago break free from downright awful visitations from demons, all due to an ungodly soul tie he had with a witch. The man was a Christian, and the only thing that allowed her to send demonic torment his way, is through the soul tie. Other soul ties can do things such as allow one person to manipulate and control another person, and the other person is unaware to what is going on or knows what is going on, but for no real reason, allows it to continue.

How soul ties are formed

I believe there are other ways which soul ties are formed, but here are some that I am aware of.

Sexual relations: Godly soul ties are formed when a couple are married (Ephesians 5:31, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."), and the Godly soul tie between a husband and the wife that God intended him to have is unbreakable by man (Mark 10:7-9). However, when a person has ungodly sexual relations with another person, an ungodly soul tie is then formed (1 Corinthians 6:16, "What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh."). This soul tie fragments the soul, and is destructive. People who have many past relationships find it very difficult to 'bond' or be joined to anybody, because their soul is fragmented.

Close relationships: King David and Jonathan had a good soul tie as a result of a good friendship (1 Samuel 18:1, "And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."), but bad soul ties can form from bad relationships as well. Idolizing somebody can cause a bad soul tie.

I have heard too that you can create a soul tie with a rock group by becoming obsessed with their music. Which explains the strong pull towards certain music that seems almost irresistible.

Vows, commitments and agreements: Vows are known to bind the soul (Numbers 30:2), marriage itself consists of vows and binds the two people together (Ephesians 5:31), therefore I have little reason to overlook the concept of vows or commitments as being a means to create a soul tie.

How to break a soul tie

1. If any sins were committed to cause this soul tie, repent of them! Fornication is perhaps one of the most common ways to create nasty soul ties.

⁹³ <http://www.greatbiblestudy.com/soulties.php>

2. If gifts were given to you by the other person in connection with the sin or unholy relationship, such as rings, flowers, cards, bras, etc. I would get rid of them! Such things symbolize the ungodly relationship, and can hold a soul tie in place. If you are still friends or in a relationship (just now it's no longer an ungodly relationship), like say a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, except you've repented of and forsaken the unholy practices you used to do in your relationship, then I don't feel it is necessary to destroy all the gifts and things that you have been given. I would still encourage you to get rid of anything that symbolizes the ungodly practices in the relationship though, such as if a guy gives a girl a bra and panties with his initials on them during fornication. I wouldn't encourage you to hang on to such things that symbolize sin or that are wrong to give each other before marriage. Things such as flowers and love letters given during an adultery should be destroyed.

3. Any rash vows or commitments made that played a part in forming the soul tie should be renounced and repented of, and broken in Jesus' name. Even things like "I will love you forever", or "I could never love another man!" need to be renounced. They are spoken commitments that need to be undone verbally. As Proverbs 21:23 tells us, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." The tongue has the ability to bring the soul great troubles and bondage.

4. Forgive that person if you have anything against them.

5. Renounce the soul tie. Do this verbally, and in Jesus' name. Example, "In Jesus' name, I now renounce any ungodly soul ties formed between myself and _____ as a result of _____ (fornication, etc.)."

6. Break the soul tie in Jesus' name! Do this verbally using your authority in Jesus. Example, "I now break and sever any ungodly soul ties formed between myself and _____ as a result of _____ (fornication, etc.) in Jesus' name."

Additional recommended reading

Seductions Exposed - The spiritual dynamics of relationships (Dr. Gary L. Greenwald)

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Additional Reading

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A journalist reports back on modern day slavery from locales around the world
- Disposable People, Kevin Bales
Pioneering study done on human trafficking in the global economy
- Ending Slavery, Kevin Bales
A practical call to arms to join the budding abolitionist movement
- Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
Treatise on human trafficking and the importance of investing in women's health and autonomy worldwide
- Little Princes, Conor Grennan
The story of one man's promise to bring home child survivors of human trafficking in Nepal
- Not For Sale, David Batstone
The story of modern day abolitionists and the global movement to end slavery
- Slave: My True Story, Mende Nazer and Damien Lewis
Biography of Nazer's kidnapping and enslavement in Khartoum
- Slavery Today, Kevin Bales and Becky Cornell
A primer on the full range of issues related to human trafficking around the world
- Slavery Today, Ronald D. Lankford, Jr.
A compilation of anti-trafficking articles aimed at young adults

Want to learn more about human trafficking? Here are some resources to get you started.

<http://www.traffickinghope.com/>

<http://www.a21.org/index.php>

<http://the-wellhouse.org/>

http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_182109/lang--en/index.htm

<http://freedomcenter.org/enabling-freedom/modernabolition>

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/>

<http://www.child-soldiers.org/>

<https://www.hrw.org/topic/childrens-rights/child-soldiers>

<https://polarisproject.org/>

<https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/>

<http://mountainchild.org/>

<http://www.ijm.org/>

<http://slaveryfootprint.org/>

<http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2014/index.htm>

Jefferson County Study of Commercial Sexploitation of Children Executive Summary – Overview:
<https://yfsn.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/Freedom2Thrive/invisibility.executive20summary.final.pdf>

Complete Study:

<https://yfsn.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/Freedom2Thrive/invisibility.full20report.final.pdf>

Appendix 4: Answer Key

Week 2

Day 1

Leviticus 19:29

“Do not defile your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will be filled with prostitution and wickedness.”

1 Corinthians 6:15-16

“having a reputation for good works; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, and if she has devoted herself to every good work.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

It is God's will that you keep away from sexual sin as a mark of your devotion to him. Each of you should know that finding a husband or wife for yourself is to be done in a holy and honorable way,

Proverbs 5:3-5

For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her seductive words are smoother than olive oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

Matthew 25:44

“Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’

1 Timothy 5:10

Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, “The two are united into one.”

Day 3

Write 1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

Write Job 31:1-2

I make a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.

Day 4

Write Revelation 2:21-22

*I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.
So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.*

Week 3

Day 2

1 Timothy 5:8	Provider
1 Peter 3:7	understanding and honorable women
Psalm 1:1-6	delights and meditates in the law of the Lord
Ephesians 5:25	Loving
1 Corinthians 16:13	Watchful, firm in the faith, and strong.
1 Timothy 3:4	manage his own household well, with dignity - keeping his children submissive,
2 Timothy 3:17	Competent, equipped for every good work.
1 Corinthians 15:58	steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord
Ephesians 5:23	Head of the wife
1 Timothy 2:12	Be in authority over women
Genesis 2:18	Not alone
Proverbs 22:6	Teachers
2 Thessalonians 3:10	Be willing to work
Joshua 24:14-15	Fear and serve the Lord
Genesis 1:26-27	Good stewards over what we have dominion
Deuteronomy 28:1-68	faithfully obey God,
Deuteronomy 28:47-48	serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart,
1 Timothy 2:8	Prayerful
Proverbs 25:26	Steadfast before the wicked
Proverbs 23:1-20	discerning
Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
1 Corinthians 14:1-40	Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts,
Job 38:3	Dress for action like a man

Day 3

Read Ephesians 4:17-32. Write down what it means to you

Instructions for Christian Living

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

He gives us more and more grace

Be the subject of God.

Purify your hearts.

Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you

Read John 14:19, 21

19 "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Now write Hebrews 12:14

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Read Psalm 25:21:

May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

Week 4

Day 1

Read Psalm 139:13-18. What does it say?

*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.*

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.

Colossians 2:10

And in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Day 2

Write Revelation 2:20

But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Day 3

Ephesians 5:22-33

Love your wife as Christ loves the church

Deuteronomy 24:5

Bring her happiness

Matthew 19:4-6

Wife comes before parents

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Don't deprive your wife

Colossian's 3:18-19

Love your wife and don't be harsh

Hebrews 13:4-7

Keep marriage bed pure (Don't fool around)

Now write 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

1 John 2:3

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

1 John 5:14-15

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way, treat your wives with consideration as a delicate vessel, and with honor as fellow heirs of the gracious gift of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Day 4

Write 2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Day 5

Write out 2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Write Romans 8:34

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Why did the Lord send Isaiah?

... Proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners

Week 5

Day 1

Write Luke 11:35

See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.

Day 5

Write Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Write Psalm 139:23-24

²³ *Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.*
²⁴ *See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Week 6

Day 1

write out Luke 22:42

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

Write James 1:13

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

Day 2

Luke 6:27-28

²⁷ *“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you*

Write 2 Corinthians 5:17

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

Day 3

Write 1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Hebrews 10:25

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.

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Ephesians 2:19

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. ¹¹Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹²Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Hebrews 13:13

Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.

Galatians 6:1-2

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:19

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Acts 5:42

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Day 4

Write 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray continually,

Week 7

Day 2

Let's review some Scripture to ground what we have just read:

Matthew 10:16: *I am sending you out like sheep among wolves.*

Psalms 23: *The Lord is my Shepherd.*

1 Peter 5:8: *Be on the alert, the devil is like a lion out to destroy you.*

1 Peter 2:25: *For "you were like sheep going astray," but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

John 10:11-12: *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away.*

Day 4

Read James 1:12-15:

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each one is tempted by their own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

read 1 Peter 5:1-10

To the Elders and the Flock

¹*To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

⁵*In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*

⁶ *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.* ⁷ *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

⁸ *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* ⁹ *Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

¹⁰ *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

²⁷ *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.* ²⁸ *And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.* ²⁹ *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[a]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.*

Week 8

Day 1

If there are no constraints the result is exchanging creature for the creator.

Write Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Write 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.

Write 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.

Write Ephesians 5:15-16

¹⁵ *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

Write 1 Corinthians 3:12-13

¹²Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

Day 2

Read Revelation 2:2,

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

and 4-5

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Write 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.

Now read Galatians 5:22-23 and write out the fruit of the Spirit:

Love

Goodness

Joy

Faithfulness

Peace

Gentleness

Patience

Self-control

Kindness

Read Philippians 4:19. What will God do for you?

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Day 3

Write Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Day 4

Proverbs 19:21 says, *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*

Write Romans 11:29

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

Write Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

Write Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Genesis 9:13

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Day 5

Write Proverbs 15:22

Week 9

Day 1

Now write 1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Write John 16:8

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

Write John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Write Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Day 3

Write Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Day 4

Write Philippians 3:17

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

Romans 1:11-12

¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong — ¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

Proverbs 11:25

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

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Week 10

Day 1

Fill in the blanks from 1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it is not boast. It is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.

Write 2 Corinthians 2:10-11

¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Now write Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Write Philippians 2:3

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

Day 2

Write John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Write out verse 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.

Day 3

Read Luke 22:20-34.

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

³³ *But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."*

³⁴ *Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."*

Day 4

Read Romans 8:6-7. What is the connection between salvation and the mind?

If our mind is governed by the flesh, we can't submit to God's law. We must let our Spirit govern the flesh.

Write Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Day 5

Write 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.

