

SCHEDULE

DISCUSSION GROUPS

9:15 - 9:50 / 6:30 - 7:05

MOVE TO WORSHIP CENTER

9:50 - 9:55 / 7:05 - 7:10

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:55 - 10:00 / 7:10 - 7:15

MESSAGE

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Week 1

Discussion Group Questions

IN HIS STEPS – A WALK OF WORSHIP

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

- a. Please share your name with the group.
- b. What is one word or thought that comes to mind when you read 1 Peter 2:21, “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps”?

2. SCHEDULE:

- a. Please look over the schedule in the front of your notebook. Are there any questions about the schedule?
- b. If at all possible, please come a few minutes early so that you can enjoy the time in your group to the fullest extent.
- c. We’d like to honor your time, so we’ll try to stick as closely to the schedule as possible. In order to help with that, Jonna (or someone) will text your leader with a 5-minute warning before you need to close in prayer.

3. DAILY INDIVIDUAL STUDY TIME:

- a. Please start each study time with prayer in order to invite the Lord to be part of your study time. He wants to meet with you and teach you from His word.
- b. We will have 5 days of individual study time. We recommend that you spend time in study each day rather than trying to get it in all at once so that you can get the most out of your study time. (Even if you don’t get it all finished, you’re still totally welcome here. Please come anyway.)
- c. Study questions with asterisks (*) will be the discussion questions for the coming week.

4. PREPARE YOUR HEART:

- a. How do you think our walk and our worship are connected?
- b. What obstacles do you think get in the way of following Jesus’ example?
- c. What is one thing about Jesus that makes you want to know Him better?
- d. As you look forward to this study over the next six weeks, what is one thing that you hope to grow in understanding?

5. PLEASE CLOSE THIS TIME IN PRAYER.

- a. Please ask the Lord to prepare your heart for the message you’re about to hear.
- b. Please ask the Lord to help you open your heart and mind to what He wants to teach you over the next several weeks.

Sample for Days 4 and 5

IN HIS STEPS – A WALK OF WORSHIP

For weeks 1-5, Day 4 will have you go through a passage focusing on worship. Day 5 will have you go through a passage focusing on your walk. The following is a sample of each. Please notice that the rephrase will be longer than the actual verse so that you might get as full an understanding of the verse as possible. Please let your discussion group leader know if you need more clarification.

WORSHIP THE LORD.

Passage: Psalm 118:24 - “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

Today is like every other day... a gift from the Lord. In His power, love, wisdom, and authority, He has shaped this day. I can celebrate this day whatever comes because I know the Lord is over it all.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to an attribute of the Lord.

He made

3. What do you learn about an attribute of God from this passage?

He is sovereign over all. He wouldn't expect me to celebrate it if He weren't a good, kind, loving God.

4. How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled to believe about Him?

I sometimes question His care, that He would even be concerned about my day. I sometimes treat Him as though He is absent from my day, or that He's indifferent to it.

ii. What attitudes have not aligned with this truth about Him?

I have complained about my days instead of rejoicing in them.

iii. What actions in your life have displayed a lack of trust in this attribute?

Complaining... feeling overwhelmed by my circumstances... worrying.

b. What can you thank Him for?

I'm so thankful that His truth is not dependent on my faithfulness!!! I want to be faithful to rejoice, but no matter what I do, He is still sovereign over everything and He is still good!!!

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

O Lord, thank You so much for this day!!! I know that no matter what comes, You already know the end from the beginning. Nothing that comes will be a surprise to You, and You already know how to walk with me through it. I am safe with You so I can rejoice and be glad... even through tears if necessary. Amen.

WALK WITH HIM.

Passage: Luke 9:23 - “And Jesus said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

Jesus said to everyone who would listen, “If you desire to be with Me, reject living for SELF (just as I have denied Myself for you), make it your everyday practice to carry your cross, never saying ‘I didn’t sign up for this situation,’ but instead saying, ‘Not my will but Yours be done’, and follow Me... walk with Me... be in relationship with Me.”

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

Come, deny, take up, follow

3. What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

In order to walk with Him like this I need to humble myself and be okay with whatever He brings into my day. I need to expect that the day may have difficulty, but I will still be walking WITH Him.

4. How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

I get frustrated when things don’t go as I expect them. I sometimes feel like I’m entitled to an easier process.

2. In your actions?

I run ahead of His will and make decisions for myself rather than waiting for Him to lead.

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

I will ask the Lord to help me be able to trust that His plans are always good, even when I don’t understand. I will ask Him to help me follow His lead.

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you’ll apply this passage to your life.

O Lord, thank You that You never expect me to walk alone. I walk WITH You as I follow You. Please help me to recognize when I’m living for SELF instead of denying SELF. Help me to know that You always help me carry my cross, so please help me to pick up my cross every single day. I realize that if I pick and choose when I will carry my cross, I’m not really following You. I want to follow Your lead. Amen.

Prayer of Humility

IN HIS STEPS - A WALK OF WORSHIP

This is a simple prayer of humility, adapted from the words of Andrew Murray in his books *Humility* and *Absolute Surrender*. I'd love to invite you to make this prayer part of your time with the Lord each day before you open His Word. As we lift our hearts to the Lord in this way, let's watch expectantly to see how God will answer and work in our lives over these next six weeks.

Blessings,
Jonna

O Lord, please make Your great goodness known to me, and take from my heart, every kind and form and degree of pride, whether it be from spiritual warfare, or my own corrupt nature; and please awaken in me the deepest depth and truth of that humility, which can transform me by Your light and the Holy Spirit. I understand that it is impossible for me to do this in my own strength, my God; let there be an end of relying on my flesh and all its powers, an end of self, and let it be my glory to be helpless before You. In my own strength, change is impossible, but with You all things are possible, O God. May I worship You wholeheartedly and walk in the steps of Jesus. Amen.

Week 1

Listening Guide

WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS WORD - WALK IN HIS STEPS

MATTHEW 3:13-17, LUKE 4:1-15

Introduction

1. Walk as Jesus _____ - with the _____ resting on Him, leading Him, and empowering Him. (Matt 3:13-17, Luke 4:1-2, 14-15)

2. Speak as Jesus _____ - in the _____ of the word. (Luke 4:3-13)

Homework

WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS WORD - WALK IN HIS STEPS
MATTHEW 3:13-17, LUKE 4:1-15

DAY ONE

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to prepare your heart for what He wants to teach you today.

MEMORIZE: Please read the memory verse, John 1:1 several times out loud, emphasizing a different word each time.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

STUDY: Today we will get an overview of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and what we can learn from His example. Right before the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil, Jesus was baptized. When He was baptized, we saw the involvement of both the Father and the Spirit in celebrating the moment. It’s a great picture for us to understand what God wants to do in our own lives to help us see why Jesus is worthy of our worship, and to help us walk in His steps. Please read Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 4:1-15, and answer the following.

1. Please consider the timeline of Jesus’ entrance into the public.

(Baptism → Temptation → Ministry begins) Why do you think it happened in this order?

2. *Think of all the ways Jesus could have handled His interaction with the devil. Why do you think He chose to respond with scripture?

3. *What do you learn from Jesus’ example to apply in your own life?

4. What inspires you to worship the Lord from this passage?

Please close this time in prayer and share with the Lord what you hope to learn through this study.

DAY TWO

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to give you deeper insight into how He wants us to handle the temptations we face.

MEMORIZE: Please unscramble the words to write out John 1:1.

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STUDY: Today we'll look specifically at the roles of each one involved in the temptation from Luke 4, and then how we can apply what we learn to the way we handle our own temptations.

The Holy Spirit's role:

1. Please read the following verses to explain the Holy Spirit's role in Jesus' life:

a. Matthew 3:16

b. Luke 4:1

c. Luke 4:14

2. *How is the Holy Spirit's involvement in Jesus' life an example for us?

Jesus' role:

3. From Luke 4, what examples do you see of Jesus' authority?

4. What examples do you see of His obedience to God?

The devil's role:

5. The devil was an angel of light, cast out of heaven, because he became arrogant and said, "I will be like the Most High." How do you see his arrogance displayed in Luke 4?

6. In verses 10-11, the devil quoted Psalm 91:11-12. What does this tell you about the lengths the devil will go to in order to deceive us?

My role:

7. *James 1:13-14 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire." Please consider how the devil works with our desires to lure us into sin.

a. What is the one strategy we can use from Jesus' example to conquer the devil's temptation and our selfish desires?

b. What other methods have you tried to use (i.e., making rules, focusing on saying no to the temptation, trying to distract yourself with other things) and how did they work?

Please close this time in prayer and tell the Lord what you will apply to your life when you are tempted.

DAY THREE

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to reveal to your heart any areas where you may be falling into the deception of the enemy.

MEMORIZE: Please fill in the blanks to complete John 1:1.

"In the _____ was the Word, and the _____ was
_____ God, and the Word _____ God."

STUDY: 1 John 2:15-17 says, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” When the devil tempted Jesus, he used the things in the world to lure Jesus into sinning. Today we’ll see what tactics the devil used, how Jesus responded to him, and what we can learn from Jesus in handling our own struggles with temptation. Spiritual warfare is not a sometimes occurrence. The devil is always “prowling around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Today, we’ll learn how to “resist him, firm in our faith” (1 Peter 5:9).

1. From Luke 4:2-4:

- a. How was the devil trying to tempt Jesus with “the desires of the flesh”?

- b. How did Jesus respond?

2. *From Luke 4:5-8:

- a. How was the devil trying to tempt Jesus with “the desires of the eyes”?

- b. How did Jesus respond?

3. From Luke 4:9-12:

- a. How did the devil try to tempt Jesus with “pride of life”, even using scripture?

- b. How did Jesus respond?

4. Please notice the devil’s strategy from verses 2-3. When did the devil choose to approach Jesus?

5. Please notice verse 13. What does this tell you about the devil's plan in your life?

6. *How do we get tripped up by the same temptations from 1 John 2:16 when we have a heart that struggles with:

a. Self-Rule?

b. Self-Indulgence?

c. Self-Protection?

d. Self-Pity?

7. Please use the following verses to explain the importance of following Jesus' example of using God's word in overcoming the temptation to sin:

a. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

b. Hebrew 4:12

c. Psalm 19:7-9

Please close this time in prayer and talk to the Lord about the ways you've tried to overcome temptation, and what you'd like to apply from this passage.

DAY FOUR

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to give you a deeper understanding of what it means to worship Him.

MEMORIZE: Please fill in the blanks to complete John 1:1.

*"In the _____ was the _____, and the _____ was
_____ God, _____ the _____ God."*

STUDY: Today we'll look at a verse that will help us understand why God is worthy of our worship specifically because of His word. Please read Psalm 18:30 and answer the following:

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to this attribute of the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about this attribute of God from this passage?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled to believe about Him?

ii. What attitudes have not aligned with this truth about Him?

iii. What actions in your life have displayed a lack of trust in this attribute?

b. What can you thank Him for?

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

DAY FIVE

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to help you see how you can follow Jesus' footsteps.

MEMORIZE: Please use the first letter of each word of John 1:1 to complete the verse.

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STUDY: Today we'll look at Psalm 119:114 to gain insight on how we can follow in Jesus' steps through the example He gave us when He stood against the devil's temptations. Please read Psalm 119:114 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you'll apply this passage to your life.

Week 2

Listening Guide

WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS AUTHORITY - WALK IN HIS WAY

MATTHEW 7:13-29

Introduction

1. Two _____ - To walk in Jesus' way, we must enter by the narrow gate that leads to _____ . (13-14)

2. Two _____ - Like healthy trees, true teachers of the word will bear _____ fruit. (15-20)

3. Two _____ - Jesus recognizes His disciples not by what they say or do, but by their _____ to the will of the Father. (21-23)

4. Two _____ - The wise builder prepares a solid _____ on the words of Jesus. (24-27)

DAY ONE

PRAY: Ask the Lord to guide your study this week as you learn what it means to recognize Jesus as the authority of your life.

MEMORIZE: This week we will memorize John 1:2. Write this verse on the lines below or on a notecard to use for reference and meditation throughout this week. As you read through this verse each day, humbly surrender your heart to worshipping God alone.

STUDY: The verses we're studying this week are the final thoughts that Jesus gave at the end of a longer teaching called the Sermon on the Mount. In this sermon, Jesus teaches us what it looks like to live according to the principles of His Kingdom. At every point, His primary concern is not so much what a person does, but who they are. His focus is the heart's motivation. In the final verses, He uses four illustrations that each present only two options - to follow your own heart or to submit to His authority and follow His way. In Matthew 7:28-29, we learn that the first people who heard this sermon were absolutely blown away by His message and by the authority of His teaching.

Please read Matthew 7:13-29.

1. According to these verses, how was Jesus' teaching different from the other teachers of the day?

2. Why do you think the people listening to Jesus were astonished by His teaching?

3. When you study the Bible, how would it change your response if you were amazed or blown away by what you read?

4. *Consider the challenges in these four illustrations, which of them brings the most conviction to you? Why?

5. *What connections do you see between recognizing the authority of Jesus and obedience to His word?

Spend a few moments sharing with the Lord what you learned today.

DAY TWO

PRAY: Ask the Lord to help you grow in discernment of your own heart and about ideas you hear that may seem right.

MEMORIZE: John 1:2. Unscramble the phrases below to write out the verse.

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STUDY: Today we will look at the first two of the illustrations that Jesus used to close out the Sermon on the Mount. The two roads - one leading to life and the other leading to destruction. And the two trees - one bearing healthy fruit and the other bearing diseased fruit. Similar to these little word pictures, throughout scripture there are often two distinct options presented: light or darkness, wisdom or foolishness, blessings or curses. In these verses, we will be challenged to recognize that there are not many different ways to a life-giving relationship with God. There is only one way. And we will be warned to be aware of those who appear to be traveling on the narrow road but really are not.

Please read Matthew 7:13-20.

1. From verses 13-14, list the words that describe the wide gate and the narrow gate.

a. The wide gate:

b. The narrow gate:

2. How do John 10:9 and John 14:6 give further understanding to this parable of the Narrow Gate?

3. *What would you say to someone who says that there are many ways to get to God?

4. *From verses 15-20, what is the difference between a true prophet or teacher of Jesus Christ and a false prophet?

5. *How would you describe a false prophet in our world today? What are some ideas they might be teaching?

6. How do these verses encourage your faith and challenge you to grow?

Close your study by sharing with the Lord what you notice in your life from the question above. Confess any areas of sin in which you've been convicted.

DAY THREE

PRAY: Begin your study by asking the Lord to help you honestly evaluate your heart for areas where you are not obedient to His word.

MEMORIZE: Read or say John 1:2 out loud several times. Fill in the blanks to complete the verse:

_____ *was in* _____ *with* _____ .

STUDY: In this passage, we will study the third and fourth illustrations Jesus used to challenge and warn his listeners. The two disciples - one who claims that he knows the Lord and is doing good work for Him and one who simply obeys the will of the Father. And the two builders - one who quickly builds his home on a shifting foundation and another who puts in the effort to prepare a solid foundation for his home. In both of these

examples today, we will learn that both the genuine disciple and the wise builder are distinguished by their obedience to the words of Jesus and the will of the Father.

Please read Matthew 7:21-27.

1. How would you describe the self-deceived disciple from verses 21-23?

2. What else does Jesus say about this type of disciple in Matthew 23:25-28?

3. *How is a true follower of Jesus different from the self-deceived?

4. From verses 24-27:

a. What about these two builders and their homes is similar?

b. What are the differences between them?

5. What is one tangible thing you can do to build your life on the solid foundation?

6. *Describe how building your life on the foundation of Jesus and His word can help you during hard times.

7. *Think back over all four of the illustrations you studied this week:

a. Which of these warnings seem most relevant to your life today?

b. Write a summary statement of what you learned this week.

Close your time by thanking the Lord for what you have learned from His words in this passage.

DAY FOUR

PRAY: Begin your study time today by praising the ways that He is worthy of your worship.

MEMORIZE: Review John 1:2. Personalize this verse to your life by praying it back to the Lord using your own words.

STUDY: Today we'll look at a passage to help us understand why we can worship Jesus for His Authority. Please read Hebrews 1:1-3 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to this attribute of the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about this attribute of God from this passage?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled to believe about Him?

ii. What attitudes have not aligned with this truth about Him?

iii. What actions in your life have displayed a lack of trust in this attribute?

b. What can you thank Him for?

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

DAY FIVE

PRAY: Ask God to help you understand this passage so that your heart is challenged to obey His word.

MEMORIZE: Review John 1:2 using the letters below to help you remember. Each letter is the first letter of the words of the verse.

H W I T B W G.

STUDY: Today we'll look at a passage to understand how God wants us to respond to Jesus as we walk in His way. Please read 1 John 2:5-6 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you'll apply this passage to your life.

Week 3

Listening Guide

WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS LOVE - WALK IN HIS LIFE

JOHN 11:1-44

Introduction

1. _____ the love of Christ: He is always _____ in your life based on His love for you. (1-16)

DAY ONE

PRAY: Begin with prayer, asking the Lord to open your eyes to the greatness of His love and life as you study this week.

MEMORIZE: Review John 1:1-2. This week, we will add John 1:3 to our memorization. Read the verse several times, emphasizing different words each time you read it.

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:3

STUDY: In the book of John, the apostle strategically shares 7 signs and “I AM” statements that describe and demonstrate who Jesus is. The culminating sign and “I AM” statement that we will examine this week is found in John 11, where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and declares himself as the resurrection and the life. As you study this week, keep 2 questions in mind. The first is: “In what ways does my view of Christ’s love need to grow?” You may say that you know and trust Christ’s love, but do you live like you are a beloved child of the King? The second is this: “In what ways does my faith need to grow?” The experience of life that Christ offers you is accessed through faith. How does your faith need to be shaped through this passage? Today, we will begin our study by getting an overview of John 11. Read John 11:1-44 and answer the questions.

1. *What do you learn about the Lord’s love in this passage:

a. What comforts you about His love?

b. What surprises you about His love?

c. What challenges you about His love?

2. *What do you learn about life and faith in this passage?

a. What comforts you about the life Christ offers and the faith He calls you to?

b. What surprises you about the life Christ offers and the faith He calls you to?

c. What challenges you about the life Christ offers and the faith He calls you to?

3. How do you see God's glory and goodness in John 11?

Close in prayer, asking the Lord to help you see and experience His love, life, and glory in new ways as you study this week.

DAY TWO

PRAY: Begin by thanking the Lord for His steadfast love and goodness. Ask Him to help you see His love in fresh ways as you study.

MEMORIZE: Unscramble the words to put John 1:3 in the right order.

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STUDY: Today, we will take a deeper look at the love of Jesus demonstrated in John 11.

1. Begin by reading John 11:1-4.

a. Do you come to Jesus based on His love for you, like Mary and Martha did? Why is this significant?

b. What does Jesus declare as the central purpose of Lazarus's illness, and how do you see Jesus' love demonstrated in this purpose?

2. Look at John 11:5-8.

a. How do you see Christ's love for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus demonstrated in His delayed response?

b. *How does this passage aid in your understanding of God's timing and love in your own life?

3. Finally, look at verses 17-37.

a. How do you see Jesus' love in the way He relates to the grieving sisters?

b. What do Jesus' tears in verse 36 teach you about His character and love?

4. *Do you ever struggle to believe that God cares about you when you face hard things? What might this story say to that?

Where in your life right now do you need to be reminded that Jesus loves you deeply? Is there any grief, disappointment, or waiting that you want to bring to Him? Close your study time today with a short prayer of trust, surrender, and gratitude for God's steadfast love to you in whatever you face.

DAY THREE

PRAY: Begin with prayer, asking the Lord to help you see and experience Him as the resurrection and life.

MEMORIZE: Fill in the blanks to complete John 1:3.

All _____ were made _____ him, and _____ him was not any thing
_____ that was _____.

STUDY: Today's focus will be on Jesus as the resurrection and life, and the glory of Christ that was revealed as a result of Lazarus's resurrection. Read John 11:17-44.

1. *Think about Jesus' statement, "I am the resurrection and the life," in verse 25.

- a. What does Jesus mean by calling Himself "the resurrection and the life", and what does this claim reveal about Jesus' identity?

- b. How is this statement different from simply saying "I will raise the dead"?

2. Think about Jesus' question to Martha in verse 26, "Do you believe this?"

- a. How does this challenge you personally - do you believe this, and how do you know?

- b. What might it look like to live as if this statement is true every day?

3. In what areas of your life do you need to echo Martha's declaration: "I believe..." even when you don't understand everything?

4. In verse 40, Jesus says, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” How is God’s glory revealed through the raising of Lazarus?

5. *How might this story challenge our ideas of when and how God is glorified?

What might it look like for God to be glorified through your story—even the painful or broken parts? What area of your life do you need to surrender so God can be glorified through it? Close in prayer by surrendering your own story to the Lord, and by faith tell Him of your trust in Him and your desire to see His glory.

DAY FOUR

PRAY: Ask the Lord to reveal His love to you in new ways as you study.

MEMORIZE: Fill in the blanks to complete John 1:3.

_____ were _____ him, and
_____ him _____ any _____ that
_____ .

STUDY: Today and tomorrow, we will look at how the Lord’s love leads us to life! To accomplish this, we will examine two passages of scripture. Our passage today will focus on a worshipful response to the Lord’s love. Read Lamentations 3:22-24 and answer the questions that follow.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to the Lord’s love.

3. *What do you learn about God’s love from this passage?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God, telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

DAY FIVE

PRAY: Begin with a prayer of gratitude and expectation, thanking the Lord for His love and life.

MEMORIZE: Use the first letter of each word to quote John 1:3.

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h _____ w _____ n _____ a _____ t _____ m _____ t _____ w _____ m _____ .

STUDY: Today, we will continue studying how the Lord's love leads us to life. Let's examine a second passage of scripture that focuses on walking with him in faith and life. Read Galatians 2:20 and answer the questions that follow.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you'll apply this passage to your life.

Listening Guide

MATTHEW 14:13-33

2. Worship Him as you trust His grace to _____ and _____. (22-33)

DAY ONE

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to give you a deeper insight into His grace.

MEMORIZE: Please read John 1:4 out loud several times, emphasizing a different word each time.

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

STUDY: This week we'll study God's grace and how we can respond to His grace with trust. God's grace comes from the Greek word, “charis,” meaning, “charity” or “undeserved favor.” The beautiful thing about God's grace is that it is constant. There is never a time we're without His favor when we have confessed Jesus to be our Lord. Today we'll get an overview of Matthew 14:13-33 to gain insight into God's grace in providing what we don't deserve. Please read the passage and answer the following.

1. What was Jesus doing before and after feeding the people? What is significant about this?

2. *How do you see Jesus provide in both the feeding of the 5000 and when He walked on water?

3. What do you learn from Jesus' example to apply in your own life?

4. *What insight do the following passages give you about God's grace and how does that inspire your worship?

a. Ephesians 1:7-8

b. Ephesians 2:8-9

c. Romans 3:23-24

Please close this time in prayer and tell the Lord one new insight you gained about His grace.

DAY TWO

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to help you see His grace and why you can trust Him in your own circumstances.

MEMORIZE: Please unscramble the words to put John 1:4 in order.

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STUDY: Right before this passage, when Jesus fed the 5000, He had just heard some difficult news. Even though His time to grieve was interrupted by the crowds, He showed them grace. Today we'll look at how Jesus graciously provided and how His provision was so great that we can walk in trust even when no answer seems to be there. Please read Matthew 14:13-21 and answer the following.

1. Verse 13 starts out, "When Jesus heard this..." Please look back in Matthew 14 to discover what Jesus heard. Why do you think Jesus responded this way?

2. According to verse 14, how did Jesus extend grace to the people? On what do you think He based His decision to help them?

3. What insight into the heart of God do you gain from considering the compassion Jesus had both for John, whom He did not physically save (see 2 Timothy 4:18 for more insight), and the crowd?

4. *From verse 15:

a. How might the disciples have thought that they were being more loving and gracious than Jesus?

b. What were they forgetting about who He was (and is)?

c. Can you think of a time in your life when God did more than you could have done in your own strength?

5. Please notice the interaction between Jesus and the disciples in verses 16-17. How do you think the disciples would have felt about this request from Jesus if they had not trusted Him?

6. *According to verses 18-21:

a. How fully did Jesus miraculously provide?

b. What does this tell you about His expectation for the disciples (and for us) in obeying His commands?

c. What does this tell you about His grace/kindness for the disciples, the people, and us?

7. What is one circumstance in your life that you need to trust the Lord's heart of grace to provide for you even if He's not providing in a way that you understand?

Please close this time in prayer and talk to the Lord about any area you're struggling to trust His grace or just worship Him for His grace in your life.

DAY THREE

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to show you where you need to trust Him more.

MEMORIZE: Please fill in the blanks to complete John 1:4.

"In _____ was life, and _____ life _____ the _____ of men."

STUDY: Jesus had just fed the 5000. He had been with them all day, graciously healing them and caring for them until their needs were met. At the end of the day, He sent them home and He sent the disciples ahead of Him to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Today, we'll see how Jesus extended grace with what happened next. Jerry Bridges says, "Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace." Please read Matthew 14:22-33 to see how this quote is proven in today's passage, and answer the following.

1. What was the first thing Jesus did when He sent the disciples to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee? Why do you think He did that?

2. The Sea of Galilee can be very unpredictable. Storms can arise out of nowhere. Please consider how the disciples handled the storm and what happened when they saw Jesus.

a. How did they respond?

b. If they had fully trusted the Lord's grace (charity, undeserved kindness) toward them and all they had seen Jesus do, how might they have encouraged each other through that situation?

3. How did Peter display trust in this passage?

4. *What caused Peter's doubt? What "storms" cause you to doubt?

5. *When Peter started sinking:

a. How did his reaction display that he was in need of God's grace?

b. How would a heart anchored in pride react?

c. How would a heart anchored in shame react?

6. *How did Jesus' response show that Peter was not beyond the reach of His grace?

7. What example do you see from this passage that helps you anchor your trust in Jesus'?

a. Power?

b. His grace (charity)?

Please close this time in prayer and tell the Lord about one "storm" from your past that you would handle differently if you had responded in trust, or how you need His help to respond in trust to a "storm" you're currently experiencing.

DAY FOUR

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to help you to understand the depths of His grace.

MEMORIZE: Please fill in the blanks to complete John 1:4.

“In _____ was _____, and _____ life _____ the _____ of _____.”

STUDY: Today we'll specifically look to understand why God is worthy of our worship because of His grace toward us. Please read Romans 3:23-24 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to this attribute of the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about this attribute of God from this passage?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled to believe about Him?

ii. What attitudes have not aligned with this truth about Him?

iii. What actions in your life have displayed a lack of trust in this attribute?

b. What can you thank Him for?

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

DAY FIVE

PRAY: Please open this time in prayer and ask the Lord to help you have a deeper understanding of how much you can trust Him and why.

MEMORIZE: Please use the first letter of each word to write out John 1:4.

I H W L A T L W T L O M

STUDY: Today we'll look at a passage to get a deeper understanding of how far-reaching God's grace helps us even in our most difficult circumstances. Please read 2 Corinthians 12:9 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you'll apply this passage to your life.

Week 5

Listening Guide

WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS MERCY - WALK IN HIS HOPE

JOHN 5:1-20

Introduction

1. Example #1: _____ Mercy - Hope in _____. (1-9)

2. Example #2: _____ Mercy - Hope in _____. (10-16)

3. I place my _____ in the work of _____ Christ as I _____ His abundant mercy. (17-20)

Homework

WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS MERCY - WALK IN HIS HOPE

JOHN 5:1-20

DAY ONE

PRAY: Ask the Lord to guide your study this week as you learn to recognize His abundant mercy for you each day.

MEMORIZE: This week we will memorize John 1:5. Write this verse on the lines below or on a notecard to use for reference and meditation throughout this week. As you read through this verse each day, humbly surrender your heart to worshipping God alone.

STUDY: In our study this week, we will focus on the ways that Jesus demonstrated mercy. A simple definition of mercy is that it's benevolent or compassionate treatment of one who is suffering. The biblical definition of mercy says that it's a gift of God's undeserved kindness and compassion. In this passage, we will see two groups of people in need of mercy. The first, so weak and desperate that they came to the Pool of Bethesda for help, and the second, so confident in their strength and understanding that they felt no need for mercy. In both cases, they were focused on false sources of hope that could never provide what they needed. As we study this week, let's pray that the Lord will help us notice the ways in which He is providing mercy, and that we will learn what it means to put our hope in Jesus as the anchor for our lives. Please read John 5:1-20.

1. List the various people or groups of people in this passage. Use 1 word to describe each.

2. Imagine what it was like to hope for years for a miracle. How do you think the invalid man felt about God? What do you learn about him based upon how he responded to Jesus in these verses?

3. *What do you learn about mercy from Jesus' interactions in this passage?

4. What is most surprising to you about this passage?

5. *Record at least 1 practical application for your life from this passage.

Spend a few moments praising the Lord for what you have learned about His character in this passage.

DAY TWO

PRAY: Ask the Lord to use this time of study to show you ways that He would like to help you grow.

MEMORIZE: John 1:5. Unscramble the phrases below to write out the verse.

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STUDY: In these verses, we see Jesus in Jerusalem walking by a pool called Bethesda - literally translated as “house of mercy.” Legends said that the angel of the Lord would stir up the water in the pool, and the first person to get in would be healed. This area was surrounded by a large number of invalid people all hoping for a miraculous healing. Rather than focusing on the multitude, these verses recall Jesus’ interaction with one person. Please read John 5:1-9.

1. The invalids hoped that they would receive a healing miracle at this pool. What are some areas of your life where you put hope in something, or someone to help you?

2. What does it say to you that Jesus chose to heal a hopeless, helpless, friendless person?

3. *What do you learn from the different people in these verses?

a. The invalids around the pool?

b. The man who was healed?

c. Jesus?

4. *Who do you identify with most in this passage?

5. Based upon Romans 9:14-18, how does mercy display God's nature?

6. Considering what you've learned today, write a summarizing statement or prayer about how you've experienced God's mercy.

Close your study by sharing with the Lord what you've learned today about ways you may be putting hope in places other than Him.

DAY THREE

PRAY: Begin your study by asking the Lord to help you evaluate your heart and to help you learn from these verses.

MEMORIZE: Read or say John 1:5 out loud several times. Fill in the blanks to complete the verse:

The _____ in the darkness, and _____ has
not _____ .

STUDY: In John 20:31, we read that these (miracles of Jesus) are written so that we might believe and have the fullest life in Him. In His time on earth, Jesus did many miracles, but John recorded only a few of them. Each miracle he recorded was chosen to reveal a specific truth about Jesus. In these verses, we will see that although Jesus performed a miraculous act of mercy in healing this invalid, to the local religious leaders, the really big deal was that it happened on the Sabbath day. When confronted with the fact that He was breaking the Sabbath laws, Jesus only replies that He is doing His Father's work. Although they didn't appear to listen, He was teaching them, and us, that as Lord over the Sabbath, it's in His authority to show mercy at any time, in any way He chooses - and that our hope should never be in our own efforts, but only in the work He has done and is doing within us. Please read John 5:10-20.

1. *Why do you think the Jewish leaders were so concerned that this man was carrying his bed on the Sabbath? What was motivating them?

2. Jesus could have responded to the Jews by debating that the Law did not prevent acts of mercy on the Sabbath. Why do you think he responded as He did in verse 17?

3. What can we learn from this?

4. *What do these verses show us about the heart of God in the fact that Jesus showed mercy to these Jewish leaders rather than wrath or judgement?

5. *One thing we can learn from these verses is that "it is easier than any of us will want to admit to refashion truly Biblical commitments into restrictive, human-centered tokens of pride"¹ What personal commitments or ideologies do you have, perhaps good and Biblical, that could become a source of pride and a litmus test for spirituality for yourself and others?

6. Please read Luke 6:35-36. Based upon these verses and what you've learned so far this week, how are you challenged to show mercy to others?

Close your time by thanking the Lord for what you've learned about mercy in our study so far.

¹ Moody, Josh. *John 1-12 For You*.

DAY FOUR

PRAY: Begin your study time today by thanking the Lord for the many ways that He has given you mercy.

MEMORIZE: Review John 1:5. Personalize this verse to your life by thanking Jesus for ways that His light has illuminated darkness in your life. (i.e., Thank you, Jesus, for showing me...)

STUDY: Today we'll study a passage that will help inspire us to worship the Lord for His mercy. Please read Psalm 103:8-10 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to this attribute of the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about this attribute of God from this passage?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled to believe about Him?

ii. What attitudes have not aligned with this truth about Him?

iii. What actions in your life have displayed a lack of trust in this attribute?

b. What can you thank Him for?

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

DAY FIVE

PRAY: Ask God to give you a greater appreciation for His great mercy and a better understanding of what it means to put our hope in Him alone.

MEMORIZE: Review John 1:5 using the letters below to help you remember. Each letter is the first letter of the words of the verse.

T L S I T D , A T D H N O I .

STUDY: Today we'll learn how we can respond to God's mercy and walk with Him in hope. Please read 1 Peter 1:3-4 and answer the following.

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

3. *What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

4. *How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you'll apply this passage to your life.

Week 6

Listening Guide

**WORSHIP JESUS FOR HIS SERVANTHOOD -
WALK IN SERVICE TO OTHERS**

JOHN 13:1-17

Introduction

1. Serve out of _____. (1)

2. Serve out of _____. (2-3)

3. Serve out of _____. (4-11)

4. Serve out of _____. (12-17)

CHALLENGE - WORSHIP THE LORD SCRIPTURE

Take time with the following scriptures to focus on reasons the Lord is worthy of your worship.

- Philippians 2:5-8
- Zephaniah 3:17
- Lamentations 3:21-24
- Psalm 103:19
- Psalm 46:1
- Isaiah 54:10
- Psalm 149:4
- Psalm 18:1-2
- Hebrews 1:3-4
- Psalm 29:10-11
- Psalm 28:6-8
- Psalm 16:11
- Isaiah 40:21-23
- Psalm 32:7
- Psalm 40:1-2
- Isaiah 43:1
- Psalm 31:19
- Psalm 25:8-10
- Psalm 27:1-2
- Psalm 34:8
- Isaiah 57:15
- Psalm 84:11-12
- John 1:4-5
- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 15:57
- Ecclesiastes 3:11,14
- Romans 11:33-36
- Psalm 63:1-2
- Psalm 86:8-10
- Isaiah 40:28-29
- Isaiah 49:15-16

WORSHIP THE LORD.

Passage: _____

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to this attribute of the Lord.

3. What do you learn about this attribute of God from this passage?

4. How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled to believe about Him?

ii. What attitudes have not aligned with this truth about Him?

iii. What actions in your life have displayed a lack of trust in this attribute?

b. What can you thank Him for?

5. Please write a prayer of worship to God telling Him what you've seen and learned from this passage.

CHALLENGE - WALK WITH THE LORD SCRIPTURE

Take time with the following scriptures to understand how God wants us to respond to Him with a heart of worship.

- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- John 3:30
- Lamentations 3:25-26
- 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Psalm 95:6-8
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- Daniel 4:37
- Luke 14:11
- Mark 9:35
- Psalm 105:4-5
- Acts 20:24
- Psalm 115:1
- Psalm 34:8-9
- Psalm 32:8-9
- Psalm 40:3-4
- Isaiah 43:6-7
- Psalm 31:23-24
- Psalm 25:12
- Psalm 27:4
- Psalm 34:9
- Psalm 51:16-17
- Isaiah 55:6-7
- John 1:12-13
- 1 Peter 4:1-2
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13
- Romans 12:1-2
- Psalm 63:3-4
- Psalm 86:11-13
- Isaiah 40:30-31
- Proverbs 16:7
- Psalm 50:12-15

WALK WITH HIM.

Passage: _____

1. Rephrase the passage in your own words.

2. List the words from the passage that point you to a worshipful walk with the Lord.

3. What do you learn about how God wants you to worshipfully walk with Him?

4. How will you specifically apply this passage to your circumstances?

a. What sin do you need to confess?

i. What have you struggled with in your walk with God in this way:

1. In your attitudes?

2. In your actions?

b. What is one step you will take to worshipfully walk with the Lord in this way?

5. Please write a prayer of commitment to God telling Him how you'll apply this passage to your life.

CHALLENGE - READING PLAN

Summit Point Church provides a Monday through Friday reading plan you can study daily. The Monday through Thursday passages refer to the passage that was preached the prior Sunday. Friday passages are what will be preached the following Sunday. If you would like to read a daily devotional email on the passages, you can sign up to receive the email, Climbing Up to the Heart of God.

Go to <https://summitpoint.org/climbing-up-to-the-heart-of-god> to subscribe.

A GREAT WAY TO STUDY THE PASSAGE IS TO FOLLOW THE OPA METHOD:

Before you do OPA, always begin and end with prayer. We NEED the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to us if we're going to learn and be changed.

O - OBSERVE: What are the details in the passage? Who is involved? What do you see about the heart of God? Why do we need this message?

P - PRINCIPLE: What principles, fundamental truths, or meaning can you draw from this passage?

A - APPLY: How can you apply what you see in this passage to specific circumstances, attitudes, or desires in your life? What do you need to confess? What can you praise God for?

CHALLENGE - GOOD MORNING PRAYERS

Welcome to 31 Days of Good Morning Prayers. - Each day will include 2 sections.

The first will be introduced with Psalm 118:24, “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” The passage that will follow will give you the opportunity to worship the Lord for one of His infinite attributes.

Luke 9:23 will introduce the second section, “And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’” The passage that will follow will guide you to how you can respond to Him.

These daily passages are intended to help you wake up with the Lord and give Him your day, though they can be used as midday prayers or end of the day prayers or anywhere in between. The Lord will be ready to welcome you anytime you come to Him.

DAY 1

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” Zephaniah 3:17

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30

DAY 2

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”” Lamentations 3:21-24

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:25-26

DAY 3

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.” Psalm 103:19

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7

DAY 4

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” Psalm 95:6-8

DAY 5

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”
Isaiah 54:10

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

DAY 6

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.” Psalm 149:4

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.” Daniel 4:37

DAY 7

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 18:1-2

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 14:11

DAY 8

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” Hebrews 1:3-4

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” Mark 9:35

DAY 9

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace. Psalm 29:10-11

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,” Psalm 105:4-5

DAY 10

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. Psalm 28:6-8

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:24

DAY 11

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!” Psalm 115:1

DAY 12

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

"Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness." Isaiah 40:21-23

"And Jesus said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!" Psalm 34:8-9

DAY 13

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

"You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah" Psalm 32:7

"And Jesus said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you." Psalm 32:8-9

DAY 14

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure." Psalm 40:1-2

"And Jesus said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!" Psalm 40:3-4

DAY 15

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Isaiah 43:6-7

DAY 16

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!” Psalm 31:19

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!” Psalm 31:23-24

DAY 17

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.” Psalm 25:8-10

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.” Psalm 25:12

DAY 18

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.” Psalm 27:1-2

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.” Psalm 27:4

DAY 19

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” Psalm 34:8

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!” Psalm 34:9

DAY 20

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:15

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” Psalm 51:16-17

DAY 21

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!” Psalm 84:11-12

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:6-7

DAY 22

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:4-5

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13

DAY 23

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3-5

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.” 1 Peter 4:1-2

DAY 24

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

DAY 25

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end... I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.” Ecclesiastes 3:11,14

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.” Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

DAY 26

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” Romans 11:33-36

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

DAY 27

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.” Psalm 63:1-2

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.” Psalm 63:3-4

DAY 28

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.” Psalm 86:8-10

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.” Psalm 86:11-13

DAY 29

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.” Isaiah 40:28-29

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:30-31

DAY 30

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made.” Isaiah 57:15-16

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.” Proverbs 16:6

DAY 31

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.” Isaiah 49:15-16

“And Jesus said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” Psalm 50:12-15

