



ORDINARY

AWESOME

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ABOUT THIS STUDY

Awesome (*adjective*): inspiring awe, extraordinary.

The Creator of all things spoke with His word and, from nothing, everything that exists came into existence – awesome. With this same breath from which His word flowed, He breathed into the creature He formed from the earth: man – awesome.

Ordinary (*adjective*): of a kind to be expected in the normal order of events, routine.

To these humans, God gave the command to be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. It is this command that broke the chain of mere awesomeness and molded a magnificent aspect of the human reality that we far too often bat our eyes at – the ordinary. His command to reproduce and live in relationship with one another and to work alongside one another was to become the centerpiece of our existence with all glory and honor being given to Him through the process. ***It was to become ordinary.***

We far too often glean the pathway as Christ followers, yearning for the extraordinary repetitiously. We've declared, "if it is ordinary,

then it isn't a powerful thing of God and, therefore, isn't good enough for my attention". In this series we will look to the contrary. The beauty of the ordinary lies right at our grasp and God has provided an "expected... normal order of events" to permeate the human life in order for us to be extraordinarily refreshed by His strength, love and promised hope. ***This is incredibly awesome.***

The beginning of the church finds its beginning staple through awesome acts of God, pouring His Spirit out on all that call on the name of Jesus Christ. What was the result? A life of ordinary lifestyles that, when lived faithfully and joyfully, provokes foreigners of God to draw closer to His undying love as displayed through the sacrificial death of His beloved son for all who receive Him – this is awesome. God has called you, believers, to be outposts of the kingdom of Heaven in a beautifully ordinary way!

Follow the below schedule to study the passages on your own, and discuss what God is showing you together with your group. More Bible study resources can be found at thewellsilverspring.org/resources.

PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of scripture. Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Consider the above supplemental questions per each given week. You can also check out our other simple guides online for additional Bible study resources at thewellsilverspring.org/resources.

What Does It Say?

First, we ask: *“What does this say?”*

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what’s being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/ words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don’t understand, ideas you’d like to pursue further.

What Does It Mean?

We now ask ourselves: *“What does it mean?”*

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read.

Consider using [a commentary](#), the [GROW](#) or [SOAP](#) Bible study tools, the [ESV Study Bible](#) notes, or other resources to help.

Next, summarize the main truth you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage. What jumped out

So What?

Now we must ask: *“So what?”*

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer or nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

Christ is enough!

He has forgiven you for _____
and He is the reason why we _____.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Teaching

2 TIMOTHY 3.10-17

Wouldn't it be awesome if you enjoyed a new intimacy with God this summer?
Get to know God in His word and be shaped by your relationship with Him.

QUESTIONS

What is the context of this passage that brings significance to Paul's words?

Listen to what Paul says of himself. Is this a subtle form of boasting?
Why or why not?

Paul encourages Timothy to persevere through suffering in two main ways.
What are they?

What exactly do we benefit from being rooted in the Scriptures?

SO WHAT?

Do you find joy in spending time with the Lord or is it seen as a chore?

Paul said that believers are guaranteed some form of suffering/persecution.
How does the idea of suffering affect your faith?

What daily rhythms can you lean into this summer in order to grow deeper
in Christ?

Fellowship

EPHESIANS 2.11-22

Wouldn't it be awesome if you were known this summer? Step through the barriers in your relationships to be known and to know deeply.

QUESTIONS

According to this passage, what is the ultimate cause of reconciliation?

Why would it be wrong to believe that our actions and good deeds bring us close to God?

What was the wall of hostility dividing?

SO WHAT?

We, who are in Christ, were once enemies with God. Does this affect the way you see those you consider enemies? How?

Is there a brother or sister in Christ with whom you have conflict? How can you move toward them knowing that you are reconciled already?

Added to their Number

ACTS 22.1-21

Wouldn't it be awesome if your name was written into someone's salvation story this summer? A normal guy led Paul to Christ!

QUESTIONS

If you had to break down Paul's testimony to three main components or short statements, what would you say? Write them down and share with one another.

Verses 14-16 introduce the star of the testimony. Who is it? Why?

In verses 3-5, Paul shares in his testimony that he had zeal for God. What was wrong with his view of God and the "relationship" he shared with Him?

SO WHAT?

Do you share your testimony with others? Why or why not?

Who does the Lord have you near in order to minister to them and prayerfully end up in their testimony? Spend time to pray and seek the Lord as you think through these individuals. Ask that he would lead you into opportunities for this ministry.

Prayer

JOHN 14.12-14

Wouldn't it be awesome if God answered your prayers this summer? We normally use the phrase "*ask whatever you want in My name*" as a reason to limit our prayers, but what if we made it a reason to pray the impossible?

QUESTIONS

What is the context in which Jesus gives this promise?

What does it mean to pray something in Jesus' name?

What is a prayer in your life that God has answered?

SO WHAT?

What is something you don't want to pray for, and why?

Who do you want to pray for - that they would come to know Christ, or that they would grow in their relationship with Christ? Spend time praying for both of these now.

TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. You'll find the specific supplementary questions for the scripture passages

in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our [3D Meeting Guide](#). Here is a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

- 1 What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?
- 2 How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?
- 3 Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

Life

Share about how this truth impacts your life today:

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

Prayer

Pray throughout your time together.

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.