WHO I AM







THE WELL
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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About This Study

God wants you to find Him. He chases you down to give you eternal life in relationship with Himself. He reveals the way to enjoy unshakable security, drink in deep satisfaction, to really live.

Jesus. Jesus is God. Jesus is human. In Jesus, we know who God is and how God lives, laughs, rests, rescues and redeems. Fully God and fully man, living, dying, resurrecting that you and I can fully live. Now, and forever.

In this series in the Gospel of John, we will get to know God deeply as we dive into the identity of Jesus. As we do so, we will find ourselves shaped, satisfied, secured, fully live in Christ. Embracing who He is, makes us who we are.

How to Use This Guide

Interact with God and the Scriptures for each week using the “Personal Daily Study” and “Study Questions” associated with the main Scripture for each week. Then in your 3Ds, use the discussion guide to spend time with God and each other in Life, Bible, and Prayer. We suggest doing the 3D group discussions after hearing the sermon for the given section per week.

Refer to the Resources page in the back for recommend tools to help you dig deeper into each parable.

Personal Daily Study

Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Also consider the below 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?

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 the ultimate _____
Christ as forgiven you for _____
Christ is the reason why we _____

Week One

John 1:1-18; 20:30-31



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

How does Jesus' title as The Word shape your understanding of Jesus' identity?

In John 20:30-31, John lays out the purpose behind his gospel. What is that purpose? What does it look like to believe that Jesus is the Christ?

SO WHAT?

John says that the signs written in his gospel "are written so that you may believe that Jesus is hte Christ." How ought this shape our response when people tell us they'd believe in God if he would just reveal himself?

What does it mean to have "life in [Jesus'] name" in 20:31? How does John 1:1-18 shed light on this?

Believing in Jesus is a key theme throughout the Book of John. What does it mean to believe Jesus is the Christ? How has your belief grown over your time following Jesus?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Two

John 2:1-12



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Verse 11 says this is the first of Jesus' signs that manifested his glory. How does this sign do that?

Jesus uses six stone water jars used in rites of purification to perform this miracle. What do those jars tell us about Jesus' miracle?

SO WHAT?

Jesus first reveals his glory not at a funeral, not at a business meeting, not at a sports competition, not at a political rally, but at a wedding. What does this tell you about what Jesus is like?

How are you most likely to constrain Jesus to the parameters of what you can explain? How does that affect your prayer life?

How will knowing the Jesus who turns water to wine give you joy today?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Three

John 3:1-15



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Why does Nicodemus seek Jesus at night?

Based on this passage, what does it mean to be born again?

SO WHAT?

Verse 14-15 references the story in Numbers 21:4-9. Using the context of Numbers 21, why is the fact that the Son of Man must be lifted up good news?

What does being born of water and Spirit mean? Reference Ezekiel 36:25-27.

What does it mean practically for you today to live as someone who has been "born again"? What changes should people notice in your daily behavior?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Four

John 4:1-44



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Outline the major points of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman.

How does the imagery of living water shape our understanding of Jesus' identity?

SO WHAT?

Are there any ways in which you unconsciously (or consciously) assume the gospel is only for people who are like you, be that ethnically, culturally, or economically?

Are there areas of your life that you would like to pretend Jesus does not see? What would drinking living water mean to you?

It is said that many people believed in Christ because the woman shared her testimony with them. Do you believe the same can be true about your testimony? Why or why not?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Five

John 5:18-29



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Jesus is teaching that he is equal with God the Father in this passage. Outline the major points of his discourse.

When Jesus begins a statement with Truly Truly, he is signaling that what he is about to say is significant. In this passage he says it three times. What statements follow each Truly Truly? Why are they significant?

SO WHAT?

Why is it important that Jesus is divine, rather than just a good teacher?

Jesus operates in absolute, loving obedience to the Father's will. How does His posture challenge our modern cultural obsession with personal autonomy and self-reliance? Where are you struggling to yield your will to God right now?

Knowing that Jesus holds ultimate authority over life, death, and final judgment, how does this alter the way you look at accountability and injustice?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Six

John 6:22-59



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

This teaching from Jesus comes on the heels of him feeding the five thousand (6:1-15). How does that context infuence our understanding of Jesus as the bread of life?

What are the different things that the Bread of Life does, brings, or introduces?

SO WHAT?

Come to Jesus, the living water and bread of life, and you will never thirst, never hunger, always be fully and eternally satisfied. When this week will you most need to remember this?

How does enjoying a secure salvation undermine the need for and any excuse for grumbling?

How does Jesus' teaching here cause you to love him more?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Seven

John 7:1-52



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What about Jesus' teaching caused people to believe he was the Christ? What about his teaching caused people to want to arrest him?

Read Isaiah 55. In light of that chapter, how does Jesus' words in John 7:37-38 speak to his identity as the Messiah?

SO WHAT?

We all must choose whether we believe Jesus is Lord or not. That choice can lead to divisions, like it does in John 7. Where have you seen those divisions in your own life? How does Jesus' words in John 7:37-38 offer you comfort in those situations?

What do you think it means to experience the Spirit's streams of living water flowing within you?

Do you treat Jesus as the great thirst-quencher? When you are tired, or frustrated, or needing renewal, do you go to other promisers of satisfaction? Or do ou see in Jesus, and find in Jesus, the great soul-satisfaction that he here guarantees for those who follow him?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Eight

John 8:12-30

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Revisit John 1:1-18. How does John's prologue help us to better understand what Jesus means when he says he is the light?

Jesus responds to the Pharisee's criticisms by describing his relationship with the Father. What is that relationship and how does it speak to Jesus' identity and authority?

SO WHAT?

Where in your walk with Jesus have you seen him be the light of the world?

1 John 1 teaches on the role of Jesus as light to expose sin as part of the act of confession. What sins do you need to confess and bring to the light?

How will you look to Jesus as your guiding light today, in a way that you did not, or struggled to, yesterday?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Nine

John 9:1-41



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What is the connection between Jesus saying he is the light of the world and his healing of the blind man?

What did the blind man believe about Jesus?

SO WHAT?

There's a sad irony that the Pharisee's went through a lot of effort to find out who Jesus was, yet refused to accept the truth they heard from people. Why do you think they rejected that truth? How might that reveal itself in our own lives?

How does Jesus' treatment of the ex-blind man, and his confrontation with the religious bullies, reveal Jesus' character?

How is this story good news for your "blind" friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers who don't know Jesus?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Ten

John 10:1-18



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What does it mean to be the door of the sheep?

What are some characteristics of the Good Shepherd?

SO WHAT?

How does seeing Jesus as your good shepherd comfort you and call you to keep going in your faith?

How does the imagery of a shepherd help us understand Jesus' purpose "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"?

Are you called to shepherd others? How does Jesus' shepherding shape your own?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Eleven

John 11:1-44



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Why did Jesus intentionally linger where he was after hearing Lazarus was sick?

Describe Jesus' interactions with Martha and Mary. How do they differ? How do Jesus' responses shine a light on his character?

SO WHAT?

How can this story encourage you when answers to your prayers appear to be delayed?

What do Jesus' tears tell you about him, and what difference does it make to how you feel about him today?

In what way does the power of Jesus give you strength as you face up to your own mortality?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twelve

John 12:20-26



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What about the Greeks wanting to see Jesus prompts him to say that is the time for him to be glorified?

What does Jesus mean in verse 24 that if a grain of wheat dies it bears fruit?

SO WHAT?

Jesus seems to be teaching that following him involves both great joy and sacrifice. Life and death. How do you reconcile the two extremes?

Jesus' teaching about dying to self is meant to be challenging, and to change us. In what ways do you need to apply this to your own life?

Jesus paints a picture of intimacy and closeness in verse 26. How is this good news to you today?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Thirteen

John 13:1-20



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Why was Peter initially reluctant to have Jesus wash his feet? Why did his attitude change?

Jesus washes his disciples' feet the night before he is crucified. Do you think that timing is intentional? Why might it be?

SO WHAT?

Why do you think it is sometimes hard to "allow" Jesus to "wash" us? What particular species of pride prevents you from accepting your need to be saved?

How does the fact that Jesus washes his disciples feet shape our own attitudes towards service? How does it shape our motivations?

In what ways could you act as Jesus did? Are there serving attitudes you can ask God to help you develop? Are there particular areas of service that you could volunteer for?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Fourteen

John 14:1-14



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life?

Jesus says those who believe in him will do greater works them him. How is that possible?

SO WHAT?

Jesus says that if we know him, we know the Father. How does Jesus reveal to us more about God the Father?

Verse 6 can be controversial today. How might you explain to a friend that it is still true today and still the foundation of true life?

Read verse 13 & 14. How do you understand this verse in light of unanswered prayers?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Fifteen

John 15:1-17

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

How do Christians bear fruit according to Jesus?

What does it look like to abide in Christ? How does this passage suggest ways in which we can abide?

SO WHAT?

Are you abiding in Christ through his word, through obedience to his commands, through love, through prayer?

Are you bearing fruit as a Christian? How does this passage encourage and prompt you in seasons where fruit is limited?

Are you loving those around you? How can you grow in Christ-like love?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Sixteen

John 16:16-33



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What is Jesus referring to when he says the disciples will see him no longer, and then see him again?

Where does joy come in the face of suffering according to Jesus?

SO WHAT?

Where are you feeling sorrow today? How does Jesus' words here meet you in that sorrow?

How does the joy that is to come help you face the difficulties of today?

In what way does Jesus' resurrection victory give you confidence, joy, and peace?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Seventeen

John 17:1-26

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Jesus prays for three groups of people. Who are they and what does he pray for them?

What does this prayer teach you about Jesus' role as the mediator between God and humanity?

SO WHAT?

Where have you seen the fruit of Jesus' prayer in your life?

How does this prayer give you insight into Jesus' heart towards you?

One of Jesus' prayers is for unity among believers. How can you maintain, develop, and advance the unity that you have with other disciples of Christ? Do you pray for other Christians?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Eighteen

John 18:15-18, 25-27



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Read John 18:10-11. Compare the actions and attitudes of Peter when Jesus was arrested with his denial of Jesus?

John takes space to describe the situation in verses 15-18. How does that contribute to accent the mood and Peter's personal state?

SO WHAT?

What do you believe led Peter to deny Christ? Have you felt a similar thing?

How can you guard yourself now and prepare yourself now to be ready to be faithful to Christ even when put under severe pressure?

How is the gospel good news to Peter in this situation?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Nineteen

John 19:1-30

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Why did Pilate go ahead with the crucifixion of Jesus if he did not find guilt in him?

Read verses 10-11. What does this teach us about his own authority and his submission to the Father?

SO WHAT?

Jesus was found not guilty by Pilate, yet willingly faced the cross. How are you compelled to respond to this?

Are there ways in which you still tend to think that your sins are too big or too bad to be fully paid for? How would reflecting on the cross help you see that the penalty for your worst sin is paid for in full?

How does considering God's mercy to you at the cross move you to worship?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twenty

John 20:1-18



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Why could Mary not recognize Jesus until he said her name?

What task did Jesus give to Mary?

SO WHAT?

Why is it significant that Mary is the first person to see the resurrected Jesus?

Jesus tells Mary not to cling to him, but tasks Mary with going and telling the disciples about his resurrection. How are you tempted towards passive amazement, and what does active mission need to look like for you?

Why is the resurrection good news to you today?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twenty-One

John 21:1-19



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Why does Jesus repeatedly ask Peter if he loves him? What memory does this evoke? What emotions does this evoke in Peter?

What does Jesus call Peter to do?

SO WHAT?

Have you done something in the past that still plagues your conscience? How is this reinstatement of Peter good news to you?

Use this passage to explain the gospel.

Have you been called to take care of sheep in some way? How does this passage encourage and/or challenge you?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twenty-Two

John 7:37-39; 20:19-23



QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

How does verse 7:37 point to the work ot he Holy Spirit?

Jesus caps off his commissioning of the disciples with giving them the Holy Spirit. Why?

SO WHAT?

The Spirit who dwells in us gives us the spring of living water. How does that impact your daily walk with God?

Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in the ways you've served the Lord or shared the gospel?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twenty-Three

John 14:15-31

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to this passage?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in bringing peace?

SO WHAT?

Where have you seen the Spirit at work in your life in the areas Jesus outlines in this passage?

How does it comfort you today to know that those who follow Jesus are given the Holy Spirit? Can you see ways in which the “Spirit of truth” is giving you the motivation and the strength to pursue truth?

Do you have peace? How does this passage prompt you to find peace in the midst of difficult circumstances?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twenty-Four

John 16:4-15

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to this passage?

Why does Jesus say it's to our advantage that he goes away?

SO WHAT?

Where have you seen the Spirit at work in your life in the areas Jesus outlines in this passage?

Do you think we are missing out because we do not physically see Jesus? What would you say to someone who said they wished they had been around when Jesus walked the earth?

The Spirit has been sent to convict the world of sin and their need for God. How does this inform your efforts to share the gospel with your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Week Twenty-Five

1 John 4:7-5:13

QUESTIONS

Do the below process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

> *What does it say?*
>
> *What does it mean?*
>
> *So what?*

What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to this passage?

What is the relationship between the Spirit and love/obedience?

SO WHAT?

How does the Spirit help us have assurance of our salvation? Do you have assurance of your salvation?

Loving one another and obedience to God's commands are signs of salvation. Where do you see that fruit in your life? How can the Spirit help you produce that fruit?

In what ways might the Spirit be prompting you to love someone around you? In what ways might the Spirit be prompting you to obey God in a new way?

Spend time responding to God in prayer.

Together With 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's a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?

How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?

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 responding 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.

Resources

Here are some good resources to consider when getting to know God and growing to live for Christ.

Recommended Resources

The Gospel According to John by D.A. Carson
This commentary is one of the most respected and recommended commentaries on John. It's depth and readability makes it useful and accessible to all.

John: The NIV Application Commentary by Gary Burge
This commentary is a bit more accessible and has a focus on helpful insights into John's historical, literary, and theological emphases as it seeks to connect the Gospel's message to contemporary readers.

John 1-12 For You & John 13-21 For You by Josh Moody
Part of the "God's Word For You" series, these two volumes have expository guides that provide verse-by-verse exposition designed to help readers understand biblical texts and apply their truths to contemporary life. Each chapter has a couple reflection questions, so you can use this book both as a commentary and a devotional. Some questions from these books have been incorporated into this guide.

Encounters With Jesus by Timothy Keller
The people who met Jesus Christ in person faced the same big life questions we face today. Like most of us, the answers handed down to them didn't seem to work in the real world. But when they met Jesus, things immediately started to change for them. It seems he not only had the answers—he was the answer. Encounters with Jesus shows how the central events and meetings in Jesus' life can change our own lives forever.

Bibles & Commentaries

English Standard Version (ESV) Study Bible | **esv.org**
The ESV Study Bible is a great resource - everyone should own one. Short commentary on each book of the Bible. You'll love this Bible for the passages above.

The Gospel Coalition Commentaries | **thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/john**
TGC has put together a collection of wonderful, accessible, and free digital commentaries.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible
Online pdf is free and solid.

Online Media

BibleProject | **bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-john/**
They have solid videos for every book of the Bible, themes that flow through the Scriptures, and theology in general. This guide of Genesis offers both an overview of the book and deeper dives into various topics within John.

SOAP

A simple guide to spending time with God in His word.

SCRIPTURE

Read a short section of the bible (paragraph, chapter, or more) and use the below guide to spend 10-15min journaling as you interact with God in His word. Talk with Him in prayer as you read, and ask Him to speak to you through His word. Pick up tomorrow where you left off today![1]

OBSERVE

Listen intently to get to know God in His word. What is He saying in this passage? Use some or all of the below prompts to help guide you. Consider writing your thoughts in a journal.

1. What words, themes, or phrases stick out? Does the passage present a specific command or promise?
2. What questions does the passage raise for you?
3. What is the surrounding context of the passage, how does this impact what you have just read?
4. Summarize, in a sentence or two, the main idea/principle of the passage.

APPLY

Write down what difference this makes in your life. Use some or all of the below prompts to guide you. Listen for how God wants to reveal about Himself, and change in you, in light of what you have heard from Him.

1. How does the passage connect with your life right now? Write a specific way to respond to His word.
2. Why does this matter for your relationship with God, or your relationship with others?
3. Is there something for you to believe, to do (or not do), to share with someone, from this passage?
4. How does this point you to Jesus, His love for you, His forgiveness, His grace, in your life?

PRAY

Now spend a few minutes talking to God, keep in mind the things He has just shown you in the passage.. You may want to write down a short prayer. Use some or all of the following prompts to guide you.

1. Praise God for who He is, thank Him for something in your life, or something in the passage.
2. Talk transparently with God about any frustrations, fears, doubt, or confusion. Confess any sins to Him.
3. Ask God for the power and motivation to obey Him. Ask Him for anything that comes to mind.
4. Thank Him for Jesus, who loves you, has forgiven you, is with you, and whose Spirit dwells in you.

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[1] *If reading the bible is new for you, start in one of the gospels. Try Mark, then Luke, or John. Move on to a few epistles- try Ephesians, then Phillipians and Romans after that. Pepper in the Psalms or Proverbs as you read. Purchase an ESV Study Bible if you can, it's packed with great resources. Also, check out our Resource Page for lots of helpful guidance. Don't read alone! Jump into a group at church and get to know God in His word along with others.*

Morning & Evening Prayer

MORNING PRAYER - COMMIT, SUBMIT, ACCEPT: Spend 5-10min in prayer, perhaps write them down.

COMMIT

Spend time praising God for who He is. Let your praise turn into committing your day to Him. Commit to live for Him alone. Talk with Him about the implications this has for your day.

SUBMIT

God is all powerful and entirely good. Submit and release your plans to Him. Ask that you would be faithful to Him, and fully present and loving towards others in any changes He brings.

ACCEPT

Preemptively accept His grace. Accept His strength to do what He has called you to. Accept His grace for the times you will fall short. Let His grace empower and compel your obedience.

EVENING PRAYER - REJOICE, REPENT, RECEIVE: Spend 5-10min in prayer, perhaps write them down

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REJOICE

Rejoice in how God met you today. What can you thank Him for: What blessings did He provide, or struggles did He support? Be specific. Praise Him for who He is and what He has done.

REPENT

Where did you fall short today? Confess things you said, did, didn't say, didn't do, thought, wanted, looked at, avoided, felt, etc. He knows you, forgives you, and loves you. Let His overwhelming grace sustain your relationship and compel your obedience.

RECEIVE

Receive how God showed Himself to you today. Did He reveal something in the scriptures, though a relationship, or in a circumstance? Listen to what He is telling you by His Spirit.