



BE NEW **A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE**



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OBJECTIVES

- To establish you in the essentials of a Christ-centered life
- To prompt life change through interacting with others around the Word of God

THIS STUDY IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN YOU...

- Prepare the study before you arrive.
- Memorize the verses for the weekly topic.
- Commit to attending and interacting during the discussions each week.
- Ask God to give you an open heart to His word, to the leader, and to others in your group.
- Apply the truths learned to your life.

Wait until your Bible study small group meets to complete the next two pages together.

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Introduction

In the Bible, God has revealed to us both who He is and who we are. The 1st two chapters of Genesis shows us our origins as people, created by God Himself in His own image. All of our value and dignity is rooted in our creation. As we read on in chapter 3, we learn of the entrance of sin and death into the world, which distorted the perfection and purity of our nature and the clarity of the image of God within us. We know that we do not think, feel or act as we should. Great evil lurks in the hearts of mankind, evidenced in all cultures and people groups. We look at the chaos around us and long for it to change, yet often we find it impossible to even change ourselves!

As we study the Scriptures together this semester, may our hearts be encouraged and filled with hope – we are not beyond the grace of God! We can stop striving to save ourselves and force change on our own. Jesus has come to save us! And the salvation He offers transforms our lives and makes us new! In this Bible study, we will learn how to utilize the means that God has provided for our transformation. These practices cannot save us – only Christ can – but they will help us know Jesus more and experience the joy of a transformed, Christ-centered life!

Read and mark up these Scripture passages together.

Titus 2: 11-14

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come!

One of the Bible study skills we'll learn this year is to be good “observers.” To make observations, simply write down anything you notice. As a group, try to make **at least 20 observations together** and record below.

Write down 10-15 questions that could be asked about these verses. Which question if answered do you think would best help you understand the passage? Can any of your questions be answered directly from the passage or from the collective knowledge of the group?

A few questions to consider:

- 1) What are some ways that you have seen people attempt to change or start something new in their lives? What do you think makes change so difficult?

- 2) How is Jesus described in these verses? What has He done? What is He doing now?

- 3) How would you define grace? What effect does the grace of God have in our lives?

- 4) Think about something in your life that you would like to see change or grow. Don't worry, we all have them! How can you trust Christ for change?

Prayer:

Ask God to use your time studying His Word to transform each person's heart this semester!

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Christ the center

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:20

WHO IS JESUS?

1) What do these writers say about Jesus?

John 1:1-2,14

Hebrews 1:1-3

2) How would you describe your current relationship to Jesus? Why?

THE EFFECT OF SIN

3) How would you define sin?

Read Romans 3:23

4) What do these verses say is true about the *reach* of sin?

Read Romans 6:23

5) What does Paul say is the *result* of sin?

6) How do these concepts about sin *relate* to you?

THE GOOD NEWS

Read the following verses and make notes about anything that sticks out to you. (circle key words, underline major verbs, etc)

STUDY SKILL: OBSERVATION

This is the key to good Bible study. As you look at the passage from different angles (see Q7), write down what you notice.

Romans 5:6-11

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person —though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (ESV)

7) Fill in the chart below with some observations from Romans 5:6-11

Who	What
When	Where
Why	How

8) How would you summarize the main message of Romans 5:6-11?

9) How do each of the verses describe what it means to be "in Christ"?

John 1:12

1 John 3:1

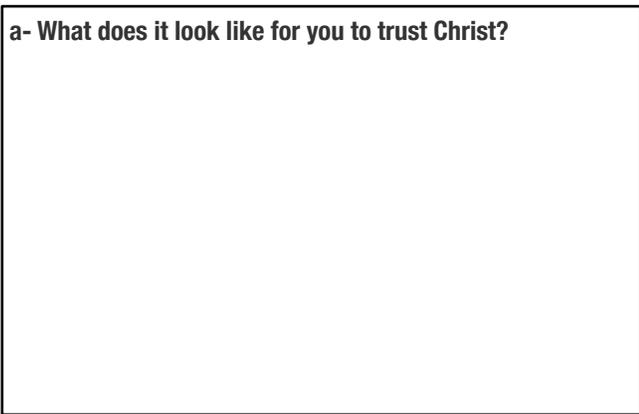
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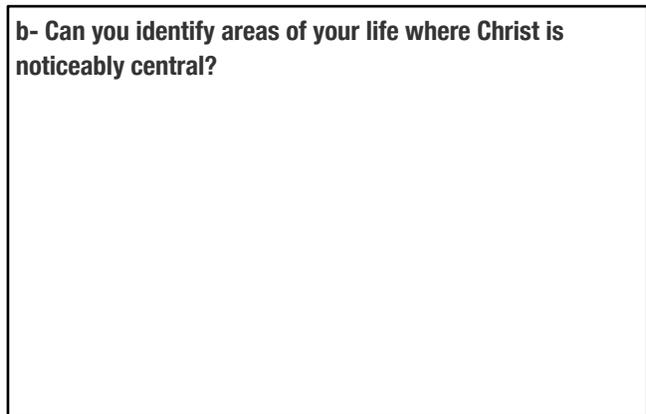
YOUR LIFE

10) Evaluate the centrality of Christ in your life:

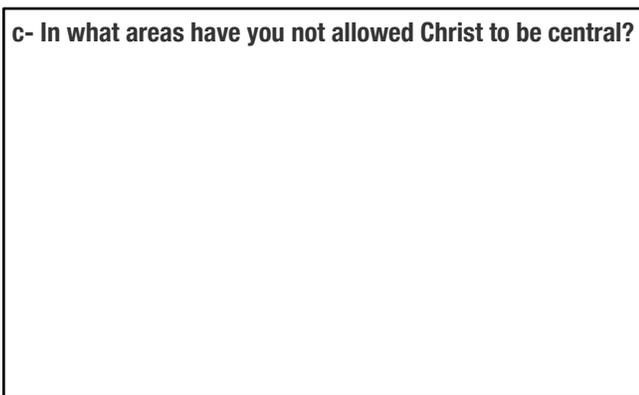
a- What does it look like for you to trust Christ?



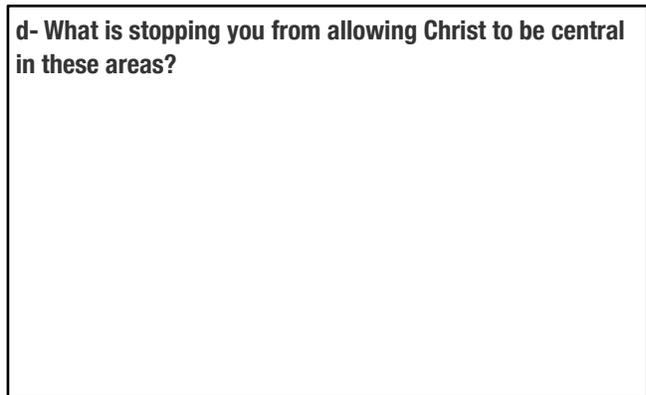
b- Can you identify areas of your life where Christ is noticeably central?



c- In what areas have you not allowed Christ to be central?



d- What is stopping you from allowing Christ to be central in these areas?



APPLICATION

Wait until Bible Study to do the next two pages together...



The Wheel Illustration is a Navigator classic. It depicts the active Christian life. This semester our study will take us through each of these components.

CHRIST: The center of the Christian life is Christ. Like a wheel hub, He is the source of power, balance and direction in one's life.

OBEDIENCE: The rim of our life in Christ is obedience, where "the rubber meets the road."

SPOKES: When we consider both the vertical and the horizontal aspects of the Christian life, we see how our centeredness in Him holds us together, and our obedience puts practical action to these key relationships, helping us gain traction for forward motion as we grow in Christ. The vertical spokes are essential means of relating with God. The horizontal spokes address our relationships with people.

Now that you have seen the Wheel Illustration, take a few minutes to draw your own personal wheel.

How did God speak to you through this study about depending on Him alone? In what ways do you desire to see Christ become increasingly central in your life?

In the coming weeks, we will study God's word to learn more about obedience as well as the vertical spokes that help us gain increasing traction in our relationship with God.

- What past experiences have you had with the vertical and horizontal spokes? How have you seen God at work in your life to draw you closer to Him?

- For which spoke are you most excited to trust Christ for growth? Why?

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Obedience

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

John 14:21

Romans 12:1

PAUL'S EXAMPLE

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and Romans 12:1-2.

- 1) What were some motivating factors for Paul's obedience?
- 2) Did he view obedience as a choice? Why or why not?
- 3) What areas of his life were affected by his understanding of obedience?
- 4) How does this compare with your understanding of obedience?

JESUS'S EXAMPLE

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

STUDY SKILL: QUESTIONS

Sometimes the best way to dissect a passage is to bombard it with questions. Every Q engages your mind in a little different way than the last. Who..what..when..where..why..how

- 5) Write down 20 questions that could be asked about these verses. Identify several to share with your Bible study group. Which question, if answered, do you believe would best help you to understand the passage?

OUR TURN

- 6) Compare obedience motivated by love vs. motivated by fear.
Does motive matter? Why or why not?

Read John 14:21

- 7) What does our obedience reveal? Why do you think that is?

Read 1 John 2:2-6

- 8) What is the motivation for obedience in these verses?

- 9) Why does it seem like obedience is such a big deal?

The Specifics:

Read John 13:34,35

- 10) What does Jesus say obedience will look like?

Read Romans 13:8-10

- 11) Why is love so important?

APPLICATION

Choose one of the following to serve

Classmate

Roommate

Family

International Student

Poor

Create a tangible **way to serve** them this week _____

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Word

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

JOSHUA 1:8

DIVINE INSPIRATION

Internal claims:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:20,21.

1) What do these verses say is true about the Bible?

2) What characteristics of God does this reveal?

External evidence:

1. Manuscript Evidence. Over 24,000 New Testament Greek, Syriac, Latin, Coptic and Aramaic manuscripts in existence. The internal consistency of the New Testament documents is about 99.5% textually pure. And there is dating evidence that suggests the entire New Testament was completed within 70 years. No other book comes even close to this reliability and authenticity.

2. Bible Writers Were Scrupulously Honest. The Bible writers were taught integrity and truthfulness and they went to their graves defending what they wrote. This was an earmark of early Christian conviction.

3. Miracles Confirmed. Miracles are definitive confirmation of a prophet's claim to be speaking for God. This was true for Moses, Jesus, Peter and Paul—Jesus being the only one who didn't outright contribute to Scripture.

4. Fulfilled Prophecy. Unlike any other book, the Bible offers specific predictions that were written hundreds of years in advance of their literal fulfillment. These fulfilled predictions stand as a testament of the Bible's unique, supernatural origin.

5. Unity of the Bible. Sixty-six books unfold one continuous drama of redemption. There is one message: Humankind's problem is sin. The solution is salvation through Christ.

6. Archaeological Confirmation. Archaeology cannot directly prove the Bible's inspiration. What it can do is confirm its reliability as an historical document. No archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference. Scores of findings, however, have confirmed historical statements in the Bible.

7. Testimonies of Transforming Power. A subjective but supporting line of evidence for the supernatural origin of the Bible is the evidence of a changed life. It's always been the preaching of the Gospel that's transformed lives and gave Christianity its vitality.

DIVINE CONTENT

3) What do you think the Bible is about?

4) What do these verses say the Bible is about?

John 5:39,40 -

Luke 24:25-27, 44-47 -

2 Timothy 3:14,15 -

John 20:30,31 -

5) Why should we read the Bible?

From above verses -

2 Timothy 3:16,17 -

Deuteronomy 17:19,20 -

STUDY SKILL: VERBS

When studying the Bible it is often beneficial to look for the action. What is God doing?

What does he want me to do?

Underline all the verbs in this passage.

DIVINE ENCOUNTER

Isaiah 55:1-3

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

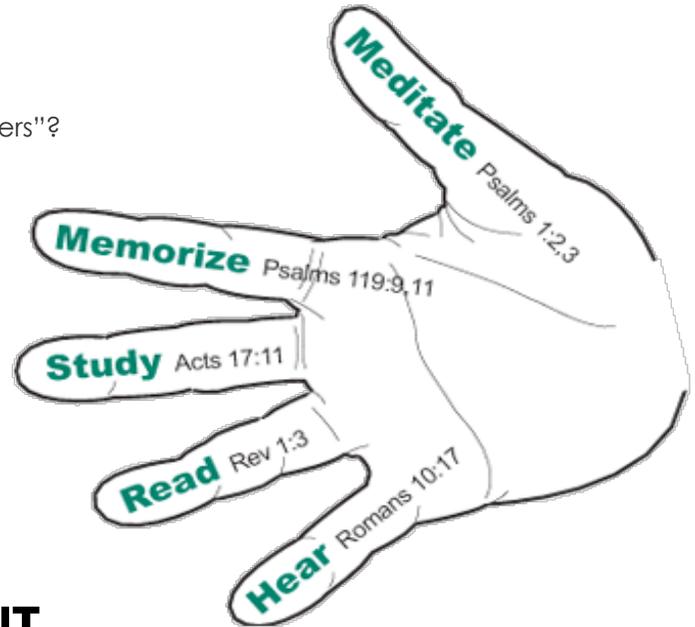
6) What actions are we urged to take?

7) What do these look like practically in your life?

8) Do the actions seem worth it? Why, why not?

HOW TO GRASP

9) What is important about each of these "fingers"?



A WORTHY INVESTMENT

There is nothing more valuable during this life than getting to know your Bible and the God who wrote it. The word is a guide for your steps...but more. Encouragement in hard times...but more. Strength for your spiritual muscles... but more. **It is a chance to relate to and hear from the God of the Universe!** He wants to communicate with us. Are we listening?

I urge you to decide today to invest time each day in meeting with God through reading the Bible. It won't just happen, you must work to consistently COME and LISTEN and ENJOY the Lord.

Want help? Try starting with this simple method: **ABC**: Ask Questions---Best Verse—Commit

1. Pray: Ask God to give you insight into His word.
2. Read: A passage of the Bible. (try 1-3 chapters at a time)

-As you read consider the following:

ASK QUESTIONS

Examples: What does this passage tell you about God? About yourself? What does _____ mean? Why did the author say _____? What does _____ look like today? How should your actions change?

BEST VERSE

What is your favorite verse? Why?

COMMIT

Choose a tangible way to trust what God is saying. Action to take? Prayer to make? Someone to tell?

3. Write: Anything to help you express and remember what you've read:

- Rewrite the verse in your own words.
- Write out a prayer to God about what you've read.

4. PRAY that God would help you apply the truths learned.

-Unapplied knowledge is useless. Consider how the word can impact your day-to-day.

APPLICATION

Each day this week read a chapter of Ephesians and keep track below (or a journal if you have one) of what God is teaching you.

Day One: _____ (date) _____ (scripture read)

Day Two: _____ (date) _____ (scripture read)

Day Three: _____ (date) _____ (scripture read)

Day Four: _____ (date) _____ (scripture read)

Day Five: _____ (date) _____ (scripture read)

Day Six: _____ (date) _____ (scripture read)

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Prayer

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

JOHN 15:7

PHILIPPIANS 4:6,7

WHY PRAY?

God is Trustworthy: Read Psalm 62:5-8

- 1) What characteristics do you see that encourage you to confide in God?
- 2) What types of things does God want to hear?

God is Giving: Read Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

- 3) What importance is there in the repeated words from this passage?
- 4) Do you think this makes God like a "vending machine"? Why? Why not?
- 5) What other characteristics of God do you see in this passage?

STUDY SKILL: REPETITION

Noticing repeated words and phrases is a key way to understand the author's main point. Highlight repeated words in this passage with similar colors.

PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

We are Dependent: Read Acts 17:24,25

6) How do you think our understanding of dependence affects our prayer?

Seek the Will of God: Read John 14:13,14

7) What principles does Jesus give for prayer?

8) What do you think it means to ask "in Jesus' name"? How do you know if you are?

Come with Pure Motives: Read James 4:2,3

9) What motivation is described here?

10) How do you think this fits with our finding earlier that we should ask, ask, ask?

Thankfulness: Read Colossians 4:2

11) Why do you think we should be thankful in prayer?

AN EXAMPLE

Since prayer is talking with the God who knows and loves you, the last thing we want to do is make it formulaic. God wants us to pour our hearts out to him, the good, bad, ugly and really ugly. Remember He knows everything about you already so there is no need to hide.

However, it is helpful to have an idea of what prayer can look like. Below are some of the components of prayer. Sometimes you may pray each part for a few minutes. Other times you may spend an extended period on just one of these. Don't get bogged down on the form, but allow the form to help you pray.

APPLICATION

P PRAISE: Tell God how awesome He is. Tell Him what you're learning about Him. Thank. Sing. God is worthy of our praise.

R REPENT: Talk to God about where you have sinned. Be specific. Remember He already knows. Admit it to Him and ask for faith to leave that sin behind, and thank Him for forgiving you in Jesus.

A ASK: One of the greatest functions of prayer is to ask God to work in the world! What do you want to see Him do in the lives of your friends and family? In your life? Make a list of things you hope to see Him do and then thank Him if He does!

Y YIELD: Aren't you glad that God knows what's best for you? Spend some time in prayer telling God that you trust He will give the best answer at the best time. Check your heart to see if you are trusting Him with these prayers.

Pray through this acronym everyday for 5 minutes.

(Work at keeping up with your Quiet Time, too! Finished Ephesians? Try a chapter of John everyday for the next few weeks.)

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Witnessing

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

MATTHEW 4:19

ROMANS 1:16

DEFINE

- 1) What is a witness?
- 2) Why are they important? What do they do?

John 1:6-8

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

STUDY SKILL: OBSERVATION

It's still the most important skill! Observation feeds all the other skills. If you don't 'see' correctly, you can't understand correctly. So, let's keep working at it. List 10 observations about the verses to the left.

TYPES OF WITNESSING

Lifestyle:

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:8

3) What did they share? How? What was their motivation?

4) What implications does this have for you among your friends?

Read Matthew 5:14-16

5) Why would Jesus compare Christians to a light?

6) What does it mean to be on a hill? Where is a 'hill' for you on campus?

Verbal:

Read Romans 10:13-17

7) Do we need a verbal witness? Why, why not?

8) What insights do the following verses give you about being an effective verbal witness?

Colossians 4:2-6

2 Timothy 1:7,8

Romans 1:16

1 Peter 3:15

HOW TO WITNESS

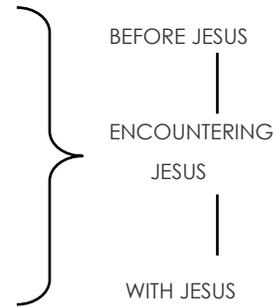
Personal Testimony:

Sometimes we think we must have all the answers if we want to tell people about Jesus. That's not true! In John 9, Jesus heals a blind man, which puts the city into an uproar. The religious leaders start questioning the formerly blind man about Jesus. His response is basically... "I don't know this, I don't know that, but one thing I do know, I once was blind, but now I see!" All he knew was his experience with Jesus. A witness speaks about what he has experienced.

A GREAT way to witness to others about Jesus is to tell them about what has happened in your life.

A personal testimony includes:

- What life was like for you before Jesus.
- How you saw your need for Jesus.
- How you committed your life to Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- What life is like after knowing Jesus.



9) Fill in the blanks with your story.

My life before Jesus:

How I saw my need for Jesus:

How I received Jesus:

My life now with Jesus:

(Don't breeze past this. People need to know how you're experiencing His presence and love in your life.)

APPLICATION

Share your testimony with one person!

I will share my testimony with _____

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Fellowship

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

MATTHEW 18:20

HEBREWS 10:24,25

WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

1) How do you define fellowship?

STUDY SKILL: ORIGINAL LANGUAGE.

Seeing a word in the original language often helps us grasp the fullness of the author's intended meaning. It's not that the English is wrong, but rather may not pack the same punch.

Check out the Greek word translated 'fellowship.'

KOINONIA: (noun) (from "koinos," common)

1) fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse, companion, sharing in common,

1a) the share which one has in anything, participation

1b) intercourse, fellowship, intimacy

1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

2) What insights do you see from looking at the broader Greek term?

THE NEED FOR FELLOWSHIP

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Proverbs 27:17

3) What examples are given in these verses showing our need for people?

4) How might these examples look in your life?

5) Do you think fellowship can only take place between believers?

LIVING

Read Hebrews 10:24,25

6) What is the purpose of meeting together?

7) What obstacles keep you from meeting together with other believers?

Read Ephesians 4:1-3

8) What attitudes and actions should characterize fellowship?

Read John 13:34,35

9) Why does Jesus say that His command to His followers is “new”?

10) Why do you think this is such a noticeable sign to others?

Read Galatians 6:9,10

11) Who are we to be doing good to?

12) What are some practical ways you can do this?

Read 2 Timothy 2:22

13) What is the aim of fellowship?

14) What are some advantages you can think of to pursuing it together?

APPLICATION

A. Choose an area in your life that you need help with/encouragement in.

I need help with _____

B. Ask someone to help you this week.

I'll ask _____

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Character

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

GALATIANS 5:22,23

YOUR CHOICE

OLD VS. NEW

Read Colossians 3:1-17 and answer the questions below.

- 1) What do you think it means to 'set your mind on things above'? (v1-4)
- 2) How can v3 shape the way we live?
- 3) What is something listed in the old (v5-11) that is particularly hard for you to put away?
- 4) Verse 12 gives us our motivation for obedience. What is it? Is this motivating you?

Galatians 5:22,23

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

STUDY SKILL: CROSS REFERENCE

Finding passages that deal with similar content is a helpful way to see the 'big picture' on a certain topic.

See the next page for your practice with cross referencing.

Paul says here in Galatians that new life in Christ will produce these characteristics in your life.

The following page has cross references to other passages that talk about each of these characteristics. Complete the section on LOVE and then choose at least one other to look into.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is ^alove, ^bjoy, ^cpeace, ^dpatience, ^ekindness, ^fgoodness, ^gfaithfulness, ²³ ^hgentleness, ⁱself-control; against such things **there is no law.**

STUDY SKILL: CROSS REFERENCE

Look at the small letter next to the word you'd like to dig into. Then find the verses that correspond to that letter underneath. Many of your Bibles have this option. Does yours?

- a- John 15:12,13, 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 1 John 4:7-21
- b- Psalm 16:11, Proverbs 21:15, Isaiah 35:10, John15:10-11, 1 Thess. 5:16-18
- c- Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 32:17, Eph. 4:2,3, Eph. 6:15, Philip. 4:6,7, John 14:25-27
- d- Ecc. 7:8, Eph. 4:2,3, 1 Tim. 1:16, 2 Tim. 4:2, Hebrews 6:12
- e- Luke 6:35, Romans 2:4, Eph. 4:3, Titus 3:4,5
- f- Matt. 12:35, Romans 12:9, Romans 12:21, Heb. 13:20,21, 1 Pet. 3:10-12
- g- Lamentations 3:22,23, Luke 16:10, Philippians 3:9, Heb.11:6, James 2:18
- h- Proverbs 15:1, Matt. 11:29,30, Eph. 4:2,3, Philip. 4:5, 2 Tim. 2:24-26
- i- Proverbs 16:32, Proverbs 25:28, 1 Cor. 9:25-27, 2 Tim. 1:7, 1 Peter 4:7

A- LOVE:

5) Are there actions associated with love? Attitudes?

6) How does God exhibit love?

7) How does our relationship with God affect our love?

9) Is love exhibited in your life? How? How can you work on it?

B- _____: (your choice) (MEMORIZE one of the verses you like!)

10) Are there actions associated with this characteristic? Attitudes?

11) How does God exhibit this characteristic?

12) How does our relationship with God affect this characteristic?

13) What is the opposite of this characteristic?

14) Is this exhibited in your life? How? How can you work on it?

APPLICATION

(Room for you to do an optional third characteristic. Answer the same questions.)

A. **Pray** this week for God to enable you to LOVE and _____ well.

B. Choose a practical way to **exhibit** both LOVE and _____

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Sexual wholeness

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

PSALM 119:9,11

EPHESIANS 5:3

OPENING THOUGHTS

1) What comes to mind when you think about sexuality? What emotions?

2) Do you think you're whole? Why? Why not?

Read Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:18-25

3) What observations do you have about God's design of sexuality as described in Genesis?

LIVING IT OUT

Read Ephesians 5:3 and Matthew 5:27-30

4) What is God's standard for sexual purity?

5) Does this seem realistic to you? Why or why not?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:16-20

6) Why is this area of our lives important?

THE STRUGGLE

7) Why do you think we struggle with living out our sexuality so much? You personally?

Read Jeremiah 2:13

8) How does God describe sin? How does this verse relate to sexuality?

THE TEMPTATION

Read James 1:13,14

9) Where do temptations come from?

10) Do you ever feel like God is the one to blame for temptation? Why?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Hebrew 2:18

11) What roles does God play in our temptation?

THE ACTIONS

12) Summarize what each of the following verses say about withstanding temptations.

Titus 2:11-14

Job 31:1

Psalms 119:9-11

Romans 12:2

Romans 13:14

James 5:16

STUDY SKILL: SUMMARIZE

Expressing the author's meaning in your own words can help you boil a verse, or concept, down to its essentials.

13) Compare your answers above, then summarize the teaching from these six verses.

MOVING FORWARD

14) What questions remain for you about sexual wholeness?

15) How would you recap what you've studied this week?

APPLICATION

An area of temptation for you is _____

How can you replace that area with a **focus** on Jesus?

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Making Disciples

WRITE OUT EACH MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

1 THESSALONIANS 2:8

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

THE CALL

Read Matthew 4:18-22

- 1) What does Jesus want to teach these men?
- 2) Is there a prerequisite to them being taught?
- 3) What is their response? Why?

THE CHARACTERISTICS

Generations

Read 2 Timothy 2:2

- 4) What did Paul instruct Timothy to do? Why?
- 5) What kind of men was Timothy to focus on? Why?
- 6) Fill in the following blanks:

Paul invested in _____ who invested in _____ who would in turn invest in _____.

There are _____ (#) spiritual generations listed in this verse!

Life on Life

7) How do the following verses describe the work of making disciples-who-will-make-disciples?

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

All Nations

Read Matthew 28:18-20

8) In some of his final words on earth, what does Jesus commission his disciples to do?

9) For how long?

CARRYING IT OUT

Jesus' Example

10) What observations do you have about Jesus example in the following verses?

Do it Yourself: Read Mark 1:35-37

STUDY SKILL: CHARACTER STUDY

Following a character in the Bible allows you to glean principles from their life.

Let's see what we can learn about disciplemaking as we follow Jesus on the topic of prayer.

Show Them How: Read Luke 11:1

Tell Them How: Read Luke 11:2-4

Do It With Them: Read John 17:1-5

Have Them Pass It On: Read John 17:18-21

APPLICATION

PRACTICE: Come up with a plan to help someone with a Quiet Time. Who could you help?

How could you....

Do it yourself:

Show them how:

Tell them how:

Do it with them:

Have them pass it on:

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Summary

1) Redraw your personal wheel. Has it changed? How? Why?

2) Many times God has a main message or two He wants to communicate to us. After reviewing the studies do you see an overarching message God is talking to you about?

3) How do you think God wants you to trust Him in light of what He is talking to you about?

Flip through the study to refresh yourself on the content.

4) What do you want to remember from:

CHRIST THE CENTER:

OBEDIENCE:

WORD:

PRAYER:

WITNESSING:

FELLOWSHIP:

CHARACTER:

SEXUAL WHOLENESS

MAKING DISCIPLES: