



# THE DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT TOOL

## TOPIC STUDIES

### How to Use This Study Guide for Your Discipleship Journey

Welcome to your personal discipleship journey. This guide is designed to help you grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus by focusing on specific areas of spiritual formation. Each study is organized by topic and includes **Learning**, **Living**, and **Leading** objectives, along with supporting Scriptures, thought-provoking discussion questions, and practical application steps. You can use the links below to navigate directly to the specific study that aligns with your current season of life or area of focus.

Every guide follows a simple yet powerful outline:

- **Objective for Learning** – What you need to know biblically and theologically
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We encourage you to walk through these studies at your own pace, using each one to assess where you are, set goals for growth, and pursue deeper obedience and intimacy with Christ. Whether you're in a group or going through this on your own, this tool is designed to move you forward in becoming a fully devoted disciple of Jesus.

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## CONNECT

### SMALL GROUP PARTICIPATION

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the radical importance of being in a discipleship community and the impacts of neglecting this Biblical call to live life together.

**Objective for Living:** To maintain a healthy commitment to truly live in a discipleship focused community with other believers and to avoid the individualistic pull of our culture.

**Objective for Leading:** To not only live in a disciple-making community yourself but to be able to vision cast and effectively draw others into a strong, life-giving community of fellow disciples.

#### Scriptures for Small Group Participation:

- Acts 2:42-47
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- Colossians 3:16-17
- Acts 20:28
- Ephesians 2:21
- Matthew 18:20
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- Acts 5:42

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Acts 2:42-47 is a beautiful representation of how the early disciples lived out the way of Jesus in community: worshipping together, on mission together, and in community with one another. In the temple but also in their homes. In both their public life and in their private lives. There was a macro expression of the church gathering as well as micro expressions. There was an extended family of the faith that transcended any boundaries or barriers that would have traditionally held them back and kept Jews and Gentiles from coming together. It was counter-cultural. It was untraditional. It was beautiful.

In the very technology heavy, individualistic, autonomous cultures of the West, real community is becoming harder and harder to engage with. The way of Jesus, however, is the way of discipleship and discipleship doesn't happen without regular face-to-face interactions with the church (i.e. the people - you are the church) throughout the week. Small Groups are where this type of life-on-life discipleship becomes a reality in community.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why is it important to be in a weekly rhythm of gathering in a small group setting with other believers outside of the Sunday macro church/weekend gathering?
  - What are we missing if we do not gather in this smaller way?
- What are some things that you can do in the small group setting that you cannot do at a large weekend gathering?
- Why can we not fully live out our walk with Jesus by ourselves? What is missing?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What would you say to a follower of Jesus who thinks that their faith is fine just being between them and God?
- How do you pull people into community and help them to actually commit to being a faithful participant in a small group setting?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## CONNECT ACCOUNTABILITY

**Objective for Learning:** To comprehend the importance and Scriptural call for accountability and why every follower of Jesus should have a healthy, strong accountability partner(s) or group in his/her life to help them become more like Jesus.

**Objective for Living:** To be a part of this type of accountability group or have an accountability partner in their life that meets on an agreed upon, regular basis.

**Objective for Leading:** To be the initiator and creator of an accountability partnership or group with men or women who did not have accountability beforehand.

### Scriptures for Accountability:

- Galatians 6:1-2
- James 5:16
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Proverbs 27:17
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Jesus never called us to live life alone. We are always supposed to follow Him in the context of community. He displayed this type of intimate lifestyle with His disciples, where there was encouragement, growth, conviction, and responsibility within the group of disciples. These men walked out their commitment to following Jesus together and helped each other immensely along the way through the building up of one another and the commitment to help each other continue in their spiritual growth.

Accountability is not simply meeting with someone to slap your wrist and manage your sin; it is a spiritual discipline that allows for freedom, life, and celebration with other

believers. Accountability gives the permission for others to look into areas of your life, whether they are victories or struggles, and help you stay committed to seeing these areas through the lens of what it means to follow Jesus and become more like Him in these areas.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are the elements that need to be present for a strong, healthy accountability relationship to take place?
- What elements are hardest for you to commit to?
- What elements are missing between you and your disciple maker/group you are currently doing this study with?
- What can you do to change that so accountability is a stronger part of your life and walk with Jesus?
- How do you ensure that accountability does not just become a sin management tool with someone else, but is seen and experienced more as a partnership in experiencing God and His kingdom?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- Who would be some good potential people for you to invite into an accountability group? Why do you think they would be a good fit?
- How do you go about officially inviting someone into and then leading him or her into an accountability relationship?
- What are some ways to ensure that there is consistency with your accountability group?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
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## CONNECT

### TRANSPARENCY

**Objective for Learning:** To understand and develop a desire for the Biblical concept of transparency and how this brings freedom and liberty to the one being transparent.

**Objective for Living:** To have a lifestyle of transparency in which there are person(s) who know the real you.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to not only live a transparent life but to lead others in discovering, understanding, and committing to living transparent lives themselves.

#### Scriptures for Transparency:

- Ephesians 4:25
- 1 John 1:7
- Proverbs 28:13
- Colossians 3:9-10
- Matthew 5:8
- Proverbs 10:9
- James 5:16
- Proverbs 12:17, 22
- Proverbs 24:26
- 2 Corinthians 1:12
- 2 Corinthians 4:2
- 2 Corinthians 6:11

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what transparency is and why it is important?**

#### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

We have always been taught to put our best foot forward, to dress to impress, and to post only the best pictures of ourselves on social media. We want people to see only the best parts of us. Transparency, however, is the choice to live without false pretenses. It is being unashamed to be and present the real you to others. Real transparency occurs when you are comfortable being you, flaws and all, no matter what environment you find yourself in.

Transparency is not just sharing the bad, but the good as well. Many people see transparency as getting sin off of your chest, but it also incorporates being confident in and

sharing the key elements of who you are and not trying to be someone you are not. It also means you are sharing visions and dreams you have with others and allowing them to hear those aspirations that you may not share with just everyone.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why is transparency so scary? Why are people afraid of others seeing the real them?
- When we are transparent, we experience radical freedom (Proverbs 28:13, James 5:16, Ephesians 4:25). What about transparency allows us to experience this sort of freedom?
- How do you find someone you feel comfortable enough being transparent with? What are the qualities or traits you should look for?
- Are there aspects of your life that you are holding back from others? Why?
- Should you be transparent with everyone or only a select few people? Why do you think so?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- Think about the things that led you to becoming more fully transparent. What were those things? How could you incorporate that into leading others in transparency?
- What are some practical steps that you can take to help others prioritize and partake in transparent relationships with you and others?
- What are some ways that you can ensure that there is consistent transparency with the people you are leading?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
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## CONNECT

### LIVING IN COMMUNITY

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the radical importance of being a part of a larger body of believers to walk out your faith with.

**Objective for Living:** To actively engage with and be a part of a thriving community of believers that is sharpening your walk with Christ and helping you become more like Him.

**Objective for Leading:** To not only live in community yourself but to be able to vision cast and effectively draw others into a strong, life-giving community of fellow believers.

#### Scriptures for Living in Community:

- Acts 2:42-47
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- Colossians 3:16-17
- Acts 20:28
- Ephesians 2:21
- Matthew 18:20
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- Acts 5:42

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

We were made to be in community. This is not optional in our pursuit of and relationship with Jesus. The earliest followers of Jesus were devoted to fellowship because they had discovered that the way of Jesus cannot be lived alone (Acts 2:42-47). Living in community is part of our being created in the image of God. When we are connected, we thrive. When we are disconnected, we wither (John 15:1-11).

In community, you find out who you really are in Christ through the loving voices of those who know you best. Gifts, talents, and passions get called out that you never knew you had (Ephesians 4:11, 1st Cor. 12:7-11, Romans 12:6-8). Community rejoices with you at your high points and carries you when you are down (Romans 12:15). Your spiritual blind spots get covered by friends who want the best for you and leaders called to oversee you. It is in Christ we find out who we are and what we are made for, but it is often in community where this gets called out and confirmed. Sure, it's messy. It means you have to be selfless instead of selfish, and there is the possibility that you could get burned. But outside of community, we dry up. We sin. We fall short. The lone ranger can only go so far by himself. But in community? We experience power and grace that cannot be acquired on our own. You need other believers in your life!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why is community a non-negotiable for anyone following Jesus?
- What are the benefits of a life lived in true community?
- What are some of the major barriers that keep us from truly living in community?
- What are the elements of truly living in community? What does that mean?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What would you say to someone who thinks that their faith is fine just being between them and God without the church or anyone else?
- How do you pull people into community and help them to actually commit to being a faithful participant in a Christ centered community?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
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### INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

**Objective for Learning:** To realize the importance of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 and to learn why we must be intentional about this command.

**Objective for Living:** To actively seek out those who may be interested in entering into a discipleship relationship, and to intentionally baptize and teach them to observe all that Jesus commanded us to do.

**Objective for Leading:** To train others how to make disciples who then go and make more disciples.

#### **Scriptures for Intentional Discipleship:**

- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Titus 2:2-3
- Proverbs 9:9
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Luke 6:40
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- John 1:37-39
- Matthew 28:19-20
- 1 Corinthians 4:15-17
- Hebrews 13:7

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Intentional discipleship happens when disciples invite others into their lives to watch and experience life with them in a way that affords them the opportunity to imitate what they see. This is the crux of the Great Commission's call to teach them to obey, because the doctrine that matters is the doctrine that you do. It takes a doer of the Word to reproduce another doer of the word. Intentional discipleship is not just meeting up once a week to talk about how your week went, but is a relationship centered on the pursuit of Christ and the journey to become more like Him together in all the areas of our lives. Intimate intimation is the key to cultivating intentional discipleship. This is done through both organic and organized times of discipleship.

The organic side of discipleship has to do with relationships. Organic discipleship happens in the moments when you “catch” someone being a disciple simply because you are living life with them. How much you tip a waitress, how you respond in the face of a personal loss, having dinner at someone’s home and watching them interact with their family, witnessing to someone as you are getting groceries... these are the moments when organic discipleship takes place; as someone watches a disciple living it out in everyday life. Much like a child imitates his/her parent in regards to the words they say and the way they act, organic discipleship is likened to that type of intimate imitation simply by being around someone long enough to see the fruit of their life.

The organized side of discipleship has to do with intentional, thought-out times of teaching and instruction. Usually this happens at a scheduled, weekly meeting between a disciple and a disciple maker where prayer, Bible study, teaching, and doing spiritual disciplines together takes place. Other more organized gatherings, such as a small group, fall into the category of organized discipleship as well.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why do you think Jesus gave us the call to go make disciples as the last command He gave during His time here on earth? Why is this important to Him?
- What areas do you feel comfortable saying, “Follow me as I follow Christ?”
- What are some areas of your life that you would like to see improvement in before others follow you in those areas?
- What is keeping you from committing to making disciples?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How can you explain the importance of making disciples to others?
- How could you help someone overcome their fears of making disciples?
- How would you speak to someone and encourage them to make disciples if they feel unequipped? Unworthy? Not ready?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Write out the names of 2-5 people that you could potentially disciple and start praying about what that is supposed to look like?
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## CONNECT

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

**Objective for Learning:** To be knowledgeable about spiritual gifts and how to discern and discover the gifts that you have been given.

**Objective for Living:** To have a working knowledge, familiarity, and confidence with exercising the spiritual gifts you have been given.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to discern, call out, and help activate the spiritual gifts of others.

#### Scriptures for Spiritual Gifts:

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Romans 12:3-8
- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 14:1
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- Romans 1:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Though the Bible does not give a specific definition of spiritual gifts, we do get a sense of their nature and purpose. Spiritual gifts, or charismata in Greek, refer to God-given supernatural abilities given to followers of Jesus by the Holy Spirit for the building up of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7) and for evangelistic purposes (1 Cor. 2:4). Some gifts are supernatural abilities, such as miracles, healing, prophecy or tongues. Other gifts, such as teaching or administration are God-given abilities to perform a particular role for God's purposes. (While unbelievers may have similar gifts such as teaching, they vary because they are not under the guidance and the direction of the Holy Spirit.)

All believers are endowed with a spiritual gift(s) that God uses for His glory and purposes and is a way to empower believers to help bring heaven to earth as co-laborers with Christ. One of the best ways to figure out your spiritual gifts is to ask the faith community around you to help you discover your gifts by asking them what they see in you in regards to giftings. Ministry and the results of that ministry are also strong indicators of the gift(s) within you, although the Lord can move in any spiritual gift through anyone He desires at any given time!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are some ways to determine what your spiritual gifts are?
- What does your community say about your spiritual gifts and what they believe they might be?
- What do you do if neither you nor the spiritual community around you have an idea what your spiritual gifts are? How do you move forward?
- What is the best way to grow and cultivate your spiritual gifts?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What ways can you discern spiritual gifts in others?
- How do you help call out gifts in others and help them to grow in those gifts?
- How do you lead someone in a gift that is different than your own?
- If someone has the same gift as you, what ways can you effectively reproduce that gift in them?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
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## CONNECT BE WITH FACTOR

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the Biblical importance of socially and relationally connecting with the people you are discipling and the part that plays in holistic discipleship.

**Objective for Living:** To regularly invite those you are discipling/leading into your life on a regular basis with no real agenda.

**Objective for Leading:** To not only live this out in your own life but to be able to effectively instill this trait into those you are discipling, so they do this with the people they are discipling.

### Scriptures for Be with Factor:

- Mark 3:14
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- 1 Corinthians 4:15-16
- Luke 11:1
- Acts 4:13
- Luke 8:1-3
- 2 Timothy 2:2

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Mark 3:14 states that Jesus appointed the twelve that they might be with Him and He might send them out to preach and cast out demons. Jesus was very intentionally raising up His disciples to do the ministry He appointed them to do, but a crucial part of His discipleship happened relationally while His disciples were simply with Him.

Many of Jesus' day to day interactions, such as His miraculous work at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12), the healing of Peter's mother (Matt. 8:14-15), Jesus' interactions with lepers on the street (Luke 5:10b-13), and other everyday dealings helped to teach them the way of Jesus as much as the formal teachings that He gave them. Jesus knew that discipleship is not just taught; it is also caught.

Strong disciple-makers need to have time to show their disciples how to live out the way of Jesus in front of their eyes in practical terms, not just in the context of theoretical teachings or in the context of a Bible study. Much is gleaned through intimate imitation by watching a disciple-maker live out their faith in every circumstance, whether that is at home with their family, at work, during leisure time and activities, in public settings, etc. This type of organic discipleship must compliment the more formalized and organized discipleship dynamics to ensure a holistic balance of disciple-making takes place.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are some ways that you have "caught" discipleship by being around strong disciples and disciple-makers? What have you learned?
- Why did Jesus spend so much "non-ministry" time with His disciples?
- What is the Biblical reasoning for spending time with disciples without an agenda?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- Brainstorm times and activities in your everyday life that would be good to invite someone in to.
  - Why would these be effective times to be with people you are discipling?
- Think through Biblical examples that you could share with others to reinforce the Biblical importance of the be-with factor.

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
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## CONNECT

## DIVERSITY

**Objective for Learning:** To understand God's heart for all people to know Him and be joined under the banner of Jesus in unity.

**Objective for Living:** To regularly attempt to understand and live life with people who are different than yourself politically, racially, ethnically, economically, and socially.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to not only live this out yourself but invite others into a similar lifestyle and commitment to healthy, Kingdom diversity.

### Scriptures for Diversity:

- Revelation 7:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
- Colossians 3:11
- Psalm 117:1-2
- James 2:1-4
- Revelation 5:9-10
- John 17:21

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate why Sunday gatherings/corporate worship is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

In an age where diversity seems to be a secularized weapon, the church needs to recapture the Biblical truth and call of uniting under the banner of Jesus Christ. Diversity is not a political or workplace mantra; it is the vision of Jesus Himself. He desires to see every tribe and every tongue proclaiming His Lordship side by side, in love and unity.

Diversity is not easy. It is not natural. But it is glorious when it occurs. Because we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, we are to regularly communicate the call to live out of unity in diversity. We recognize and verbalize the truth that the Kingdom presented in Scripture is made up of a very diverse group. Multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-national, multi-lingual, multi-generational. The greater the diversity, the greater the ability to manifest this kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It is like a sign and a wonder in the hands of God. It is also a tool through which God reveals parts of His kingdom that do not manifest through one culture or perspective alone.

We do not call people to cease being who they are. We do not command people to give up their culture to be like another earthly culture; we call them to submit their culture to the kingdom of Jesus. We resist the temptation to lean politically left or right, understanding that each perspective comes with both insights and blind spots. We admit the temptation to believe that “they” are all the same, but “we” are unique. We recognize that all dark people, light people, eastern people, western people, old people, and young people do not think the same. We cannot approximate their viewpoint. There is a diversity and fullness even among culturally similar people. Ultimately we realize the temptation to exaggerate our differences and ignore our commonalities. And here is our commonality: Jesus. We adore and seek and experience Jesus. Together.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How do you see the Scriptures above calling for unity amongst God’s people?
- Why is diversity such a challenge? Why do so many people and churches shy away from truly embracing diversity?
- Think through your 3-5 closest friends. Is there diversity in that mix? Why or why not?
- Where is embracing diversity a challenge for you specifically?
  - How do you think you could begin to overcome that hurdle?
- Where in your life could you do a better job of incorporating diversity into your everyday life?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some ways that you could think or have seen be effective in helping others become more open to the Kingdom idea of diversity?
- In what ways could your life be a portal into how to embrace diversity in your everyday life and relationships?
- What are some of the best concrete steps you could show someone to do to better understand and ultimately live out God’s call to embrace the diversity we see in Revelation’s call to every tribe and every tongue?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## CONNECT MULTIPLICATION

**Objective for Learning:** To understand why multiplication is essential to being a disciple and advancing God's Kingdom.

**Objective for Living:** To ensure that multiplication becomes an indispensable part of your walk with Christ.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to have the confidence and Biblical understanding to multiply disciples who will then go reproduce what they have learned and are now living in others.

### Scriptures for Multiplication:

- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Matthew 28:19-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Matthew 13:23
- Genesis 1:28
- Acts 12:24
- Acts 9:31

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Every living thing on this earth is designed to reproduce. Trees reproduce more trees. Fish reproduce more fish. Humans reproduce more humans. Life gives birth to new life. It reproduces. It multiplies. In the same way, disciples reproduce disciples. Multiplication is the natural by-product of growth and the way DNA is transferred from one generation to the next. We see this as no different regarding spiritual DNA. In everything we do we strive to impart what Jesus has entrusted to us to the next generation, who will then reproduce that to the next generation. We want to make disciples that make disciples

and have a passion to do this at every level. Growth stops when disciples do not understand, fully embrace, and live out this call to multiply themselves at every level. We are not spiritual mules; we take seriously the call to be fruitful and multiply!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why is multiplication so important?
- What does multiplication look like on a personal level? On a small group/small group level? On a macro church/weekend gathering level?
- Do you think you have the capability to make multiplicative disciples? Why or why not?
  - If not, what needs to happen to help you become confident and equipped to do so?
- How does multiplication become a part of your everyday walk with Christ?
- What are some practical examples of how to reproduce Christ in others?
- Read Matthew 28:19-20. What are the three parts of making disciples? Which of these is your strength? What are your weaknesses?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How would you describe the importance of multiplication to someone else who has never heard of this call to multiply before?
- How can you train up other leaders to become strong disciples and disciple makers themselves? What does that look like day to day?
- How can you ensure that the people you are pouring in to actually go and pour in to others as well?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## CONNECT

### HOSPITALITY AND WELCOMING OTHERS

**Objective for Learning:**

To understand the biblical call to hospitality as a reflection of God's heart and a key aspect of Christian community.

**Objective for Living:**

To actively practice hospitality by intentionally welcoming others into your life, church, and home with kindness, generosity, and love.

**Objective for Leading:**

To disciple others in cultivating a spirit of hospitality, creating spaces where people feel seen, safe, and invited into Christian fellowship.

**Scriptures for Hospitality and Welcoming Others:**

- Romans 12:13
- Hebrews 13:2
- 1 Peter 4:8-9
- Leviticus 19:33-34
- Matthew 25:35
- Luke 14:12-14
- Acts 2:46-47
- Genesis 18:1-8
- Titus 1:8
- 3 John 1:5
- Isaiah 58:7
- Mark 9:37

**How does each of these Scriptures help define and illuminate what hospitality is and why it is important in the life of a disciple?**

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Biblical hospitality is more than being nice or hosting a dinner party—it is a spiritual practice rooted in God's character. Romans 12:13 commands us to “seek to show hospitality.” Hebrews 13:2 reminds us that in welcoming strangers, we may be welcoming angels. Hospitality is the tangible expression of love, compassion, and belonging.

Jesus modeled radical hospitality—inviting the outcast, sharing meals with sinners, and breaking social norms to make people feel valued and welcomed. In Luke 14, He challenges us not to only invite those who can repay us, but to welcome those in need. When we open our homes, churches, and lives, we embody the gospel.

True hospitality includes physical, emotional, and spiritual space-making. It involves attentiveness to the outsider, inclusion of the marginalized, and the cultivation of environments where relationships can flourish. The early church in Acts lived this out daily with glad and generous hearts, welcoming others into their homes and lives.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How would you define hospitality from a biblical perspective?
- Who is someone that made you feel truly welcomed? What did they do?
- What barriers prevent you from being more hospitable or welcoming to others?
- How can your home, your table, or your weekly rhythm be used to show God's love?
- Why is hospitality not optional for disciples of Jesus?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How can you equip others in your group or church to lead with a spirit of hospitality?
- What are some practical ways you can help cultivate a welcoming culture in your ministry?
- How do you challenge assumptions or biases that might hinder someone's ability to be truly welcoming?
- What would it look like to disciple someone into making their home and life a "kingdom outpost"?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- **What is Jesus saying to you about this?**
- **How are you going to respond?**

### **Give 1–3 concrete action steps for this week:**

1. Invite someone new into your home, out to coffee, or to sit with you at church.
2. Identify someone on the margins (newcomer, lonely, visitor) and find a way to intentionally welcome them.
3. Create a recurring rhythm (monthly dinner, weekly coffee, post-church brunch) to make space for hospitality.

**Think about how your hospitality could impact someone's eternity.** Start praying for someone who needs to feel seen and included, and ask God to use you as a welcoming presence. **Choose one of the Scriptures above that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.**



## **GROW REPENTANCE**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand why repentance is needed for salvation and a godly life.

**Objective for Living:** To ensure salvific repentance has taken place and that repentance is also a continual part of your walk with God.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to confidently teach the necessity of repentance for salvation, and also model and lead others in the daily practice of repentance.

### **Scriptures for Repentance:**

- Matthew 4:17
- Acts 2:38
- 1 John 1:9
- Romans 2:4
- 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
- Proverbs 28:13
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Romans 10:9-10

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

True repentance is a complete about-face turn in thought and action. It is a new perspective of the nature, awfulness, and consequences of sin. There is a recognition that what you are in your natural state has drastically separated you from God. There is also the recognition that God, His promises, and His love are greater than anything you could have ever imagined. These realizations lead to action, in which you turn from disobedience, selfishness, the sinful nature, and rebelling against God and turn to God. You turn away from sin, submit your life to God, and make Jesus your Lord and Savior.

Thereafter, repentance is a continual part of a believers walk with Jesus as they turn daily from their sin and back to God. Repentance begins with a sorrowful heart, but also leads to joy and life in Christ that produces fruit and refreshing!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why is repentance required for salvation?
- What do you think the difference is between repentance and feeling guilt or shame?
- What is the difference between repenting for salvation and repenting for specific sins after you start following Jesus? Why is it important that we need to keep repenting?
- What happens spiritually when we repent?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- Why is repentance the foundation for salvation?
- What are your thoughts or reservations on leading someone through repenting?
- Do you feel you are modeling daily repentance in your own life? Why or why not?
- What are the reasons people avoid repentance and how can you address them?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **BAPTISM**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand why baptism is an important step of obedience for every believer.

**Objective for Living:** To ensure that baptism is a decision you make as a part of your walk with Christ.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to have the confidence and biblical understanding to go and baptize others.

#### **Scriptures for Baptism:**

- Acts 2:37-38
- Colossians 2:12
- Galatians 3:27
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 16:31-33
- Romans 6:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- 1 Peter 3:21

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what baptism is and why it is important?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Baptism is a public declaration and act of obedience that represents a believer's move from death to life in Christ. Baptism is the "I'm all in" response to the good news of Jesus Christ. Similar to when someone decides to get married after counting the costs, they willingly forsake all other people and put on the wedding ring. This demonstrates their true and public commitment to their spouse. In the same way, water baptism is a public demonstration of the inward commitment to forsake all others, and follow Christ alone. Baptism does not save us, but is a symbolic act in which we are buried with Christ and as He rose from the dead, we too rise up from baptism in newness of life.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Since baptism is not a requirement for salvation, why is it such a big deal?
- What happens spiritually when we get baptized?
- Do you have any reservations about being baptized if you have not been already? If so, what are they?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How would you describe the importance of baptism to someone who has not been baptized yet?
- Where can baptisms take place? (See Acts 8:26-38)
- Baptizing others is not something reserved for pastors or the spiritual elite. We are called in Matthew 28:19-20 to go and baptize! With this in mind, are there any reservations you have about baptizing others? If so, talk through those and address those issues so you can be ready to baptize someone if the opportunity arises!

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand what obedience and Lordship means.

**Objective for Living:** To have a lifestyle that is marked by faithfulness to Jesus and a willingness to obey everything that He has commanded you.

**Objective for Leading:** To instruct and lead others into a lifestyle of submitting to the Lordship of Jesus in every decision of their lives.

#### **Scriptures for Obedience to Christ:**

- Deuteronomy 11:1
- Luke 11:28
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- John 14:15
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 John 1:6
- 1 Peter 1:14
- James 1:25
- Romans 5:19
- John 15:14

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Just like in a marriage, we have to be willing to forsake all others in order to follow Jesus. He calls us in Matthew 6:33 to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and that everything else is added after we make that initial step of obedience to pursue Him above all else. Obedience is the manifestation of the act of taking up your cross daily, making your commitment to God far above anything else in your life, and following His ways without hesitation or doubt.

To be a follower of Jesus each of us must allow Him to lovingly take control of our entire life and being. This means not having any idols or false gods (money, careers, relationships, sports, friends, etc.) in our lives. As we surrender to His leadership through obedience, He forgives us and gives us eternal life. He also begins an ongoing process of maturing us (sanctification) and developing each day more and more the nature of God in our souls (mind, will, intellect, and emotions). The fact is that we all begin our walk with God with character issues and deficiencies. The good news is that through the grace (help) of God and Christ's resurrection power, we allow Him to bring lasting victory into these areas, but that comes with the willing surrender and obedience to Jesus and His will and ways.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How hard is it for you to take instructions from others? Why is that different when it is Jesus giving us the commands?
- What does it mean to seek first the Kingdom of heaven? How does this play out in our everyday lives?
- What are some areas of your life that you know are not submitted to Jesus? How can you move into a place of obedience in these areas?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some effective ways to help people see the importance of obedience in their daily walk with the Lord?
- How do you help someone not only begin to be obedient in an area of their life but remain obedient in that area of their life?
- Recall areas of your life where you have had victory in obedience. How can you reproduce that victory in others?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

## **GRACE**

**Objective for Learning:** To believe that we are justified by grace through faith, and we are sanctified by grace through faith.

**Objective for Living:** To be able to live, act, and respond with grace to yourself and others.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to clearly describe to someone else the justification and sanctification by grace through faith.

### **Scriptures for Grace:**

- Romans 5:1-2
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 6:14
- Romans 11:6
- 1 Corinthians 2:2
- 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Titus 2:11
- John 8:34-36
- 2 Timothy 1:9
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what grace is and why it is important?**

### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Sin has condemned us to death. Jesus came to take our place of rightful condemnation. He lived the life we should have lived, then died the death we rightfully deserved to die. We have been justified through faith (Romans 5:1-2)... just as if I had never sinned. The slate of sin is wiped clean and we are given new life and new hope in Christ. He takes away our sin and gives us His righteousness. It's God's grace by faith that allows us to be forgiven, to be pardoned, and to become new creations. This is not by our own doing, but is a gift from Him (Ephesians 2:8-9). While the Lord may heal and work through some areas instantly, not all of our habits, thoughts, and actions are immediately transformed. The good news is, however, that we are all continuing to be sanctified in and through the power of Jesus. Sanctification is the process of moving towards

becoming more like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). We are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:11).

God's grace opens the door to the prison of sin. We cannot call ourselves a slave to what Christ has freed us from, because we are no longer under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:14). Jesus substituted Himself in our place and atoned for our sins, meaning that He made fully made amends for our wrongdoing and sin. At the same time, this act also provided a payment for our sins, which were paid for and forgiven. This in turn pacified the wrath of God that was against us. So if Jesus has set us free, and we are free indeed (John 8:34-36)! It is crucial that we understand what Jesus did on the cross and why He did it to fully believe and live God's grace and freedom in our lives.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How would you describe grace to someone who was unfamiliar with the concept?
- Do you feel like you live fully under God's grace? If not, in what areas of your life do you feel like you are not living under grace or experiencing grace?
- When you hear, "if Jesus has set us free, we are free indeed," what may be some things that hinder from you fully experiencing that freedom that is offered in Christ?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- Do you know of anyone that is struggling with understanding and receiving grace?
- Which scriptures would you share with them to help them see the truth that we are saved by grace through faith? (Name at least 4-5 scriptures)

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW FASTING**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the importance and purpose of fasting.

**Objective for Living:** To build a regular rhythm of fasting into your spiritual walk.

**Objective for Leading:** To encourage and lead others to fast and draw near to God through this powerful spiritual discipline.

### **Scriptures for Fasting:**

- Deuteronomy 8:3
- Daniel 9:3
- Joel 2:12-13
- Matthew 6:16-18
- Matthew 9:14-15
- Matthew 4:1-4
- Isaiah 58
- Acts 13:2

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what fasting is and why it is important?**

### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Fasting is not eating with the sole intent of drawing near to God. It is a way to pray with both your stomach and soul. It is your entire self (body and spirit) entering into a time with God. Fasting can be flexible, from one meal to one day to forty days. It can be done individually or corporately and for a variety of reasons. Regardless of the duration, the purpose of fasting is, as Dallas Willard says, to “feast on our Lord and doing His Will.”

Galatians 5:13-25 speaks of starving the flesh and feeding the Spirit so we can grow closer to Jesus, which is the heart of fasting. To starve our flesh and feed our spirit is the gateway and key to freedom and is a tool that can quickly recalibrate your soul towards things above (Colossians 3:1-2). When we fast, we feed on the energy and

power of the Holy Spirit and nothing else. While this can be uncomfortable at first, it is one of the most potent spiritual disciplines in growing closer to the Lord, hearing His voice, discerning His will, to express grief, to seek deliverance, to show repentance, humility, overcome temptation, and to break the yoke of the enemy. This has a ripple effect in the rest of our life and causes your desires to shift towards spiritual things.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- If someone asked you why fasting is important, what would you tell them?
- What are some of the reasons that would warrant fasting?
  - What do you see in the Scriptures?
- Discuss what type of fasting routine you want to do. How often? How long?
- What would you tell someone who cannot fast food for medical reasons?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some strategies and ways to help motivate others to fast?
- What are the steps you would need to take to get them on board with fasting?
- How do you help to cultivate a passion and consistency of fasting in the lives of others?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **READING AND STUDYING THE BIBLE**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the importance of God's Word and the need to continue our study, love and devotion to the Scriptures.

**Objective for Living:** To cultivate a habit of daily devotion to reading and studying the Word of God.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to teach others how to rightly read and study Scripture and then mobilize them to form a daily rhythm of seeking God in the Scriptures.

#### **Scriptures for Reading and Studying the Bible:**

- Psalm 111:2
- Proverbs 3:1-2
- Hebrew 4:12
- Colossians 3:16
- Psalm 119:105
- Romans 15:4
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Psalm 119:47-48
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Ezra 7:10

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate why the study and understanding of Scripture is important?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

The Bible is not a moralistic self-help exercise centered on us, but God's revelation centered on Him. It is one of the primary ways we learn about who God is and get to know Him intimately. Within Scripture we begin to recognize God's character, heart, and passions. We gain wisdom, learn and discern God's promises, and begin to see things through a Biblical, Gospel-centered worldview. We learn what it means to follow Jesus, are instructed in righteousness, and how our faith is supposed to manifest itself in our

everyday lives. The Bible gives us insight into who God is, who we are in Him, and how we play a part in the larger narrative of God's story.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What has been some successful ways that you have been able to make reading and studying the Bible a daily habit?
- Why is it important for us to read through the entire Bible and not just read devotionals or specific sections?
- There are countless ways to effectively read and study the Bible. What are some ways that you have read or studied the Bible that have been the most effective?
  - What are some non-negotiable things you do to properly read and study the Bible?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How have you seen people help others cultivate a habit of reading the Word?
- What are the reasons that you have seen that have kept people from reading the Word consistently?
  - What are some ways to combat those roadblocks?
- What are some ways to help people truly fall in love with the Scriptures?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- As a group, study a passage of Scripture together this week. Come back together and share what you learned and how you went about studying that passage.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **MEMORIZING SCRIPTURES**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the life-giving importance of memorizing Scripture and hiding the Word in your heart.

**Objective for Living:** To make memorizing Scripture a part of your everyday walk with Jesus and how to utilize Scripture memorization to grow in spiritual maturity and in the specific season you are in.

**Objective for Leading:** To bring others along with you in memorizing Scripture, encouraging and equipping them to be transformed by the Word in this way.

#### **Scriptures for Memorizing Scriptures:**

- Joshua 1:8-9
- Psalm 119:9-11
- Deuteronomy 11:18-21
- Psalm 1:1-3
- John 15:7
- Jeremiah 15:16
- Job 23:12
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Proverbs 4:20-22
- Psalm 40:8

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Even though we live in a time in history where the Bible is the most accessible it has ever been, it is still important for us to memorize Scripture. By internalizing the Word, we arm ourselves with the sword of the Spirit at our permanent disposal to help us deepen our understanding of God and His promises, to fight off the lies of the enemy that often attack our thoughts, and to guard ourselves against the snares of sin and the world. Often, it is not until we memorize Scripture and meditate on it regularly that we

truly understand its meaning and fully believe what the Word of God actually says. Scripture memorization is one of the most potent spiritual disciplines for allowing us to have eyes to see and fully believe God, His promises, and His call on our lives.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why even bother memorizing Scripture when someone could simply look it up in a matter of seconds on their phone?
- What is the importance of being familiar with Scripture? Why bother taking the time to commit it to memory?
- What stumbling blocks/reservations do you have when it comes to memorization?
- What topics would you want to focus on? What do you think would most benefit you in this season of your life?
- What are some effective ways that you could see working for you when it comes to memorizing Scripture?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How would you explain to others the importance of memorizing Scripture?
- What are some ways that you could encourage someone to actually start memorizing Scripture with you?
- What resources would you use to aid people in memorization?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Check out the Bible Memory app. It is a great resource for memorization!
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **SILENCE AND SOLITUDE**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the spiritual health and connectedness that silence and solitude brings when we pursue the Lord in this way.

**Objective for Living:** To establish silence and solitude as a consistent practice that you make as a part of your walk with Christ.

**Objective for Leading:** To have the experience and confidence to explain the importance and demonstrate the practice of silence and solitude.

#### **Scriptures for Silence And Solitude:**

- Matthew 11:28-30
- Lamentations 3:24-26
- Isaiah 30:15
- Psalm 131:2
- Psalm 62:5-6
- Mark 1:35, 6:31
- Luke 4:42, 5:16, 9:18
- Psalm 4:4
- 1 Kings 19:9-12
- Psalm 62:1, 5

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Silence and solitude is intentional time away from other people and the incessant distractions of technology and this world to be intimate with God. It is not simply removing oneself from others; it is a purposeful turning to God to be open and vulnerable before Him. During this quiet and undistracted time, there is not a focus on doing but simply being with Jesus. Silence and solitude are practices that allow for our souls to truly rest in prayer, listening, worship, and quiet contemplation when the lies of busyness continue to attempt to take over our being. It re-calibrates our souls and spirits to what mat-

ters, which is a life immersed and focused on our relationship with Christ. These disciplines put us in a place where God can speak and we can truly listen.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How would you describe silence and solitude, what it looks like, and its importance for followers of Jesus?
- What are the spiritual benefits of practicing silence and solitude?
- How can you incorporate silence and solitude into your day, week, or month?
- What is keeping you from practicing this spiritual discipline? How can you make shifts to begin the practice?
- Why is finding undistracted and technology free time good for your soul?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some ways that someone could practice silence and solitude?
- What are some examples of how silence and solitude have benefited your walk with Christ and was refreshing for your soul?
- How would you explain how to do silence and solitude to someone who has never done it before?
- How can you lead others to practice silence and solitude?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Commit to taking an allotted amount of time this week to practice silence and solitude. Have someone hold you accountable and share how it went.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **ASSURANCE OF SALVATION**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand from a Biblical standpoint that salvation is secure through faith and the belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Objective for Living:** To be able to live, act, and respond in such a way that is coming from a place of theological confidence and salvific assurance.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to clearly describe to someone else how he or she goes about having an assurance of his or her salvation.

#### **Scriptures for Assurance of Salvation:**

- Romans 10:9-10
- John 5:24
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- John 10:28
- 1 John 5:11-13
- John 3:16-17
- 2 Timothy 2:10-13
- John 6:37
- Romans 8:16
- John 1:12

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what it means to have assurance of salvation?**

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

God does not want us spending time or energy doubting what He has done for us. He wants us to walk in freedom and the fruit of righteousness! He gives us confidence through His word that if we confess and believe (Romans 10:9-10, 13) that we have received this gift of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), then we can have confidence in what God has done and can know that we have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13). Nothing can separate a child of God from their Father (Romans 8:38-39). Don't let your feelings dictate your beliefs; let your beliefs based on Scripture dictate your feelings!

Jesus calls us to abide in Him (John 15:1-8) and to spend regular, daily time with Him. This is a beautiful way to ensure we are staying close enough to the Lord so that doubt will not creep in and cause us to doubt our salvation. The fruit of this abiding acts as a guarantee that as we draw near to Jesus, He will continue to draw near to us (James 4:8). Regular confession and communion with the Lord will safeguard us from the fears of doubt!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Which Scriptures really safeguard your heart from doubting your salvation? Why are they so potent to you?
- What did the overview mean when it said, “Don’t let your feelings dictate your beliefs; let your beliefs based on Scripture dictate your feelings”?
- What are some practical steps that you can take to ensure that you have a confidence that your salvation is secure?
- How does growing in the Lord play into an assurance of salvation? In what ways has your spiritual growth helped you gain confidence in this area?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- Do you know of anyone who is struggling with knowing that they are saved?
  - What are some things that you could do to help them gain confidence in this area?
- Which scriptures would you share with them to help them see the truth that we can be assured in our salvation? (Name at least 4-5 scriptures)

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Role play and share what you would say to someone who is doubting their salvation.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **GROW**

### **USING BIBLE STUDY TOOLS**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the value of using Bible study tools to interpret Scripture accurately and deepen your knowledge of God's Word.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To grow in confidence and clarity by applying helpful tools to Scripture reading and study.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To disciple others in how to use tools that increase understanding, spiritual growth, and faithful application of the Bible.

#### **Scriptures for Using Bible Study Tools:**

- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Psalm 119:18
- Proverbs 4:7
- Acts 17:11
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17
- Psalm 1:1–3
- Colossians 3:16
- Hebrews 4:12
- John 16:13
- Nehemiah 8:8
- Luke 24:27
- Ephesians 1:17–18

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Bible study tools are not replacements for Scripture—they are companions to help us understand it more deeply. In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul encourages Timothy to handle the Word of truth accurately. That takes work, humility, and the right resources.

Tools like concordances, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, study Bibles, and original language helps are gifts that help believers see Scripture in its original context and

meaning. Acts 17:11 praises the Bereans because they examined the Scriptures daily. We should do the same—with tools that sharpen our insight and understanding.

Learning to study the Bible with clarity helps us live it with integrity. These tools are a bridge between the ancient world and today's questions. They equip us to lead, teach, and follow Jesus more faithfully.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What tools have helped you understand the Bible more clearly?
- What barriers have kept you from using Bible study tools?
- What's one area of Scripture you want to better understand?
- How does deepening your understanding of Scripture change your walk with Christ?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How can you help someone new in their faith learn how to use Bible tools well?
- What are some tools every disciple should be familiar with?
- How can you disciple someone to study the Word, not just read it?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Try one new Bible study tool this week (e.g., commentary, concordance, or Blue Letter Bible).
- Choose one passage you don't fully understand and use tools to explore its meaning.
- Teach someone else how to use a tool that has helped you.
- Memorize 2 Timothy 2:15 or another verse from the list that challenges you.



## SERVE

### CORPORATE WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the deep Biblical importance of gathering as the corporate body of Christ.

**Objective for Living:** To be a committed and participating member of Sunday/weekend church gatherings who prioritizes this gathering weekly.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to effectively communicate the Biblical importance of these gatherings and be able to effectively invite and assimilate others into Sunday/weekend church gatherings.

#### Scriptures for Corporate Worship Participation:

- Acts 2:42, 46-47
- Acts 20:28
- Acts 5:42
- Hebrew 10:24-25
- Acts 15:30-32
- Ephesians 2:19-21
- Matthew 18:20
- Ephesians 4:11-16

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate why Sunday gatherings/corporate worship is important?**

#### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Our Christian faith is not practiced by a group of isolated individuals, but by a corporate body with many members who are united together by their faith in Jesus Christ. The church is not a building or an actual location: the church is the people gathered in Jesus' name. While this corporate gathering may be reflected in different ways of worship (Ephesians 5:19), teaching and preaching (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Timothy 4:2), evangelism (Acts 2:46-47), etc., the end goal always centers around exaltation of Jesus, the build-

ing up of disciples, and reaching those who do not yet know Him. Scripture is clear that this gathering should be a foundational rhythm in the life of any follower of Jesus.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- In your own words, why is gathering together as a corporate body such a high priority in the Scriptures?
- What do you get/participate in at a corporate gathering of the body of Christ that you cannot get elsewhere?
- What are the things that you personally can bring to the corporate gathering to edify those who are gathering with you?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How would you respond to someone who says that they don't need to go to church to follow Jesus?
- What are some ways that you have successfully invited people to church?
- How have you effectively gotten them to plug in and remain a part of your church body?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Challenge each other to invite to the Sunday gathering/corporate worship setting you attend this week.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE MARRIAGE

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the covenant, beauty, and sacrifice of marriage and its importance to God.

**Objective for Living:** To ensure that the covenant of marriage is actively lived out as a model of the radical love and sacrifice of Christ and the church.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to help others love, live, and serve their spouse with the Biblical paradigm of marriage in mind.

### Scriptures for Marriage:

- Ephesians 5:21-33
- Matthew 19:4-6
- Genesis 2:22-24
- Hebrews 13:4
- Proverbs 18:22
- Ephesians 4:2-3

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Marriage is a covenant relationship in which a man and a woman are called to be a living representation of Christ and His loving relationship with the church. It is one of the most beautiful and fulfilling yet most difficult relationships you can be a part of because it demands the daily embodiment of the Gospel with and for another person. Marriage is built upon the dependency on God for strength to continue to become more like Him, embody His loving sacrifice, and continue in the character of Christ so that can be reflected and received by your partner on a daily basis.

Many people have a skewed view of marriage as being a relationship that is based exclusively on sexual attraction, financial stability, or that marriage is there to meet their needs and make them happy. A Biblical marriage is based on the loving sacrifice of Jesus played out in both spouses' desire and willingness to serve one another and the glory of God in those acts of love and service. It is less about your happiness, more about your holiness, and ultimately about God's glory.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Before reading through these Scriptures and this resource, what would you have said the main purpose of marriage is? Has that changed after reading this? Why or why not?
- Explain what it means to be in a covenant relationship and why that is so critical to understand in the context of marriage.
- "Marriage is not about your happiness but is about your holiness." How does marriage make you holy?
- Read Ephesians 5:21-33. In what ways are we called to die to ourselves in the context of marriage in order to love our spouse well?
- What are some ways that you can love and serve your spouse without harboring bitterness if it is not reciprocated?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How can you help someone truly reshape their understanding of what marriage is about and its purpose? Also, share some verses you could use to help drive that point home.
- What are some very practical Biblically based tips you could give someone to try to love and serve their spouse well in view of Ephesians 5?
- How do you help someone embrace a servant's heart and attitude in the context of their marriage?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE PARENTING

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the responsibility, joy, and gift of raising Christ followers in your own home.

**Objective for Living:** To be equipped to lead your children in the ways of the Lord with intentionality, guidance, and love.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to help other parents be able to live out this call to raise children to follow Jesus and His ways.

### Scriptures for Parenting:

- Proverbs 22:6
- Colossians 3:21
- Ephesians 6:1-4
- Proverbs 29:17
- Proverbs 1:8-9
- Psalm 127:3-5
- 2 Timothy 3:14-15
- Deuteronomy 6:6-9
- Proverbs 3:1-6

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Parenting is one of the most difficult and most rewarding relationships we will ever have. The depth of unconditional love that parents have for their children is unparalleled. The challenge of stewarding the gift of children is equally unparalleled! But below are a few things that we can do as parents to help our children see and experience the love of Jesus that leads to real faith in Christ.

As parents, we ourselves need to be living out our faith. Understand and live out your faith, immerse yourself in the habit abiding with Jesus daily, and be a part of real, authentic Christian community. Model this for your children. But don't forget the joy of the Lord! Let them see how much He fills your life with His joyful presence (Psalm

16:11). Lead them in reveling in awe and wonder at who He is and His creation (Psalm 150). Worship, dance, joyfully pray, and sing with your children (Psalm 149). Share the Gospel with your children in a variety of ways. Ensure that their faith has strong roots by presenting the Gospel all the time (Romans 10:14). Don't waste a moment to lift their eyes to the wonder, majesty, and joy of following Jesus. Your passion, joy, and love for Jesus will make a lasting impression on your children.

Cultivate an environment where they can become who Christ has called them to be even if that looks different than you. Let Jesus shape and mold them as you constantly call to them to follow you as you follow Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are some of the biggest challenges in regards to parenting for you?
  - How do the Scriptures speak to that? What is the Lord telling you through His Word, His Spirit, and your Christian community?
- What has been going well for you in regards to parenting?
- What areas are you desiring to see progress in with your parenting or parenting style?
- What are some of the ways you incorporate your faith into your parenting?
- What are some other things you can do to increase that faith deposit into your children?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are you doing well in regards to parenting that you can reproduce in others?
- How do you help a parent begin to make progress if they are struggling to simply survive day to day as a parent, much less make disciples of their kids?
- What are some of the ways you specifically invite Jesus into your parenting that you can lead others in as well?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE UNASHAMED OF YOUR FAITH

**Objective for Learning:** To have the confidence to share your faith regardless of where you are at or who you are with.

**Objective for Living:** To boldly and actively share your faith regularly throughout your daily life.

**Objective for Leading:** To be the catalyst to empower and train others to move in bold confidence when it comes to sharing their faith with others.

### **Scriptures for Unashamed of Your Faith:**

- Romans 1:16
- Acts 28:31
- Proverbs 28:1
- Acts 4:31
- 2 Corinthians 3:12
- Acts 4:13
- Hebrews 13:6
- Joshua 1:9
- Ephesians 6:19-20
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- Philippians 1:20
- Psalm 27:1

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Sharing our faith is a non-negotiable command of Jesus. Many of us, however, shy away from this call because of fear, uncertainty, or timidity. But with the help of the Holy Spirit and His empowerment (Acts 1:8), we have everything we need to complete the task that Jesus has given us. The boldness is not our own, but given to us from God. He would never ask us to do something He did not equip us for (2 Peter 1:3).

When we realize the powerful identity we have in Christ and the resurrection power coursing through our spiritual veins, there is nothing that can stop us! The real source of power is derived from the love that God gives us and the ability to see others through

the lens of that love. When we can see others, regardless of how averse they may be to the Gospel message, with the love and heart of the Father, fear melts away and we are able to deliver the good news in bold and powerful ways that draw on the compassion and power of God.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What changed the disciples from hiding in an upper room (John 20:19) to boldly preaching in the streets of Jerusalem and in the face and threats of the religious leaders (Acts 4:13)?
- What is hindering you from being bold with your faith? What roadblocks do you see in pursuit of radical courage with sharing your faith?
  - What can you do to work on removing those barriers?
- How important is sharing our faith in regards to following Jesus? Is it essential that we actively pursue it (Matt. 28:19-20)? How does God's love play into this?
- What do you do if you don't have an extroverted or confrontational personality?
  - Does that change the call to share?
- How do non-confrontational personalities remain faithful to the call to share?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What was the turning point for you in regards to a boldness of sharing?
  - How can you reproduce that in others?
- What other ways can confidence be bolstered in others in regards to sharing their faith?
- How do you reproduce the intimacy with Jesus through the Holy Spirit that is the catalyst to supernatural boldness that we see in the Biblical passages mentioned above?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What stood out to you? What did you learn from this time together?
- Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE

### ACTIVELY SHARING THE GOSPEL

**Objective for Learning:** To learn what the Gospel is and how to share that within the context of the Biblical call of evangelism.

**Objective for Living:** To be confident and equip to regularly share your faith when opportunities arise to do so.

**Objective for Leading:** To have the ability to teach others how to effectively share the Gospel and to regularly bring others with you as you share your faith.

#### Scriptures for Actively Sharing the Gospel:

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- Romans 10:13-17
- Acts 13:47
- Mark 1:14-15
- Colossians 4:2-6
- Acts 20:24
- Proverbs 11:30
- Psalm 105:1
- Matthew 9:37-38
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- 1 Peter 3:15
- 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

#### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

The Gospel is the good news that we can live under the rule and reign of Jesus and His Kingdom (Mark 1:14-17) and that this was made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:3-5). Jesus' death and resurrection paved the way for our reconciliation to God through the forgiveness of our sins and our full access into the Kingdom of God. This good news allows us to live life the way that God has designed us to: with Him and for Him. The reality and proclamation of God's Kingdom is a task

that God has given His children as His co-laborers and ambassadors here on earth. As followers of Jesus, we are given the assignment of sharing our faith in the Gospel to everyone around us. We are to proclaim it to all people in our everyday lives and throughout the world.

We do not believe that the joy of harvest is reserved for the select minority of Christians with a talent in persuasion. While everybody is not an evangelist, every Christian can be evangelistic. In God's sovereignty every believer has a network of relationships and neighbors that nobody else will ever be able to touch. We believe every disciple has certain evangelism "styles" that should be discovered and practiced to obey this call to actively share our faith with those who do not know.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What is the Gospel? How would you break that down for someone who has never heard the Gospel before?
- Are you hesitant to share your faith with others? Why or why not?
- What can you do to become more confident in sharing your testimony and faith?
- What are some effective tools and ways to share the Gospel?
- What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What have you seen be an effective way of sharing your faith?
- How did you learn how to share your faith? How can you reproduce that in others?
- How do you lead someone in sharing their faith that comes from a place of desire and not from a feeling of obligation?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Practicing sharing your testimony and the Gospel with one another.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## **SERVE**

## **SERVING**

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the importance and purpose of serving.

**Objective for Living:** To build a regular rhythm of serving into your spiritual walk.

**Objective for Leading:** To encourage and lead others to serve and draw near to God through serving Him and His people.

### **Scriptures for Serving:**

- Hebrews 6:10
- Romans 12:6-13
- Matthew 20:27-28
- Joshua 24:24
- 1 Peter 4:10
- 1 Samuel 12:24
- Galatians 5:13
- Romans 7:6

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Serving, just like fasting, praying daily, and being in community with other believers, is another way to draw closer to God. Whether it is giving to needy, being a father/mother to the orphan, or serving the body of Christ on weekend gatherings, we try to follow Jesus' example of serving others. As Mark 10:45 explains, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus did not come seeking to be served, but instead, He continually served those in the world that rejected Him. Jesus took time throughout His ministry to heal and restore even when He was tired from travel, washed His disciples feet, and ultimately, died on the cross for our sins. No amount of serving will help us reach salvation, but instead, we

serve others because Jesus tells his disciples in John 13:35, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” One way exhibit this love to others is to serve others and care for each other’s needs and burdens.

Jesus has given us unique gifts to serve the body, as emphasized in Romans 12, but when we work together as the Church helping others above ourselves, we bring glory due to Jesus’ name. We never get more of Jesus than when we are giving Him away!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- If someone asked you why serving is important, what would you tell them?
- What are some of the reasons that serving is essential in our daily lives? What do you see in the Scriptures?
- Discuss what type of serving you want to do. How often? How can you use your gifts to serve others?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some strategies and ways to motivate others to serve?
- What are the steps you would need to take to get them on board with serving?
- How do you help to cultivate a passion and consistency of serving in the lives of others?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE JUSTICE

**Objective for Learning:** To understand God's heart for Kingdom justice.

**Objective for Living:** To humbly live in right relationships with the most vulnerable in your community and being an advocate and practitioner of justice.

**Objective for Leading:** To disciple others in engaging in justice and justice issues in your culture.

### Scriptures for Justice:

- Isaiah 42:1-7
- Isaiah 58:6-7
- Micah 6:8
- Zechariah 7:9-10
- Psalms 146:7-9
- Luke 14:12-13
- Matthew 11:4-5
- Deut. 10:17-18
- Proverbs 31:8-9
- Jeremiah 22:3

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Throughout Scripture, God consistently reveals Himself as an advocate for all people through the Holy Spirit, especially for the poor and vulnerable. God is a father who longs for just cultures, systems, and institutions. In the Old Testament, we see God continually advocating on behalf of the poor, foreigners, widows and orphans. He is fighting for His people to reorient themselves to Him and to serve justice to the most vulnerable members of society.

Many evangelicals shrink back from implementing justice into their discipleship practices because of political connotations. However, regardless of political opinions, it is clear that God's heart cares deeply for the oppressed and calls his children to embody faithfulness and light on a personal, religious and social level. In verses Luke 4:18-19 Jesus teaches in the synagogue after his 40 day fast on His anointing to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and set the oppressed free. Generally, there are two ways to do this. The Hebrew term mishpat refers to the justness of society, including punishment for wrongdoing and giving people their due or right. The second Hebrew word that refers to doing justice, tzadeqah, translates to "being righteous" and involves conducting daily life with fairness, generosity and equity in all relationships. It is impossible to try to live in the biblical likeness of Christ and not have a heart for the justice and the most vulnerable.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- If someone asked you why justice was important, what would you tell them?
- What are some injustice issues in our society? What can we do about them?
- How can we handle these issues as disciples? What do the Scriptures say about the character of someone who does justice?
- Discuss some ways you can implement equity and generosity in your life.

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some ways to encourage others to care about justice?
- What are the steps you would need to take to get them on board with justice? How do you help to cultivate a passion and consistency of doing justice in the lives of others instead of just talking about it?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- What are some justice issues that are really near to your heart? What can you do to take the next step in advocating for or doing justice in your life around that specific cause?
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE LIVING SIMPLY

**Objective for Learning:** To learn how to slow down in a hectic world and understand the freedom that comes from not finding worth in material possessions and busy schedules but instead in Christ.

**Objective for Living:** To actively pursue the abundant life found only in a life lived for God while breaking free from the societal pressures to amass possessions, find value in busyness, and the American dream.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to embody living simply in a way that reveals what this lifestyle looks like to others and inviting them into a similar way of living.

### Scriptures for Living Simply:

- Luke 16:13
- Hebrews 13:5
- 1 Timothy 6:6-8
- Proverbs 23:4
- Matthew 6:21
- Matthew 6:33
- Matthew 19:24
- Proverbs 15:16
- Matthew 6:25-27
- Philippians 4:11-12
- 1 John 2:17
- 1 Thessalonians 4:11

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

In a world where people run themselves ragged pursuing the next best thing and finding their value in the amount of busyness in their lives, God's people should stand out by baulking these cultural trends and finding their worth in Christ alone. Too often, the pursuit of the American dream derails disciples by redirecting their attention and affection towards the things of this world. The desire for bigger and better things can shift your heart from God to those possessions. Too much crammed in your schedule can also pull you away from what matters and redirect your heavenly focus even when your

schedule is full of good or godly things. While Jesus does not call us to poverty or slothfulness, He does call us to a life defined by the pursuit of His Kingdom above all else, not the things or accolades of this world.

Living simply is the act of finding contentment in what you have been given by the Lord and removes the clutter and the noise that is trying to steal your sense of peace and intimacy with Christ. It is a respite from the undue and unwanted pressures to perform, to find value in your busyness, and to keep up with the newest trends and fads. When Christ is and remains your sole focus, the simplicity of this journey and pursuit brings freedom like nothing else can!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why do you think that when asked “How are you doing?” the most common answer is “I am busy”? What does that say about the priorities of our culture?
- What needs to happen in your life to embrace the idea of living simply with your time and with your possessions?
- How do our material possessions ensnare us? Why is it so easy for us to identify our worth in what we own and possess?
- How does someone who is wealthy embrace and live simply?
- How do you rejoice in what God has given you while at the same time not getting owned or enslaved by it?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some effective and non-judgmental ways to begin the conversation about living simply with someone who is not currently doing so?
- What verses would you use to give a Biblical vision for living simply? Why?
- What are some practical steps you could lead someone in when it comes to becoming less busy in their lives?
- What are some ways to help people become more passionate about Jesus than their stuff, jobs, and things of this world?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE LOVING PEOPLE

**Objective for Learning:** To define what love is and how that plays out in your everyday life.

**Objective for Living:** To truly embody the love of Christ to those around you, especially those who are hard to love or are your enemies.

**Objective for Leading:** To be able to not only love those around you but to equip those around you to fully embrace and embody that same love for others in their lives.

### Scriptures for Loving People:

- John 13:34-35
- Mark 12:28-31
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Matthew 5:43-48
- Philippians 2:3-4
- 1 Peter 4:8
- 1 John 4:7-8
- John 15:9-13
- Proverbs 17:17
- Proverbs 10:12
- 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Romans 13:8

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

When speaking of the greatest commandment in Mark 12:28-31, Jesus links the command to “love your neighbor as yourself” to His first call to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

There is an implicit understanding that if one truly loves and is receiving love from God, the natural outpouring will be an expression of that love (agape in Greek) to others. If we love God, we will personally experience His love and will express that love to others.

Our call is not to live by rules but by relationships, and it is our loving relationship with God that gives us the ability to have a loving relationship with others.

Agape love, the kind Jesus calls us to embody when speaking of loving others, is a purposeful, sacrificial love rooted in compassion. Agape love is a willful and determined love that generously chooses the interests of another above yourself. This act of love for both God and others demands a sacrificial love that eclipses all other loves, desires, and passions and is fully and completely directed towards God and people. It is the kind of love that can cause people to love their enemies, break barriers, and radically uproot the status quo of hatred and indifference by loving those who are not like ourselves.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How did Jesus love people in the Gospels? What did that look like?
- How do we love people well around us? Give some examples of people that are hard to love in your life and discuss what agape love would look like with them in mind.
- How do we love without feeling bitter or doing it out of wrong motives?
- What does it mean to truly love your enemies? How does that type of love manifest itself in your heart and life?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- What are some ways to teach someone how to love well and that love be genuine?
- How do we ensure that God is and remains our source of love? (If we try to simply reproduce the idea of love, that well will run dry if Jesus is not the source!)
- What are some things that have happened in your life that have been tangible examples or representations of God's love for others? How could you reproduce that example or that idea with others?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## SERVE

### SERVING TANGIBLE NEEDS IN COMMUNITY

**Objective for Learning:**

To understand the biblical call to serve real, practical needs in our local communities.

**Objective for Living:**

To live as the hands and feet of Jesus by identifying and meeting tangible needs with compassion.

**Objective for Leading:**

To lead others in engaging their community through consistent and intentional acts of love and service.

**Scriptures for Serving Tangible Needs:**

- James 2:14–17
- Isaiah 58:6–10
- Matthew 5:14–16
- Proverbs 19:17
- Galatians 6:10
- 1 John 3:17–18
- Luke 10:30–37
- Hebrews 13:16
- Matthew 25:40
- Romans 12:13
- Acts 4:34–35
- Philippians 2:3–4

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Faith without works is dead (James 2:17). One of the most visible expressions of our faith is how we care for those in need. Tangible needs—food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and support—are not optional add-ons to ministry. They are ministry.

Jesus modeled compassion in action. The Good Samaritan in Luke 10 not only noticed the wounded man but met his needs with his own resources. Isaiah 58 shows that God delights in the kind of fasting that results in clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and sheltering the homeless.

The Church is meant to be a visible expression of God's love in action. When we meet real needs, we gain credibility for the message we proclaim.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are some tangible needs in your neighborhood or city?
- When have you seen practical love open the door for deeper ministry?
- How can you be more aware and responsive to the needs around you?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can your group or church partner with local organizations to meet needs?
- How do you help others develop eyes to see and hands to act?
- What would it look like to disciple someone through a life of community service?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Ask God to show you one person or need you can respond to this week.
- Get involved in a local outreach or compassion ministry.
- Begin keeping a list of needs you see and ways you can meet them.
- Memorize James 2:17 or Matthew 25:40 this week.



## PRAY PRAYER

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the power and importance of an active prayer life in every believer's walk with Christ.

**Objective for Living:** To develop and maintain a healthy, vibrant, life-giving prayer life.

**Objective for Leading:** To lead others in prayer and learn how to raise up other disciples that have thriving and effective prayer lives.

### Scriptures for Prayer:

- 1 John 5:14-15
- 1 Chronicles 16:11
- 2 Chronicles 6:21
- Ephesians 6:18
- Jeremiah 29:12
- James 5:13
- Mark 11:24
- Matthew 5:44
- Proverbs 15:8
- Psalm 17:6
- Romans 12:12
- Matthew 6:9-13
- Romans 8:26
- Philippians 4:6-7

**How does each of these Scriptures help to define and illuminate what accountability is and why it is important?**

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Dallas Willard says, "Prayer is a dialogue between you and God about the things that concern both of you." With this definition in mind, prayer covers a multitude of aspects of your relationship with God. It is a partnership and an ongoing, active conversation we have with the Father. It is also where we express our love, gratitude, repentance, forgiveness, and honor to God.

Prayer takes many shapes and forms: it can be done individually, collectively, vocally, silently, boisterously, and peacefully. It includes but is not limited to praise, worship, adoration, gratitude, listening, petitioning, affirmations, intercession, breaking down strongholds, and fighting spiritual battles. Whatever the form, prayer is the intimate communication we have with our Father and Lord through the working of the Holy Spirit that connects us to Him in ways that nothing else does.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Why do we pray? What is the importance of praying daily?
- What does your prayer life look like and how does that impact your daily life?
- What are some ways that you can increase the effectiveness of your prayer life?
- How can you intentionally develop and grow in your prayer life?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How would you describe the power, authority, and importance of prayer to another person?
- How can you model prayer and invite others in to that aspect of your walk with the Lord?
- What are the most significant elements of your prayer life and how can you teach others to implement this in their prayer lives as well?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Commit to trying to increase your daily prayer time this week by whatever amount you choose and have someone hold you accountable to that increase this week. At the end of the week, discuss the benefits of doing so with them.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.



## PRAY

### CONSISTENCY AND HEART POSTURE IN PRAYER

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand that prayer is both a discipline and a delight, and that posture matters as much as words.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To develop a consistent, heartfelt rhythm of prayer marked by authenticity and spiritual hunger.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To model and mentor others into a life of real, consistent, and joy-filled communication with God.

#### **Scriptures for Prayer Consistency and Heart Posture:**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18
- Matthew 6:5–8
- Luke 18:1
- Psalm 51:10–12
- Romans 12:12
- James 5:16
- Philippians 4:6–7
- Hebrews 4:16
- Psalm 62:8
- Mark 1:35
- Luke 5:16
- Ephesians 6:18

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Prayer is not just about saying the right words—it's about coming to God with the right heart. Jesus warned against empty repetition (Matt. 6:7) and instead modeled honest, daily, intimate connection with the Father.

Consistency in prayer shapes our desires, reorients our priorities, and brings peace (Phil. 4:6–7). A consistent prayer life also reflects spiritual maturity and dependence. Even when we don't feel like praying, showing up with honesty and humility invites transformation.

Jesus Himself rose early and withdrew to lonely places to pray (Mark 1:35). We follow His example not out of duty, but because we desire intimacy with our Father.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How would you describe the consistency of your current prayer life?
- What does it look like to approach God with the right heart posture?
- What helps you stay faithful in prayer even when life is distracting or difficult?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you help someone cultivate consistency in their prayer life?
- What are some practical habits or rhythms that help others deepen in prayer?
- How do you encourage honesty and vulnerability in prayer among those you lead?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Commit to a set time of prayer each day this week—even if it's just 10 minutes.
- Journal your prayers honestly before God.
- Ask a friend to be a prayer partner for mutual encouragement.
- Memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 or Philippians 4:6–7.



## **PRAY**

### **PRAYING FOR OTHERS**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the biblical call and spiritual power of interceding for others.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To make praying for others a regular and sincere part of your spiritual life.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To raise up intercessors who carry others to Jesus in prayer and strengthen the Church through spiritual support.

#### **Scriptures for Praying for Others:**

- 1 Samuel 12:23
- Ephesians 6:18
- James 5:16
- Colossians 1:9–12
- 1 Timothy 2:1–2
- Romans 15:30
- Philippians 1:3–6
- Matthew 5:44
- Numbers 6:24–26
- Acts 12:5
- Job 42:10
- 2 Corinthians 1:11

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Praying for others is one of the most loving things you can do. It aligns your heart with God's and invites His power into their lives. Paul constantly interceded for the churches (Col. 1:9), and Jesus Himself prayed for His disciples and for us (John 17).

Intercession invites God's healing, peace, and strength. James 5:16 reminds us that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Interceding can also break spiritual strongholds and open doors that we can't.

It's more than saying, "I'll pray for you"—it's actually doing it. And watching God move.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Who do you regularly pray for?
- What keeps you from interceding more often?
- How has God answered prayers you've prayed for others?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you disciple others to pray regularly for their community?
- What rhythms or tools (journals, lists) can help others remember to pray?
- What does it look like to lead a ministry or group in prayer for others?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Choose 3 people to intercede for every day this week.
- Text or call someone and let them know you're praying for them—ask for a specific request.
- Lead a short time of intercessory prayer in your group.
- Memorize James 5:16 or Ephesians 6:18.



## **PRAY**

### **GROUP PRAYER**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the power and biblical precedent of praying together with others.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To develop comfort, courage, and joy in praying aloud in groups for the strengthening of faith and unity.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To foster environments where people are led in Spirit-filled group prayer and grow in confidence and boldness.

#### **Scriptures for Group Prayer:**

- Matthew 18:19–20
- Acts 1:14
- Acts 2:42
- Acts 4:24–31
- James 5:14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Romans 15:5–6
- Luke 11:1–2
- 2 Chronicles 20:3–13
- Philippians 1:19
- Hebrews 10:24–25
- Psalm 34:3

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Praying together is powerful. Jesus promised that when two or more gather in His name, He is present (Matt. 18:20). In the early church, group prayer was a constant practice that led to boldness, miracles, and unity (Acts 4:31).

Group prayer is also formative—it teaches us to listen to others, agree in faith, and trust God corporately. It's not about performance or polished words but about authenticity and shared dependence on God.

Many people fear praying out loud, but it's a muscle that grows with practice. In community, we learn to lift each other up and bear one another's burdens before the throne of grace.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are your current feelings about praying out loud with others?
- How has God used group prayer to impact your life?
- What helps you feel more confident in those settings?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you create space for group prayer that feels safe and inviting?
- What are ways to encourage others to grow in their prayer voice?
- How do you structure prayer times to keep them focused and powerful?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- This week, pray out loud in a group at least once.
- Invite someone to lead a short prayer with you.
- Host or join a prayer circle or gathering.
- Memorize Matthew 18:20 or Acts 2:42.



## PRAY

### LISTENING IN PRAYER

**Objective for Learning:**

To understand that prayer involves both speaking and listening, and to grow in recognizing God's voice.

**Objective for Living:**

To develop a regular rhythm of listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance in personal prayer.

**Objective for Leading:**

To disciple others in slowing down, being still, and hearing from God for themselves and others.

**Scriptures for Listening in Prayer:**

- John 10:27
- Psalm 46:10
- 1 Kings 19:11–13
- Isaiah 30:21
- Proverbs 3:5–6
- Habakkuk 2:1–2
- Jeremiah 33:3
- James 1:5
- Romans 8:14
- Revelation 3:20
- John 16:13
- Luke 10:39

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Prayer is a two-way conversation. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). That means He is speaking—and we can learn to listen. The problem isn't that God is silent; it's that we're often too distracted to hear.

Listening in prayer requires stillness, humility, and a willingness to wait. God speaks through Scripture, the Spirit, impressions, dreams, and wise counsel. But often, He speaks in a still small voice (1 Kings 19:12).

Learning to listen transforms our prayers from monologues into life-changing encounters. God wants to lead, comfort, convict, and commission us—and it starts by listening.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How often do you take time to be silent before God?
- What are some ways you've sensed God speaking to you in the past?
- What helps you become more attentive to the Spirit's leading?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you disciple others to discern God's voice?
- What tools (journals, prompts, environments) help people hear from God?
- How do you ensure listening is rooted in Scripture, not just feelings?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Set aside 10 minutes of quiet listening in prayer each day this week.
- Keep a journal of anything you believe God may be saying.
- Ask God a specific question and listen for His response.
- Memorize John 10:27 or Psalm 46:10.



## PRAY

### PRAYING SCRIPTURE

**Objective for Learning:**

To understand the value of turning God's Word into personal, powerful prayer.

**Objective for Living:**

To regularly incorporate Scripture into your prayers for greater depth, alignment, and authority.

**Objective for Leading:**

To teach others how to pray Scripture for spiritual growth, confidence, and effectiveness.

**Scriptures for Praying Scripture:**

- Hebrews 4:12
- Isaiah 55:11
- 2 Timothy 3:16
- Psalm 119:105
- Ephesians 6:17–18
- John 15:7
- Colossians 3:16
- Psalm 19:14
- Nehemiah 9:17–18
- Jeremiah 1:12
- Matthew 4:4
- Psalm 1:2–3

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

When we pray Scripture, we align our words with God's truth. His Word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), and praying it brings power, clarity, and assurance.

Jesus Himself prayed Scripture. In Matthew 4, He resisted temptation by quoting the Word. Praying Scripture helps us fight spiritual battles, renew our minds, and stay grounded in truth.

It also trains our hearts to think biblically and trust God more deeply. Whether praying Psalms, Jesus' words, or the promises of God, praying the Word is one of the most effective ways to grow in prayer.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Have you ever prayed Scripture before? What was your experience?
- What are some verses you want to start praying over your life or others?
- How does praying God's Word deepen your faith?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you teach others to pray Scripture in simple, practical ways?
- What's a great starting point for someone new to this?
- How can you model this in group settings or mentoring?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Choose 1–2 verses to pray each morning this week.
- Personalize a Scripture passage into a prayer (e.g., Psalm 23 or Colossians 1:9–12).
- Teach someone how to pray the Word this week.
- Memorize John 15:7 or Isaiah 55:11.



## **PRAY**

### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the reality of spiritual warfare and how prayer is our God-given strategy to fight spiritual battles.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To recognize spiritual opposition and regularly engage in focused, biblical prayer for protection, breakthrough, and victory.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To equip others in discerning spiritual warfare and to lead them in strategic intercessory prayer.

#### **Scriptures for Spiritual Warfare Prayer:**

- Ephesians 6:10–18
- 2 Corinthians 10:3–5
- James 4:7
- 1 Peter 5:8–9
- Romans 8:37–39
- Luke 10:19
- Revelation 12:11
- Isaiah 54:17
- Colossians 2:15
- Matthew 18:18
- Psalm 91:1–6
- John 10:10

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

We are in a spiritual battle whether we recognize it or not. Ephesians 6 makes it clear: we don't wrestle against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces. But God gives us armor—and prayer is how we activate it.

Prayer is both defense and offense. Through it, we bind the enemy, tear down strongholds, and release God's truth and power into spiritual situations. Jesus has given us authority (Luke 10:19), but we must stand firm and resist the enemy with prayer and faith.

Spiritual warfare prayer is not spooky or dramatic—it's biblical, bold, and rooted in Jesus' victory.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Have you ever experienced spiritual resistance in your walk with God?
- What does it mean to "stand firm" spiritually?
- How can you grow in awareness of spiritual battles without fear?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you teach others to recognize and respond to spiritual warfare?
- What Scriptures do you turn to when you pray in warfare?
- How do you model prayer that is both powerful and peaceful?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Identify a specific area of spiritual struggle and pray strategically this week.
- Read and pray through Ephesians 6 each morning.
- Partner with a prayer warrior for mutual covering.
- Memorize James 4:7 or 2 Corinthians 10:4–5.



## **PRAY**

### **PRAYING FOR HEALING**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand that God still heals and invites us to pray boldly for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To approach God with faith and compassion, asking Him to heal and restore others in Jesus' name.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To disciple others into faith-filled, Spirit-led healing prayer with wisdom, humility, and boldness.

#### **Scriptures for Praying for Healing:**

- James 5:14–16
- Isaiah 53:4–5
- Matthew 10:7–8
- Exodus 15:26
- Psalm 103:2–3
- Luke 4:40
- Mark 16:17–18
- John 14:12–14
- Acts 3:6–8
- 1 Peter 2:24
- Jeremiah 30:17
- Malachi 4:2

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

God is still our Healer. From the Old Testament to the ministry of Jesus to the early church, healing is a consistent part of God's character and work. James 5 commands us to pray for the sick and believe that healing is possible.

Healing prayer isn't about us—it's about trusting the finished work of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes healing comes instantly, sometimes gradually,

and sometimes in ways we didn't expect. But we are called to ask, to believe, and to trust.

Jesus healed out of compassion. When we pray for healing, we join Him in that same ministry of hope and wholeness.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What do you believe about God's healing power today?
- Have you ever prayed for someone to be healed? What happened?
- How does faith play a role in healing prayer?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How do you lead others in praying for healing with both boldness and sensitivity?
- How do you help others respond when healing doesn't come immediately?
- How can you incorporate healing prayer into regular ministry rhythms?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Ask someone this week if you can pray for healing in their life.
- Spend time reading healing stories in the Gospels.
- Write out and pray a healing Scripture daily.
- Memorize James 5:16 or Isaiah 53:5.



## PRAY

### PRAYER JOURNALING

**Objective for Learning:**

To understand how writing prayers deepens intimacy with God, brings clarity, and records His faithfulness.

**Objective for Living:**

To cultivate the habit of journaling prayers, insights, and spiritual reflections for growth and remembrance.

**Objective for Leading:**

To guide others in using journaling as a spiritual tool for prayer, discipleship, and listening to God.

**Scriptures for Prayer Journaling:**

- Habakkuk 2:2
- Psalm 102:18
- Lamentations 3:21–23
- Psalm 119:27
- Deuteronomy 6:6–9
- Philippians 4:6–7
- 1 Chronicles 16:12
- Matthew 6:6
- Jeremiah 30:2
- 2 Corinthians 13:5
- Romans 15:4
- Psalm 77:11

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Journaling creates space to reflect, remember, and process with God. The prophets often wrote down what God said (Habakkuk 2:2), and David recorded his prayers and laments as psalms.

Writing prayers slows us down. It helps us be intentional and honest. Journals become testimonies—written evidence of God's voice, His answers, and His faithfulness over time.

Whether bullet-pointed or poetic, written prayers help focus our hearts and allow the Spirit to speak clearly.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- Have you ever kept a prayer journal? What was the experience like?
- How does writing your prayers change the way you pray?
- What are some things you would want to look back and remember?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How would you encourage someone who doesn't feel "like a writer"?
- What are ways to make journaling a sustainable habit?
- How do you teach others to listen to God while journaling?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Write a short prayer each day this week in a journal or notes app.
- Keep track of answered prayers and God's faithfulness.
- Share a journal entry with a trusted friend or mentor.
- Memorize Habakkuk 2:2 or Philippians 4:6.



## PRAY

### PRAYING WITH YOUR FAMILY

**Objective for Learning:**

To understand that praying together as a family is essential for spiritual unity, discipleship, and legacy.

**Objective for Living:**

To prioritize and normalize prayer within your family rhythms—meals, bedtime, decisions, celebrations, and trials.

**Objective for Leading:**

To encourage and equip other families to make prayer a cornerstone of their home and faith culture.

**Scriptures for Praying with Your Family:**

- Deuteronomy 6:6–7
- Joshua 24:15
- Psalm 78:4–7
- Ephesians 6:4
- Colossians 3:16–17
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18
- Proverbs 22:6
- Matthew 18:19
- Genesis 18:19
- Acts 10:2
- 2 Timothy 1:5
- Luke 2:41–52

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Families that pray together stay rooted together. Prayer is one of the most effective ways to keep Christ at the center of your home. Deuteronomy 6 tells us to talk about God's Word as we walk, rise, and lie down. That's daily life!

Family prayer builds unity, creates peace, and teaches children dependence on God. Even simple prayers around meals, before school, or at bedtime build lifelong habits.

Leading your family spiritually doesn't require perfection—just intentionality and consistency.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How often do you currently pray with your family?
- What are simple ways to introduce more prayer into your family routine?
- How has family prayer impacted your relationships?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you model family prayer for others in your church or group?
- What are some tools or formats that make it easier for busy families?
- How do you encourage families who feel awkward or unsure?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Choose one time each day to pray as a family this week.
- Let different family members take turns leading prayer.
- Write out a family prayer or use a prayer jar with requests.
- Memorize Deuteronomy 6:6–7 or Matthew 18:19.



## **GIVE**

### **FINANCIAL GENEROSITY**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand God's heart for financial giving and why generosity is a foundational mark of discipleship.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To joyfully and faithfully honor God through consistent, sacrificial giving of financial resources.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To disciple others into biblical generosity, modeling and teaching the joy and responsibility of giving.

#### **Scriptures for Financial Generosity:**

- Proverbs 3:9–10
- Malachi 3:10
- Luke 6:38
- 2 Corinthians 9:6–8
- Acts 20:35
- Matthew 6:19–21
- 1 Timothy 6:17–19
- Deuteronomy 15:10
- Hebrews 13:16
- Mark 12:41–44
- Romans 12:8
- 2 Corinthians 8:1–5

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Financial giving is a heart issue before it's a money issue. Jesus said where your treasure is, your heart will be also (Matt. 6:21). God doesn't need your money—He wants your trust. Giving breaks the grip of greed, cultivates joy, and funds Kingdom impact.

The tithe (10%) is a biblical starting point for generosity, but New Testament giving goes beyond obligation—it's joyful, intentional, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 9:7). Generosity honors God and helps meet the needs of others.

When we give consistently and cheerfully, we become more like our generous God.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What is your current attitude toward giving financially?
- How have you seen God provide when you've been generous?
- What does Scripture teach about how and why we give?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you disciple someone who is afraid to tithe or start giving?
- What are some practical ways to talk about giving with others?
- How do you model financial generosity in your leadership?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Review your current giving habits—where can you grow?
- Pray about your tithe or offering and act in obedience this week.
- Share a testimony of generosity with a friend or group.
- Memorize Luke 6:38 or 2 Corinthians 9:7.



## GIVE

### UNDERSTANDING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Objective for Learning:**

To distinguish between tithes and offerings and understand their biblical purpose and impact.

**Objective for Living:**

To faithfully give both tithes and offerings as an act of worship, trust, and Kingdom partnership.

**Objective for Leading:**

To teach others how tithing and offerings express our obedience and support the mission of the Church.

**Scriptures for Tithes and Offerings:**

- Leviticus 27:30
- Malachi 3:8–10
- Matthew 23:23
- Genesis 14:18–20
- Numbers 18:21
- 2 Chronicles 31:4–5
- Deuteronomy 14:22–23
- 2 Corinthians 8:12
- Exodus 35:5
- Mark 12:17
- Proverbs 11:24–25
- Luke 21:1–4

**Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Tithes are the first tenth of our income, set apart for the Lord (Lev. 27:30). Offerings go beyond the tithe—gifts freely given in response to God's blessings or specific needs. Together, they reflect our obedience and generosity.

Jesus affirmed the practice of tithing (Matt. 23:23), not legalistically, but in the context of justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Offerings are invitations to participate in what God is doing—locally and globally.

Understanding the difference clarifies our commitment and releases us from confusion or guilt. It's not about pressure—it's about participating in God's work with joy.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What do the words “tithe” and “offering” mean to you?
- How have you seen offerings make a difference in ministry?
- What motivates your giving: obligation or worship?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you explain tithes and offerings to someone new in the faith?
- How do you disciple others in making giving a regular rhythm?
- What examples from your own life can you share to inspire giving?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- If you're not tithing, start with a small percentage and grow in faith.
- Consider a one-time offering this week for a special cause or person.
- Write down a giving goal and pray over it.
- Memorize Malachi 3:10 or Matthew 23:23.



## **GIVE**

### **TIME STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand that time is a gift from God and is meant to be stewarded wisely and intentionally.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To prioritize God's Kingdom in your schedule and live with purpose and balance.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To help others evaluate and realign their time toward spiritual growth, service, and rest.

#### **Scriptures for Time Stewardship:**

- Ephesians 5:15–17
- Psalm 90:12
- Colossians 4:5
- Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Matthew 6:33
- James 4:13–15
- Proverbs 21:5
- Luke 10:38–42
- Mark 1:35
- Psalm 39:4–5
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Romans 12:1

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Time is a non-renewable resource. Once spent, it's gone. Scripture tells us to redeem the time (Eph. 5:16) and number our days (Psalm 90:12). Stewarding time well means living with purpose, margin, and awareness of what matters most.

Jesus balanced rest, prayer, people, and mission. So can we. Time stewardship doesn't mean busyness—it means intentionality. It's about aligning our calendar with our calling.

When we surrender our schedule, we invite God into every hour of our lives.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What does your current schedule say about your priorities?
- Where are you investing time that doesn't align with your purpose?
- How can you intentionally make room for God's mission in your week?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you guide others in creating margin for what matters most?
- What rhythms or tools help people reflect on how they use their time?
- How do you lead your team or family in stewarding time wisely?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Audit your schedule and identify 2–3 areas that need adjusting.
- Block off time this week for uninterrupted time with God.
- Set a recurring time for serving or discipling others.
- Memorize Ephesians 5:15–16 or Psalm 90:12.



## **GIVE**

### **USING TALENTS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To discover that every gift and skill we possess is meant to glorify God and build His Kingdom.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To actively use your talents in your church, community, and calling to serve others and reflect Jesus.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To help others identify, develop, and deploy their God-given talents in meaningful and impactful ways.

#### **Scriptures for Using Talents:**

- 1 Peter 4:10–11
- Romans 12:6–8
- Matthew 25:14–30
- 1 Corinthians 12:4–7
- Colossians 3:23–24
- Exodus 31:1–5
- Ephesians 2:10
- Proverbs 18:16
- 2 Timothy 1:6
- Philippians 2:13
- James 1:17
- Genesis 1:28

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

You are gifted on purpose for a purpose. God gives spiritual gifts, natural talents, and acquired skills—not for self-glory but for His mission. As 1 Peter 4:10 says, we are to steward these gifts to serve one another.

Jesus' parable of the talents (Matt. 25) reminds us that God expects us to use what we've been given. Hiding or ignoring your gift is not humility—it's missed opportunity. When you use your gifts, others are blessed, and God is glorified.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are some talents or gifts God has given you?
- How are you currently using those for Kingdom impact?
- What fears or excuses keep you from stepping out?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you help others discover their gifts?
- What opportunities can you create for people to grow in their talents?
- How do you lead with both confidence and humility?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Identify one talent you're not currently using and activate it this week.
- Ask a mentor or leader to affirm the gifts they see in you.
- Invite someone to serve alongside you using their talents.
- Memorize 1 Peter 4:10 or Ephesians 2:10.



## **GIVE**

### **REMOVING DISTRACTIONS**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the spiritual value of simplicity and its role in removing distractions to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To declutter your heart and life to better pursue God's presence, priorities, and mission.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To lead others in embracing a lifestyle of simplicity, focus, and margin for discipleship and mission.

#### **Scriptures for Simplicity and Focus:**

- Matthew 6:19–21
- Luke 12:15
- Philippians 3:7–8
- Hebrews 12:1–2
- 1 Timothy 6:6–8
- Ecclesiastes 4:6
- Proverbs 15:16
- Matthew 13:22
- Romans 12:2
- Psalm 119:37
- Mark 10:21
- 2 Timothy 2:4

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

We live in a culture of excess and distraction, but Jesus calls us to simplicity. Not poverty—but priority. Simplicity is about removing what hinders so we can focus on what matters most: loving God and loving people.

Distractions aren't always bad things—they're just not the best things. Hebrews 12:1 urges us to throw off everything that hinders. When we simplify, we create space to hear God, serve others, and live on mission.

Simplicity leads to clarity. And clarity leads to power.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What's currently distracting you from spiritual growth?
- How would your life look different with more simplicity?
- What's one step you can take to declutter your schedule or space?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you model a lifestyle of simplicity?
- How can you help others recognize distractions in their lives?
- What disciplines can you teach that cultivate focus?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Fast from a non-essential item or habit for the next 7 days.
- Clean out an area of your home or schedule as an act of surrender.
- Share your simplicity goal with a friend or mentor.
- Memorize Matthew 6:21 or Hebrews 12:1.



## **GIVE**

### **SHARING RESOURCES**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand that sharing what we have is a biblical expression of love, generosity, and gospel community.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To develop a lifestyle of open-handedness, regularly using your possessions to meet needs and glorify God.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To encourage and equip others to view their resources as tools for blessing, not items to hoard.

#### **Scriptures for Sharing Resources:**

- Acts 2:44–45
- Hebrews 13:16
- 1 John 3:17–18
- Luke 3:11
- Deuteronomy 15:7–8
- Proverbs 11:25
- 2 Corinthians 9:10–11
- Matthew 5:42
- Isaiah 58:7
- James 2:15–17
- Romans 12:13
- Philippians 4:15–17

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

From the early church in Acts to the teachings of Jesus, sharing resources is a hallmark of true discipleship. It reflects God’s generosity and builds unity in the body of Christ.

When we hold things loosely—homes, vehicles, clothes, tools, even food—we demonstrate that God is our provider and people are more valuable than possessions.

Sharing what we have doesn’t diminish us—it multiplies impact. God blesses and uses generosity to meet needs, build relationships, and make His love visible.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What resource have you been blessed with that others might need?
- What holds you back from sharing freely?
- How has someone else's generosity impacted your life?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you inspire others to live open-handedly?
- What practical systems or rhythms could you create for sharing in your group or church?
- How do you help others discern needs and respond wisely?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Share a resource with someone this week—something you normally hold tightly.
- Look for a need in your community or church and meet it anonymously.
- Invite someone into a “share it if you need it” relationship.
- Memorize Hebrews 13:16 or 1 John 3:17.



## **GIVE**

### **SUPPORTING MISSIONS**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand God's heart for global and local missions and our role in supporting it through giving and prayer.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To faithfully give, pray, and advocate for the spread of the gospel around the world.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To lead others in catching a vision for missions and investing in the Great Commission.

#### **Scriptures for Supporting Missions:**

- Matthew 28:19–20
- Romans 10:14–15
- Philippians 4:15–17
- Acts 1:8
- 3 John 1:5–8
- Isaiah 6:8
- Matthew 9:37–38
- 2 Corinthians 9:11–13
- Luke 10:2
- Romans 15:20–24
- Mark 16:15
- Psalm 96:3

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Missions isn't just a department of the church—it's the mission of the Church. Jesus calls every disciple to be part of the global effort to make disciples. Some go, and others send, give, and pray.

Paul regularly thanked churches for their support of his missionary work (Phil. 4). Supporting missions financially and spiritually is not just generous—it's essential.

When you support missions, you expand your reach beyond your own context. You're part of planting churches, translating Bibles, rescuing the vulnerable, and sharing hope in dark places.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What is your current engagement with missions (giving, praying, going)?
- Why do you think missions support is so important?
- How can your heart grow for God's work around the world?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you help others develop a vision for global missions?
- What's a practical way to raise awareness and support within your church or group?
- How can you mentor others to give and pray regularly for missions?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Choose one missionary or organization to give to and pray for this week.
- Research a country you've never prayed for and intercede for the people there.
- Share a missions testimony with your group or family.
- Memorize Romans 10:15 or Matthew 28:19–20.



## **GIVE**

### **HELPING IN TIMES OF CRISIS**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the biblical mandate to show up with compassion and action during crisis moments.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To respond to crises with practical, Spirit-led help that reflects the love of Christ.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To mobilize others to step in during times of need with readiness, unity, and faith.

#### **Scriptures for Helping in Crisis:**

- Luke 10:30–37
- Galatians 6:2
- Proverbs 3:27
- Isaiah 58:10
- Romans 12:15
- Matthew 25:35–40
- James 2:14–17
- 2 Corinthians 1:3–4
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
- John 11:33–36
- Acts 11:27–30
- Deuteronomy 15:11

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Crises are defining moments for the Church. They are opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus when people are hurting, vulnerable, or overwhelmed.

Jesus modeled compassion in action. The Good Samaritan didn't wait for an invitation—he moved toward the need. We are called to do the same.

Whether it's illness, loss, disaster, or hardship, showing up is a powerful witness. Often, the gospel is heard most clearly through empathy and presence.

#### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How have others helped you during a time of crisis?
- What keeps you from responding when someone is in need?
- How can you be more attentive to the needs of those around you?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How do you prepare a team or small group to respond to crisis?
- What partnerships or resources can you mobilize quickly?
- How do you disciple others to show up with grace, not just solutions?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Reach out to someone going through a tough time this week and ask how you can help.
- Put together a small care package or meal for someone in need.
- Commit to being the kind of person who responds rather than waits.
- Memorize Galatians 6:2 or Luke 10:37.



## **GIVE**

### **TEACHING GENEROSITY**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the biblical basis for generosity and the calling to pass it on to others.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To regularly speak about and model generosity as a lifestyle and value.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To disciple others in giving joyfully, consistently, and sacrificially to reflect the heart of God.

#### **Scriptures for Teaching Generosity:**

- 2 Corinthians 9:6–8
- 1 Timothy 6:17–19
- Proverbs 11:24–25
- Acts 20:35
- Luke 6:38
- Deuteronomy 15:10
- Romans 12:8
- 2 Corinthians 8:7
- Matthew 6:19–21
- Psalm 37:21
- Hebrews 13:16
- Malachi 3:10

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Generosity is contagious—but it must be taught and modeled. Paul told Timothy to teach the rich to be generous (1 Tim. 6:18). We do others a disservice if we avoid the topic of giving out of discomfort or fear.

When we teach generosity, we're teaching faith, freedom, and joy. It's not about guilt—it's about growth. The more we give, the more we trust, and the more God uses us.

Generosity isn't just about finances—it's about a posture of abundance and hospitality in all areas of life.

**Questions for Learning and Living:**

- How have you been taught generosity?
- What hinders you from talking about giving with others?
- How can you lead by example in this area?

**Questions for Leading:**

- How can you teach generosity without guilt or pressure?
- What stories or Scriptures help communicate the heart behind giving?
- How can you build a culture of generosity in your ministry or home?

**Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- Share a testimony of how generosity has changed your life.
- Teach a child, friend, or new believer about giving biblically.
- Look for a moment this week to give in an unexpected way.
- Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:7 or 1 Timothy 6:18.



## **GIVE**

### **ABOVE & BEYOND GENEROSITY**

#### **Objective for Learning:**

To understand the biblical call to generous, sacrificial, above-and-beyond giving that reflects God's heart and advances His Kingdom.

#### **Objective for Living:**

To cultivate a lifestyle that goes beyond basic giving and joyfully offers time, resources, and finances in ways that stretch faith and fuel mission.

#### **Objective for Leading:**

To be able to model, teach, and inspire others to practice above-and-beyond generosity that honors God and impacts people eternally.

#### **Scriptures for Legacy Giving:**

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- Luke 21:1-4
- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Malachi 3:10
- Acts 20:35
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Philippians 4:15-19
- Hebrews 13:16

#### **Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):**

Above-and-beyond generosity flows from a heart transformed by Jesus. Scripture shows that giving is not about an amount but about faith, worship, and trust. The Macedonian believers (2 Corinthians 8) gave sacrificially out of poverty, demonstrating that generosity is rooted in grace, not abundance. Jesus praised the widow's offering in Luke 21 because she gave from her heart, not her surplus.

Biblical generosity reminds us that everything belongs to God, and we honor Him by releasing what He has entrusted to us for His purposes. Above-and-beyond giving extends beyond finances—it includes time, resources, hospitality, and compassion.

This kind of generosity advances mission, supports those in need, and stores up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). When we give freely, we declare that God is our provider and that His Kingdom is our priority.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What motivates biblical generosity? How is it different from cultural generosity or philanthropy?
- Which Scriptures most challenge or inspire you toward deeper generosity?
- What are some ways God has provided for you that increase your trust in Him?
- What areas of your life (time, finances, resources) are hardest to give above and beyond? Why?
- How does sacrificial generosity shape your spiritual growth and trust in God?

### **Questions for Leading:**

- How can you model above-and-beyond generosity in ways others can see and follow?
- What are some practical ways to encourage those you disciple to grow in generosity?
- How would you explain the difference between tithing and above-and-beyond generosity?
- What obstacles might people face when it comes to sacrificial generosity, and how can you help them overcome these barriers?
- How can generosity be used as a discipleship tool to shape hearts and priorities?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1–3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to take the next step of learning, living, or leading in this area.
- Pray and ask God to show you one opportunity this week to give above and beyond—whether through finances, time, service, or meeting a need.
- Choose one Scripture from this study that impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.