



# Genesis to Revelation



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and help others do the same®*



# Introduction

The motto of The Navigators is “to know Christ, make Him known, and help others do the same®.” Each week Bible studies focus on practical topics to equip you to: (1) Know Jesus better and (2) Share Christ with others!

Following Jesus requires an investment of time and energy. We are asking you to do the following each week as we hope to grow personally and as a community of disciples and disciple-makers:

- engage with the people in your study
- faithfully apply the week’s topic

As a community, we are trusting God for a disciple-making movement of the Gospel. We pray you encounter Jesus and experience rich friendships through this study, growing together as his disciples and learning how to join him in his mission to make disciples of all nations.

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# Discovery Bible Study

## Discussion Overview

### **Past**

Care: Share how you are doing.

- What are you thankful for this week? What has been stressful for you?

Accountability: Share how you are applying God's word to your life and relationships.

- How did your applications from last week go?

Worship: Give thanks or praise God together.

### **Present**

Read and Retell: Pray and read the passage of Scripture. Someone retell the story.

Others fill in what is missing.

Discuss: Discuss the passage. You can incorporate additional questions.

- What stands out to you from the passage?
- What do we learn from the passage about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?
- What do we learn from the passage about people?
- What questions do you have about the passage?
- Summarize the passage. What's the main point?
- What from the passage does Jesus want us to obey?

### **Future**

Apply: God desires our trust and obedience. Discuss your applications for the coming week.

- Grow: What from the passage is Jesus inviting you to trust and obey him in this week? (What is your "I will" statement?)
- Go: Who can you encourage with what you're learning this week?

Pray

- How can we pray for one another this week?

# INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

## (OPTIONAL PREP)

While there is no required preparation for discussion, this page provides an introduction to the inductive study method and additional ideas for enriching your study of God's Word.

### **Inductive Study Method:**

Record observations: Observations get at the facts of the passage. Ask questions of the passage like who? what? where? when? why? and how?

List interpretations: After making initial observations of the text, Interpretation helps us understand what the passage means. Consider the purpose, key thoughts and the flow of the author's thoughts.

Record possible applications: We are not seeking to increase our knowledge for the sake of knowing more "about" God. We are striving to become more like Jesus. Often we have a lot of knowledge, but it must root itself into our hearts in order to really transform us.

Consider the acronym SPECK to help you commit to applying a truth from your study:

S - sin to avoid

P - promise to claim

E - example to follow or not

C - command to obey

K - knowledge to pursue

To make sure your application will produce the results you desire, use SPAM:

S - specific

P - practical

A - attainable

M - measurable

### **Additional Ideas:**

Include cross-references: This is the practice of finding and considering similar passages to the one being studied. The Bible interprets the Bible.

Mark a passage: Visually marking the text assists you in "seeing" what the author is talking about. For example, highlight a repeated word or circle each use of God.

Create a summary: Write a key thought for each verse. Combine the key thoughts for each verse into a summary of key thoughts. Create an outline and a title for the passage.

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# Genesis 1

## **Past:**

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## **Present:**

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Others fill in what is missing.

Discuss the passage.  
What stands out to you from the passage?

What do we learn from the passage about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?

What do we learn from the passage about people?

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth." 7 And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. 8 God called the space "sky."

And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear." And that is what happened. 10 God called the dry ground "land" and the waters "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came." And that is what happened. 12 The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

13 And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

14 Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. 15 Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth." And that is what happened. 16 God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, 18 to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.



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19 And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

23 And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals." And that is what happened. 25 God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27 So God created human beings in his own image.  
In the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

29 Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened.

31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

# Genesis 3

## **Past:**

What are you thankful for this week? What has been stressful for you?

How did your applications from last week go?

Pray together! Praise God and ask for his help.

## **Present:**

Read the passage. Someone retell the story.

Others fill in what is missing.

Discuss the passage. What stands out to you from the passage?

What do we learn from the passage about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?

What do we learn from the passage about people?

3 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

12 The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

"The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

14 Then the Lord God said to the serpent,



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"Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild.

You will crawl on your belly,  
groveling in the dust as long as you live.

15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

16 Then he said to the woman,

"I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy,  
and in pain you will give birth.

And you will desire to control your husband,  
but he will rule over you."

17 And to the man he said,

"Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree  
whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,  
the ground is cursed because of you.

All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you,  
though you will eat of its grains.

19 By the sweat of your brow  
will you have food to eat  
until you return to the ground  
from which you were made.

For you were made from dust,  
and to dust you will return."

20 Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. 21 And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

22 Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" 23 So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. 24 After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

# Genesis 12:1-9

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Discuss the passage.  
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12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

4 So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. 5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. 9 Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

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# Deuteronomy 5

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Discuss the passage.  
What stands out to you from the passage?

What do we learn from the passage about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?

What do we learn from the passage about people?

5 Moses called all the people of Israel together and said, "Listen carefully, Israel. Hear the decrees and regulations I am giving you today, so you may learn them and obey them!

2 "The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Mount Sinai. 3 The Lord did not make this covenant with our ancestors, but with all of us who are alive today. 4 At the mountain the Lord spoke to you face to face from the heart of the fire. 5 I stood as an intermediary between you and the Lord, for you were afraid of the fire and did not want to approach the mountain. He spoke to me, and I passed his words on to you. This is what he said:

6 "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.

7 "You must not have any other god but me.

8 "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind, or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 9 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 10 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

11 "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

12 "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. 13 You have six days each week for your ordinary work, 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your oxen and donkeys and other livestock, and any foreigners living among you. All your male and female servants must rest as you do. 15 Remember that you were once slaves in Egypt, but the Lord your God brought you out with his strong hand and powerful arm. That is why the Lord your God has commanded you to rest on the Sabbath day.

16 "Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God commanded you. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

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17 "You must not murder.

18 "You must not commit adultery.

19 "You must not steal.

20 "You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

21 "You must not covet your neighbor's wife. You must not covet your neighbor's house or land, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

22 "The Lord spoke these words to all of you assembled there at the foot of the mountain. He spoke with a loud voice from the heart of the fire, surrounded by clouds and deep darkness. This was all he said at that time, and he wrote his words on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

23 "But when you heard the voice from the heart of the darkness, while the mountain was blazing with fire, all your tribal leaders and elders came to me. 24 They said, 'Look, the Lord our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice from the heart of the fire. Today we have seen that God can speak to us humans, and yet we live! 25 But now, why should we risk death again? If the Lord our God speaks to us again, we will certainly die and be consumed by this awesome fire. 26 Can any living thing hear the voice of the living God from the heart of the fire as we did and yet survive? 27 Go yourself and listen to what the Lord our God says. Then come and tell us everything he tells you, and we will listen and obey.'

28 "The Lord heard the request you made to me. And he said, 'I have heard what the people said to you, and they are right. 29 Oh, that they would always have hearts like this, that they might fear me and obey all my commands! If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever. 30 Go and tell them, "Return to your tents." 31 But you stand here with me so I can give you all my commands, decrees, and regulations. You must teach them to the people so they can obey them in the land I am giving them as their possession.'

32 So Moses told the people, "You must be careful to obey all the commands of the Lord your God, following his instructions in every detail. 33 Stay on the path that the Lord your God has commanded you to follow. Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

# 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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Others fill in what is missing.

Discuss the passage.  
What stands out to you from the passage?

What do we learn from the passage about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?

What do we learn from the passage about people?

16 Now the Lord said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king."

2 But Samuel asked, "How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

"Take a heifer with you," the Lord replied, "and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me."

4 So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. "What's wrong?" they asked. "Do you come in peace?"

5 "Yes," Samuel replied. "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.

6 When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!"

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."



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8 Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "This is not the one the Lord has chosen." 9 Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, "Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen." 10 In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats."

"Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."

12 So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes.

And the Lord said, "This is the one; anoint him."

13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

# John 1:35-51

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35 The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. 36 As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" 37 When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

38 Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them.

They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. 41 Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ").

42 Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter").

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." 44 Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown.

45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

"Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.

47 As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity."

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48 "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you."

49 Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." 51 Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."

# Mark 15:24-39, 16:1-8

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24 Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece.

25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

26 A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." 27 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

29 The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. 30 Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

31 The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! 32 Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

35 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. 36 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!"

37 Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

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16 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. 3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

8 The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

# Acts 2:1-13

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2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! 9 Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

13 But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"



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Grow: What from the passage is Jesus inviting you to trust and obey him in this week?

Go: Who can you encourage with what you're learning this week?

Pray for one another!

# Revelation 21

## **Past:**

What are you thankful for this week? What has been stressful for you?

How did your applications from last week go?

Pray together! Praise God and ask for his help.

## **Present:**

Read the passage.  
Someone retell the story.  
Others fill in what is missing.

Discuss the passage.  
What stands out to you from the passage?

What do we learn from the passage about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?

What do we learn from the passage about people?

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." 6 And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. 7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

8 "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

9 Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

10 So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal. 12 The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. 13 There were three gates on each side—east, north, south, and west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**Present:**

What questions do you have about the passage?

Summarize the passage.

What's the main point?

What from the passage does Jesus want us to obey?

**Future:**

Consider and share "grow and go" applications.

Grow: What from the passage is Jesus inviting you to trust and obey him in this week?

Go: Who can you encourage with what you're learning this week?

Pray for one another!

15 The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1,400 miles. 17 Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (according to the human standard used by the angel).

18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass. 19 The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious stones: the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

21 The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.

22 I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. 24 The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. 25 Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. 26 And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. 27 Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

*for additional*

## **Notes**

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## Navigators Discipleship Tool

**Want a deeper relationship with God?  
Start with seven minutes a day and  
see what happens!**



# HOW TO HAVE A DAILY QUIET TIME

Most Christians firmly believe in the importance of spending daily time in God's Word and in prayer, yet, so many of us struggle to do either consistently. Perhaps it's because for us to consider them successful, we think every time with God needs to leave us feeling 100% peaceful or sure that we've received crystal clear messages from the Lord. That's not what happens every time, and that's okay.

"In the book of Psalms, David, who is called "the one after God's own heart," (1 Samuel 13:14) experiences the full spectrum of emotions as he prays fervently to God. He didn't hold back from pouring his authentic, messy heart out to the Lord, and we don't need to either. In fact, God welcomes it.

If you begin the spiritual discipline of spending seven minutes with God each day, you will soon find that it's impossible to stop there. An amazing thing happens—seven minutes become 20, and it's not long before you're spending 30 precious minutes with Him daily.

**Do it for the right reason.** Do not become devoted to the habit, but to the Savior. Spend time in the Word and prayer not because other people are doing it, not as a spiritless duty every morning, not merely as an end in itself, but because God has granted us the priceless privilege of fellowship with Him.

### **½ minute Preparing Your Heart**

Invest the first 30 seconds preparing your heart. You might pray, "Lord, cleanse my heart so You can speak to me through the Scriptures. Make my mind alert, my soul active and my heart responsive. Surround me with Your presence during this time."

### **4 minutes Listening to God (Scripture Reading)**

Take the next four minutes to read the Bible. Your greatest need is to hear a word from God. Allow the Word to strike fire in your heart. Meet the Author!

### **2½ minutes Talking to God (Prayer)**

After God has spoken through His Word, then speak to Him in prayer. One helpful method is to incorporate four areas of prayer that you can remember with the word ACTS.

**ADORATION** This is the purest kind of prayer because it's all for God. Tell the Lord that you love Him. Reflect on His greatness.

**CONFESSION** "Confession" comes from a root word meaning "to agree together with." When we apply this to prayer, it means we agree with God's estimation of what we've done. Ask Him to cleanse you of your sin and help you turn from it moving forward.

**THANKSGIVING** Think of several specific things to thank Him for: your family, your business, your church—even thank Him for being with you in hardship.

**SUPPLICATION** This means to "ask for, earnestly and humbly." Ask for others, then ask for yourself. Include people around the world, missionaries, friends, and those who have yet to hear about Jesus.



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**THIS TOOL IS MEANT TO BE SHARED.** To download a copy visit [navlink.org/quiet-time](http://navlink.org/quiet-time)  
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# 411 INTRO

MATTHEW 28:18-20

JESUS: "GO... MAKE DISCIPLES"

1 WHY?

411 TRAINING:

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2 WHO?

4 - QUESTIONS

3 WHAT?

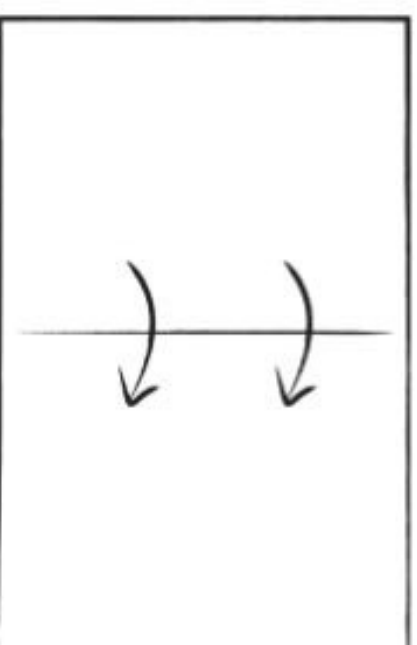
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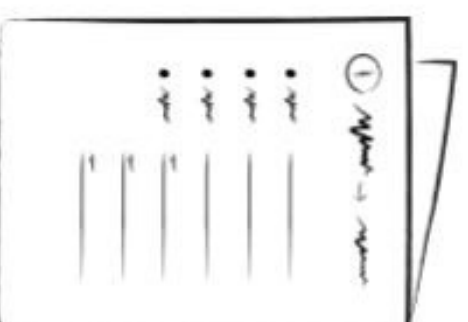
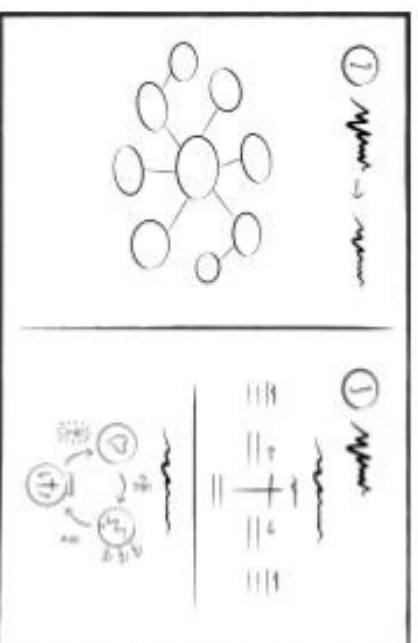
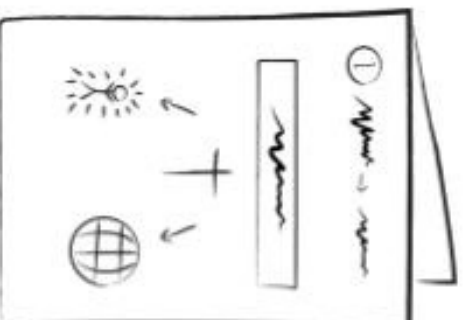


# HOW TO PRESENT ON A SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER



SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER

FOLD IN HALF



USE EACH SIDE FOR ONE OF THE 4 QUESTIONS

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WHY? → IDENTITY

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

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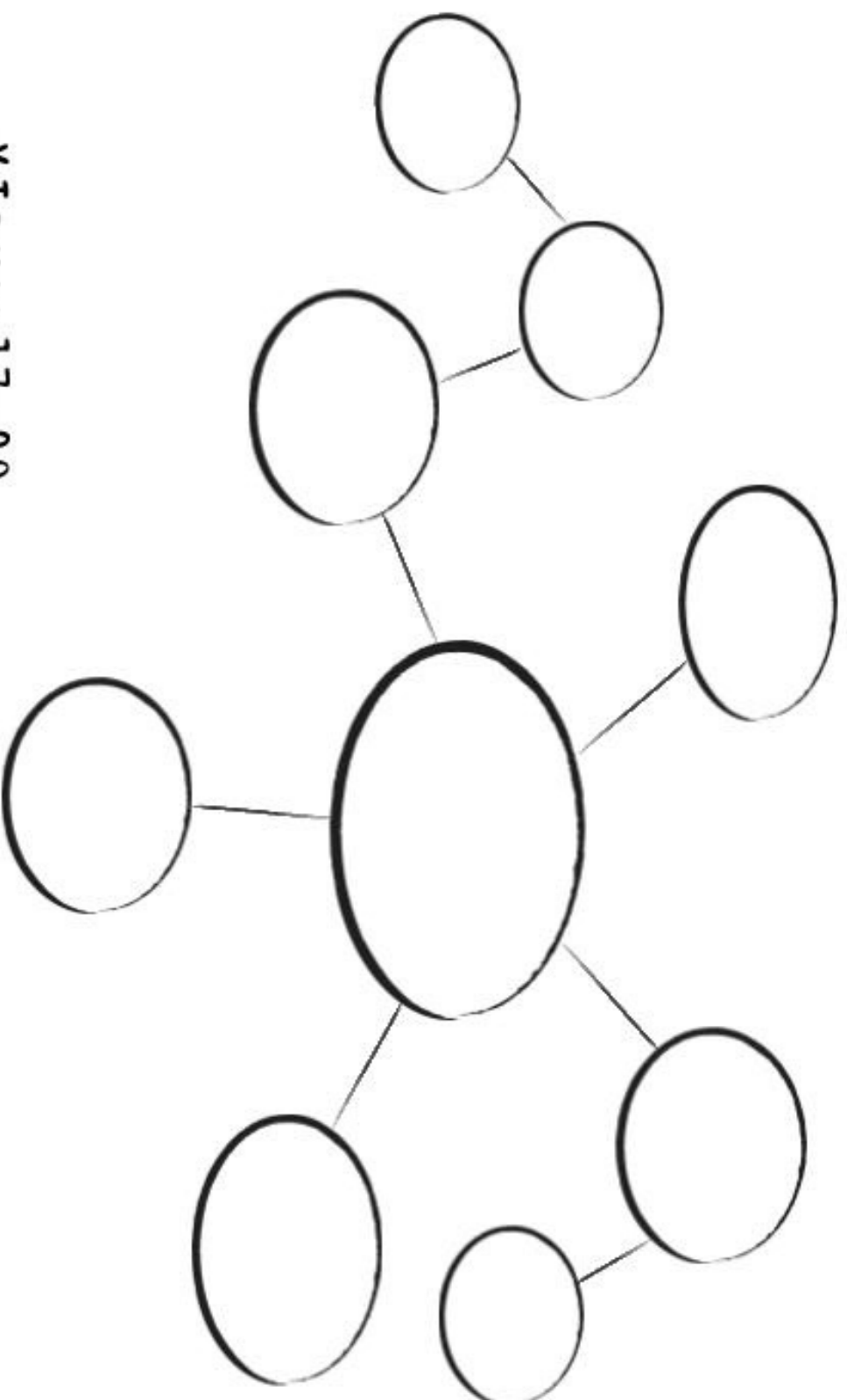
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## ② WHO? → OIKOS MAP



\*JOHN 17:20

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WHAT?

15-SEC TESTIMONY

INTRO:

THERE WAS  
A TIME IN  
MY LIFE...

ASK:

DO YOU  
HAVE A STORY  
LIKE THAT?

JESUS



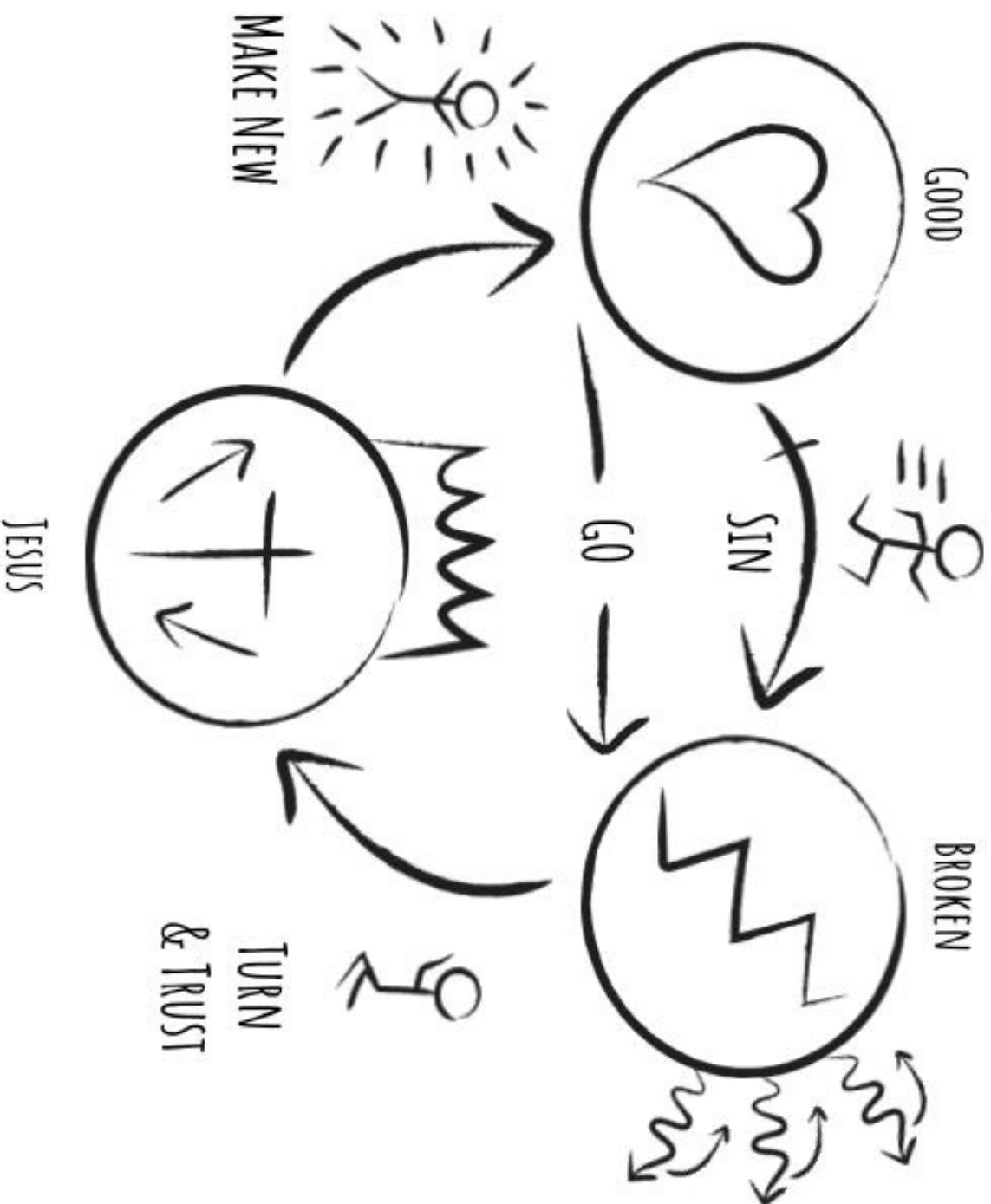
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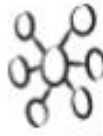


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WHEN?



SET GOALS



PRAY



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DAILY TIME

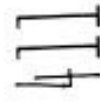


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NAME / TIME



TRAIN



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NAME / TIME

REVIEW



→ WHEN?



→ WHERE?



→ WHO ELSE?







## Navigators Discipleship Tool

The *Topical Memory System (TMS)* is a simple, easy-to-use system for memorizing key Bible verses that point to essential gospel truths.



# HOW TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

## A Simple, Easy Bible Memory System

If you or a friend are inspired to memorize Scripture but aren't sure where to start, this resource is the perfect launching point to begin "hiding God's Word in your heart" (Psalm 119:11).

We pray this new journey into Scripture also helps you *abide in*—or stay deeply rooted in—Christ, which Jesus tells us is the key to having Kingdom impact in this world (John 15:5).

### A Proven Approach

Memorizing Scripture is as an excellent strategy for spiritual growth. It allows you to have gospel truths ready at all times, whether your day brings you temptation, heartache or a friend in need of encouragement. Many thousands of people have shared that this system was what finally worked for them after years of trying other approaches.

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### Step 1: Pick an area of gospel truth you're motivated to understand more deeply

Use this topic and verse outline as a guide. It has been curated by The Navigators based on experience helping people of all ages grow in Christ since the 1930s. Keep a picture of this list on your phone!

## Step 2: Dig into the context

- Find the verse in your Bible and read the paragraph before and after it.
  - Use this context to gain a clear understanding of what the verse means. You may want to read the verse in other Bible translations or consult a commentary.
  - Read the verse through several times thoughtfully, aloud or in a whisper. This will help you grasp the verse as a whole. Each time you read it, say the topic, reference, verse, and then the reference again out loud.
  - Discuss the verse with God in prayer, and ask for His help memorizing Scripture.
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## Step 3: Memorize in Bite-Sized Pieces

- Memorize the topic and reference first.
  - Next, memorize only the first phrase of the verse. Once you can recite the topic, reference and first phrase from memory several times, continue to add each additional phrase, one by one.
  - Consider why each word was selected as you memorize it.
  - Think about ways the verse applies to you and your daily circumstances.
  - Writing the verse out can be helpful. This deepens its impression in your mind.
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## Step 4: Review with Friends

- Review the verse immediately after learning it, incorporate it into your prayers, and repeat it frequently over subsequent days to others. This step is crucial for fixing the verse firmly in your mind because we tend to forget things recently learned.
- Invite a friend to memorize with you! Set a time each week to check in and review verses. In just ten minutes you can give each other enough accountability to grow by leaps and bounds in your love for God and knowledge of His Word.
- Review! Review! Review! Repetition is the best way to engrave the verses on your memory.

You can order the complete TMS from our publisher NavPress (which includes a helpful guidebook, pocket-sized memory verse cards and a verse card holder) for yourself or as a gift for friends at [navlink.org/tms](http://navlink.org/tms). We also have another edition called *TMS: Life Issues*, found at [navlink.org/tms-life](http://navlink.org/tms-life)

### **LIVING THE NEW LIFE**

Christ the Center  
Obedience to Christ  
The Word  
Prayer  
Fellowship  
Witnessing

2 Corinthians 5:17  
Romans 12:1  
2 Timothy 3:16  
John 15:7  
Matthew 18:20  
Matthew 4:19

Galatians 2:20  
John 14:21  
Joshua 1:8  
Philippians 4:6-7  
Hebrews 10:24-25  
Romans 1:16

### **PROCLAIMING CHRIST**

All Have Sinned  
Sin's Penalty  
Christ Paid the Penalty  
Salvation is not by Works  
Must Receive Christ  
Assurance of Salvation

Romans 3:23  
Romans 6:23  
Romans 5:8  
Ephesians 2:8-9  
John 1:12  
1 John 5:13

Isaiah 53:6  
Hebrews 9:27  
1 Peter 3:18  
Titus 3:5  
Revelation 3:20  
John 5:24

### **RELIANCE ON GOD'S RESOURCES**

His Spirit  
His Strength  
His Faithfulness  
His Peace  
His Provision  
His Help in Temptation

1 Corinthians 3:16  
Isaiah 41:10  
Lamentations 3:22-23  
Isaiah 26:3  
Romans 8:32  
Hebrews 2:18

1 Corinthians 2:12  
Philippians 4:13  
Numbers 23:19  
1 Peter 5:7  
Philippians 4:19  
Psalms 119:9,11

### **BEING CHRIST'S DISCIPLE**

Put Christ First  
Separate From the World  
Be Steadfast  
Serve Others  
Give Generously  
Develop World Vision

Matthew 6:33  
1 John 2:15-16  
1 Corinthians 15:58  
Mark 10:45  
Proverbs 3:9-10  
Acts 1:8

Luke 9:23  
Romans 12:2  
Hebrews 12:3  
2 Corinthians 4:5  
2 Corinthians 9:6-7  
Matthew 28:19-20

### **GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS**

Love  
Humility  
Purity  
Honesty  
Faith  
Good Works

John 13:34-35  
Philippians 2:3-4  
Ephesians 5:3  
Leviticus 19:11  
Hebrews 11:6  
Galatians 6:9-10

1 John 3:18  
1 Peter 5:5-6  
1 Peter 2:11  
Acts 24:16  
Romans 4:20-21  
Matthew 5:16