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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of April 3rd // Conversation: April 9th // **Easter**

Everything Jesus did on the cross was **all for love**.

The ultimate act of love - taking on the penalty for our sins and bringing us **back into a right relationship with God**. It wasn't something he did because he had to, but because he loves us deeply and wants us to have eternal life. John 3:16 says, "For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but **have eternal life**." Jesus' love for us was the reason he went through all the pain and suffering of the cross, and through his death and resurrection, we have **hope** - a chance to be forgiven and have a new life with him.

This week, let's dive into the importance of the incredible event we are celebrating this weekend: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

pray.

Find a cozy spot and settle in. You're about to dive into the very Word of God and study it for yourself in preparation for Sunday's message. Ask God to open your mind and guide you in all understanding. His Holy Spirit will minister and speak to you during this time together!

observe.

Using different colors, mark the following key words in the text that has been printed out for you below. Using colors helps you see the main focus of the text!

01 Mark every reference to resurrection with a cross.

02 Underline every reference to hope.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-19

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!

¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

Ephesians 1:18-20

¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

JOHN 20:1-18 (NLT)

¹ Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹ for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home.

¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

¹⁶ “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). ¹⁷ “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!”

interpret.

01 What does Paul say in 1 Corinthians about the significance of the resurrection?

02 What are “his rich and glorious inheritance” that are mentioned here?

03 What does Jesus’ reaction to Mary tell us about our hope?

apply.

01 How does the power of the resurrection give us hope and assurance in your own life?

02 How can you share the truth of the resurrection with others, especially those who may not believe?

bring it together.

Through the resurrection, Jesus has been exalted to the highest place of honor and power in heaven. And because we are **one** with Christ through faith, we too have access to that power and can live with **hope** and confidence.

So what does all this mean for us as we celebrate Easter? We can rejoice that our Savior has conquered sin and death and given us the gift of eternal life. It means that we can live with **hope**, knowing that we have access to the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. And it means that we can embrace mission and share this incredible message of hope with others, so that they too can experience the joy of knowing Christ.

Take time to thank God for the gift of His Son and the miracle of the resurrection. Ask Him to help you to live with **hope** and confidence, knowing that we are **one** with Christ and have access to his power. Ask for the courage to **embrace mission** and share this message of **hope** with others.

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