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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 October 30th // Conversation November 5th
Jesus Prays for the Faith of the Disciples

There are times in our walk when we feel like we've failed God. Whether it's missing an opportunity to witness to a friend or not stepping out in faith when we're called to go on a mission trip, we all wobble in our walk with God every now and then. Let's look at a time when Jesus prayed that the faith of Simon Peter and the disciples would not fail.

pray.

Take some time to close your eyes and pray to God before diving into His Word. Scripture is living and active (Hebrews 4:12). It's inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right (2 Tim 3:16). Ask the Author of Scripture to open your understanding today.

observe.

01  every reference to Simon (aka Peter).

02  Put a cross over every reference to Jesus.



Luke 22:31-34 (NLT)

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you (the “you” here is plural - Jesus is speaking to all His disciples) like wheat. ³² But I [Jesus] have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

³³ Peter said, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.”

³⁴ But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

interpret.

01 The Greek word for sift in verse 31 is *siniaz*, which means “to shake in a sieve; to try one’s faith to the point of overthrowing it”. What does this tell you about Satan’s intentions towards the disciples?

interpret.

02 What did Jesus pray for Simon and all of His disciples specifically in verse 32?

03 What do you think Simon would need to repent of in verse 32?
Hint: Look at verse 34.

04 Do you think Jesus prays for our faith in a similar manner?

apply.

01

Have you ever thought that you would stand firm for Jesus, much like Simon, only to discover that you wavered in your faith? Simon said he would be ready to go to prison and death, but that very night, he would deny Jesus 3 times.

02

When we fail in our faith, can we experience the same restoration that Simon did? Jesus said, "When you [Simon] have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren" (NKJV).

03

In light of this section of Scripture, how can you be praying for the faith of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ today?

bring it together.

We have a very real enemy. Satan desired to sift the disciples like wheat, and he desires the same for us. He wants our faith to fail. Knowing this, Jesus prayed that the faith of the disciples would not fail. He knew Simon would deny Him 3 times, but He also knew Peter would repent and be restored.

How this should encourage us to pray for our own faith and that of our brothers and sisters in Christ. When faced with trials and tests, we need to pray that our faith would not fail, and we wouldn't give into Satan's temptations to falter.

Spend some time in prayer. Talk to God about your faith and where you're at in your walk with Him. Ask Him to strengthen your faith in His power and to help you stand firm when you are sifted like wheat.

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We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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