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a step-by-step guide through Scripture

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 November 20th // Conversation November 26th
Praise and Thanksgiving

With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, let's spend some time studying what the Bible has to say about giving thanks.


pray.

Spend some time quieting your heart before the Lord today before you begin. Allow the distractions of the day to simply melt away, and talk to your God about His Word!

observe.

01 Put a  over any reference to the Lord.

02  every reference to praise or thanksgiving/giving thanks.

03 Put a  over any reference to Jesus.

1 Chronicles 15:8 (NLT)

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (NLT)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Psalm 75:1b

We thank you, O God! We give thanks because you are near. People everywhere tell of your wonderful deeds.

2 Corinthians 1:11

And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety.

Ephesians 5:20

And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.



interpret.

- 01 What were some of the reasons why people were giving thanks in the verses above? What were they thankful for/why?

apply.

01

What can you be thankful for today? Is there anyone you can contact via text, written note, email, etc. who you can express your thanks to? It would definitely make their day!

bring it together.

There are always reasons to praise God and offer thanksgiving. In our most difficult circumstances to the mountaintop, we should have a heart of gratitude. This Thanksgiving season, take some time to offer prayers of thanks to your God. This is a conversation between you and Him. Be honest if you're struggling to be thankful. It's okay to tell God how you feel! Ask Him to give you a new spirit of gratitude. He will definitely show up for you!

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We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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