



# encounter.

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.

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

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**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 February 19<sup>th</sup> // Conversation February 25<sup>th</sup>

## pray.

Lord, today I want to learn what it is to truly be a disciple. Please allow this time to be filled with learning about you and what your Word says in this Scripture passage.

## observe.

Marking key words in passages of Scripture helps to draw your attention to the main ideas/themes. It causes you to slow down and absorb what you're reading.

**01** Mark all references to God and Lord with a triangle.

**02** Circle the word teach/teaching.

### **Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is 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. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

### **Colossians 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

# interpret.

**01** Underline in v.42 what the believers did during this time. Look up the definition for the word “devoted”. If you have time, look up the Greek word for “devoted” as well.

**02** What does verse 43 say that the apostles performed during this time of fellowship together? How do you think it was possible for them to do this?

# interpret.

**03** Why do you think it was important for the new believers to be taught by the apostles?

**04** What does 2 Timothy 16-17 say about where the Scripture comes from and what it does?

# apply.

**01** What are some ways that we can teach (or be taught) with other fellow believers the way the first believers did?

**02** Are you challenged to 'make every effort' to read God's Word and learn (or be taught) from others? In turn, will you 'make every effort' to teach someone else who is in need of the Savior?

# bring it together.

At Pentecost, there were people in Jerusalem from all parts of the region. There were 3,000 believers accepted into the church on that day alone. Many of them stayed in this region and continued to learn from the apostles thus creating the “first church.”

Just like the first believers, we are also in need of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you study God’s Word (i.e. on your own, during worship, groups, or devotionals) and to receive His teaching.

Teaching others can be in big or small ways - just leading by example at your workplace and home can be a witness for Christ. Stay in God’s Word and pray daily for the Spirit to give you wisdom and knowledge to be able to teach others about Christ in your sphere of influence.

## connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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