



# 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.

-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 March 4<sup>th</sup> // Conversation March 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Love His Church - Meals and Generosity**

## pray.

## 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** Mark all references to Jesus Christ and Lord including pronouns like me, my, and he with a cross.
- 03** Circle the words that have to do with food such as meals, supper, eat, bread, drink, and cup.

## **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.

## **1 Corinthians 11:23-34**

<sup>23</sup> For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread <sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." <sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

<sup>27</sup> So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is

guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. <sup>29</sup> For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

<sup>31</sup> But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. <sup>32</sup> Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord's Supper, wait for each other. <sup>34</sup> If you are really hungry, eat at home so you won't bring judgment upon yourselves when you meet together. I'll give you instructions about the other matters after I arrive.

# interpret.

- 01** What did the believers do together in their homes in regard to meals in the early church? (see the Acts verses)
- 02** In Acts 2:46 it states, they shared in the “Lord’s Supper.” Based on 1 Corinthians 11:23, from whom did they learn how to share in the Lord’s Supper? List what the bread and the cup represent in verses 24-25.
- 03** Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 and look up the definition of “unworthily.” What do you think it means to examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup? Likewise, what does it say in verses 29-30 about eating it without honoring the body of Christ?

# interpret.

**04** What does Paul say being 'judged by the Lord' does for us (v. 31-32)?

**05** In verses 33-34, what does Paul instruct the believers to do when they gather for the Lord's Supper?

# apply.

**01** Take some time to reflect on what communion means to you. If you need to re-read the 1 Corinthians 11 verses again, do so. Jot down anything that you learned by reading this passage of Scripture.

# bring it together.

The apostles learned from Jesus the meaning and purpose of the Lord's Supper when he shared it with them for the first time on the night before he was betrayed. They in turn shared what they learned from their Lord with the other believers in commemorating His life, death, and resurrection. Isn't it amazing that we, as a church, get to physically share in this holy supper together to remember what He did for us on the cross?

Sharing in the bread and cup proclaims the Lord's death until He comes again. This week, make sure you take time to "examine yourself" before you take the Lord's Supper. Talk to God, ask Him for forgiveness, go to Him in reverence, and give thanks for what He did for you. Then with awe and a grateful heart, take and eat the bread and the cup as physical reminders of your eternal life with Him!

## connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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