



# 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.  
-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 March 25<sup>th</sup> // Conversation March 31<sup>th</sup>

## Repentance

Repent.

What does it mean? Why do we do it? Do we have to do it?




Let's dive into this topic for this week's devotional.

## pray.

How do you want to be presented to God when you meet Him face to face? 1 Timothy 2:15 says, "be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." How can you handle the word of truth if you don't know what it says? Let's ask God to guide us during this time of study.

## 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** Put a  over every mention of God.
- 02** Put a  over every mention of Jesus.
- 03** Put an arrow like  this over the word "repent".

## **Acts 2:22-24; 32-33; 36-41 (NLT)**

*In this section of Scripture, Peter is addressing the crowd after Pentecost.*

### **22 - 24**

<sup>22</sup> “People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. <sup>23</sup> But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. <sup>24</sup> But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

### **32 - 33**

<sup>32</sup> “God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. <sup>33</sup> Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.

## **36 - 41**

<sup>36</sup> “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” <sup>37</sup> Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away - all who have been called by the Lord our God.” <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” <sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

# interpret.

**01** In v. 22, how did God show His endorsement of Jesus as Messiah?

**02** According to v. 23, were the things that happened to Jesus an accident? What words give you a clue as to why or why not?

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**04** What event happened after Jesus was raised from the dead in v. 33? Hint: What had just happened to the crowd on the day of Pentecost?

**05** Which words pierced the hearts of the crowd in v. 37? Hint: Look at the words that came just before this verse. Why would this pierce their hearts?

**06** What did Peter tell the crowd they needed to do in v. 38?

# apply.

**01** Are you like the crowd in any way? Have your sins crucified Jesus to the cross? Was there a time when you did not recognize Him as Lord and Messiah?

**02** Have you repented of your sin and been baptized as a symbol of your being born again to a new life?

**03** The Greek verb for “repent” in v. 38 is *metanoe*. It means to change one’s mind, to view one’s sin with disgust and hatred, or to do a 180 degree turn and walk the other way.

Knowing this, have you repented lately of your sin? When was the last time you talked to God about it?

# bring it together.

After the crowd heard Peter say that Jesus was proved to be both Lord and Messiah, and that they were the ones who delivered Him up to be crucified along with the Gentiles, their hearts were pierced.

Their immediate response was, “what should we do?”

That answer? Repent of your sins and turn to God.

It’s the same for us today! The Holy Spirit will pierce our hearts with conviction when we sin. We need to talk to God about it (which is also known as confessing) and agree with Him that we’ve sinned. 1 John 1:9 says, “But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” What an incredible promise!

After we have been forgiven, we need to repent. We need to turn the other way and begin walking in the opposite direction. We need to make that 180 degree turn, change our minds, and walk in the Spirit.

This is a daily practice for a child of God. We need to keep short accounts with God. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal our sin to us so we can confess it, repent of it, and walk in the right path. We also need to be praying for each other and encourage one another in our individual walks with God.

## connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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