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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. It 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.

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 August 4th // Conversation August 10th

Discipline & Correction // Proverbs 3:11-12.

intro.

By the title of this devotional, the topic may be uncomfortable and one we may wish wasn't in the Bible. After all, who enjoys being corrected? But, let's look at a few select Scriptures to gain a Biblical perspective on discipline, correction and the heart of God towards those who fear Him!

pray.

Pray Psalm 119:15-16 to God in your own words as you begin your devotional.

15 I will study your commandment and reflect on your ways.

16 I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

observe.

01 Circle the word discipline(d).

02 Put a triangle around the word Lord & God including pronouns like "he" and "his."

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NLT)

11 My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline,
and don't be upset when he corrects you.
12 For the Lord corrects those he loves,
just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

Hebrews 5:7-11 (NLT)

7 As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? 8 If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. 9 Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? 10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. 11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Psalm 103:11-14 (NLT)

11 For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
12 He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.
13 The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.
14 For he knows how weak we are;
he remembers we are only dust.

interpret.

01 In Proverbs, what should our attitude be towards the discipline of the LORD?

02 Who does the LORD correct (Proverbs)?

03 According to Hebrews 5:8, what does it mean if God doesn't discipline you?

04 In verse 10, what does it say about God's discipline?

05 What might we share in?

06 What will there be after we have been disciplined according to Psalm 103:11?

07 How is God's unfailing love described in Psalm 103:11?

08 In verse 12, what has God done for us?

09 Finally in Psalm 103:14, what does God remember about us in this verse? What do you think that means when He corrects us?

bring it together.

God disciplines His children, proving they are legitimately His! If He didn't discipline us, according to Hebrews 5, then we wouldn't be children of His at

all. Even though this correction can be painful at times, it will produce a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

When God corrects, He is true to His character. He knows how weak we are and He remembers we are only dust, according to Psalm 103. He doesn't destroy us, but rather He is tender and compassionate towards those who fear Him.

As you're contemplating these verses, and the topic of correction/discipline, ask God to speak truth to your heart. Bring your past hurts of correction that was perhaps too harsh to the throne of God and ask for healing. God will speak to you and prepare your heart for Sunday's message, if you ask Him.