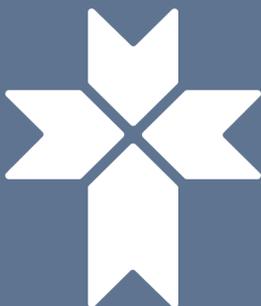


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**"Christianity without discipleship is
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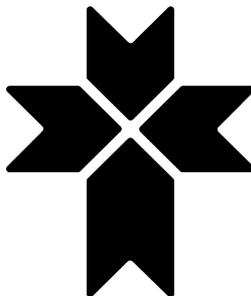
INTRODUCTION

We are beyond thrilled that you have placed your faith in Jesus! Grace Life Church is committed to making Jesus-centered Disciples for God's glory. We want to equip you to live out your new faith in Jesus Christ.

This guide is to help you learn and understand what it means to follow Jesus. You won't work through this guide alone, but someone who will help answer the questions you will have along the way. This is not an exhaustive guide on being a disciple of Jesus, but it is a start.

This guide is designed to work along side the book "Now that I am a Christian". While you work through the book, you'll learn how to study the Bible, the importance of prayer, and the necessity of Christian community. You'll also learn more about who God is, what He has done through his Son Jesus, and how the Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives each and every day.

We pray this guide helps you fall more in love with Jesus as you learn to follow him.



Titus 2:11-15

[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

[12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

[13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

[14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

[15] Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you. (ESV)

WEEK ONE

THE GOSPEL

TITUS 2:11-15

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read this Section on "The Gospel"

Read Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-12

Memorize Ephesians 2:8-10

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
(ESV)

Ephesians 2:8-10

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The reason Jesus is important to us is because every person who has walked this earth is born a sinner. The only way to be saved from your sin is through Jesus. The Gospel is the good news God was gracious towards fallen, sinful mankind by sending His only Son Jesus who lived a sinless life to die and rise again for these sins and provide reconciliation between man and his Creator.

Without Jesus there is no Gospel. The Gospel is what saves man from their sins and is also what sustains the believer as they are being transformed into the image of Christ. Because the Gospel represents the work of Christ, is the hope for a sinful world, and teaches the believer how to live more like Christ, it is the center of everything we do at Grace Life Church. (Titus 2:11-12)

Jesus represents God's grace towards us. His death on the cross was suppose to be our punishment. We were supposed to be punished for our sins, but Jesus stepped in and took our place.

Grace is the undeserving favor God shows towards all of mankind. This grace saves, forgives, grows, and provides enjoyment. God's grace is evident in everyone's life; whether believer or unbeliever. God's grace is ultimately seen in the Gospel and is also demonstrated to believer's as they are transformed and developing the mind of Christ. (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Titus 2:11-12)

Salvation occurs when a sinful person recognizes their sinful state, believes that only Jesus can deliver them from their sin, and turns to Jesus for forgiveness through faith. When a person is saved, God no longer sees them as guilty, but the righteousness of Jesus is placed on them. The believer is forgiven, adopted into God's family, and is granted eternal life in Christ. God now sees the sinner as He sees His Son. Salvation is offered to all men, though not all men will accept this free gift from God. (Romans 3:23-26; 10:9-13)

Read Page 9, then answer these questions.

Who is Jesus?

What is the Gospel?

Why did Jesus die for us?

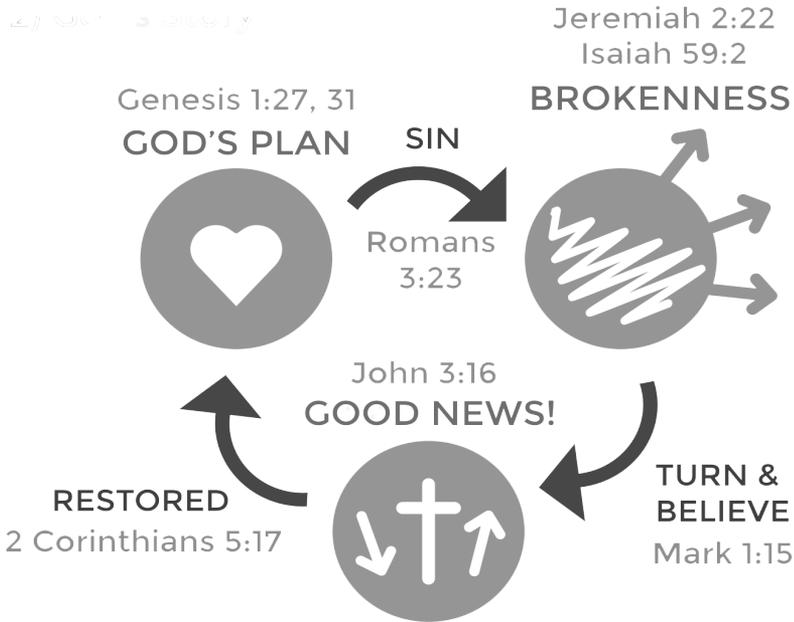
Why is the resurrection of Jesus important?

What is sin?

How can someone have their sins forgiven and be saved?

GOD'S STORY

God's Story



QUESTIONS

What circle are you in now?

What circle do you want to be in?

Are you ready to follow Jesus now?

REPENTANCE

READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

Jesus calls us to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins.

REPENT = To turn, to change one's mind.



When we repent, we stop going our own direction and start going God's direction.

READ AND ANSWER

1 Thessalonians 1-9-10 and Acts 19:18-20

What do these examples teach us about repentance?

What is in your life that you know does not honor God?

What steps do you need to take to turn from those things today?

READ AND ANSWER

Acts 2:36-41

What does this story teach us about God?

According to this passage, who is eligible to repent and be forgiven?

BAPTISM

READ ACTS 2:41 AGAIN.

Who should be baptized? The Bible says that if you have turn from your sins and placed your faith in Jesus Christ, you can and should be baptized!

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Jesus commands it (Matthew 28:18-20)

Baptism represents forgiveness of sins and new life (Romans 6:3-4)

Baptism is a testimony to the world that you have decided to follow Jesus.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Read examples Acts 8:36-38, Acts 9:18, and Acts 22:16. What do we learn about baptism from these examples?

HOW SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Baptism is by full immersion in water (Romans 6:4, Acts 8:38)

We are to be baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20)

We can be baptized by anyone who is a Christian (preferably the person who led you to Jesus!)

**IS THERE ANYTHING KEEPING YOU FROM
BEING BAPTIZED?**

Matthew 4:19-20

[19] And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." [20] Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (ESV)

WEEK TWO

THE DISCIPLE

MATTHEW 4:19-20

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read this Section on "The Disciple"

Read Matthew 4:19-20; Matthew 28:18-20

Memorize Matthew 28:18-20

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

Perhaps the most common term used by believers in our day is the word "Christian". But do you know how many times the word "Christian" appears in the Bible? Only three times (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). In its two occurrences in Acts, it is used in a derogatory fashion. In fact, "Christian" was likely coined as a term of derision. On the other hand, the term "disciple" appears 269 times in the New Testament. Why is this important?

The answer is because Christ did not come to make "Christians", He came to make "disciples".

Immediately before leaving this world to return to heaven, Jesus commanded those who have repented and believed in Him - His disciples - to carry on that work in His absence. But before a person can make disciples, he or she must first BE a disciple.

What does it mean to be a disciple? At the very core, a disciple is a learner, one who is set on growing and developing. In nearly every sphere of life, people learn specific skills. An electrical certification is attained only after an extensive apprenticeship with a more experienced electrician.

This concept of learning directly through expertise and experience of another is the foundation of what Jesus envisioned when He used the term "disciple".

-taken from "Growing up" by Robby Gallaty.



A Jesus-centered disciple is empowered by the Holy Spirit to become more like Christ and is obedient to Christ's command to go and make disciples

READ AND ANSWER

Matthew 4:19–20

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WHAT DOES A DISCIPLE DO?

1. They listen to Jesus - “He said...”
2. They obey Jesus - “Follow me...immediately they left their nets and followed him.”
3. They share Jesus - “And I will make you fishers of men.”



To make disciples is to teach others how to follow Jesus.

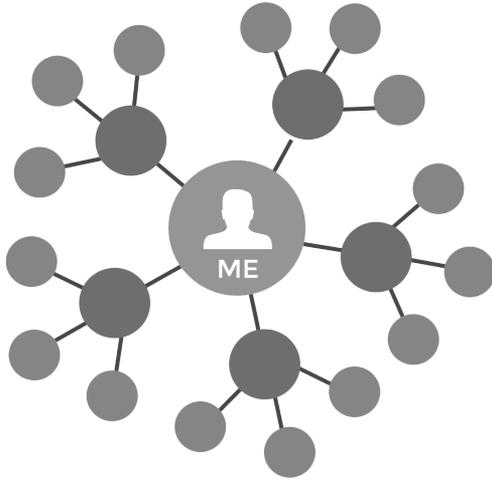
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Matthew 28:18–20

In these verses, what has Jesus commanded us to do?

WHO DO I SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH?

EVERYONE!

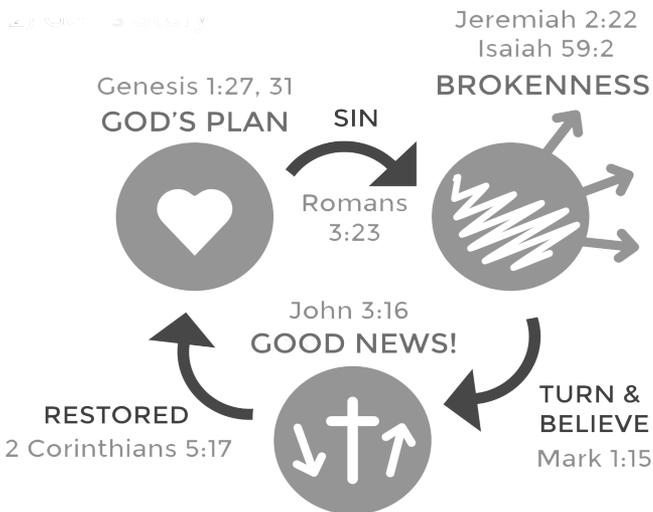


WHAT DO I SHARE?

Your story:

- Before I met Jesus
- How I met Jesus
- After I met Jesus

God's Story:



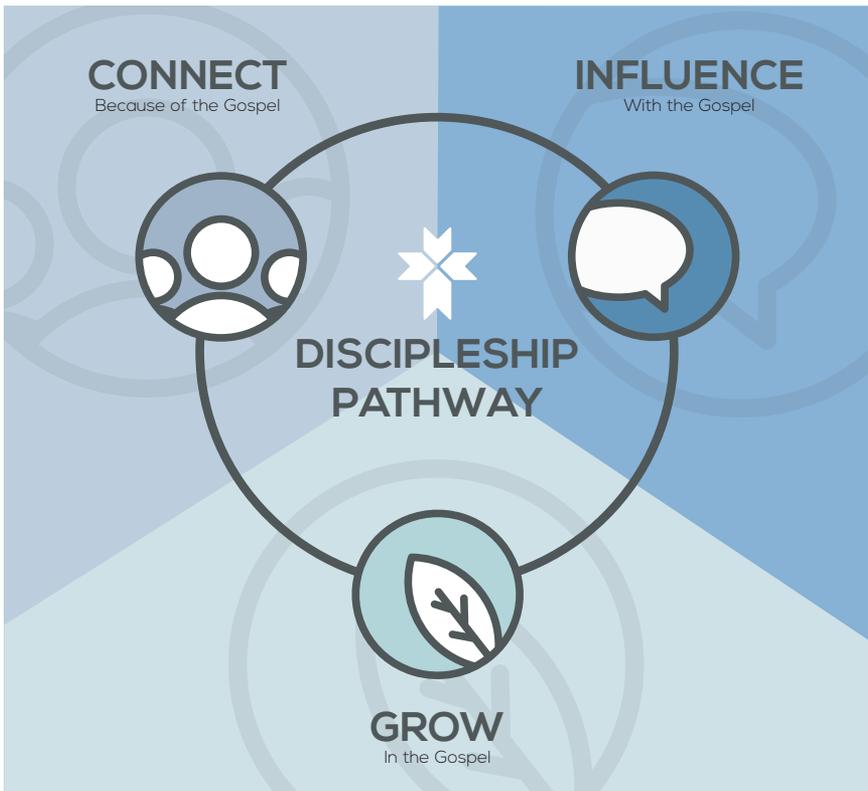
Draw out your Relationship Map
by using the example on the previous page

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?



Discipleship is growing in Christ through engaging God's Word in accountable relationships.

The discipleship pathway is Grace Life's way of equipping you on your discipleship journey. It is used as an ongoing self-assessment.



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Head

- 40 MINUTES
Exploring a Passage of Scripture

TOPIC/TEXT - Acts 1:8

HIGHLIGHT: What does the text say?

EXPLAIN: What does the text mean?

APPLY: How does the text impact me?

RESPOND: How will I respond to the text?

Hands

- 10 MINUTES

Creating Solid Action Steps

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

2 Timothy 3:16–17

[16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV)

WEEK THREE

THE BIBLE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 1

Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter One

How has your understanding of Christian authority grown?

In what ways do you think emotions could conflict or support the Bible? Give examples.

Why should we trust Scripture over experience? Give examples of where experience might support the Bible.

Why is tradition dangerous and wonderful? Give examples outside of Christianity, too.

If Scripture seems to come in conflict with modern scientific opinion what should we do? Give examples.

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Hands

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

Genesis 1:26–28

[26] Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
(ESV)

WEEK FOUR

MAN

GENESIS 1:26-28

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 2 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 2

Memorize Genesis 1:27

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (ESV)

Genesis 1:27

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Two

Why do you think God created man?

How should the reality that man, believer and unbeliever alike, carries the image of God affect the way we treat one another?

Why do you think Adam sinned?

Man has an inclination toward sin from birth. Describe ways we see this inclination in children.

If man is truly dead with no ability to come to God on our own, how are we able to come to him?

Name some of the sins that you struggle with.

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Hands - 10 MINUTES

Creating Solid Action Steps

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

Genesis 1:1

[1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (ESV)

John 3:16-17

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (ESV)

WEEK FIVE

GOD

GENESIS 1:1; JOHN 3:16-17

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 3 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 3

Memorize John 3:16-17

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

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John 3:16-17

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Three

Why do you think God made the universe so vast?

Describe how God is like the universe.

God is sovereign over all of creation. How does this comfort you? How might it disturb you?

Grace describes God's stooping to us. Why do you think grace is so hard for us to accept?

How do you propose that we can start accepting God's grace?

Why do you think Christianity has been so universally defined by the doctrine of the Trinity?

The doctrine of the Trinity is impossible to understand. How can its ineffability (indescribability) affect the way you worship God?

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Heart

- 15 MINUTES

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Hands

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

John 1:1-5; 14

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (ESV)

WEEK SIX

JESUS CHRIST

JOHN 1:1-5; 14

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 4 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 4

Memorize Romans 5:6-8

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ESV)

Romans 5:6-8

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Four

The person and work of Christ are the most essential issues of Christianity. The question, who do you say I am? is the most important question ever asked. Why do you believe that God cares so much about your knowledge and relationship with Christ?

How many different representations of Christ do you see in the world today? Who does your culture say that He is?

Mathew 24:36 says that Christ, while here on earth, did not know the time of his second coming. Though we believe that Christ could have known the time of this coming, being God, we believe that he did not know the time of his coming, being man. Why do you think Christ did not access this information?

Satan tempted Christ to turn a stone into bread (Luke 4:3). It is not a sin to turn stones into bread. Why do you think Satan was trying to get Jesus to use his divine power to satisfy his hunger? (Hint: had Jesus listened to Satan, humanity would have lost representation).

What do you think of the legend-lunatic-liar-Lord dilemma? How does it help you understand the necessity of thinking deeply about Jesus?

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TOPIC/TEXT - John 1:1-5; 14

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Hands

- 10 MINUTES

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

Hebrews 11:6

[6] And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (ESV)

WEEK SEVEN

FAITH

HEBREWS 11:6

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 5 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 5

Memorize Hebrews 11:6

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[6] And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (ESV)

Hebrews 11:6

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Five

Some people say that Christianity is based only on faith. What do you think they mean?

How should we correct people's misunderstandings of faith? Give illustrations you can use to help correct them.

Why do you think it is so hard for us to rely completely on Christ?

Why do we so often attempt to add to the work of Christ through our own efforts?

In churches today, which element of faith do you believe is lacking the most: content, conviction, or trust?

In your life right now, what do you find lacking the most: content, conviction, or trust? What can you do to change that?

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- 15 MINUTES

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- 40 MINUTES
Exploring a Passage of Scripture

TOPIC/TEXT - Hebrews 11:1, 6

HIGHLIGHT: What does the text say?

EXPLAIN: What does the text mean?

APPLY: How does the text impact me?

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Hands

- 10 MINUTES

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

Luke 11:1-4

[1] Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

[2] And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come [3] Give us each day our daily bread, [4] and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

(ESV)

WEEK EIGHT

PRAYER

LUKE 11:1-4

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 6 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 6

Memorize Psalm 5:3

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[3] O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (ESV)

Psalm 5:3

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Six

Why do you think the God of the universe desires to be in constant communication with us?

Why do you think it is important for us to prioritize our need for "today"?

We are to pray against the forces of Satan. Why do you think God allows Satan to tempt us?

Why do you think God may want us to make an argument for the things we request of him?

In what ways do we often get too busy to pray? How can you prevent this in your life?

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- 15 MINUTES

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- 40 MINUTES
Exploring a Passage of Scripture

TOPIC/TEXT - Luke 11:1-4

HIGHLIGHT: What does the text say?

EXPLAIN: What does the text mean?

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Hands

- 10 MINUTES

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QUESTIONS AND NOTES

2 Timothy 2:15

[15] Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (ESV)

WEEK NINE

STUDY

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 7 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 7

Memorize 2 Timothy 2:15

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[15] Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (ESV)

2 Timothy 2:15

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Seven

Of all the wrong ways to approach Bible study expressed at the beginning of this chapter which do you have the tendency to drift into? Why?

We often think of the Bible as a magic book that automatically applies to our lives. Why do you think this is?

When is the best time for you to study your Bible? Why?

When you come to parts of Scripture that seem boring, what is some motivation for you to continue to study?

Why do you think God has chosen to communicate to us through a two-thousand-year-old book rather than just speaking directly to us?

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TOPIC/TEXT - 2 Timothy 2:15

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Acts 2:42-47

[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. [43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. [44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common. [45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (ESV)

WEEK TEN

THE CHURCH

ACTS 2:42-47

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 8 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 8

Memorize Hebrews 10:24-25

Share the Gospel with one person

Set aside time to pray and read the Bible

[24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

Hebrews 10:24-25

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Eight

The church is your new family. Since it is a family, name some things that you will have to put up with.

Why is it so hard to be accountable to someone else? What things can you do right now to overcome your fears?

Why do you think it is impotent to God that we take the Lord's Supper together?

Many Christians neglect gathering together with one another. You may be tempted to do the same. Why do you sometimes make up an excuse for not going to church?

What do you think your spiritual gift is? Explain.

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2 Corinthians 12:8-10

[8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (ESV)

WEEK ELEVEN

SUFFERING

2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10

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Answer the questions from Chapter 9

Memorize 2 Corinthians 12:10

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NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Nine

Why do you think God allows so much suffering in the world?

Express ways in which you have been confused by suffering.

What are some of the seemingly “meaningless” sufferings that happen to you on a daily basis? Why might God allow them?

Further critique the atheist solution to the problem of evil.

How can you prepare yourself now for the effect of the emotional problem of evil once it comes into your life?

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WEEK TWELVE

MISSION

MATTHEW 28:18-20

THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Read Chapter 10 in "Now That I'm a Christian"

Answer the questions from Chapter 10

Memorize Matthew 28:18-20

Refer to Week Two and read again what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus.

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NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

Questions for Chapter Ten

Many people believe that faith is a very personal things that is not meant to be shared with others. Explain why someone would say this. Explain why this belief is wrong.

What is the biggest fear you have in sharing your faith?

We discussed how Christ prefaced the Great Commission by saying that he had all authority. How does this comfort you in your mission?

Why do you think that Christ entrusted sinful people with spreading the gospel (instead of angels or himself)?

How have you seen nonessentials of the faith emphasized, instead of the main points of the gospel?

Explain the gospel in two sentences.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Join a Discipleship Group (D-Group)

It's important to be in an intentional and accountable discipleship relationship. Jesus had a group of three men that he met with frequently for prayer and reflection. In a D-Group, you'll meet with 2-3 other men or women who are committed to help you continue growing in God's Word.

Join a LifeGroup

LifeGroups are weekly gatherings in various homes of Grace Life members. The purpose of our LifeGroups are to help you connect with other people at GLC. There is also a time of questions and answers as we reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon.

Begin Serving at Grace Life

God has given every person an unique gift that can be used with the local church. Whether you sing, love meeting new people, working with kids, or manual labor, there is a place for everyone to serve Jesus at Grace Life Church.

Keep looking to Jesus

Christian worship is a daily attitude towards Jesus. It's not something that is only done on Sunday's and it doesn't refer to just music. We worship Jesus through in our work, play, home, relationships, and so on. Being in an intention discipleship relationship will help you fight against sin and stay engaged in God's Word and in prayer.

Though you may be finished with this guide, this is just the beginning. The rest of your life is a journey to becoming more like Christ.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

Philippians 1:6

GRACE LIFE CHURCH VALUES

Teach God's Word Passionately

We value God's Word as the ultimate authority in our lives. We believe that the Bible was divinely inspired, and we frame everything we do using the standards and commands set out in the Bible.

(John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21)

Pursue Jesus Daily

We value a close personal relationship with Jesus that encompasses all areas of life. We believe that our drive toward personal holiness is found in Jesus' example intentional daily worship.

(Hebrews 12:1, Romans 12:1, Psalm 63:1)

Gather Together Frequently

We value time spent with other believers as a source of mutual encouragement. We believe in God's call to strengthen one another as we do life together, speaking Gospel hope into each others' lives and sharing our burdens with one another.

(Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Acts 2:42-47, Galatians 6:1-2)

Serve Others Selflessly

We value the sharing of our gifts with both one another and with our community. We believe we are each uniquely designed by God and are called to personally contribute to the church.

(Galatians 5:13, John 12:26, Romans 12:9-13)

Give Cheerfully and Generously

We value the opportunity to offer a portion of our finances to God. We believe that God is abundant in all things and has provided everything for us and our loving response is to cheerfully and generously give back.

(Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:7-11, Deuteronomy 15:10, Psalm 50:9-10)

Share the Gospel Daily

We value God's mission to redeem all people through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe we are called to speak this Gospel into the lives of all people, including our families, friends, neighborhoods, and places of work. (Romans 10:17, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 5:15-16, Acts 1:8)

Spread the Gospel Globally

We value the effort of bringing the good news of God's salvation to all nations. We support missionaries in their global efforts as they plant churches in places we may never see.

(Psalm 105:1, Matthew 28:18-19, Acts 13:47)

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