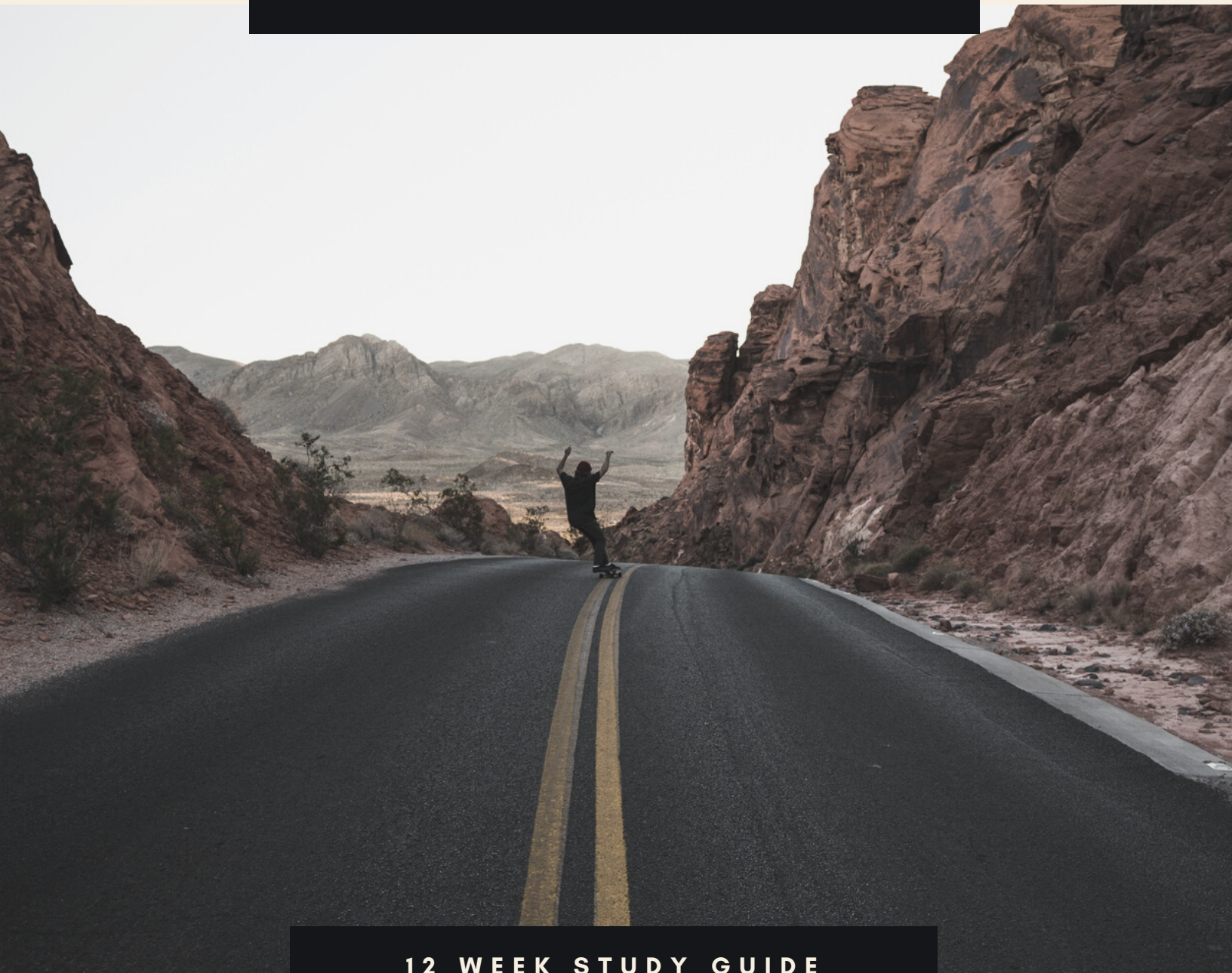


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“DEEP WITHIN OUR SOULS WE KNOW THAT GOD EXISTS AND THAT HE HAS GIVEN HIS LAW TO US. WE SEEK TO SUPPRESS THIS KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO ESCAPE GOD’S COMMANDS. BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD WE TRY, WE CANNOT SILENCE THIS INNER VOICE. IT CAN BE MUFFLED BUT NOT DESTROYED.”

- R.C. SPROUL -





INTRODUCTION

Why is it that there are so many people who profess to "believe" in Jesus, but their lives don't represent the title they claim? Could it be because they simply don't "believe" or is it possible that most don't fully know or understand what they actually say they have put their faith in?

If you're one of those people who deep down inside believe that there is a Creator, maybe you have heard of Jesus, you read the Bible from time to time, or have attended church but aren't sure 100% what you think, we want to encourage you to take the time to read through this resource.

We've highlighted 12 topics that we believe are the "roots" of the Christian faith. We've tried our best to keep them simple and straight to the point. Alongside these topics we have gathered verses from the Bible that address each of these subjects with the hope that you will be able to develop a Biblical understanding for each of these topics from the Bible itself. Included are some questions to think about and process as you read. Our prayer is that this "study guide" will root you in a solid foundation as you continue to grow in your faith, understanding, and walk with the Lord. Keep your eyes fixed on the Creator and keep charging for His glory!

- THE RIDE NATURE TEAM

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THE BIBLE

QUICK FACTS

- WRITTEN OVER A PERIOD OF 1,600 YEARS ON THREE CONTINENTS
- 40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS // THREE LANGUAGES (GREEK, HEBREW, AND ARAMAIC)
- 66 TOTAL BOOKS (39 IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, 27 IN THE NEW TESTAMENT)
- 2,100 LANGUAGES HAVE AT LEAST ONE BOOK OF THE BIBLE IN THAT LANGUAGE.
- OVER 100 MILLION BIBLES ARE PRINTED EVERY YEAR.

THE FOUNDATION

It is undisputedly the most read and distributed resource of all time. But was it just written by man? How do we know it can be trusted? Is it still relevant? How do we know the content hasn't all been skewed? These are questions most people ask and what is great is that the Bible answers and addresses each of these questions. We believe that believing in the validity of scripture is crucial as **THE FOUNDATION** to each individual's faith. The Bible holds the answers to most of life's questions, but if you don't trust the source, it's hard to believe the answers you find.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

BIBLE // Bi·ble
noun

The Bible is a collection of sacred texts or scriptures that Jews and Christians consider to be a product of divine inspiration and a record of the relationship between God and humans.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105, James 1:22, Psalm 119:9, Isaiah 40:8, Psalm 18:30, Matthew 24:35, Psalm 119:130, Psalm 119:160, Proverbs 30:5, Romans 10:17

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What do these verses say about the Bible? It's validity, relevancy, usefulness?



THE BIBLE

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF THE BIBLE?

THE BIBLE IS...

**DO YOU THINK THERE IS ANOTHER RESOURCE OUT THERE THAT COMPARES TO THE BIBLE?
IF SO, WHAT? IF NOT, WHY?**

WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU AS YOU READ THESE VERSES?

GOD

Names for God: **Elohim** (Creator), **Elohim Chayim** (Living), **Abba** (Father), **Jehovah-jireh** (Provider), **Jehovah-shalom** (Peace), **El Elyon** (Sovereign), **El Kanna** (Jealous), **El Roi** (Watching), **Jehovah Ro'i** (Shepherd), **Jehovah Nissi** (Banner)

THE FATHER

Really who/what is God? Is He just some kind of energy? Singular or multiple? Is He really holding the world in His hands? Has He really always existed? Is He all powerful? Everywhere?

You'd be hard pressed to find someone who hasn't asked these questions about God. Rather than debating this question from numerous different sources, we're going to explore what the Bible says about who/what is God. If the Bible is "God-Inspired" and all about His story, what better source than to study and learn more about the deity of God Himself. Sadly, many view God through a lens crafted from the media and Hollywood. Because of the world that we live in, many have created false ideas of who/what God is like.

But just because someone thinks they know what God is like, that doesn't necessarily mean they are right. The following verses unpack some of God's attributes, His character, and personality.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

GOD // G0d
noun

The Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness who is worshipped as creator and ruler of the universe

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

1 John 4:8, Revelation 22:13, Numbers 23:19, Genesis 1:1, Proverbs 3:19, Isaiah 44:24, Deuteronomy 4:31, Deuteronomy 7:9, Ephesians 2:3-6, John 3:16-17, Isaiah 40:28-29, James 1:17-18

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What do these verses say about God? Who or what is God? Is He worthy of your undivided worship? What does that look like in your everyday life?



GOD

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF GOD?

GOD IS...

HOW DOES READING ABOUT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD CHANGE YOUR PERCEPTION OF HIM?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GOD'S IDENTITY?

SIN

'BE KILLING SIN OR IT WILL BE KILLING YOU.' - JOHN OWEN

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

SIN // 'sin
noun

An offense against religious or moral law.

THE ISSUE

It seems like no matter where you look in the world, you can quickly find brokenness. There isn't a religion in the world that doesn't agree that there is something wrong with humanity. We are selfish from the day we are born with it being against our nature to put anyone else before ourselves. So what is the problem? Is it just human nature with "survival of the fittest"?

What defines "sin" or is it all just relative?

The word "sin" comes from archery actually. If an archer missed the bullseye it would be considered "sinning" because they didn't hit the mark. Contrary to Webster, the Bible teaches that sinning is much more than a simple offense or being a "little immoral". God created us and blessed us with the gift of freewill, the ability to make our own choices and do what we wished. Sadly, there isn't a single person in all of humanity other than Jesus who has walked the face of this earth without messing up...or without "missing the mark".

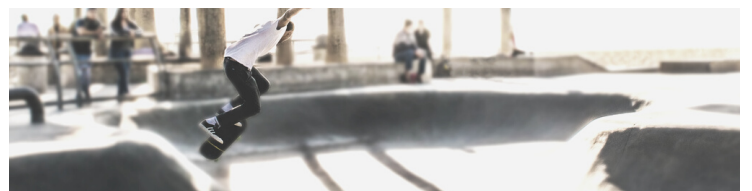
In these verses below you'll discover more about the root of sin, its consequences, yet also the freedom to not be a slave to it.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

1 John 4:8, Revelation 22:13, Numbers 23:19, Genesis 1:1, Proverbs 3:19, Isaiah 44:24, Deuteronomy 4:31, Deuteronomy 7:9, Ephesians 2:3-6, John 3:16-17, Isaiah 40:28-29, James 1:17-18

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What role do you play in the conversation of sin?



SIN

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF SIN?

SIN IS...

WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S A STRUGGLE TO AVOID SIN?

WHY DOES SIN SEPARATE US FROM GOD?

JESUS

"EITHER THIS MAN WAS, AND IS, THE SON OF GOD, OR ELSE A MADMAN OR SOMETHING WORSE. YOU CAN SHUT HIM UP FOR FOOL, YOU CAN SPIT AT HIM AND KILL HIM AS A DEMON; OR YOU CAN FALL AT HIS FEET AND CALL HIM LORD AND GOD." - CS LEWIS

THE SAVIOR

Voted Time Magazine's "Most Significant Figure in History", how could a man who lived over 2,000 years ago still be so influential? The existence of Jesus is something that can't really be debated. Throughout numerous historical documents and literature, aside from the Bible, you'll find writings and evidence of the man Jesus Christ. He walked the face of the earth, made some bold claims, and was killed on a cross at the age of 33. Whether you believe He rose from the dead or not, 3 days after He was killed, His tomb was found empty and His body was gone! As C.S. Lewis said, Jesus is either a liar, lunatic, or Lord....but who do you believe Jesus is? These verses below unpack some of the claims that Jesus made while He lived on the earth.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

JESUS // Je·sus
noun

The Jewish religious teacher whose life, death, and resurrection as reported by the evangelists are the basis of the Christian message of salvation.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

Hebrews 12:2, Isaiah 53:5, Acts 4:12, Hebrews 13:8, Luke 19:10, Philippians 2:6-8, Isaiah 9:6, John 8:12, John 3:17, John 15:5, Mark 10:45, Matthew 1:21

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

Who is Jesus? Why is He worthy of following?



JESUS

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF WHO JESUS IS?

JESUS IS...

WHAT EFFECT DOES JESUS HAVE ON YOUR LIFE TODAY?

WHY IS JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION VITAL TO YOUR LIFE?

SALVATION

"SINNERS ARE IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD, BUT THEY CAN REST IN THE ARMS OF A CRUCIFIED SAVIOR." - GREG MORSE

THE SOLUTION

Since the beginning of creation, there has been a battle taking place. Good vs evil. Light vs darkness. Whether internal, spiritual, or physical, we live in a broken society in need of a solution. Imagine standing before a judge facing a death sentence for a crime that you know you're guilty of committing. There is no back door, nowhere to run to. Just before that gavel hits the stand, someone steps up and offers to take your punishment on your behalf. They trade you places as the handcuffs are taken off and you walk away free and clear. This is salvation. This is the solution. The problem with this analogy is that so many don't understand or believe that they are guilty. Or, if they do admit that they are guilty, they don't believe they deserve such a harsh punishment. Most try to justify their life and/or actions based on a worldly or acceptable standard. But for each of us, we're only as good as the person we're standing next to. These following verses/passages talk about what salvation looks like, what we're saved from, and how we're saved. Our hope and prayer is for you to come to discover, know, and truly appreciate Jesus as your SAVIOR and the only true source for salvation.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

SALVATION // sal·va·tion
noun

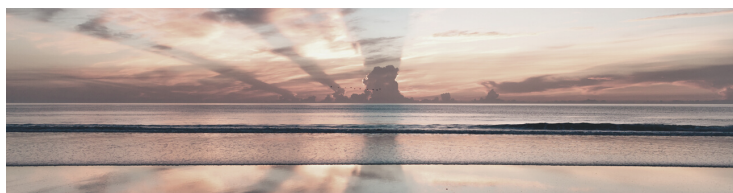
Preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

Acts 4:12, Acts 2:21, Titus 2:11-12, Luke 19:10, Mark 16:16, Acts 13:47, Romans 1:16, John 3:17, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 5:12, John 3:16, John 14:6

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

Do you feel like the world is in need of a solution? Why do you need to be saved? How should the act of salvation change your life?



SALVATION

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF SALVATION?

SALVATION IS...

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "SAVED"? SAVED FROM WHAT?

WHY IS JESUS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US?

THE HOLY SPIRIT

"THE WIND BLOWS WHEREVER IT PLEASES. YOU HEAR ITS SOUND, BUT YOU CANNOT TELL WHERE IT COMES FROM OR WHERE IT IS GOING. SO IT IS WITH EVERYONE BORN OF THE SPIRIT." - JOHN 3:8

THE HELPER

Jesus dies, comes back to life, and then tells His disciples that it is for "their benefit" for Him to leave them once again....this time inevitably. Not what we would have wanted to hear when you've spent the last 3 years of your life day and night with this man who has taught you everything you now know. But before Jesus ascends into heaven and says adios to the disciples, He shares that there is a "Helper" coming after Him who will be with them everywhere they go. This "Helper" is the Holy Spirit. While sometimes hard to understand or comprehend, we believe the Holy Spirit is definitely an essential part to the Christian faith. As you read through some of the verses we have highlighted, we hope that you will discover all of the roles that the Holy Spirit plays in our Christian faith.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

HOLY SPIRIT // Ho·ly Spir·it
noun

The presence of God as a part of someone's religious experience.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

Acts 2:38, John 14:26, Romans 8:26, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 6:19, John 14:15-17, 2 Timothy 1:7, Galatians 5:16, Romans 8:6, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:14, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Psalm 139:7-10, Acts 1:8

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What is the role of the Holy Spirit? How do you engage with the Holy Spirit?



THE HOLY SPIRIT

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS...

HOW CAN YOU BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

WHAT ROLE SHOULD THE HOLY SPIRIT PLAY IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

"IF YOU CAN'T FLY, THEN RUN, IF YOU CAN'T RUN, THEN WALK, IF YOU CAN'T WALK, THEN CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD." - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

THE LIFE

Do you remember getting growing pains when you were a kid? That pain in your legs and knees as your bones were literally stretching and growing?! No doubt it is an uncomfortable and painful, but inevitable experience for most, and necessary for us to continue to grow as adults. This is a pretty similar analogy for our walk with God. Traits like patience and obedience don't grow from infancy to adulthood overnight. It takes time, and often times uncomfortable moments in our life to get us there. "The Christian Life" isn't a life of perfection by any means. The decision to follow Jesus doesn't magically make us sinless but rather it is the beginning of a new life where everyday we hopefully *sin less*. This change and forward progression isn't through our effort, energy, or strength, but rather from the continual surrendering of our will and allowing God to work in and through us. Our hope is that these verses will help lead you in that direction.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

CHRISTIAN LIFE // Chris·tian 'līf
noun

The period from birth to death for one who professes belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

John 13:35, Matthew 22:37, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 14:8, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:32, Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 4:8-9, James 1:19-20

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What defines you as a "Christian"?
What does following Jesus require?



THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

CHRISTIAN LIFE IS...

WHAT DOES FOLLOWING JESUS REQUIRE?

HOW DO YOU LIVE OUT THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT?

PRAYER

**"TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT PRAYER IS NO MORE POSSIBLE THAN TO BE ALIVE WITHOUT BREATHING."
- MARTIN LUTHER**

A TWO WAY CONVERSATION

Imagine having a close friend that you never talked to. You didn't ever see them, message them, or call them....how close do you think your relationship would be? Or what about this scenario....a friend where all you ever did was call them when you needed things. Sadly, both of these scenarios are where most individuals would say their involvement with prayer is found.

Prayer is a fundamental part of developing a closer relationship with God. The same way you would talk to a stranger to get to know them and eventually call them friend, it is the same with God. He wants to talk to you. He wants you to get to know Him. The following verses breakdown the idea and concept of prayer and what it should look like in your personal life.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

1 John 5:14-15, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 2 Chronicles 6:21, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Jeremiah 29:12, James 5:13, Mark 11:24, Matthew 26:41, Psalm 17:6, Romans 12:12, Psalm 145:18

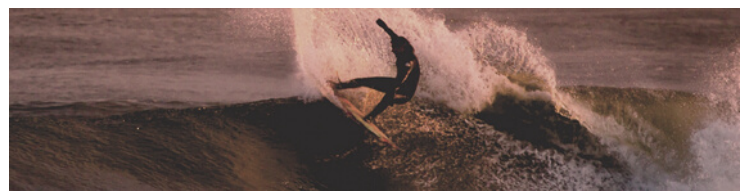
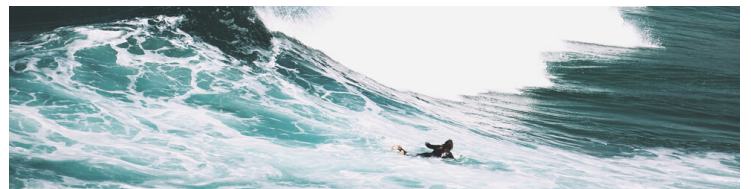
QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What should you pray? Why should you pray?

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

PRAYER // pray·er
verb

To make a request in a humble manner : to address God or a god with adoration, confession, supplication, or thanksgiving.



PRAYER

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF PRAYER?

PRAYER IS...

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO PRAY CONTINUALLY?

HOW DOES PRAYER CHANGE YOUR VIEW ON LIFE?

THE CHURCH

"FOR JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

THE BODY

When most think about "church" they think about a building with four walls, a big steeple, pews, and alters. If this is what you think of when you think about "church" you're not alone. In fact, that's Webster's definition of the church also! Contrary to this belief though, the Bible teaches that the "church" is not a building and not even a place where people gather, but rather the church is the people themselves. We as Christians make up the church. We are the church. The Bible calls the church the Body of Christ. It sounds like a weird comparison but the body of Christ is the analogy the Bible uses to describe those that follow Jesus. As a "body" or group if you will, we make up the church. Hopefully these verses below will help you better understand the purpose of gathering and the importance of working together in unity to the fullness of our potential as a body.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

CHURCH // ch·ur·ch
noun

A building for public and especially Christian worship.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

1 Corinthians 12:27, Romans 12:4-5, Colossians 1:24, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:27, Matthew 18:20, Philippians 2:2, Ephesians 4:12, 1 Peter 2:9, John 5:24

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

What is the Church?
What is the role of the Church?
Who is a part of the Church?



THE CHURCH

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF THE CHURCH?

CHURCH IS...

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST?

IN WHAT WAYS IS THE CHURCH MORE THAN A BUILDING?

EVANGELISM

"THE GREATEST SINGLE CAUSE OF ATHEISM IN THE WORLD TODAY IS CHRISTIANS: WHO ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS WITH THEIR LIPS, WALK OUT THE DOOR, AND DENY HIM BY THEIR LIFESTYLE. THAT IS WHAT AN UNBELIEVING WORLD SIMPLY FINDS UNBELIEVABLE." — BRENNAN MANNING

THE CALL

Compassion without action is not truly compassion. Just like love without action is not real love. The Bible tells us in 1 John 3:17. "If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion--how can God's love be in that person?" The word "Gospel" translated from original Greek means, "Good News". Just as Jesus commanded His disciples before He left "to go and make disciples", this command still exists for the rest of us today. When we truly experience "Good News" we can't help but share it with others. Like this quote shared above, we hope these verses will encourage you to share with others this GOOD NEWS that you've experienced with those around you. The world is full of bad news but so anxiously waiting to hear the good. Will you be a part of the movement of bringing it to them?

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

EVANGELISM // *evan·ge·lism*
verb

The spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness or zealous advocacy of a cause.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

Matthew 28:19-20, Psalm 105:1, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 5:15-16, Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 12:8, Luke 12:11-12, John 15:8, Acts 1:8, Acts 13:47, Romans 1:16, 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:20

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

Who should you evangelize to?
Who is qualified to evangelize?



EVANGELISM

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF EVANGELISM?

EVANGELISM IS...

IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU MAKE EVANGELISM A DAILY PRACTICE?

WHAT IS THE HEART OF EVANGELISM?

DISCIPLESHIP

"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE." - MATTHEW 28:19-20

MULTIPLIED MOVEMENT

Unfortunately, one of the biggest epidemics in the Christian world we live in are those who don't live out what they say they believe. If you were in a building sitting at a desk and had co-workers screaming at you telling you that the building was on fire, chances are you would believe them and join them as you all ran out. Belief should lead to action. It should move you to move. As Jesus called the disciples and calls us today to go and make disciples, this command should cause us to move. Most Biblical scholars would share that the most accurate translation of this command would be, "as you go....make disciples." It's easy to read this and think that we need to travel across the world to make disciples. But this command in its purest form looks like us living out our faith in our everyday lives, sharing it with others when we have the chance, and investing into the lives of others by pointing them to Christ and showing them what it looks like to follow Him.

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

DISCIPLESHIP // dis·ci·ple
noun

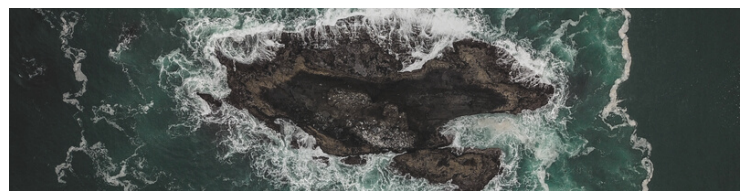
One who embraces and assists in spreading the teaching of another.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

Ephesians 5:1-2, 1 Peter 1:15-16, John 13:15, Luke 5:11, Mark 1:17, John 14:26, Luke 17:33, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Luke 14:27, 1 Peter 1:14-15, John 8:31, 1 John 2:3, 1 John 5:3

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

Why is discipleship so important?



DISCIPLESHIP

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF DISCIPLESHIP?

DISCIPLESHIP IS...

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE PRACTICALLY TO DISCIPLE SOMEONE ELSE?

WHAT ARE THE STRUGGLES WITHIN DISCIPLESHIP?

OUR PURPOSE

"THE CHIEF END OF MAN IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY ENJOYING HIM FOREVER." - JOHN PIPER

THE CHIEF END OF MAN

Congratulations, you made it to the end. Well done! So now what? What's next? As you hopefully continue to live a life worthy of God's call for you, leaning on the Holy Spirit to guide you and make you more like Christ, we want to end this devotional by reminding you of who God says you are. The following verses are all things God says about you personally through His word. You are a new creation. You are loved. You are called. Your life has purpose. It has meaning. God created you for a purpose and that purpose is to bring Him glory. God is calling you to step out in faith to use your passions, gifts, and talents to bring Him glory in your everyday life. Whether that's in sports, music, art, or something else, He gave it to you for a purpose. Are you using it to the fullness of it's potential? Are you living the life you were created for?

WEBSTER'S DEFINITION

PURPOSE // pur·pose
noun

The action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists.

SCRIPTURE VERSES TO READ

1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:11, Isaiah 26:3-4, Job 42:2, Proverbs 19:21, Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 1:5, Colossians 3:1-3

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE YOU READ THESE VERSES

Why does God have the ultimate say in who you are?



OUR PURPOSE

AS YOU READ THE VERSES LISTED, WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF OUR PURPOSE?

OUR PURPOSE IS...

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT YOU? WHO HAS GOD SAID THAT YOU ARE?

HOW SHOULD YOUR GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE?

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COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES
IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA,
AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."**

- ACTS 1:8