



DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

“THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES,
BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER.”

ISAIAH 40:8

THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU!

Hey Gospel City, this week we are going to behold our God with the prophet Isaiah. The entire universe is about God, every book in the Bible is about God, but the book of Isaiah is especially explicit in its God-centeredness. Therefore, as you read each passage be asking yourself, “Who is this God?” Who is this Holy one of Israel whose name is “I AM Salvation”? And then ask yourself what you need to do to be a doer of the Word you have heard. As you will see: He is holy, He is glorious, He is God, and there are no other gods besides Him. He is worthy of all your love, all of your praise, all of your devotion, all of your attention, all of your worship, all of your hope, all of your trust, all of your fears, all of your heart, and all of your soul. We pray that Isaiah’s vision of God will help you behold Him in a way that fuels your love for God and your love for others.

THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

READ:

What you will read is living and active (Heb. 4:12). It has the power to revive your soul (Ps. 19:7). Its truth is worth more than fine gold (Ps. 19:10), and it will never fail or fade away (Is. 40:8). Go to it humbly, hear God speak, and be reminded of the Hope that you have in Jesus.

MEDITATE ON:

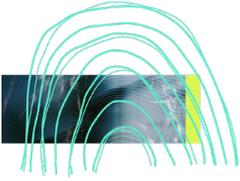
Simply reading the Word is like briskly walking by a warm fire on a cold night. But meditation is like sitting by the warm fire so that it lights up for your face and warms your bones. (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian life*). Therefore, pick a verse from each section to meditate on. What does it mean? What does it say about God? What does it say about you? What do you need to do to obey? You can pick any verse. But we will suggest a verse each time in case you have trouble picking one.

DISCUSS THIS:

We do not want to just be hearers of the Word; we want to be doers of the Word as well. Ask yourself and those around you how you can apply the text, how you can obey the text, and how you can bring glory to your Father in heaven.

PRAY THIS:

Pray to your Father that the Holy Spirit would empower the Word of Christ to become true in your hearts, your lives, this church, and this world. Pray the Word back to God. For he always answers us when we pray according to his will (1 John 5:14). And the best way to pray according to his will is to pray his Word!



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GOSPEL CITY | ISAIAH



SUNDAY | MAY 17

READ: ISAIAH 6:1-13

MEDITATE ON:

“And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’”

v5

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach you regarding how to approach the presence of God? (Bonus for adults: what is the significance of the throne being in a temple rather than a palace?)

PRAY THIS:

Dear Lord, we thank you that you are a King who does not die. We thank you for revealing to us that your throne is in a temple! For how could we come into your holy presence if not for the atoning sacrifice and constant intercession of your Son, who sits at your right hand? Thank you for Jesus, our eternal King Priest. Help us to behold your glory in a way that leads us to say “woe is me.” Give us eyes to see your glory and our sin; for you are holy and we are not. Amen.

MONDAY | MAY 18

READ: ISAIAH 40:1-31

MEDITATE ON:

“Behold your God!”

v9

DISCUSS THIS:

In what ways does this passage help you behold your God? Who is He and what is He like? In what ways do these truths comfort you and help you endure the hardships of this life?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Lord, help us to behold the greatness of your glory. You are our Comforter, our Savior, our Redeemer, and our God. You hold the universe in the palm of your hand. No one has ever taught you anything, yet you know all things. We are but dust; who is like you our God and our King? Help us to behold you. Help us to trust you. Help us to lift up our eyes and see that our help comes from the everlasting God who made heaven and earth. Amen.



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TUESDAY | MAY 19

READ: ISAIAH 41:8-10 + ISAIAH 42:1-9

MEDITATE ON:

“Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

V42:9

DISCUSS THIS:

In the first passage God promises to uphold His servant (Israel). In the second passage He reveals that He will fulfill His promises to Israel through a coming Servant (whom we now know as Jesus; the new and better Israel). Go back through 42:1-9 and discuss how Jesus is the fulfillment of these promises.

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus; for through Him all of your promises are yes and amen. Help us to marvel at His power and authority, which enables Him to judge the nations; and His gentleness, which causes Him to care for the weakest bruised reed among us. Thank you for keeping the covenant, opening the eyes of the spiritually blind, bringing to life the spiritually dead, and setting free the idolatrous slaves through Him. Help us to believe that what you have declared has come to pass. Amen.

WEDNESDAY | MAY 20

READ: ISAIAH 43:5-13 + ISAIAH 45:5-7 + ISAIAH 46:8-10

MEDITATE ON:

“Remember the former things of old; for I am God,
and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.”

V46:9

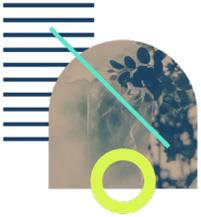
DISCUSS THIS:

God is making it abundantly clear that He alone is God, and there are no other gods besides Him. Why is this truth so important to believe? What does someone’s life look like when they truly believe it?

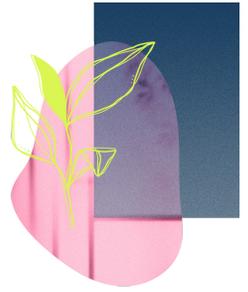
PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, we believe; help our unbelief! You alone are God. There is none besides you, and no one in all the universe that is like you. You alone are holy, you alone can save us. Thank you for creating us for your glory. For what better purpose could we possibly be created? Forgive us for trying to steal your glory and give it to worthless idols. Deliver us from yourself oh Lord, for you alone can save us. Amen.





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THURSDAY | MAY 21

READ: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

MEDITATE ON:

“Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him.”

V53:10

DISCUSS THIS:

Was it unjust for God to crush His innocent Son for the sins of the people? How would you respond to someone who says it was unjust? (For Kids: How does Jesus’ death on the cross show God’s love for you?)

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus. Help us to see the glory of the gospel of Christ, which enables you to be both just and the Justifier. Thank you for piercing Him for our transgressions and crushing Him for our iniquities. As we contemplate the justice of the cross, help us to be outraged at our own sin, help us to marvel at your grace, help us consider Christ’s willingness to drink the cup of your wrath on our behalf, and help us to comprehend how you and the Son are one. Amen.

FRIDAY | MAY 22

READ: ISAIAH 55:1-13

MEDITATE ON:

“Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.”

V3

DISCUSS THIS:

This passage is an invitation for all sinners everywhere to come and experience the eternal blessings of God. How can you respond to his gracious invitation today?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, help us to forsake all our worldly pursuits, for we know they will never satisfy. Help us to come and drink from your waters, which will quench our thirst forever. Help us to seek you, forsake our wicked ways, and behold your far superior ways. Thank you for your Word, which enables the fruits of righteousness to grow in our hearts. Help us to do this, that our soul may live. Amen.

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SATURDAY | MAY 23

READ: ISAIAH 61:1-11 + LUKE 4:16-22

MEDITATE ON:

“And he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”

V4:21

DISCUSS THIS:

In what ways has Jesus fulfilled Isaiah 61:1-11? What evidence do you see in the New Testament? What evidence do you see today? What is yet to be fulfilled?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for sending Jesus to preach the gospel, and thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to empower His message. For slaves are being liberated, eyes are being opened, your favor is being proclaimed, and oaks of righteousness are sprouting up. Help us to repent and believe the gospel, and help us to pray “your Kingdom come” until Christ returns. Hasten the day oh Lord, amen.

