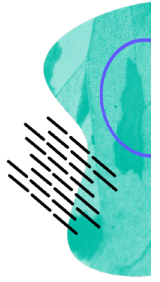




DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

“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 look at some of the patterns between creation and the new creation. The purpose of this study is to see how God's work in the physical creation helps illuminate the spiritual work that God is doing in recreation. With that said, Genesis 1 reveals how God created the heavens and the earth, Genesis 2 reveals how God created man, and Genesis 3 records how Adam's sin corrupted all of it. Ever since the Fall creation has groaned and longed to be redeemed, to be re-created, and to have all things be made right. And in God's infinite grace He has made a way for sin's penalty to be paid in full, for sin's power to be overcome, and for all things to be made new through the cross of Christ. Jesus did not just come to save His people from sin, He came to save His people for eternal life in a newly created body in a newly created world. Just like Adam's sin impacted the physical world, Christ's work on the cross made a way for the physical world to be redeemed. Therefore, as you read each passage this week consider the biblical patterns between creation and re-creation. Consider how God created a world through His Word, and compare that to how He is recreating His people through the Word of Christ. Consider how the image of God has been marred in man, and compare that to how the new man is being conformed into the image of Christ. Consider how creation started with the world and ended with man, and compare that to how the new creation has started with the new man, and will climax with Christ ushering in the new heavens and the new earth. And consider how Jesus is at the center of all of it. For everything is made by Him, through Him, and for Him. We pray that this study will help you see that your salvation is so much more than Hell insurance. We pray that you will come away marveling at how your salvation fits into God's overarching plan for the redemption of creation.

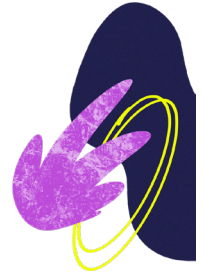
THE FORMAT IS SIMPLE:

We are still going to provide a passage to read and a verse to meditate on for each day. But instead of providing a discussion question and a prayer that is specific to each reading, we will provide a general question and structure for prayer that will apply to each passage throughout the week. We hope that the questions we have provided in the past have helped you and your families grow in your ability to read your Bible. And we hope that the prayers have served as a good model for you regarding how to pray through your Bible. But now it is time for you to take the reigns! Think of your own discussion questions and then pray through what you have meditated on. And we are excited to continue to read and meditate and discuss and pray alongside you as we seek our Lord together.



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GOSPEL CITY | CREATION TO NEW CREATION



SUNDAY | AUGUST 30

READ: GENESIS 1 :1-5 + 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

MEDITATE ON:

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

GENESIS 1:3

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

DISCUSS THIS:

Based on these passages, what patterns do you see between creation and the new creation? Meditate on the way God (taking into account the different members of the Trinity) acts in the physical creation, and consider how this illuminates what is going on spiritually in the re-creation. How do these patterns deepen your understanding of the gospel?

PRAY THIS:

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MONDAY | AUGUST 31

READ: GENESIS 2:4-7 + EZEKIEL 37: 1-10

MEDITATE ON:

“then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”

GENESIS 2:7

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

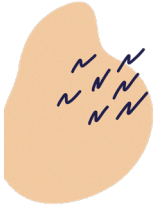
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TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

READ: GENESIS 3:1-19 + ROMANS 8:19-23

MEDITATE ON:

To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

GENESIS 3:16

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

ROMANS 8:21

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WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 2

READ: ROMANS 5:12-21 + COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

MEDITATE ON:

For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:17

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THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 3

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21 + JOHN 3:1-8

MEDITATE ON:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

DISCUSS THIS:

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FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 4

READ: GENESIS 1:27 + ROMANS 8:29A + EPHESIANS 4:17-24

MEDITATE ON:

“to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

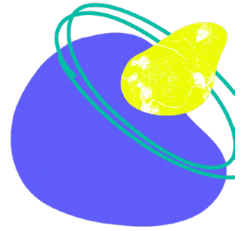
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SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 5

READ: REVELATION 21:1-27

MEDITATE ON:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

REVELATION 21:1

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