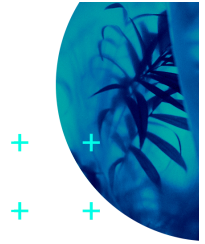




DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES,
BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

ISAIAH 40:8



READING GUIDE FOR HOLY WEEK

Hey Gospel City, we pray that your week in Philippians brought much gospel fruit in your lives. As Holy Week is upon us, we are really excited for what we have planned for this week! Rather than going through a single book together, we are going to scan through the Scriptures by reading passages from all over the Bible. Our aim is to marvel together at the gospel that God planned and orchestrated long ago, and then fulfilled through the cross of Christ. This reading guide is for adults and kids, men and women, individuals and families. But it is not a simple review of familiar truths that we already know. It is a deep dive into the depths of the riches of the gospel of Christ. It is okay if you do not understand all of the passages you will read, and it is okay if some of the questions stump you. Just read the Word. Trust the Holy Spirit to illuminate gospel truths in your heart. And marvel at the gospel that reveals the glory of Jesus Christ

THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

READ:

We will take a week to go through the letter, which averages out to be about 15 verses per day. 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!



HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY | DAY 4

READ: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

MEDITATE ON:

"God is Love"

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DISCUSS THIS:

The apostle John says that God's love is manifested to us in the fact that He sent His Son to die. How is that loving? Make sure to consider God's triune nature as you ponder this question. (If you have little children, answer this question by reading and discussing John 3:16).

PRAY THIS:

Father, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for sending Him to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit, who enables us to believe what You have done for us through the cross of Christ and raises us up to live with You so that we can abide in Your love and love others as You have loved us. Amen.

THURSDAY | DAY 5

READ: ISAIAH 46:9-10 + ACTS 2:22-36

MEDITATE ON:

*"This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,
you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."*

ACTS 2:23

DISCUSS THIS:

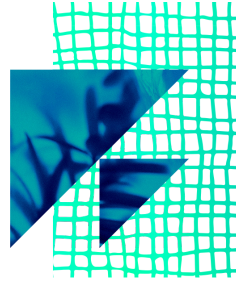
God plans and orchestrates every last detail in the universe according to the perfect counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11) including the crucifixion of Jesus (Acts 2:23). But God is holy and murder is sin. How are these three things all true at the same time? How does He still find fault in men who do what He predestined to take place? (For further study see Romans 9:14-23).

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, oh the depth of the riches of your wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable are your judgments and how inscrutable are your ways! We pray that you would help us bow before you and marvel at what we cannot comprehend. We thank you that your ways are so much higher than our ways. To your name be the glory forevermore through Jesus Christ. Amen!



HOLY WEEK



FRIDAY | DAY 6

READ: PSALM 22:1-8, 16-18 + MARK 15:21-39

MEDITATE ON:

*And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means,
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

MARK 15:34

DISCUSS THIS:

The gospel is familiar to all of us, yet none of us will ever exhaust all of its wisdom and riches. In what new ways has God revealed to you the glorious depth of the gospel of Jesus Christ during this Holy Week?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for the cross of Christ. Thank you for opening our eyes to the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for helping us believe what you have done and thank you for the forgiveness of sins by the blood of Christ. Help us to ponder anew what the Almighty can do. Help us to marvel day after day at the glory of our salvation. And help us to make war on our sin until the day when the Lamb who was slain returns in glory. Amen.

SATURDAY | DAY 7

READ: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

MEDITATE ON:

"Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him."

ISAIAH 53:10

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach us about the gospel? See how many observations you can make.

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for revealing the gospel to us, and thank you for helping us believe it. Thank you for sending Jesus, who was willing to be rejected by the people He created and slaughtered by the people He came to save. You were willing to crush your Son so that by His wounds we can be healed, and through His blood we can be forgiven. Thank you for Jesus, thank you for the cross, and thank you for salvation. To your name be the glory. Amen.

