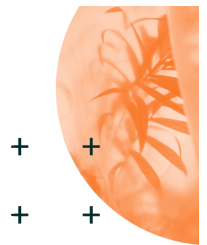


DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

*"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, Happy Easter! We are really excited to follow up our Holy Week Discipleship Guide with a week focusing on the doctrine of Christ. Every word of the Bible is written by Christ, for Christ, and about Christ (Luke 24:25-27; John 1:1; 1 Peter 1:11). However, there are certain passages in Scripture that are exceptionally rich in revealing the person and work of our Blessed Savior. And we are going to spend this week diving into some of these beautiful Christological passages. This discipleship guide is for adults and kids, men and women, individuals and families. As you read each passage, ask yourself and those around you "Who is this man?" Who is this man in whom the fullness of God is pleased to dwell? The point is not to master all the theology; the point is to encounter Christ in a way that leads you to worship. So marvel at Him. Ponder Him. Stir those around you to cherish Him. And behold your God.

THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

READ:

Most days will have us reading in the Old and New Testaments. 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:

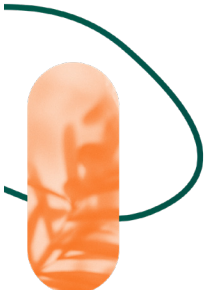
Simply reading the Word is like briskly walking by a warm fire on a cold night. But meditation is like sitting by the warm fire so that it lights up for your face and warms your bones. (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*). Therefore, pick a verse from each section to meditate 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 | CHRISTOLOGY

SUNDAY | DAY 1

READ: REVELATIONS 5:1-14

MEDITATE ON:

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”
And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

V12

DISCUSS THIS:

Why is Jesus worthy of worship? Ascribe to the Lord some of the many reasons why Jesus is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus! Thank you that He is both the Lion and the Lamb. Thank you for slaying Him so that we can be forgiven through His blood. And thank you for raising Him on the third day, so that He could defeat Satan, sin, and death. Jesus is worthy to reign over an everlasting Kingdom with all of creation ascribing to Him power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing forever and ever. Help us to behold Christ our King for your glory forevermore. Amen!

MONDAY | DAY 2

READ: COLOSSIANS 1:11-23

MEDITATE ON:

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,”

V19

DISCUSS THIS:

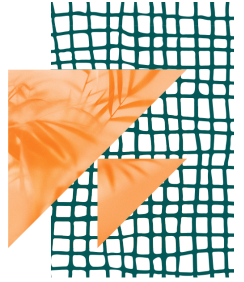
What does this passage teach you about Jesus? And what does Jesus reveal to you about God?

PRAY THIS:

Father, thank you for delivering us from the domain of darkness. Thank you for shining the light of the glory of the gospel into our hearts and opening our eyes to see the full and perfect revelation of Yourself in the face of Jesus Christ. It brings us great joy and peace to know that Jesus is the creator, sustainer, and ruler of the universe. Thank you for Him, and thank you for His cross, that we might have peace with You. Help us to remain steadfast in the faith until He returns. Amen.



Dear Father, oh the depth of the riches of your wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable are your judgments and how inscrutable Father, thank you for you Jesus; the perfect fulfillment of every covenant that you have ever made with man. Even though we are faithless, He is oh so faithful. Thank you for allowing us to draw near to you through the constant intercession of Jesus. Thank you for sustaining us through Him; for we know that all things hold together through Him, including our salvation. So thank you for saving us through Him, thank you for keeping us saved through Him, and thank you for promising to never leave us or forsake us, so that we can dwell in your eternal kingdom forever and ever. What a beautiful thing it is to be saved by the One who rules us, and ruled by the One who saves us. Help us to marvel anew at what you can do. Amen.



THURSDAY | DAY 5

READ: DANIEL 7:9-14 + REVELATION 1:1-18

MEDITATE ON:

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”

REVELATION 1:3

DISCUSS THIS:

Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man more than any other messianic title (like Son of David, Christ, Son of God, Messiah). What do these passages teach you about the Son of Man? Who is He? And why do you think Jesus used that title so much? (Extra credit for adults: What do these passages reveal to you about the Trinity? Extra credit for kids: Try to draw the throne room as described in Daniel 7.)

PRAY THIS:

Father, thank you for the revelation of the Son of Man. Help us to marvel more and more each day at the beauty of our Savior. Thank you for giving Him dominion and glory and a kingdom to reign over forever and ever. Thank you for your Word which tells us how to be a part of this glorious kingdom. Help us to heed the warnings and commands that you give to us through your Word. And help us to behold that this Son of Man died, yet is alive forevermore. Amen.

FRIDAY | DAY 6

ISAIAH 9:6-7 + ISAIAH 11:1-10

MEDITATE ON:

“And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

ISAIAH 11:2

DISCUSS THIS:

These passages are about a King and His Kingdom. What is the King like? And what will it be like for those who live in His Kingdom?

PRAY THIS:

Father, thank you for revealing to us that the Kingdom of God has come. Help us to repent and believe the gospel. And thank you for Jesus; for He is such a worthy King. Help us to pray for the coming of your Kingdom. Help us to forsake the idols of our own earthly kingdoms. Help us to set our minds on the spiritual blessings granted to us through Christ. Fuel our imaginations to dream about what heaven will be like. Help us to ground our imaginations in Your revealed written Word. And turn them into fuel for our holiness. Amen.





GOSPEL CITY | CHRISTOLOGY

SATURDAY | DAY 7

READ: JOHN 1:1-18 + REVELATION 19:11-16

MEDITATE ON:

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

JOHN 1:12-13

DISCUSS THIS:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And the Word is coming again. Why did Jesus come to earth the first time? What is He going to do when He comes to earth a second time?

PRAY THIS:

Father, thank you for the Word. Thank you for revealing yourself to us through Him. Thank you for sending Him to dwell among us. Thank you for helping us to believe in Him, for we know we can't even believe the gospel apart from you. Thank you for your grace upon grace. Help us live every day with the second coming of Christ at the forefront of our minds. Help us to forsake our dirty rags and clothe ourselves with His righteous robes, which He made white as snow through the shedding of His blood. And help us to warn our friends and family of the judgement that is coming. Amen.

