

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, we are excited to spend this week meditating on passages about the Holy Spirit! Our God has revealed to us that He is three in one. Therefore, to know God is to know Him as three in one. We will spend all of eternity contemplating the triune nature of God, and it will never cease to satisfy (John 17:3). When we think about God we usually think of the Father and the Son. This is not wrong, for the Holy Spirit's role is to glorify the Father and the Son. However, the Holy Spirit is equally God, and He is distinct from the Father and the Son. Therefore, to know Him is to know God! He has revealed Himself through the Scriptures that He inspired the prophets and apostles to write. So we are going to study Him this week and contemplate the pivotal role He plays in redemption history. For Gospel City Elementary Kids, this will help prepare them (and their parents!) for studying the book of Acts and the role of the Holy Spirit during the month of May. For everyone else, we pray that it will help you behold our God, who is three in one!

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 | THE HOLY SPIRIT



SUNDAY | DAY 1

READ: JOHN 15:26-16:15

MEDITATE ON:

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away,
for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

JOHN 16:7

DISCUSS THIS:

As disciples of Christ, why is it to our advantage that He leave and the Holy Spirit come? How does the Holy Spirit Help us in ways that Jesus did not when He was in the flesh? (For kids: What are some ways you need God to be your Helper right now?)

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit. Help us not to grieve Him. Help us to be convicted of our sin. Help us to rely on Him for understanding the Truth that you have revealed through Him in the Bible. And by His power, help us to believe it and obey it. Give us eyes to see who Jesus is, for flesh and blood cannot see Him. But we see Him because your Holy Spirit has revealed Him to us. Thank you Lord. Amen.

MONDAY | DAY 2

READ: ACTS 2:1-21

MEDITATE ON:

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

V21

DISCUSS THIS:

Who is the Holy Spirit? Why did He come? (If you keep reading you will see that 3,000 souls were saved as a result of Peter’s sermon! But really it was the result of the coming of the Holy Spirit.)

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit. Thank you for being a God who keeps your promises. Thank you for all the work you have done through Him in these last days. Your church is being built, the gospel is being proclaimed, and people are being saved. Surely I am saved because of Him! Help us to marvel at the fact that you are three in one. Help us to comprehend what an incredible gift it is to have the Holy Spirit sent to us. Help us to know you through Him. Amen.



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TUESDAY | DAY 3

READ: EZEKIEL 37:1-14 + JOHN 3:1-8

MEDITATE ON:

And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”
Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

EZEKIEL 37:3-4

DISCUSS THIS:

What does it mean to be “born again”? What is the Holy Spirit’s role in the new birth? Notice how Jesus answers this question from Nicodemus by referencing Ezekiel 37, which is rich with gospel imagery. (Hint: when you read “prophecy” think “Speak the Word of God.” And when you read “breath” or “wind” think “Holy Spirit”).

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for spiritual life! Thank you for creating us, and thank you for re-creating us. Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who breathes life into us, who opens our eyes to see the truth of the Word, who gives us the power to repent and believe, and who produces fruit in us so that people can see the evidence of new life. We marvel at the fact that you can make dead things live through the truth of your Word and the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for helping us be born again. Amen.

WEDNESDAY | DAY 4

READ: ROMANS 8:1-11

MEDITATE ON:

“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.”

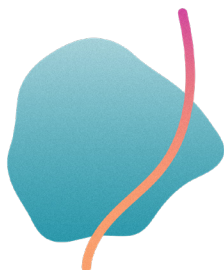
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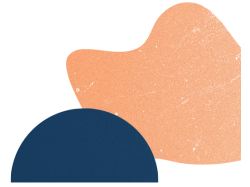
DISCUSS THIS:

What are some of the differences between life in the Spirit versus life in the flesh? What can you do today to set your mind on the things of the Spirit?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for no condemnation! Apart from your Spirit we can do nothing to please you. Apart from your Spirit we deserve nothing but death. But thank you for the cross of Christ, which enables us to live a life that is pleasing to you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to put to death the desires of our flesh on a daily basis. Help us to believe that this battle can be won, for if you raised Jesus from the dead, how much more can you give life to our mortal bodies through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Help us to live, not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit until Christ returns. Amen.





THURSDAY | DAY 5

READ: ROMANS 8:12-30

MEDITATE ON:

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

V14

DISCUSS THIS:

According to this passage, what are some of the many benefits of the Holy Spirit?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, help us to make war on our sin through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to see that if we are not killing our sin by the power of your Holy Spirit, our sin will surely be killing us. Help us to behold what it means to be a child of the King of the universe. Help our hope of eternal glory fuel a life of holiness today. Help us to draw upon the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit as we pray to you and seek your will. And do all of this so that we can look more like Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY | DAY 6

EZEKIEL 36:24-28 + 2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-17

MEDITATE ON:

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

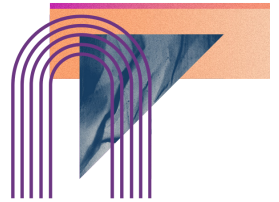
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DISCUSS THIS:

What makes the New Testament gospel better than the Old Testament law? What role does the Holy Spirit play in making it better? (For Kids: Describe a time when your mom asked you to do something that you could not do until she helped you. How does God help you do what He has asked you to do?)

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for your law, which reveals your holy and righteous character. Revelation of your character is truly a glorious thing. And thank you for the Holy Spirit, who helps us obey the glorious law you have given us! Thank you for the freedom that comes with obedience. Thank you for giving us eyes to see the glory of the gospel. And thank you for transforming us from one degree of glory to another through obedience to the gospel that your Holy Spirit empowers us to see and obey. Amen.



SATURDAY | DAY 7

READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

MEDITATE ON:

“These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.”

V10

DISCUSS THIS:

This passage reveals that the key to understanding spiritual things is the Holy Spirit (not wisdom or intellect). How should this truth impact the way you read and study your Bible?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, help us to be mindful of the fact that every single truth we believe about you is a gracious gift from the Holy Spirit. Thank you for revealing to us that the one who was crucified 2,000 years ago is the Lord of glory. Help us to continue to grow in our understanding of who you are through the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to rely, not on ourselves and our own wisdom, but on you and the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us for so often forsaking such a gift. Give us the mind of Christ, that we might love what He loves, hate what He hates, and behold your glory. Amen.

