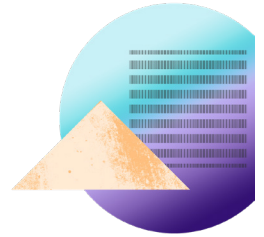


DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE



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

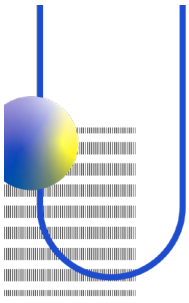
ISAIAH 40:8

THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU!

Hey Gospel City, this week we are going to go through 1 John together. Last week Pastor Trent graciously proclaimed that nominal Christians are not Christians at all. The genuine Christians who heard this message should come away more in love with Jesus because they are marveling at the fact that they are saved; while the non and nominal Christians should respond with repentant faith in the gospel! What we do not want is for genuine Christians to be struggling with their assurance of salvation; nor do we desire for non-Christians to have a false assurance of salvation. Therefore, let us go through 1 John together. The apostle is not discreet regarding the purpose of his letter. He says, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). John’s purpose for writing will be our purpose for studying: so that you, loved members of Gospel City, may know that you are an adopted child of the living God who has been saved out of this world and born again to eternal life with Jesus. Every single works-based religion coerces people to obey out of fear that they might not be quite good enough when it is all said and done. But the gospel of grace guarantees salvation for all who believe, and the Spirit bears witness with our spirit so that we can know today that we are saved and that we will be saved for all of eternity. So prayerfully read this letter. Spend time praising God because of how He has called you out of darkness and enabled you to walk in His light. Make room for Him to convict you of your need for growth. Then repent and believe the gospel, trust Christ, and go tell others about the salvation that is offered today.

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 | 1 JOHN



SUNDAY | DAY 1

READ: 1 JOHN 1:1-2:6

MEDITATE ON:

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

V2:3

DISCUSS THIS:

According to this passage, what are some distinguishing marks of a genuine Christian? In what ways did the promises encourage your faith? In what ways did the commands convict you of your need for growth?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for your life giving Word. Open our eyes to behold the face of Jesus Christ. Reveal to us how much we are not like Him. Conform us into His image by the power of your Spirit through obedience to your Word. Help us to abide in your love so that our hearts overflow with love for you, love for others, and assurance that we are saved by grace. Amen.

MONDAY | DAY 2

READ: 1 JOHN 2:7-17

MEDITATE ON:

Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

V2:9

DISCUSS THIS:

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GOSPEL CITY | 1 JOHN

TUESDAY | DAY 3

READ: 1 JOHN 2:18-3:10

MEDITATE ON:

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

V3:10

DISCUSS THIS:

According to this passage, what are some distinguishing marks of a genuine Christian? In what ways did the promises encourage your faith? In what ways did the commands convict you of your need for growth?

PRAY THIS:

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WEDNESDAY | DAY 4

READ: 1 JOHN 3:11-4:6

MEDITATE ON:

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

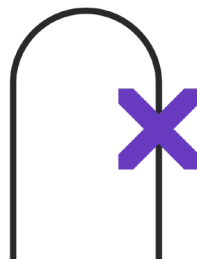
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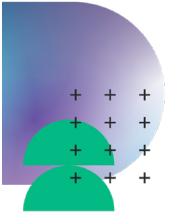
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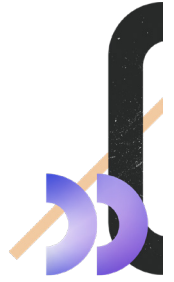
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GOSPEL CITY | 1 JOHN



THURSDAY | DAY 5

READ: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

MEDITATE ON:

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

V4:16

DISCUSS THIS:

According to this passage, what are some distinguishing marks of a genuine Christian? In what ways did the promises encourage your faith? In what ways did the commands convict you of your need for growth?

PRAY THIS:

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FRIDAY | DAY 6

READ: 1 JOHN 5:1-12

MEDITATE ON:

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

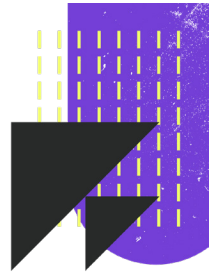
V16

DISCUSS THIS:

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PRAY THIS:

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SATURDAY | DAY 7

READ: 1 JOHN 5:13-21

MEDITATE ON:

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

V5:13

DISCUSS THIS:

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