

Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
– Matthew 24.13-14

WEEK 9 (Week of 11/2)

Following the Commandment of the King

God's Character: *God is love. Therefore it should come as no surprise that His great commandment to us is to love Him and others.*

Guiding Question: *What is a situation in your life in which you feel "wronged" and feel "just" in making it "right"? Now lay it at His feet and let His authority secure your true identity.*

Memory Verse - Matthew 22.36-40

Daily Readings

Matthew 21.23-46

Matthew 22.1-14

Matthew 22.15-23

Matthew 22.34-46

Matthew 23.1-33

Psalms 146.1-10 (Or use as a day to catch up)

1 Thessalonians 3.1-4.12 (Sunday's Teaching))

WEEK 10 (Week of 11/9)

Living Ready for the Return of the King

God's Character: *God desires that no one should go to Hell, that all would repent. But His holiness demands that He be just to all who reject His grace freely & fully offered in Jesus.*

Guiding Question: *If the time is short and eternity long, who do you need to warn regarding His coming judgement?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 24.12-14

Daily Readings

Matthew 23.34-24.14

Matthew 24.15-31

Matthew 24.32-51

Matthew 25.1-13

Matthew 25.14-30

Psalms 72.1-20 (Or use as a day to catch up)

1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11 (Sunday's Teaching)

WEEK 11 (Week of 11/16)

The Passion of the King

God's Character: *God did what we would not do by living a perfect life, and could not do in paying the price of our debt on His cross.*

Guiding Question: *Jesus will do what only He can, and whatever He can, to save you. How does this overwhelming love for you move your heart to live your life more in love with Him?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 26.39

Daily Readings

Matthew 25.31-46

Matthew 26.1-25

Matthew 26.26-35

Matthew 26.36-46

Matthew 26.47-68

Psalms 22.1-31 (Or use as a day to catch up)

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 (Sunday's Teaching))

WEEK 12 (Week of 11/23)

The Mission of the King

God's Character: *God will stop at nothing to see His creation redeemed from what the enemy stole. He is a pursuing Savior.*

Guiding Question: *If you belong to Christ, it is because of two things: 1- He relentlessly pursues you. 2- He used someone to share Him with you. Who can you pursue for Him?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 28.19-20

Daily Readings

Matthew 26.69-27.10

Matthew 27.11-32

Matthew 27.33-56

Matthew 27.57-28.7

Matthew 28.8-20

Psalms 37.1-40 (Or use as a day to catch up)

Advent Season Begins

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
– Matthew 28.19-20

D-Group - Gospel of Matthew

WEEK 1 (Week of 9/7)

The Presentation of the King

God's Character: *God comes compassionately seeking His people even if the world around fails to acknowledge Him.*

Guiding Question: *Are you seeing the signs? How will you be better prepared for His 2nd coming than they were for His first arrival?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 1.21

Daily Readings

Jonah 1.1-17 (Sunday's Teaching)

Matthew 1.1-25

Matthew 2.1-23

Matthew 3.1-12

Matthew 3.13-4.17

Matthew 4.18-5.1

Psalms 24.1-10 (Or use as a day to catch up)

Jonah 1.17-2.10 (Sunday's Teaching)

WEEK 2 (Week of 9/14)

The Blessings of the King

God's Character: *God has established the foundation of His Kingdom on Christ - and His foundation is completely counter-cultural and other-worldly.*

Guiding Question: *What foundation is your life being built upon? What does the structure of your life look like - His kingdom or the world's?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 5.9

Daily Readings

Matthew 5.2-4

Matthew 5.5-6

Matthew 5.7

Matthew 5.8

Matthew 5.9

Psalms 23.1-6 (Or use as a day to catch up)

Jonah 3.1-3.10 (Sunday's Teaching)

Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you. – Matthew 6.33

WEEK 3 (Week of 9/21)

Proclamation of the King

God's Character: *God came here to do what we could not do- fulfill God's Law perfectly and establish righteousness for His people fully.*

Guiding Question: *How have you been trying to fulfill righteousness in your own strength, and how can better rely on Him?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 6.33

Daily Readings

Matthew 5.10-20

Matthew 5.21-48

Matthew 6.1-15

Matthew 6.16-34

Matthew 7.1-12

Psalms 115.1-18 (Or use as a day to catch up)

Jonah 4.1-4 (Sunday's Teaching)

WEEK 4 (Week of 9/28)

The Power of the King

God's Character: *God's heart breaks for the hurting so He saves us and then sends us as His ambassadors to the broken to see His Kingdom come and will be done.*

Guiding Question: *How would you define what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how this connects you to your Savior & His mission?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 9.36-38

Daily Readings

Matthew 7.13-29

Matthew 8.1-17

Matthew 8.18-34

Matthew 9.1-17

Matthew 9.18-38

Psalms 107.1-43 (Or use as a day to catch up)

Jonah 4.5-8 (Sunday's Teaching)

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. – Matthew 11.29

WEEK 5 (Week of 10/5)

The Gentle Authority of the King

God's Character: *God gives His authority and power to His people to be His mouthpiece in a world that rejects His truth and His people.*

Guiding Question: *What can you do to make the most of the gifts He has given you to share His heart and reveal His Kingdom?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 11.29

Daily Readings

Matthew 10.1-42

Matthew 11.1-19

Matthew 11.20-12.7

Matthew 12.8-32

Matthew 12.33-50

Psalms 18.1-35 (Or use as a day to catch up)

Jonah 4.9-11 (Sunday's Teaching)

WEEK 6 (Week of 10/12)

The Care of the King

God's Character: *God gives His attention, His healing, and His teaching to people who will listen to, love, and obey, His Son.*

Guiding Question: *How can you better care for the relationships in your life - with Jesus, with family, with FRamily, and with friends?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 14.30-31

Daily Readings

Matthew 13.1-30

Matthew 13.31-52

Matthew 13.53-14.12

Matthew 14.13-36

Matthew 15.1-20

Psalms 73.1-28 (Or use as a day to catch up)

All Church Retreat

Jesus asked, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" – Matthew 11.29

WEEK 7 (Week of 10/19)

The Transformation of the King

God's Character: *God reveals the full glory of the gospel in Jesus Christ to encourage us to live as people that are not of this world.*

Guiding Question: *How can you encourage, and be encouraged, in conversations with people who remind you of your true identity?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 16.15-16

Daily Readings

Matthew 15.21-39

Matthew 16.1-20

Matthew 16.21-28

Matthew 17.1-23

Matthew 17.24-18.14

Psalms 29.1-11 (Or use as a day to catch up)

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 (Sunday's Teaching)

WEEK 8 (Week of 10/26)

Living Differently for the King

God's Character: *God desires that we live differently, not to earn His approval, but to reveal His Kingdom-glory as Kingdom-people.*

Guiding Question: *In what ways are you living differently from the world even as you engage with the world on God's mission?*

Memory Verse - Matthew 20.28

Daily Readings

Matthew 18.15-35

Matthew 19.1-26

Matthew 19.27-20.16

Matthew 20.17-34

Matthew 21.1-22

Psalms 1.1-6 (Or use as a day to catch up)

1 Thessalonians 2.1-20 (Sunday's Teaching))

D-Groups

Follow me as I follow Christ! - 1 Cor 11:1

Walking WITH Jesus and others in His Word.

You cannot know God apart from the Word of God, for the Word of God reveals the God of the Word. - Spurgeon

The **#1 thing** a person can do to know God better and look more like Jesus is to spend time daily **engaging** with Him in His Word. Study after study shows that reading and responding to the Word of God will improve every single area of your life now & forever.

This is where D-Groups help!

Being engaged in a **D**iscipleship Group, will develop the daily habits that teach us to live like Jesus did. And that's the point.

We're in this together WITH **Christ!**

What it will look like week to week:

We will **engage in** the Gospel each week and ask these 3 questions:

READ - What does Jesus want me to see about Him and His character?

REFLECT - What does God want me to know?

RESPOND - What does God want me to do?

Memorize a Bible verse each week.

Develop a pattern of **prayer**.

Agree to be in **accountability** with one another in the Word and Prayer.

This is NOT a BIBLE STUDY.

This is LETTING the Word study YOU!

And letting others into your walk with Jesus.

Essentials for engaging with God's Word

We should expect the Word to speak to us.

Read the passages for the D-Group:

Ask - What does Jesus want me to **see** about Him and His character?

Write out the verse(s) that stood out the most.

Reflect on why this spoke to your heart:

Ask - What does God want me to **know**?

Write out what the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart about the what you see in Jesus?

Respond to what the Lord is saying to you:

Ask - What does God want me to **do**?

Talk to God in prayer, record it in your journal, and share it with someone in your D-Group.

Some essentials for your Group Time

Let the Holy Spirit guide the time!

Start your time by **inviting** in the Spirit by **reading aloud** a reading for the week.

Pray with one another by pairing up and asking, "How can I pray for you?" Make these 30 second requests and prayers.

Take turns sharing what the Spirit spoke to your heart from your reading.

Groups can look very different/unique:

men/women, singles/couples; share a meal/make a meal; sing some songs; rotate homes/locations; around a hobby; in person/on Zoom/both