

# Life2Life Series



## A Six-Week Discovery Study Series

The Purpose of the Discovery Study Method is to Help You Discover How to Read and Understand the Bible for Yourself and Easily Share it with Others.

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Daily readings are meant to be read and journaled using the GROW method explained in the last two pages. The focus passage is designed to be discovered in a small group.

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**DISCOVERY SERIES - PART 2 (The purpose of the discovery method is to help you learn how to read the Bible and understand it for yourself and share it with others easily)**

## **Week 1**

**Daily Readings (Each day use the GROW\* method for journaling - last 2 pages)**

1. Matthew 13:1-23
2. Matthew 20:1-16
3. Luke 10:25-37
4. Luke 15:1-32
5. Luke 14:12-24

**Worship Together:** Use time to for prayer by asking two questions (1. What are you thankful for this week? 2. What are the challenges you are facing this week?) Spend time praying for one another and discussing ways your group can serve one another and the community around you.

### **Questions to Keep Us on Target:**

1. Did everyone read all of the chapters this week?
2. What were your big takeaways?

**Weekly Discovery Bible Study Focus Passage:** Luke 15:1-32

**Topic:** Why God Cares for the Lost

**Ramp Up Question:** What is the most valuable thing you have lost? Did you find it again?

### **Read the Passage**

**Re-Read the Passage** (Someone reads the passage in a different translation while others listen)

**Re-Tell the Passage** (someone re-tell the passage in their own words)

### **Questions for Discussion:**

1. In our focus passage, what grabbed your attention?
2. What did you like most and what challenged you the most?
3. What are the things it says about God?
4. What are the things it says about people (how they responded or reacted)?
5. What are areas of application for people today?
6. What will you do differently this week as a result of this passage?
7. Who do you know needs to hear about this passage?

**Next Week's Daily Reading:** John 6, John 8, John 10, John 11:1-44, John 15:1-17

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### Week 2

#### **Daily Reading (Each day use the GROW\* method for journaling)**

1. John 6
2. John 8
3. John 10
4. John 11:1-44
5. John 15:1-17

**Worship Together:** Use time to for prayer by asking two questions (1. What are you thankful for this week? 2. What are the challenges you are facing this week?) Spend time praying for one another and discussing ways your group can serve one another and the community around you.

#### **Questions to Keep Us on Target:**

1. Did everyone read all the chapters this week?
2. What were your big takeaways?

**Weekly Discovery Bible Study Focus Passage:** John 15:1-17

**Topic:** Jesus is the I Am: What Does it Mean to Abide in Jesus?

**Ramp Up Question:** In what area of your life has it been the most difficult to trust the Lord? Why?

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#### **Questions for Discussion:**

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**Next Week's Daily Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12; 5:13-16; 5:17-48; 6:1-18; 6:19-34

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### Week 3

#### **Daily Readings (Each day use the GROW\* method for journaling)**

1. Matthew 5:1-12
2. Matthew 5:13-16
3. Matthew 5:17-48
4. Matthew 6:1-18
5. Matthew 6:19-34

**Worship Together:** Use time to for prayer by asking two questions (1. What are you thankful for this week? 2. What are the challenges you are facing this week?) Spend time praying for one another and discussing ways your group can serve one another and the community around you.

#### **Questions to Keep Us on Target:**

1. Did everyone read all five chapters this week?
2. What were your big takeaways?

**Weekly Discovery Bible Study Focus Passage:** Matthew 6:19-34

**Topic:** Why Jesus was So Calm and How You Can Be Too

**Ramp Up Question:** What is the craziest situation you have faced where you showed incredible calm when everyone around you was losing it?

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#### **Questions for Discussion:**

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**Next Week's Daily Reading:** Matthew 7

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### Week 4

#### **Daily Readings (Each day use the GROW\* method for journaling)**

1. Matthew 7:1-6
2. Matthew 7:7-11
3. Matthew 7:12-13
4. Matthew 7:15-20
5. Matthew 7:21-29

**Worship Together:** Use time to for prayer by asking two questions (1. What are you thankful for this week? 2. What are the challenges you are facing this week?) Spend time praying for one another and discussing ways your group can serve one another and the community around you.

#### **Questions to Keep Us on Target:**

1. Did everyone read all the chapters this week?
2. What were your big takeaways from what you read?

**Weekly Discovery Bible Study Focus Passage:** Matthew 7:21-29

**Topic:** Evidence of a Real Christian

**Ramp Up Question:** Why do actions speak louder than words?

#### **Read the Passage**

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#### **Questions for Discussion:**

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**Next Week's Daily Reading:** Colossians 1-4

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### Week 5

#### **Daily Readings (Each day use the GROW\* method for journaling)**

1. Colossians 1
2. Colossians 2
3. Colossians 3
4. Colossians 4
5. Colossians 1-4 (read the entire letter in one sitting)

**Worship Together:** Use time to for prayer by asking two questions (1. What are you thankful for this week? 2. What are the challenges you are facing this week?) Spend time praying for one another and discussing ways your group can serve one another and the community around you.

#### **Questions to Keep Us on Target:**

1. Did everyone read all of the chapters this week?
2. What were your big takeaways?

**Weekly Discovery Bible Study Focus Passage:** Colossians 3:1-17

**Topic:** Christianity Put on Display

**Ramp Up Question(s):** What makes you the most nervous about the Lord's return and what makes you feel the most confident about the Lord's return?

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**Next Week's Daily Reading:** James 1-5

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### Week 6

#### **Daily Readings (Each day use the GROW\* method for journaling)**

1. James 1
2. James 2
3. James 3
4. James 4
5. James 5

**Worship Together:** Use time to for prayer by asking two questions (1. What are you thankful for this week? 2. What are the challenges you are facing this week?) Spend time praying for one another and discussing ways your group can serve one another and the community around you.

#### **Questions to Keep Us on Target:**

1. Did everyone read all of the chapters this week?
2. What were your big takeaways?

**Weekly Discovery Bible Study Focus Passage:** James 2:1-13

**Topic:** Pride and Prejudice

**Ramp Up Question:** What kind of people do you like to hang out with...the least?

#### **Read the Passage**

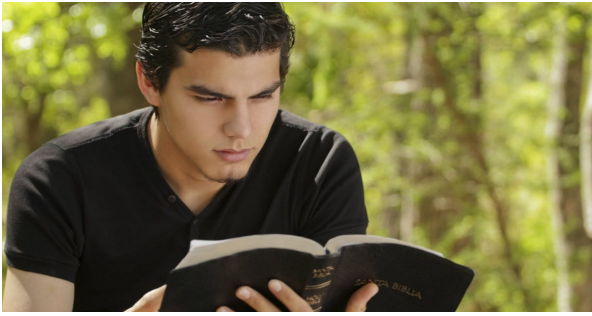
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**\* The GROW method is described below**



## How to Read the Bible and Understand It Yourself

As a young boy, all I knew about the Bible was that it was written in hard to understand English and there were a lot of pages. Reading the Bible can be a daunting task, but understanding the Bible can seem like an impossibility. However, it doesn't have to be that way.

You can read and understand the Bible for yourself without having a PhD in Theology or a seminary degree. You may have an outstanding Sunday school teacher who knows the Bible better than most pastors and feel like you could never match his or her knowledge of God's word, but I can guarantee that your confidence level will rise if you put into practice what I have written in this article.

This article is not designed to make an argument against teachers or preachers speaking into your life through God's word. On the contrary, I believe wholeheartedly in the preaching and teaching of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:1-4:5). I believe there is a place for this in every believer's life, but I also believe that we have attempted to make disciples by entirely relying on preachers and teachers from pulpits to classrooms to videos. Most of these teachers have wonderful knowledge, excellent communication skills and have been used by the Lord to teach millions. However, many have not intentionally equipped people with the tools for them to read the Bible on their own with confidence, insight and a vision to be a multiplying disciple of Jesus Christ. As a result, people guess what the Bible says, contribute very little in open discussion, get sucked into lies, spend little time discovering what the Bible says and never feel "smart" enough to lead a Bible study on their own.

The following is a way you can use to GROW your daily Bible reading and understanding. Pick a short book (like 1 John, James, Philippians or Jonah), get a journal or notebook and follow this simple outline. Once you get the hang of it, try it with larger books. The key is going at a pace that fits you, praying through your reading asking the Lord to give you insight and then applying the Scripture. Don't look at other passages but only focus on the one at hand.

**WARNING:** *This is simple and may require you to think, meditate through prayer and interact with other people. Side effects could include gained wisdom, the ability to spot false teaching, renewed confidence in your walk with Christ and increased spiritual energy. If any of these side effects occur, immediately thank the Lord and call or text another Christian. Symptoms could be highly contagious.*



# My Bible Reading

**Scripture Read:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Write down the paragraph or chapter you read

**Key Verse(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

This is the verse that really grabbed your attention

**Write out the Key Verse(s) in your own words:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Using the word GROW, answer these questions:**

**G** - What **Grabbed** Me (what really grabbed my attention)?

**R** - What did I **Realize** about God (His character and conduct revealed)?

What did I **Realize** about people (character and conduct like/unlike God's)?

**O** - How could I **Own** this passage? (what are the ways I could apply the truths of this passage?)

**W** - What is one thing you **Will** apply this week from what you have learned?

(Write out an "I will..." statement and allow someone else to read it and hold you accountable. Use the SMART approach to your I will statement - Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely)

I will \_\_\_\_\_