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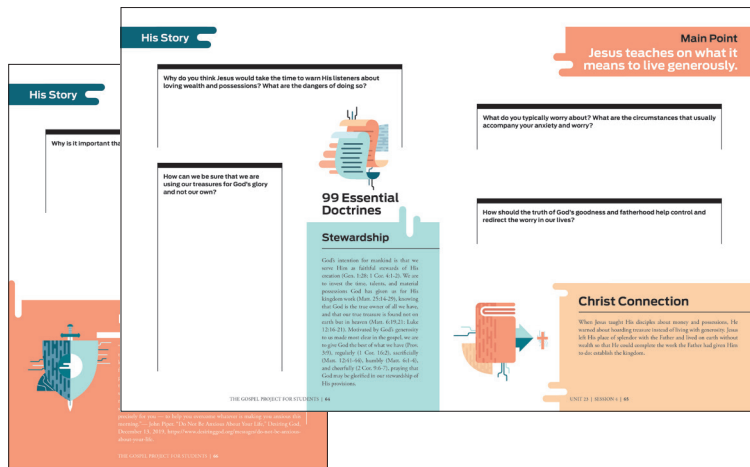
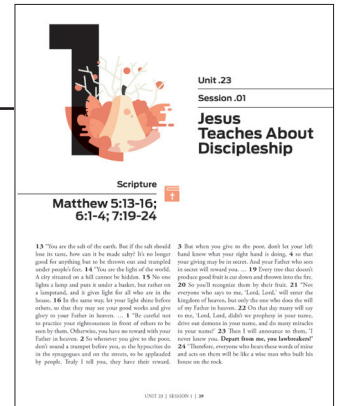
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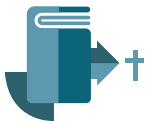
Intro

The opening page of each session contains the focal passages of Scripture for that lesson. Take a moment to read through these passages before your group discussion begins.



His Story

Intended for group and personal use, the **His Story** contains the main point of the session, questions to interact with as a group, and the key components found in the Leader Guide—Christ Connection, Essential Doctrines, and In Defense.



The **Christ Connection** specifically points out how the biblical passage for that session points to Jesus, thus connecting the dots and helping students to understand how the books of the Bible fit together.



There are **99 Essential Doctrines** we will see covered over the course of three years. Each session will contain an essential doctrine that directly relates to the Bible study material. Knowing these doctrines will help you, as a student, to be more grounded in what Christianity teaches and celebrates, as well as being better equipped to explain to others what it is you actually believe.



The **In Defense** section discusses apologetic issues and questions related to the lesson. The term “apologetics” simply refers to the task of defending the faith, or being able to explain why we believe what we believe. Thus, this section is designed to bring greater clarity about a specific part of the text, answer tough questions raised by skeptics, and to simply help you be able to better defend your beliefs to any who may ask why you believe Christianity to be true.

Our Mission

Intended for group and/or personal use, the **Our Mission** section is designed to show how the biblical passage for that day challenges the way we think, feel, and live from that day forward. It is intended to show that every session goes beyond merely learning new facts about the Bible's big stories and characters. In fact, God's intention in the pages of Scripture is to make us more like His Son, Jesus. And one of the ways in which that happens is by constantly looking to Jesus in the pages of the Bible.

Our Mission

Head

What is Jesus' purpose in mentioning the ravens in verse 24? What is He teaching us about worry here?

How can we balance the idea of trusting in God to meet all of our needs (not worrying) with our calling by God to work hard in everything we do?

Heart

Is it true that the more money you have the less worry you have? Explain.

How do these verses challenge you when it comes to worrying about things in your life?

Hands

What insight can we gain in our understanding of treasure based on these passages?

How does our heavenly treasure influence the way we see and handle our earthly treasures?

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Daily Devotions

Daily Devotions

The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading

What does this passage say?

How does this passage challenge the way I think or feel?

How does this passage challenge the way I act or live?

How does this passage challenge the way I worship or pray?

Day 1

Luke 12:13-21

In this passage, a young man, acting more like a little kid, asks a question regarding a religious observance. In doing so, he wants Jesus to tell his brother to share his inheritance. No doubt, if you had asked this young man what kind of person his brother was, he would have described him as incredibly greedy. Of course the time here is that Jesus can see right through this young man and knows the greed in what questions he asks.

We are usually very good at seeing the good in others, but less so when judging the greed in our own hearts. How, Jesus asks in an important question, are we getting everything we hold for today or do we have our eye on tomorrow?

How can we be sure we are storing up heavenly treasures instead of earthly ones?

Day 2

Luke 12:22-30

Money can buy a lot of things, but contrary to popular belief, it cannot buy an freedom from worry. No matter how much material wealth we have, we are still susceptible to concern about our future. We worry about acquiring money and keeping money, about spending it wisely and trusting ourselves, and about how much money we have or how little.

Jesus' words here remind us that our concerns over what we will eat and what we will wear are misplaced. He is not encouraging us toward laziness, but, rather, reminding us that He is the one who knows the very future we are prone to fret over. The lush Jesus speaks of don't know the meaning of worry; they work in the way that God has made them to work, tilling without concern for their future, because they don't know working, but to trust the provision that God has set up for their good. The same goes for the birds of the field.

What does our worry say about where our trust truly lies?

Day 3

Luke 12:31-34

In this passage, Jesus reminds us that God is our Father, and an answer exists in the day waiting to withhold good things from us. We can trust Him to do right by us and by our earthly treasure because He has stored up eternal treasures for us.

In fact, the greatest treasure is the person speaking to us in this passage, Jesus, the Son of God, in the most precious gift that God has ever given His children. There was no amount of gold we could have given to save Him, no amount of money we could have paid to prefer Him. He has been given to us completely free of charge. He is the one who paid for us, by laying down His irreplaceable life on the cross.

It is because of this gift that we can rise our own treasure in an added blessing, and act in the manner of our value. We can give of it freely because the gift of the greatest worth has already been given to us in Jesus.

What is the treasure that can never be destroyed and why does it deserve our highest affection?

In addition to the group portions of this study, the **Daily Discipleship Guide** also includes five days of devotions following each session. As you journey through the storyline of Scripture over the course of three years, you won't have time to cover some sections of the Bible. These devotions will help with that, filling in the gaps in the biblical storyline and allowing more opportunities to cover biblical themes and insights not discussed during group time. These devotions are also aimed at equipping you to know how to read and interpret the Bible for yourself by providing simple techniques to studying the Bible. The *Seven Arrows* reading method has been provided at the beginning of each week's devotions as a reminder of common questions to ask about Scripture as you read each day.

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Timeline

Jesus the Servant



22.1

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers



22.4

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind



23.1

Jesus Teaches About Discipleship



23.4

Jesus Teaches About Treasure



23.5

Jesus Teaches About the Good Shepherd



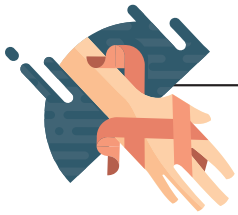
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Jesus Walks on Water



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Jesus Is Transfigured



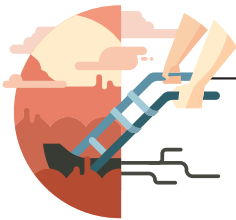
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Jesus Heals a Woman and Raises a Girl



22.3

Jesus Heals a Man at Bethesda



23.2

Jesus Teaches About the Cost of Discipleship



23.3

Jesus Teaches About Prayer



24.1

Jesus Casts Out a Demon



24.2

Jesus Feeds a Multitude

Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

Luke 24:27

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Unit .22

Session .01

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

Scripture



Luke 17:11-19

11 While traveling to Jerusalem, he passed between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance **13** and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” **14** When he saw them, he told them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And while they were going, they were cleansed. **15** But one of them, seeing that he

was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. **16** He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18** Didn’t any return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” **19** And he told him, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.”

How is sin spiritually comparable to leprosy?

How have you experienced separation from God and from others because of your sin?



99 Essential Doctrines

Justification by Faith

Justification refers to the moment when a person is objectively declared righteous before God based on the righteousness of Christ's atoning death (Rom. 8:33-34). This act of declaration takes place through faith in Christ and not as a result of human works or effort (Eph. 2:8-9). Through justification, a person is made to be in right standing before God, changing what was once an estranged and hostile relationship to one of adoption into the family of God.

Main Point

Thankfulness is the natural response to God's work in our lives.

Have you ever called out to God for help and grace during a time of desperation? How did He respond?

What path of obedience is Jesus calling you to walk today?

What are some things you need to thank God for right now?

How would you describe the practice of thanksgiving in your worship to God?

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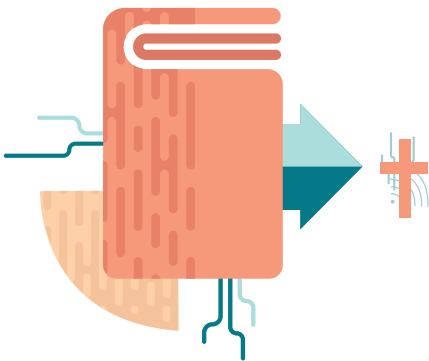
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Christ Connection

When ten lepers called out to Jesus for mercy, Jesus sent them to the priests and they were healed. Jesus declared that the one leper who returned to thank and worship Him was saved by His faith. Likewise, when we cry out in faith to Jesus, He saves us from our sin, a gift that prompts a life of gratitude and worship.





Head

What can we learn for our own lives from the way the lepers responded to Jesus' word and instruction?

How is it comforting to know that our only response to the gospel is to come to Jesus, not one of earning His favor through good works?



Heart

What does this account teach us about our greatest need before God?

How might knowing our deepest need help us in our spiritual lives?

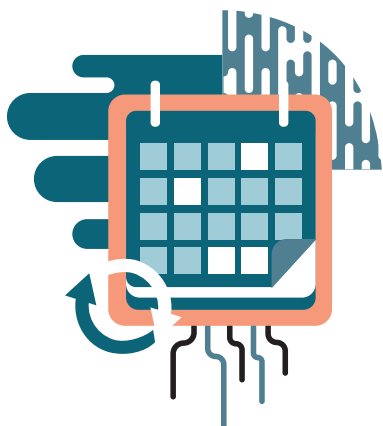


Hands

How does this story instruct us about living with thankfulness before God?

What are some practical ways you can begin to give greater thanks to God for all the work He is doing in you, through you, and around you?

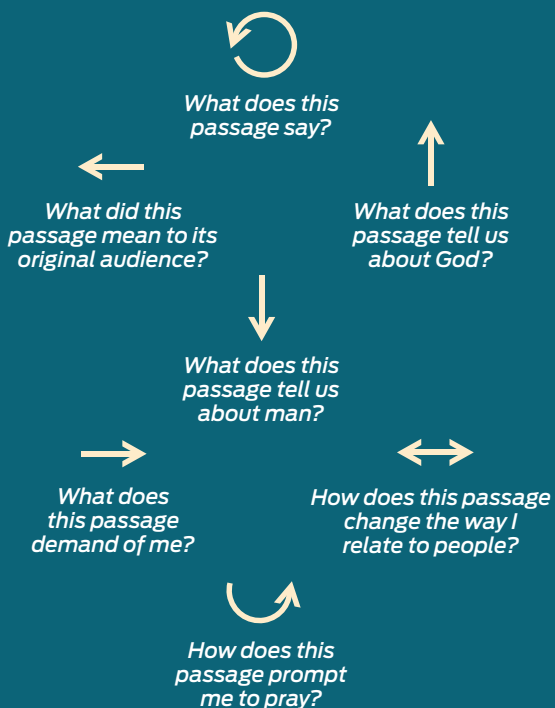
Daily Devotions



Day 1

Luke 17:11-13

The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Every Christian has received, as Luke 1:78 says, the tender mercy of God. Paul says God is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4). He isn't stingy. He doesn't ration His mercy to save enough for a rainy day. No, God is pouring out His mercy on us even right now. It never ends. You can use up all you need today; there will be more in the morning (Lam. 3:23).

But what exactly is God's mercy? Another word for it—one we're more familiar with—is compassion. God's mercy is God's compassion, and His compassion is His mercy. God's mercy is His compassionate care for us—springing from, as Paul says in Ephesians 2:4, "his great love that he had for us."

God's mercy is His never-ending love for us, the undeserving. Looking upon us in our sin, God chose to forgive us in His Son. His mercy brought us near. We need a love like that—a love that's near. Distant love, no matter how sincere, cannot change us. All life-changing love must be close. The love of God is that kind of love—an all-encompassing, all-sufficient, all-surpassing love. And it's ours because of His mercy.

That's what the lepers cried out to Jesus to receive. And He came near to give it to them.

How does God's merciful nearness change the way you live today?

Luke 17:14-16

“And while they were going, they were cleansed.” Imagine the joy. Imagine looking down at ruined skin and seeing it healed. Imagine looking at the men beside you to find faces not disfigured but whole. Cleansed!

Every Christian has experienced the same kind of cleansing at the level of the heart. By Christ’s blood, our sin is washed away. As we walk in the light with Jesus, we find moment-by-moment cleansing by His grace (1 John 1:7). The Christian life could be summed up in one word: “Cleansed!”

The lepers cleansing came at an interesting time: “while they were going.” Going was obeying. A leper would go to a priest so that the priest could determine if the disease was healed or not. These men knew before Jesus came they were as sick as ever. But when He told them to go, they went, trusting that in the going—sometime between now and then—they would be healed. And they were.

Trusting Jesus comes before the healing. It’s while we’re going that we realize all that Jesus has done under the skin.

How does trusting Jesus for healing change your outlook today?

Luke 17:17-19

What is saving faith? It is comprised of three things, at least. First, we must believe the right things about the true God. The leper believed that Jesus was worthy of worship. So he not only cried out for mercy at the beginning but returned in worship at the end of his healing. He believed Jesus was more than a magician. He knew that God was present in Jesus to grant salvation.

Second, saving faith is an assurance that what we believe is true. The leper not only acknowledged who Jesus was, he also truly believed in Him. He fell facedown not before an idea of Jesus but before the person of Jesus. His knowledge didn’t stay at the surface level. It affected His worship.

Third, the leper acknowledged the personal implications of faith in Jesus. He returned in worship to Jesus not only because he knew the right things and accepted the truth of those ideas, but because he trusted Jesus and relied upon Him. His newfound wellness led him to fall down at Jesus’ feet. His mind, will, body, and affections all pointed toward Jesus.

Saving faith is just that—looking to the whole Christ for your whole need, and knowing He alone can save.

How does salvation by faith set Christianity apart from all other religions and worldviews?

Luke 7:20-21

God's kingdom is different than the Pharisees expected. They were looking for a military and political revolution. Jesus was a meek and humble king. They wanted a strong arm of justice, burying his enemies beneath his feet. Jesus won through weakness, dying upon the cross. The kingdom did not come in observable ways. It came like a treasure in a field so many passed over. It came quietly but triumphantly. It wasn't visible all at once. No one could spot it coming on the horizon. But it came truly and powerfully.

God wins over the long haul. History bends toward His glory. In the end, of all the kingdoms of the earth, only God's will remain strong and sure, filled with those too weak for the kingdoms of this world but just perfect for God's. Those like the leper will be there, standing in a glorified body never to contract disease or experience death again. He who was cast out in this world was brought into God's. No one notices that because weakness doesn't win in this world. But in God's kingdom, it's the only way inside. His is the only kingdom where the last are first. No wonder no one notices.

How does knowing God accepts the weak into His kingdom free you to live before Him now?

Luke 17:22-37

Who would have thought the way God would win would be through rejection and suffering? How could the all-holy God above subject Himself to the horrors of crucifixion? Nonetheless, God planned to conquer this world through the cross. When God came down in Jesus Christ, the mission was set, the path was determined, the Son of Man came to die at the hands of His own people.

It should not surprise us that to save our life we must lose it. God's kingdom is an upside-down one where losing is winning, dying is living, and suffering leads to salvation.

It may look today like God's kingdom is losing, as if no one even knows it's here. But do not fear. The Son of Man is coming again. We don't know when it will be, but we know as sure as Jesus came once that He will also come again. And when He comes, His kingdom will reign forever and ever, and that rejection and suffering that was His once will be His enemy's forever.

How does knowing that Jesus was rejected and suffered help you understand the way God's kingdom is at work in this world?