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BIBLE STUDY BREAKDOWN

HOW THE STUDY IS ORGANIZED

This study is loosely structured around a helpful tool called the Wheel Illustration. Each week's topic is based on a part of the illustration. For more information on the Wheel, see page 2. Most sessions in this study guide contains the following sections:

- **QUOTE:** This is your opportunity to read what others have to say about the subject you are studying.
- **DISCUSSION QUESTION:** This is your chance to tell your own story and thoughts about the topic at hand to your small group.
- **VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES:** Each study includes one verse to memorize that corresponds with *The Navigators' Topical Memory System* (TMS). There is a bonus verse available each week for an added challenge. The purpose of the verse analysis is to help you gain a deeper understanding of the memorized verses and to prepare you to do an inductive study of the Bible in the future. The format for the verse analysis is taken from *The Navigators Bible Studies Handbook*. There is a Sample Verse Analysis you can follow on page 3.
- **LIFE OF CHRIST:** The entire Bible is the Word of God, yet Jesus is the Word of God made human. This section focuses on Jesus' teaching and example on the subject at hand.
- **ILLUSTRATION/TOOL:** This section contains a practical illustration or tool that will help you remember important aspects of the topic you are studying.
- **APPLICATION:** This section contains some questions that invite you to apply what you have been learning in the study to your own life. Out of all the sections in this study guide, this is the most important one. It brings all of the information into one tangible and concrete lesson that you can remember. By applying God's word, your life transforms more into the likeness of Christ.

HELPFUL TIPS ABOUT THIS BIBLE STUDY

- You have the opportunity to meet with God as you seek to hear His voice from the Bible. Take some time each time you prepare your study to ask Him for insight and the ability to hear from Him.
- To give ample time to study the Bible each week, it would be good to set aside 1 to 1.5 hours. Adding this time into your weekly schedule will keep it from sneaking up on you.
- This small group is formatted to allow you more freedom to discuss and hear from others. In order to maximize the group discussion, it would be good to have your study done before you meet each week.
- Your small group facilitators are here to help you in any way they can. If you have any questions throughout the week, feel free to call or text them.



Navigators Discipleship Tool

The Wheel diagram, created by Navigator founder Dawson Trotman in the 1930s, is a simple and effective way to visually explain the structure of a God-glorifying life. Sharing it can be as simple as drawing it on a napkin or notepad. The diagram challenges us to think deeply about how to be an obedient follower of Christ and each part represents a crucial component of a vibrant Christian life.



THE WHEEL

How you relate to yourself

THE CENTER HUB AND OUTER RIM

- **Christ:** Total surrender to Christ's authority and Lordship is not always a decision made right at conversion, but is a necessary act of the will. For the believer, the "old life" has gone and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17), because Christ has begun to dwell in us (Galatians 2:20). God creates within us the desire to do what He wants us to do in order to express His Lordship in our lives.
- **The Obedient Christian in Action:** Some acts of obedience to God are internal, such as attitudes, habits, motives, values and day-to-day thoughts. But even these eventually surface outwardly in our relationships with other people. Keeping His commands in obedience is our outward indication of inward health and love for Christ (John 14:21, Romans 12:1).

How you relate to God

THE VERTICAL SPOKES

- **The Word:** God uses His word to speak directly to us, revealing not only who He is, but how He calls us to live and interact with everyone around us (2 Timothy 3:16). This means an earnest personal intake of God's Word is essential for our spiritual health and growth (Joshua 1:8). As God speaks to us through the Scriptures, we learn how to obey Him and apply the gospel to every part of our lives. We also come to know Jesus personally and find He is worthy of our steadfast allegiance.
- **Prayer:** Prayer is the natural response to God as we hear Him speak through His Word. It is sharing our heart with the One who longs for our companionship and who cares about our concerns. Prayer not only trains our hearts and minds to know the power and glory of God, but also turns His ear towards action in our lives (John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7).

How you relate to others

THE HORIZONTAL SPOKES

- **Fellowship:** God has directed Christians to build each other up through interdependence and loving relationships with each other (Hebrews 10:24-25). Gathering together as the Body of Christ draws God close around us as we praise Him and encourage one another (Matthew 18:20).
- **Witnessing:** God has given believers the joy and responsibility of telling the world about the good news of Christ's work on Earth (Matthew 4:19). In fact, sharing about His amazing grace is the natural overflow of a rich, vibrant life in Christ (Romans 1:16).

SAMPLE VERSE ANALYSIS

Taken from *The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook*

VERSE FOR STUDY: Philippians 4:11

"Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, in this to be content."

MESSAGE

It teaches that Paul had to learn to be content. Contentment is not based on what you have or don't have. Circumstances are a tool in God's hands, not for making me content, but for making me more like Jesus Christ.

CONTEXT

- Philippians 4:10—Paul did have needs which the Philippians were helping him in. But it was precisely from these needs that Paul was free—emotionally, spiritually, and psychologically.
- Philippians 4:12-13—It is not only in want that we need to be content – but in plenty as well. Then we are totally free and uncontrolled by the circumstances of life and the things of the world, and are able to be secure, and to find our happiness, joy, peace, and contentment solely in Jesus Christ – because He is my life and length of my days (Deuteronomy 30:20). In Him I live and move and have my being (Acts 17:28).

QUESTIONS

- How do I learn contentment?
- If contentment is not based on what I have or don't have, on what is it based?
- What exactly does it mean to be content?
- What are some clues for identifying discontentment?

APPLICATION

To be content in the unknowns of life—the future that is always unseen—to know that I need only Jesus for this day, and that I can always know Him, even if I don't know the future. Since circumstances are only a tool in God's hands, I need to yield myself to this tool to become what God intends for me to become. In my new job, which I begin next week, I have anxiety about whether I will really like it. But today I will thank God for that job, since He arranged for me to have it, and I will decide to enjoy my being there.

THE GOSPEL

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

QUOTE

*I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

P.P. BLISS

*Living He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever;
One day He's coming – oh glorious day!*

J. WILBUR CHAPMAN

FOR DISCUSSION

Have you ever escaped a penalty you were sure you were going to have to pay? Describe the experience.

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: Romans 5:8 and 1 Peter 3:18

Romans 5:8

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BONUS VERSE: 1 Peter 3:18

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LIFE OF CHRIST

Jesus makes two significant claims about Himself in John 10:9-18. What does Jesus mean when He says “I am the gate” and “I am the good shepherd”? What are some of the things He wants to give you?

ILLUSTRATION: The Judge¹

An incident that took place several years ago in California illuminates what Jesus did on the cross in order to solve the problem God had in dealing with the sin of humanity. A young woman was picked up for speeding. She was ticketed and taken before the judge. The judge read off the citation and said, "Guilty or not guilty?" The woman replied, "Guilty." The judge brought down the gavel and fined her \$100 or ten days. Then an amazing thing took place. The judge stood up, took off his robe, walked down around in front, took out his billfold, and paid the fine. What's the explanation of this? The judge was her father. He loved his daughter, yet he was a just judge. His daughter had broken the law and he couldn't simply say to her, "Because I love you so much, I forgive you. You may leave." If he had done that, he wouldn't have been a righteous judge. He wouldn't have upheld the law. But he loved his daughter so much that he was willing to take off his judicial robe and come down in front and represent her as her father and pay the fine.

This illustration pictures to some extent what God did for us through Jesus Christ. We sinned. The Bible says, "*The wages of sin is death.*" No matter how much he loved us, God had to bring down the gavel and say death, because he is a righteous and just God. And yet, being a loving God, he loved us so much that he was willing to come down off the throne in the form of the man Christ Jesus and pay the price for us, which was Christ's death on the cross.

APPLICATION

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CHRIST THE CENTER

WHAT IS MY NEW IDENTITY?

QUOTE

Understanding your identity in Christ is absolutely essential for your success at living a victorious Christian life.

D. NEIL ANDERSON

FOR DISCUSSION

What are some indicators of what is central in our lives?

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: Galatians 2:20 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

What does the Bible say about Christ being the center of our lives?

Galatians 2:20

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BONUS VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

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LIFE OF CHRIST

Read John 3:22-30. How did John the Baptist demonstrate that Christ was the center of his life?

TOOL: “I Am” Statements

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*” When we become a follower of Christ, our old nature is crucified and we receive a new identity in Him. The book of Ephesians tells us about this new identity. As you read Ephesians 1:3-23 and 2:4-22, write down what you learn about your new identity in Christ.

For Example

I am in Christ (1:3).

I am blessed (1:3).

I am chosen (1:4).

Which aspect of your identity in Christ means the most to you right now? Why?

What would your life look like if you lived out this new identity?

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OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

IS JESUS LORD OF MY LIFE?

QUOTE

Salvation costs you nothing. Discipleship costs you everything you have.

BILLY GRAHAM

FOR DISCUSSION

What are some similarities between the way children obey their parents and the way Christians obey God?

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: Romans 12:1 and John 14:21

What does the Bible say about obedience and Lordship?

Romans 12:1

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BONUS VERSE: John 14:21

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LIFE OF CHRIST¹

What do you learn about obedience from the word picture Jesus uses in Luke 6:46-49?

Read Matthew 10:37-39; Luke 9:23-25; and Luke 14:33. According to these verses, where should Jesus belong in our value system?

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TOOL: The Lordship Pie¹

Missionary Jim Elliot once said, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Lordship is the daily decision of deciding who is going to be in charge. The first step is to trust and obey Jesus as Lord of your life. Then as you walk in faith, He will guide you in submitting to Him hour by hour and in the daily affairs of life. As you look at the chart below, ask the Lord if there is any area in your life you are having a hard time entrusting to Him. Is God calling you to grow in obedience in this area?

THE LORDSHIP PIE



FAMILY

Luke 14:13
Mark 3:31-35
Mark 10:28-30
Galatians 6:9-10

EVANGELISM

I Corinthians 9:19-23
Luke 6:27-29
Colossians 4:5-6
Romans 1:16-17

USE OF TIME

Ephesians 5:15-16
Psalm 90:12
Proverbs 10:5

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OPPOSITE SEX

Matthew 5:27-28
I Timothy 5:1-2
2 Corinthians 6:14

DECISIONS

Galatians 6:7-8
Hebrews 11:24-27
Philippians 3:7-11

FINANCES

Proverbs 17:16
Proverbs 3:9-10
2 Corinthians 9:6-7
Matthew 6:19-21
Malachi 3:10

POSSESSIONS

Matthew 6:19-21
Luke 12:15
I John 3:17
Ecclesiastes 5:10-11
Mark 8:36

LOCATION/LIVING SITUATION

James 4:13-15
Philippians 4:11
Luke 9:58-62
Luke 10:1-4
Hebrews 11:8-10

THOUGHT LIFE

Proverbs 28:26
Proverbs 3:5-8
2 Corinthians 10:5
Job 31:1

EDUCATION

Acts 4:13
Proverbs 2:1-6
James 3:13-18
Proverbs 16:16

REPUTATION

I Corinthians 4:9-13
2 Corinthians 6:3-10
Hebrews 11:36-38
Matthew 5:10-12

CAREER / FUTURE PLANS

James 4:13-16
Proverbs 27:1
Jeremiah 29:11
Philippians 3:7-10

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GOD'S WORD

IS IT RELEVANT TO ME?

QUOTE

The Bible is the most remarkable book ever written. The writing was done by about 40 men of several countries and many occupations. They wrote over a period of approximately 1,500 years and in three languages—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Yet the Bible has one great theme and central figure—Jesus Christ. All of this would be impossible unless the Bible had one supreme Author—and it does: the Holy Spirit of God.

THE NEW 2:7 SERIES: GROWING STRONG IN GOD'S FAMILY

FOR DISCUSSION

Describe an experience in your life when a specific passage of Scripture impacted you.

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: 2 Timothy 3:16 and Joshua 1:8

What does the Bible say about the Word?

2 Timothy 3:16

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BONUS VERSE: Joshua 1:8

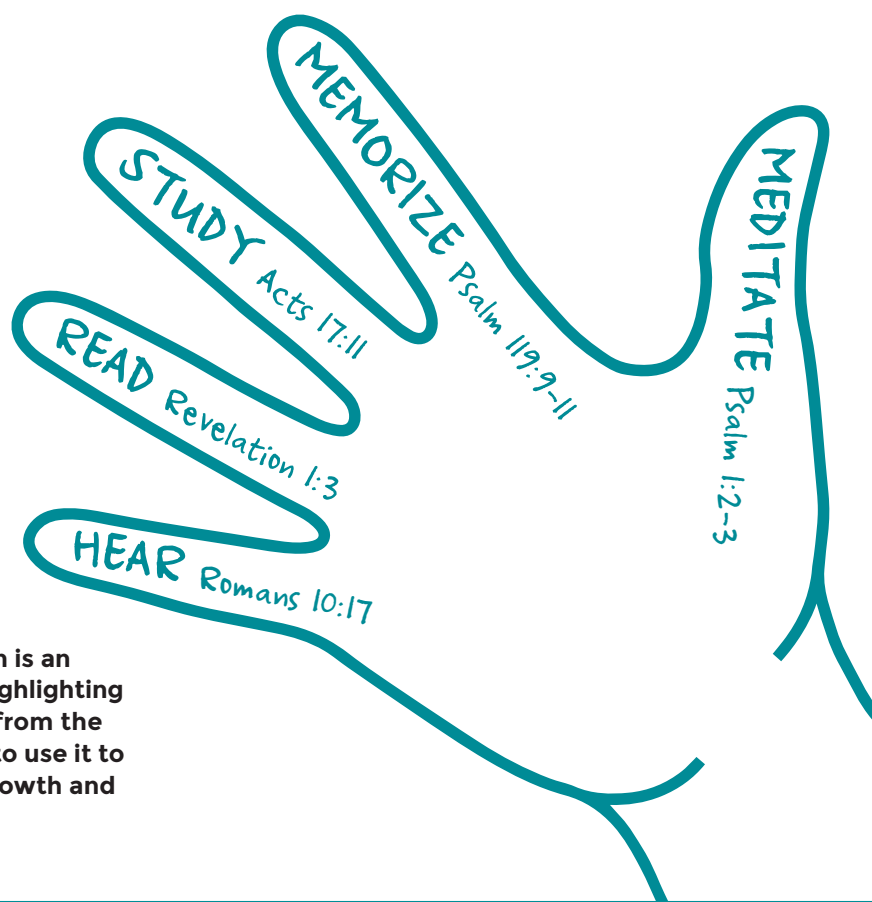
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LIFE OF CHRIST

Read Matthew 24:35, John 8:31-32, and John 17:17. What does Jesus say about the Word?



Navigators Discipleship Tool



The Word Hand illustration is an easy-to-remember tool highlighting five methods of learning from the Bible. We encourage you to use it to spur your own spiritual growth and to inspire others.

THE WORD HAND

HEARING pastors and teachers teach from the Word provides fresh insight into the Scriptures. The weakest finger (the pinkie) represents hearing, because we retain only five percent of what we hear. *Romans 10:17*

READING gives us an overview of the Bible and is the foundation of a daily quiet time. This is represented by the ring finger. We generally retain 15 percent of what we read. *Revelation 1:3*

STUDYING the Scriptures deepens our convictions. It requires greater time and effort but results in increased knowledge of the Bible. Most people retain 35 percent of what they study. This is represented by the middle finger. *Acts 17:11*

MEMORIZING God's Word enables us to use Scripture, "the Sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17), to overcome temptations and to have verses readily available for ministering to others. The index finger, our strongest finger, represents memorization. We remember 100 percent of what we memorize if we consistently review it. *Psalm 119:9-11*

MEDITATION is the process that accompanies each of the other four methods of Scripture intake. This is why meditation is assigned to the thumb. Only the thumb can touch all the other four fingers. By meditating on God's Word as we hear, read, study, and memorize, we discover its transforming power at work in us. *Psalm 1:2-3*

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NEW BIBLE DICTIONARY

E.M. BOUNDS

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BONUS VERSE: John 15:7

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LIFE OF CHRIST

Read Matthew 6:5-8, Mark 12:38-40, and Luke 18:1-8. What should your attitude be in prayer?

Read Luke 22:39-46 and learn from Jesus about unanswered prayer. What did Jesus ask the Father to do for Him? What was Jesus' heart attitude toward the Father? How did God respond to Jesus' request? Why did God respond in the way He did?

TOOL: A.C.T.S.

Different types of prayers can communicate the variety of thoughts you want to express to God. One tool to help you pray is to use the acronym A.C.T.S.

TYPE OF PRAYER	DEFINITION	VERSE
Adoration	To praise God for who He is	Hebrews 13:15
Confession	To agree with God that He is right and our sin is wrong	Psalms 32:5
Thanksgiving	To express our gratitude to God for what He has done	I Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20
Supplication	To make our requests known to God	Philippians 4:6-7

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FELLOWSHIP

WHAT IS BIBLICAL COMMUNITY?

QUOTE

The Greek word for fellowship is "koinonia." It is translated several ways in the New Testament: for example, "participation," "partnership," "sharing," and, of course, "fellowship." These various uses of koinonia convey two related meanings: (1) to share together in the sense of joint participation or partnership, and (2) to share with in the sense of giving what we have to others...Each of these two meanings can be further divided under two subheadings. To share together in sense of joint participation refers primarily to a relationship that we as believers have in Christ... Fellowship is sharing a common life with other believers, a life that we together share with God the Father and God the Son. It is a relationship, not an activity. Koinonia also means to share together in the sense of partnership.

JERRY BRIDGES

FOR DISCUSSION

Come up with a working definition for fellowship from the above information.

Have you ever been on a team or in a community where Biblical fellowship existed? What was that experience like?

Have you ever been on a team or in a community where Biblical fellowship did not exist? What was that experience like?

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: Hebrews 10:24-25 and 1 John 1:3

What does the Bible say about fellowship?

Hebrews 10:24-25

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BONUS VERSE: 1 John 1:3

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LIFE OF CHRIST

Read Acts 2:42-47. Based off the definition at the beginning of this study, how did Jesus' followers model fellowship? What would it look like today to have this type of community?

From Jesus' teaching, what are your observations on how to deal with broken fellowship? See Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-17, 21-35.

TOOL: Ten Questions to Help You Get Better Acquainted

Building relationships is a goal of every small group. This requires sharing at increasing levels of intimacy. Here is a list of questions to help your small group get to know one another better.

1. What do you like to do in your free time?
2. What is your favorite book and/or movie?
3. What is the one thing that gives you the most satisfaction?
4. What is one thing you worried about this past week?
5. If you knew you could not fail, and money was no problem, what one thing would you like to do in the next five to ten years?
6. When you are fifty, what do you hope to be doing?
7. Who has had the greatest impact on your spiritual life? How did they impact you?
8. Which Bible verse or passage of scripture blesses you the most? Why?
9. What has the Lord been teaching you lately?
10. How would you like to grow spiritually?

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BONUS VERSE: Matthew 4:19

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LIFE OF CHRIST

Study Matthew 9:35-10:1. What is the spiritual condition of those who do not know Jesus? How did Jesus respond when He saw the crowd?

TOOL: Impact List and Spiritual Conversation Starters

IMPACT LIST

Think of people you can intentionally connect with who do not yet know Jesus. Here is a guide to help you begin to pray for these individuals. As you pray, write down any ideas the Lord gives you in growing your friendship.

Friends and Family

God help my friends and family to...

- See how empty life is without You.
- Understand why they need Your forgiveness.
- Break through any confusion they have about Christ.
- Recognize how a relationship with Christ could change their lives.
- Open their hearts to Your love and their minds to Your truth.
- Have a desire to know You personally.
- Be willing to accept the Bible as Your Words.
- Stop Satan from keeping them blind about You.
- Allow You to be their Forgiver and Leader.
- Remove any obstacles that are keeping them from You.

You

God help me to...

- Live the kind of life that will help my friends be interested in Christ.
- Be a caring friend.
- Know what to say to my friends and when and how to say it.
- Be prepared to answer my friends' questions about the Christian life.
- Be bold in telling them about You.
- Be willing to be used by You to lead them into a relationship with Jesus.
- Build a friendship based on trust and understanding.
- Look for those moments when it would be good to bring up spiritual issues.
- Keep the friendship strong even if we don't agree about the Christian faith.
- Handle any disagreements with gentleness and humility on my part.

FRIENDS I AM PRAYING	HOW I CAN GROW OUR FRIENDSHIP

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION STARTERS

Jesus often used questions to begin spiritual conversations with others. Here are some ideas of relevant questions to ask others today. What questions would you add to this list?

- What do you think about Christianity? God? Jesus?
- Do you consider yourself to be religious? What does that mean to you?
- What gives you hope?

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SHARING MY TESTIMONY

WHAT IS MY STORY?

QUOTE

People enjoy hearing other people's stories. A concise and well-thought-out description of your own journey to faith can have a powerful effect on your listeners. It's hard to argue with.

BILL HYBELS

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: Romans 3:23 and Isaiah 53:6

What does the Bible say about people's condition?

Romans 3:23

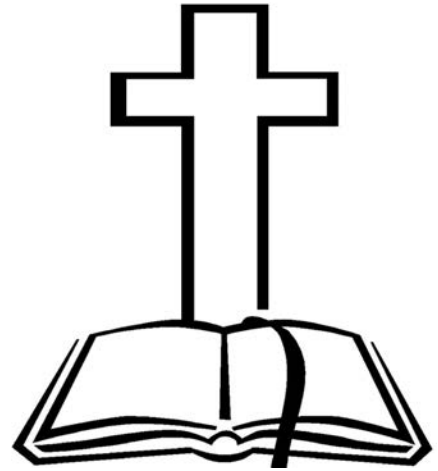
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STORIES OF REDEMPTION

Preparing Your Personal Testimony

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)

When the apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa (Acts 26), he spoke simply, logically, and clearly about his life *before* salvation, *how* he met Christ, and what his life was like *after* conversion. Paul’s testimony takes three or four minutes to read aloud in a conversational manner.

It is important for you to be able to write out your personal testimony—not for the purpose of memorizing and sharing it verbatim, but because it helps to put into words some of the important and interesting details of your relationship with Christ. Our individual stories are some of the most powerful discipleship and evangelism tools because they are so deeply unique to us. The choice of the right words, the flow of your story, and knowing how to begin and end are all important. As you begin to work on this, ask the Lord for wisdom and insight into just how to share your story. The following worksheet is meant to help you outline the significant highlights in your journey with Christ.

BEFORE

- ① Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

- ② What solutions for your life did you try that didn’t work?

HOW

- ① What were the circumstances that caused you to consider Christ?

- ② Tell how you trusted Christ, and briefly include the gospel.

AFTER

- ① Give an example of how Christ met your needs or how He is now contributing to your life.

- ② End with a sentence to the effect that you know that you have eternal life through Christ.

In Greek culture, sin originally meant to ‘miss the mark,’ that is, to miss the center of the target.

The Bible refers to three types of death. (Death means separation.)

- TODD JENSEN

What target or mark have we missed? Why must God punish us for missing this mark? Is the penalty fair?

Romans 6:23

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BONUS VERSE: Hebrew 9:27

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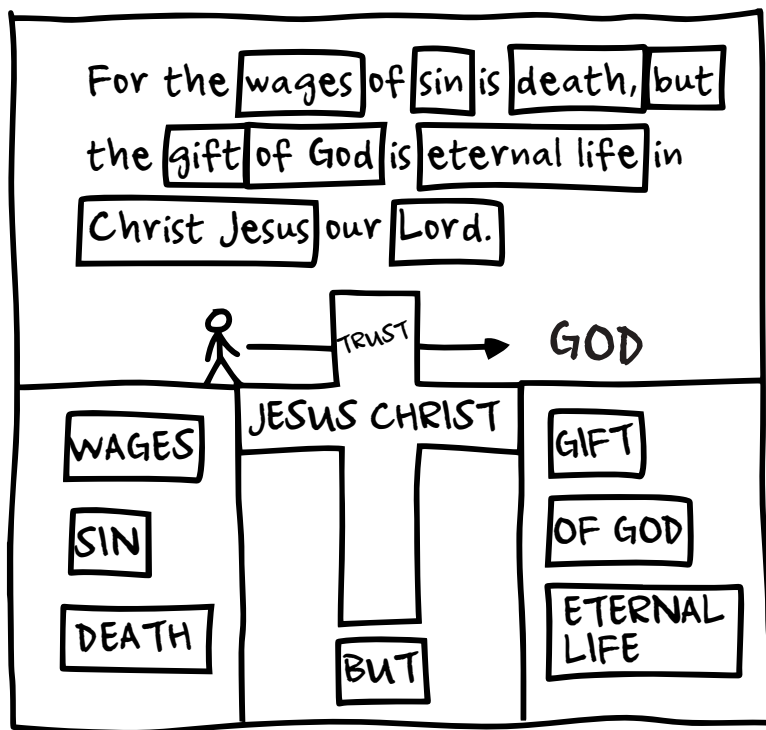
LIFE OF CHRIST

According to John 3:16-21, what does Jesus say is man's condition apart from Him? What hope do we have in Jesus?



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One-Verse Evangelism® is a simple, interactive way to share Christ's love conversationally and visually. As you are in a conversation with a friend, you can illustrate Romans 6:23 on a napkin or piece of paper to explain God's relationship with people.



ONE VERSE EVANGELISM

Circle **WAGES** and ask, "How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due to you?" Of course, your friend would want justice, the wages he had worked for. Deep down, we all know that it is only right that we get what we deserve.

Draw a circle around **SIN**, asking your friend what he thinks when he hears this word. You might explain that sin is more an attitude than an action. It can be either actively fighting God or as simple as excluding Him from our lives. Now draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.

Circle **DEATH** and ask what thoughts come to mind. Explain that death in the Bible always means some kind of separation—in its most basic sense, separation from life. Because God is the author of life, a spiritual death simply means separation from Him.

While circling the word **BUT** mention that it is important because it means that a sharp contrast in ideas is coming. What we have just looked at is the bad news; what comes next is the good news.

Draw a circle around **GIFT**. Ask, "If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?" Though every gift is free for the person receiving it, someone still has to purchase it.

Circle **OF GOD** and explain that the gift you are talking about is free. It is from God Himself. It's so special that no one else can give it. Ask, "How do you feel when someone gives you a special gift?"

Circle **ETERNAL LIFE** next, and then ask, "How would you define these words?" Contrast one side of the cliff, death, with the other side, eternal life. Ask, "What is the opposite of separation from God?"

Write **JESUS CHRIST** so it creates a bridge between the two cliffs. Help your friend to consider that just as every gift has a unique giver, only Jesus Christ can give the gift of eternal life.

Write **TRUST** over the bridge. Explain that a true friend is a friend you can trust; Jesus is offering to be a true friend to him. All he has to do is admit that he is responsible for his sin—either of fighting against God or excluding Him from his life. Trusting Jesus means believing that He has power to forgive us for rejecting God and that He will wash us clean from all that we have done wrong in life.

Now, ask your friend if he wants to start a relationship with God that will last forever. If he says "Yes," invite him to pray a short prayer in his own words, asking Jesus to forgive him and make him new. Close by reminding him that this simple illustration shows what God is like: Someone who really cares about people—especially him. Invite him to read all about it in the Bible.

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SALVATION NOT BY WORKS

WHAT MUST I DO?

QUOTE

Many people are left with the impression that if they go to church, or are born into a Christian family, or try to be moral and religious, then they are automatically made right with God. But it's not true. Anyone who relies on their personal efforts to get into God's family is eventually going to experience the world's worst nightmare. Listen to the warning Jesus gave in Matthew 7:21-23: "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Man will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers.' So for the sake of those who need to be reached, we've got to be crystal clear about the fact that a personal response is essential. Each of us has to receive the forgiveness and leadership of Christ individually. And when we do, the Bible assures us that the Holy Spirit will immediately take residence within us and begin to change us from the inside out.

BILL HYBELS

FOR DISCUSSION

What ways do people try to get to heaven?

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: Ephesians 2:8-9 and Titus 3:5

Ephesians 2:8-9

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BONUS VERSE: Titus 3:5

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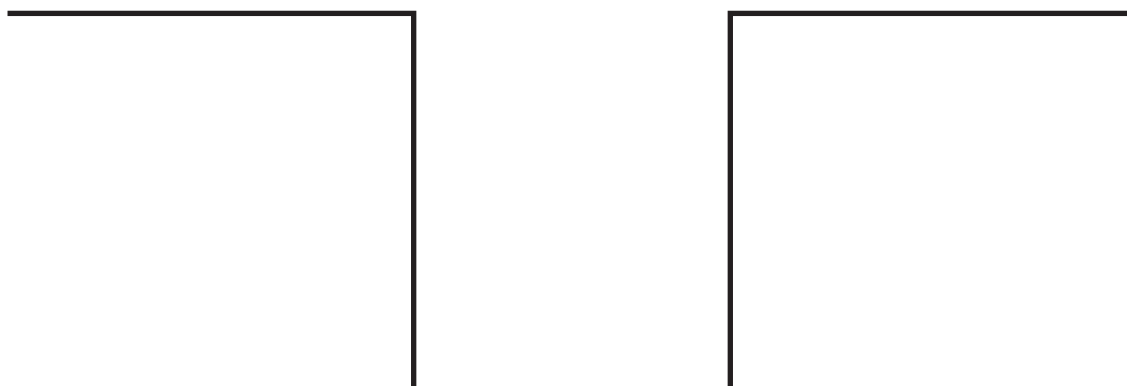
LIFE OF CHRIST

The Scribes and Pharisees were the religious elite in Jesus' day and were known for keeping the law for appearances sake. What does Jesus say about their "good deeds" and motives in Matthew 23:23-28? What does Jesus say about the Law in John 5:36-40?

In Luke 23:32-43, how does Jesus' conversation with one of the criminals on the cross demonstrate that salvation is not by works?

PRACTICE: The Bridge Illustration

Use the space below to practice the Bridge Illustration you learned in Session 10.

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ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

CAN I KNOW FOR SURE?

QUOTE

Assurance of salvation is the conviction that, though he was previously lost and separated from God, he is now redeemed by Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and saved for all eternity. He may or may not have had a dramatic experience upon conversion, and he may or may not feel any different, but he has the settled confidence that Christ has entered his life, has saved him, has re-created him, and will never leave him or forsake him.

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FOR DISCUSSION

If someone were to ask you, "How can I be sure I am a Christian?" what would you say?

VERSE ANALYSIS ON SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES: 1 John 5:13 and John 5:24

1 John 5:13

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LIFE OF CHRIST

Each of the following verses deal with the salvation Jesus Christ bought for us – John 1:12-13, 3:16-18, 6:37-40, 6:51, 11:25-26, 17:1-3. Write any insights they give you into why or how we can know we are saved.

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