

# Formation

Learn to Live Like Jesus

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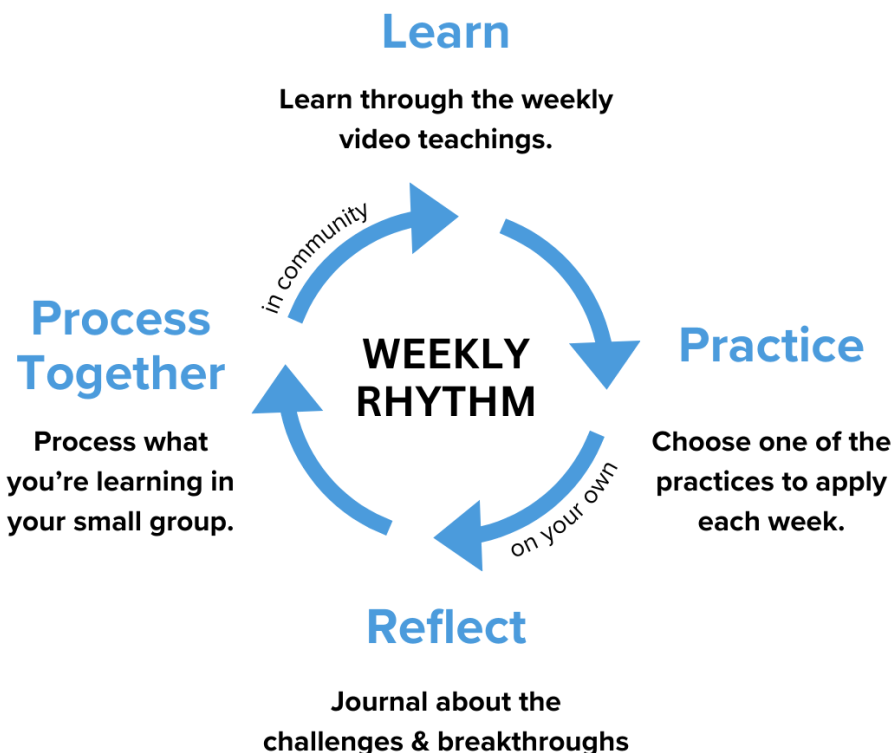
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## Welcome to Your Formation Group

We are so glad you have chosen to join us on this journey of spiritual growth! Over the next few weeks, we believe that this group will not only be a resource for **information**, but also a catalyst for **transformation**. Our hope is that through integrating these principles and practices into your everyday routines, you will begin to experience the “life” that Jesus speaks about in John 10:10... “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!”

## Weekly Rhythm

Throughout this formation group, several things make up your weekly rhythm. First, you will **learn** by watching the weekly video teachings. As you watch each session, we encourage you to take notes in this guide to help you remember what God is speaking to you about and what you are learning. After your group, you will have an opportunity to put what you learned into **practice**. This is an essential part of the formation process as we apply the lessons from God's Word. After you have completed the practice for that week, take some time to **reflect** on your experience through journaling. Write out what went well, what was challenging, and how you can continue to grow in this daily. Finally, as you come back to your small group, you will have an opportunity to **process together** about your experience with the practices. Share your progress and challenges on your journey to be formed into the image of Christ.



# Introduction Session // Build Your Life on the Rock

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Watch **Formation - Introduction** on [YouTube.com/ChurchoftheKing](https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheKing).

*“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and the holy spirit. **Teach** these new disciples to **obey** all the commands I have given you.”*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

*“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and **does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and **does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” **Matthew 7:24-27***

## Notes

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## Discussion Questions:

1. Share a little bit about yourself with the group. (Family, profession, hobbies, etc)
2. What brought you to this group, and what would you like to get out of it?
3. Why do you think it's important not just to hear the teachings of Jesus but to apply them? How do you think your life will look different after applying them?
4. How do you manage the overwhelming amount of information in today's world, and how can you ensure you're applying and prioritizing what you learn about your faith?
5. What does it mean to you to build your life on a solid foundation? How can you continue to grow and build your life on the solid foundation of Christ?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray together before you finish today's group.



# Put God First

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38



# Put God First // Bible Engagement

## Session 1 // Why Should I Read the Bible?

### Video Notes

*During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3-4*

1. Scripture is how you \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Scripture reveals \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us.

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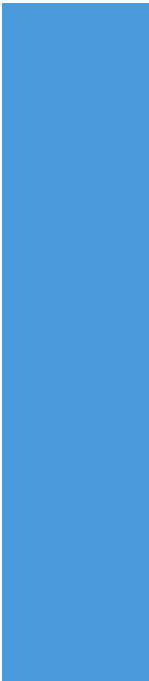
## Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to put God first in your life?
2. Regarding your priorities, what are some typical things that stand in the way of your ability to Put God First?
3. Read Matthew 22:37-38. Why do you believe Jesus calls this the greatest commandment?
4. Is Bible engagement a part of your daily routine? If so, what can you do to improve it? If not, what makes it challenging for you?
5. Share a time when a passage from the Bible stood out to you and impacted your mindset and decisions.
6. Why is knowing God personally more important than just doing good deeds?

**Prayer:** Pray as a group for God to speak to you this week as you engage in His Word.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of Bible engagement in your life. **(SOAP explanation and reading plans on next two pages.)**



**01** - Read one chapter per day in the New Testament reading plan and use the SOAP journal method daily.

**02** - Read the Life journal reading plan and use the SOAP journal method daily.

**03** - Read Life journal reading plan and use the SOAP journal method daily.  
- Memorize one verse or passage this week.

# SOAP Explanation

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## Scripture

- Select a plan. (New Testament reading plan or Life journal reading plan are great options)
- While you read, choose one verse or passage that sticks out to you and write it down.

**Example: *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28***

## Observation

Once you have finished writing down the passage that you would like to focus on, take a moment to write down what you observe about the passage.

- What sticks out to you? Why did you select this passage? What is God saying to you through this Scripture?

**Example: God doesn't just work out some things, He works out all things. No matter how challenging a situation or circumstance, He will work it together for good.**

## Application

After you write down the Scripture as well as the observation, take a moment to write out how you could apply this to your life this week. Get specific as you commit to living out the truth found in this passage.

**Example: When I face certain challenges this week, I need to remember that God will work out all things for His good. I will choose to trust Him in every situation.**

## Prayer

Finally, end by writing a prayer pertaining to this passage. This is a great opportunity to process with God about this passage. If you feel like God is speaking to you through it, talk to Him about it. This is also a great time to ask the Holy Spirit to help you apply this to your life. To have God's Word transform you, you'll need more than just willpower; you need the Spirit's power.

**Example: God, thank You for your promise to work all things together. Even when I can't see it, I choose to trust You in each situation I face, no matter how difficult the circumstances. Your ways are better than mine, and I choose to trust in Your goodness and righteousness.**



## Reading Plan Examples

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### Life Journal Reading Plan

Completion of this plan will take you through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in a year.

- Below is a 21 day sample of the plan
- The full plan can be found through the YouVersion Bible App

- ☐ Gen 1,2; Luke 1
- ☐ Gen 3-5; Luke 2
- ☐ Gen 6-8; Luke 3
- ☐ Gen 9-11; Luke 4
- ☐ Gen 12-14; Luke 5
- ☐ Gen 15-17; Luke 6
- ☐ Gen 18,19; Luke 7
- ☐ Gen 20-22; Luke 8
- ☐ Gen 23-24; Luke 9
- ☐ Gen 25-26; Psalms 6; Luke 10
- ☐ Gen 27-28; Psalms 4; Luke 11
- ☐ Gen 29-30; Luke 12
- ☐ Gen 31-33; Luke 13
- ☐ Gen 34-36; Luke 14
- ☐ Gen 37-38; Psalms 7; Luke 15
- ☐ Gen 39-41; Luke 16
- ☐ Gen 42-43; Psalms 5; Luke 17
- ☐ Gen 44-46; Luke 18
- ☐ Gen 47-48; Psalms 10; Luke 19
- ☐ Gen 49-50; Psalms 8; Luke 20
- ☐ Ex. 1-2; Psalms 88; Luke 21



### New Testament Reading Plan

This plan leads you through the entire New Testament in one year.

- Below is a 21 day sample of the plan
- The full plan can be found through the YouVersion Bible App.

- ☐ Matthew 1
- ☐ Matthew 2
- ☐ Matthew 3
- ☐ Matthew 4
- ☐ Matthew 5:1-26
- ☐ Matthew 5:27-48
- ☐ Matthew 6
- ☐ Matthew 7
- ☐ Matthew 8
- ☐ Matthew 9:1-17
- ☐ Matthew 9:18-38
- ☐ Matthew 10:1-23
- ☐ Matthew 10:24-42
- ☐ Matthew 11
- ☐ Matthew 12:1-21
- ☐ Matthew 12:22-50
- ☐ Matthew 13:1-33
- ☐ Matthew 13:34-58
- ☐ Matthew 14:1-21
- ☐ Matthew 14:22-36
- ☐ Matthew 15:1-20



# Put God First // Bible Engagement

## Session 2 // Can I Trust the Bible?

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “**Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?**” “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” “**You won’t die!**” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” **The woman was convinced. Genesis 3:1-6***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ supports Scripture.
2. Ancient \_\_\_\_\_ attest to Scripture.
3. The fulfillment of Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus Himself \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture as God's Word.

### Notes

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## Discussion Questions:

1. How does the story of Adam and Eve illustrate the devil's tactic to create doubt about God's Word?
2. What makes the Bible unique compared to other books?
3. Why do you think Jesus placed so much importance on Scripture during His life and ministry?
4. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* Share a time when you experienced God's correction, instruction, and/or guidance through His Word?
5. What role does faith play even when we have evidence supporting the Bible's reliability?
6. How can you respond when doubts arise about the truth of the Bible? What are some key Scriptures you can use to speak over your life?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to reveal truth to you through the Bible.

## Practices:

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# Put God First // Bible Engagement

## Session 3 // How to Understand the Bible

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"* **John 5:39**

1. Do I take the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Literary styles in Scripture:

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 43%
- \_\_\_\_\_ - 33%
- \_\_\_\_\_ - 24%

2. Can any verse apply to any \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Do all the \_\_\_\_\_ laws apply to me?

- \_\_\_\_\_ law - Sacrificial law to atone for sin
- \_\_\_\_\_ law - Governing law for the nation of Israel
- \_\_\_\_\_ law - God's will for human behavior

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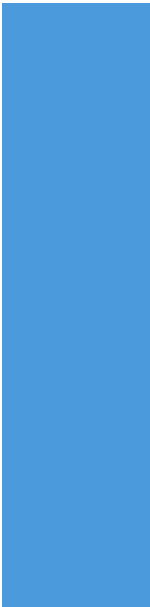
## Discussion Questions:

1. What challenges have you faced when trying to understand the Bible?
2. Why is it important to consider the original context of a verse or passage? How can taking verses out of context lead to misunderstanding?
3. How does understanding the different literary styles in the Bible help in interpreting and applying it?
4. Share a time when you applied Scripture to a situation in your life. How did it impact you?
5. Why is it important to recognize Jesus as the central figure throughout the Bible with the message of salvation for our sin as the central message?
6. Has there been a time when you discovered a deeper meaning in a familiar Bible story? What new insights did you gain?
7. What role does faith play in understanding and engaging with Scripture?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to give you wisdom and understanding in His Word.

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# Put God First // Bible Engagement

## Session 4 // Why Pray?

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! Psalm 116:2*

1. Prayer was \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.

- **Luke 5:16 // Luke 6:12 // Luke 22:39 // Luke 5:15-16**

2. Prayer builds \_\_\_\_\_.

*"My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming." Psalm 27:8*

3. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ things.

- *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, **then** I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

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## Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think prayer can be challenging to incorporate into daily life?
2. What are some distractions that prevent you from fully engaging in prayer?
3. Why do you think Jesus took time to pray every day? How does the example of Jesus' prayer life inspire you to prioritize prayer in your own life?
4. Can you recall a time when a small or simple prayer led to a significant outcome? How did that experience impact your faith?
5. How do you balance asking God for things and simply spending time in relationship with Him during prayer?
6. What steps can you take this week to make prayer a more consistent and meaningful part of your daily routine?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to guide you and put things on your heart in your prayer time.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of prayer in your life!

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- 01** - Write out a prayer list of things you are believing God for.  
- Pray over this list 3 or more times this week.
  - 02** - Build a daily habit by spending 10 minutes in prayer each day.  
- Thank God for what he has done and pray over your needs.
  - 03** - Set aside 20-30 minutes daily for prayer.  
- Thank God, bring your needs to Him, and confess Scripture.

# Put God First // Prayer

## Session 5 // Prayer Templates

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*One of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught His disciples." So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." **Luke 11:1-4***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : Give us this day our bread
4. \_\_\_\_\_ : Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us
5. \_\_\_\_\_ : Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one
6. \_\_\_\_\_ : Yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever

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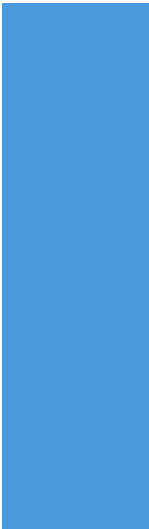
## Discussion Questions:

1. How does starting prayer with worship and adoration, as seen in "Our Father, Hallowed be your name," shape your connection with God?
2. How does the idea of God being a loving Father who cares about your needs influence your approach to prayer? Is it a challenge to see God as your Father? If so, why, and how can you better receive Him as your Father?
3. Why do you think it's important to seek God's will ("Your kingdom come, your will be done") before bringing your own needs in prayer?
4. How does the reminder to forgive others during prayer ("Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us") impact your relationship with God? Your relationship with others?
5. What role do prayer templates, like the Lord's Prayer, play in helping you stay focused during prayer?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to remind you of His goodness and prompt you to pray for specific things for your life, family, friends, community, and world as you pray through the Lord's prayer.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of prayer in your life! **The Lord's prayer template can be found at [pray.churchoftheking.com](http://pray.churchoftheking.com)**



**01** - Pray through the Lord's prayer template 3 times this week.

**02** - Pray through the Lord's prayer template with your spouse or family three times this week.

**03** - Take 30 minutes daily to pray through the Lord's prayer.

# Put God First // Prayer

## Session 6 // Hearing God's Voice

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. **Then God said**, "Let there be light," and there was light." **Genesis 1:1-3***

*"My sheep **listen** to my voice; I know them, and they **follow** me." **John 10:27***

1. God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ has drowned out God's voice.

What do you do when God speaks?

1. Make sure it lines up with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it to godly people.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

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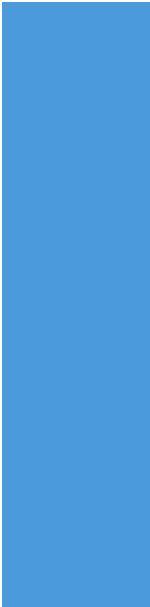
## Discussion Questions:

1. Why might people struggle with hearing God's voice during prayer?
2. How has busyness or distraction affected your ability to hear from God? What changes could you make to create more space for listening?
3. Have you ever felt that God was speaking to you? How did you respond, and how did it impact your life?
4. Why is it important to confirm that what you believe God is saying aligns with Scripture?
5. How can involving godly friends in processing what you believe God is saying help you discern His voice more clearly?
6. What can we learn from Jonah's story about the importance of acting on what God speaks to us? How can you apply this lesson to your own life?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to speak to you clearly this week as you intentionally position yourself to hear His voice.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of prayer in your life! ***“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10***

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- 01** - Find a quiet, distraction free place to spend 5-10 minutes in solitude. Still your soul and listen for God's voice. Write down what you are hearing from God.
  - 02** - Reduce your media consumption for a week in order to silence external noise. In moments throughout the week embrace the stillness and listen for God's voice.
  - 03** - Plan an extended time of solitude this week (1-2 hours). Have no agenda but to spend time with God and listen to His voice.

# Do Life Together

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
Shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall  
still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and  
flourishing.

Psalm 92:13-14





# Do Life Together

## Session 7 // Planted in the House

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*Those who are **planted** in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing. Psalm 92:13-14*

*So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And **as His custom was**, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. Luke 4:16*

1. Not \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Planted in the wrong \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ but not planted

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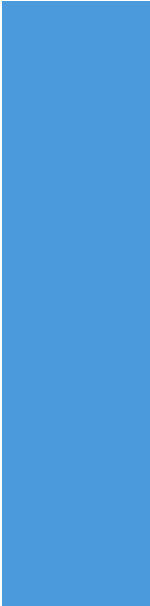
## Discussion Questions:

1. In Genesis 2:18, the beginning of creation, God says, "It is not good for man to be alone." How does this statement reflect the importance of community in our lives today?
2. Why do you think loneliness and isolation are so prevalent in a world where we are more digitally connected than ever?
3. What practical ways can we move from mere connectivity to genuine community within our church?
4. Psalm 92:13-14 speaks of flourishing when planted in the house of the Lord. Why do you think we will flourish if we are planted in church?
5. How have you experienced growth or flourishing by being part of a church community?
6. How can we ensure that we are "planted in the right soil" regarding the people and environments we surround ourselves with?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for you to experience growth and flourishing as you commit to being planted in God's house.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of doing life together!

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- 01** - If you have not completed Next Steps, pre-register and plan to attend by going to [ChurchoftheKing.com/NextSteps](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/NextSteps).
  - 02** - If you have things on your weekly calendar hindering your ability to be consistently planted in church, take some time this week to make some adjustments to prioritize being in God's house.
  - 03** - Talk to a friend this week about keeping each other accountable to attending church regularly. Schedule weekly times to connect for encouragement and accountability.

# Do Life Together

## Session 8 // Three Friends Everyone Needs

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back to back and conquer. **Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.***

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : a friend who \_\_\_\_\_ you
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : a friend who \_\_\_\_\_ you
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : a friend who tells you the \_\_\_\_\_

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## Discussion Questions:

1. What qualities make a friend supportive, like Jonathan was to David?
2. How can we celebrate our friends' successes without feeling diminished?
3. Describe a time when a friend's honesty helped you grow.
4. How do you feel about being accountable to someone? Why can having someone speak truth into our lives help us to grow and flourish?
5. How can we become friends who speak the truth in love?
6. What challenges have you faced in building deep relationships?
7. What practical steps can you take to be a supportive and accountable friend?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to bring new, godly friendships into your life.

## Practices:

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- 01** - Call a friend or person in your small group, and take a few minutes to pray for each other.
  - 02** - Meet with a friend this week to see how you can better support them.
  - 03** - Ask a trusted friend to identify one or two areas in your life that you could grow in, and ask them to hold you accountable.

# Do Life Together

## Session 9 // Confession and Prayer

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.** And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another,** that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. **James 5:13-18***

1. \_\_\_\_\_

- *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **1 John 1:7***

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- *"If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." **Matthew 18:19-20***

### Notes

As you watch the teaching as a group, feel free to use this page for notes. What are some key ideas? What is God speaking to you about?

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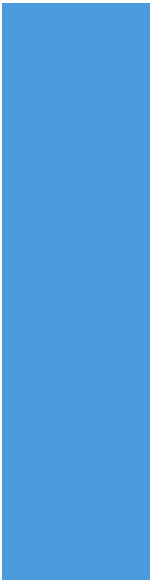
## Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God emphasized the importance of community in Genesis 2:18?
2. How does partnering in prayer with others strengthen our faith and lead to breakthroughs?
3. James 5:16 mentions confessing our trespasses to one another. How can confession lead to healing in our lives? Why do you think it's important to bring our struggles into the light, as mentioned in 1 John 1:7?
4. Share a time when you experienced healing by talking about your struggles and praying with someone.
5. What lies might the enemy use to keep us from being transparent about our struggles?
6. Vulnerability can be challenging. What steps can you take to open up to trusted friends or leaders in our community?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to give you strength and boldness to share your struggles with others.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of doing life together!

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- 01** - Open up to a trusted godly friend about something you are struggling with, and ask them to pray with you.
  - 02** - Make a list of a few friends who need healing and pray for them every day this week. If appropriate, you can even text them to let them know that you are praying for them.
  - 03** - Get a few friends together this week and pray for each other's needs.



# Reach People

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Matthew 4:18-20



# Reach People

## Session 10 // Heart of Evangelism

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*One day, as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him. **Matthew 4:18-20***

1. Understand God's \_\_\_\_\_ for the lost.

- *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **1 John 1:7***

2. Tell your \_\_\_\_\_.

- *The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” So the people came streaming from the village to see him. **John 4:28-30***

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## Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding God's heart for the lost, as seen in Luke 15, shape our perspective on reaching people?
2. What common fears or challenges do you face when sharing your faith with others?
3. How can we be more intentional about living with an eternal perspective daily?
4. Why is it important to remember that sharing your faith isn't just for the spiritually elite but for every Christian?
5. Share the story of how Jesus saved you and became your Lord and Savior.

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to give you a boldness to share your faith with others.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of reaching people!



**01** - Take time this week to write out your testimony.

**02** - Write your testimony of how Jesus saved you, and share it with a friend, co-worker, or family member who is saved so they can give feedback on how to share it better.

**03** - Share your testimony this week with a friend or family member who does not have a relationship with Jesus.

# Reach People

## Week 11 // Head of Evangelism

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

#### Common Objections to Christianity:

1. Does science disprove the existence of God?

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1***
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - *The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. **Psalms 19:1***

2. How can God exist if so much evil exists in the world?

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - *When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **Romans 5:12***
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - *"he has come to steal, kill and destroy..." **John 10:10***

3. How do I know Jesus is the only way to God?

- *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me"*  
**John 14:6**
- \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus
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### Notes

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## Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had doubts about God? How did you deal with them?
2. How would you respond to the question, “Why is there so much evil in the world if God is good?”
3. **John 14:6** says, Jesus answered, “*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*” How does this verse help us understand what makes Christianity unique compared to other world religions?
4. Has there been a time when someone questioned you about your faith? Share.
5. How can we continue to grow in our knowledge of and relationship with God?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to give you opportunities to share your faith with others.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of reaching people!



**01** - When you go to a restaurant this week ask your server if there is anything you can pray for them about.

**02** - Invite three friends or family members to church this weekend.

**03** - Share the gospel with someone this week.

# Reach People

## Session 12 // Hands of Evangelism

**Ask:** How did implementing last week's practices go for you? Did you find them helpful, and how did they influence your mindset during the week?

### Video Notes

*"Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, **but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn**. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. So they concluded, 'Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion.'" **Daniel 6:4-5 NLT***

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_

- *Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.*

**1 Timothy 4:12**

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to trials

- *Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. **Acts 16:25***

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ for one another

- *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." **John 13:35***

### Notes

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## Discussion Questions:

1. What impacted you the most in this session's teaching?
2. Why do you think our actions are important in leading others to Christ? How can living a life of integrity be a powerful witness to others?
3. How do you typically respond to trials, and what impact do you think that has on those around you?
4. Share a time when someone's response to a difficult situation influenced your faith.
5. Why is love for one another crucial to showing the world that we are Jesus' disciples?
6. What are some practical ways you can show love and serve others in your daily life, following Jesus' example?

**Pray:** Pray as a group for God to give you ideas for different ways you can serve others.

## Practices:

Select one of the following practices to apply this week. We have provided 3 options that vary in difficulty. Choose whichever one suits you and commit to it so you can begin to build the habit of reaching people!



**01** - Sign up for a **serve project** at [ChurchoftheKing.com/Serve](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/Serve).

**02** - Pay for someone's gas, groceries or meal this week to show the love of Jesus.

**03** - Go to a public place (mall, park, etc) with a few friends and share your faith with the people God places in your path.

## ANSWER KEY

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### Session 1: Why Should I Read the Bible?

1. Scripture is how you get to know God.
2. Scripture reveals truth.
3. Scripture corrects and directs us.

### Session 2: Can I Trust the Bible?

1. Archeology supports Scripture.
2. Ancient secular authors attest to Scripture.
3. The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.
4. Jesus Himself affirms Scripture as God's Word.

### Session 3: How to Understand the Bible

1. Do I take the Bible literally?
  - Narrative - 43%
  - Poetry - 33%
  - Discourse - 24%
2. Can any verse apply to any situation?
3. Do all the Old Testament laws apply to me?
  - Ceremonial law
  - Civil law
  - Moral law

### Session 4: Why Pray?

1. Prayer was modeled by Jesus.
2. Prayer builds relationship.
3. Prayer changes things.

### Session 5: Prayer Templates

1. Promises
2. Priorities
3. Provision
4. Pardon
5. Power
6. Praise

### Session 6: Hearing God's Voice

1. God is a speaking God.
2. Our busyness has drowned out God's voice.

What do you do when God speaks?

1. Make sure it lines up with Scripture.
2. Process it and submit it to godly people.
3. Act on it.

### Session 7: Planted in the House

1. Not planted
2. Uprooted
3. Planted in the wrong soil
4. Potted but not planted

### Session 8: Three Friends Everyone Needs

1. Samuel: a friend who pushes you
2. Jonathan: a friend who supports you
3. Nathan: a friend who tells you the truth

### Session 9: Confession & Prayer

1. Confession
2. Prayer

### Session 10: Heart of Evangelism

1. Understand God's heart for the lost.
2. Tell your story.

### Session 11: Head of Evangelism

1. Does science disprove the existence of God?
  - Beginning
  - Design - fine tuning
2. How can God exist if so much evil exists in the world?
  - Sin nature
  - The devil
3. How do I know Jesus is the only way to God?
  - Prophecy about Jesus
  - Resurrection

### Session 12: Hands of Evangelism

1. Our character
2. Our response
3. Our love for one another