

daily

READING BOOKLET



believe
THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE
STUDY WEEK 2018



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given

The words 'given', 'gave' or 'sent' appear 21 times in John 17. God has sent Jesus, given him power and authority, and Jesus is now going to give himself that we might have 'oneness' with God. There is nothing we can do to achieve our own salvation – it is a gift given by God. How will we respond?

Key idea to explore: How can we give back to God?

Because of his obedience, what did God give Jesus? And what does he give to us?

In v4 Paul instructs us to look for the interests of others, not just our own. Try and think of a few things you could do this week to look out for others.

NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR BY GIVING

character – Jehoshabeath



BIBLE MARKING - PHIL 2

Write down these cross references next to the verses listed from Phil 2:

- v3 - John 17v21
- v8 – Luke 12v37; Mark 10v44-45 This is what Jesus does for us!

It can be helpful to write a clearer translation next to the second half of v6 if you have the KJV. The ESV has “*did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped*”. A good cross reference here is Gen 3v6 where Eve desired to be like the angels.

prayer OF PRAISE TO GOD

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Psalm 115:1

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isa 25:1

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Psalm 150v1-2

(Aim: Telling God how much you love and esteem him)

- Set aside a period of time to specifically praise God at the beginning of each prayer
- You are putting God in the right position at the start
- The larger God is in our prayer, the smaller we become, remembering he is in heaven and we are on earth

Things to include in your prayer:

1. Praise God for his character. (Ex 34:6-7, Gal 5:22-23)

- List five things you love about God's character and how they affect you

2. Praise God for his word. (Psa 19:7-11)

- List three of the most powerful points you have heard from the bible recently

3. Praise God for his creation. (Job 38, Psa 104)

- List three things you have seen from creation and how they impressed you

4. Praise God for he is a Father. (2 Thess 2:16, 2 Cor 1:3-4, James 1:17, Matt 7:7-11)

- What should an ideal father be like?
- In what way is God your Father?

5. Praise God for his name.

- Concentrate on one of God's titles

(Yahweh, God Almighty, The Everlasting God, The Lord God of Israel, Healer, Shepherd, Saviour, King, Refuge, Rock, Creator, etc.)

- What does it mean?
- How does it affect you?





willpower

The trials of Jesus as revealed by **John 18** demonstrate the incredible willpower of the Saviour. He who could, at any time, have called upon twelve legions of angels, instead “took upon him the form of a servant” and “humbled himself, and became obedient unto death” (**Philippians 2:7-8**). We may not be called to endure sham trials in front of wicked human rulers, but the daily battle against sin will require just the same willpower and resolve as our Lord himself exhibited.

Key idea to explore: How can we actively pursue the truth in our lives?

What are the two contrasting ways in this chapter? What is the thing that motivates these actions for both sides? Are there any quotes to show this?

Why say the fruit of the spirit instead of works of the spirit?

**WILLPOWER IS A FIGHT AGAINST OUR HUMAN BIAS
TOWARD DISOBEYING GOD. IT IS AN ACTIVE THING!**

character – Daniel



BIBLE MARKING - GAL 5

Colour in the works of the flesh from **v19-21** in **RED**, and then the fruit of the spirit in **BLUE** to highlight the difference between them.

Cross reference **v18** with **v23**. In your margin write **Gal 2v20** next to **v24**. We associate with Christ!

prayer OF THANKFULNESS

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thess 5:18

(Aim: To acknowledge and thank God for all his abundant blessings)

Before beginning your prayer, consider:

- Timothy said; “But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” (1 Tim 6:8)
- Christ said; “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” (Matt 8:20)
- How much more has God given to you in comparison to the above?

Pray to God and thank him for:

1. Your life and health

- List three specific things that you are thankful for (for example, ability to walk, hear, etc.)
- Think of one of your talents. Thank God for creating you with this
- How can you better use your talent in his service?

2. Your Family/Friends/Ecclesia/Youth Group

- List three specific things about each that you are thankful for

3. Your country and leaders (1 Tim 2:1-2)

- List three specific things that you are thankful for

4. Your job and/or education

- List three specific things that you are thankful for

5. Your home/possessions/clothing/wealth

- Recognise everything you have comes from God
- Do you feel content with what you have? Or are you always wanting more?
- Ask God to help you be content





sacrifice

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and the theme of self-sacrifice, need no explanation. That which is required is the quiet contemplation of what the innocent Son of God endured for our own sakes, and an understanding that the fullest appreciation of this must daily influence our behaviour one toward another.

Key idea to explore: Sacrifice for others brings out positives in our own lives.

What is God really asking them to fast from? It's a good idea to write out what the Jews were doing on the Sabbath, and then contrast this with writing what Isaiah says they should have been doing.

SHOW GOD'S HAND BY GIVING YOURS

character – Ruth



BIBLE MARKING - ISA 58

It's helpful to outline the key sections in this chapter with headings in the margin:

v1-5 Israel's attitude towards the Sabbath

v6-7 The true purpose of the Sabbath

v8-14 Benefits of serving God and practical ways to do this

prayer FOR OTHERS

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Phil 2:3-4

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven.

Matt 5:44

(Aim: To focus on others and minimise the focus on yourself)

1. Pray for three people who are sick
2. Pray for three people struggling spiritually:
 - What can you do to help?
 - What do you want God to do for them?
3. List three of your best friends
 - Pray that their faith in God might increase
 - Pray that their love for God might increase
 - Pray that they might continue to improve in the truth even when difficulties come upon them
 - Thank God for them and ask that they might be in the kingdom

4. List three people who are doing a good work in A) Your local area, B) Australia, C) Overseas.

For all three areas:

- Thank God for them
- Ask God to continue to be with them
- Pray that their work may become more successful
- How can you help them?





trial

In **John 20** around a fire of coals, the faith of a disciple would be put on trial. His previously impetuous pronouncements would come to haunt him, but the testing Jesus Christ puts his disciples through is for their spiritual growth, not their natural humiliation. It is our opportunity to stand on the rocky shore with Peter and endure the testing of our own faith, so that when we depart the week we are not found wanting.

Key idea to explore: Trial will bring out the best in us as God's sons and daughters.

Joy and trial appear to be two contrasting ideas. How then can James associate joy with trial? What does this mean for us?

IT'S NOT OUR SITUATION, BUT RATHER OUR RESPONSE THAT DEFINES US

character – Joseph



Gen 39
Character reading



BIBLE MARKING - JAMES 1

Mark this comparison between temptation and trial, in the top or bottom margin of your bible:

	TEMPTED BY SELF	TEMPTED (TRIAL) BY GOD
ORIGIN	Lust v14	Tested of Faith v2
PROCESS	Enticed v14	Patience develops v3
CONSEQUENCE	Sin v15	Complete, perfect faith v4
END RESULT	DEATH	CROWN OF LIFE v12
EXAMPLES	Eve Gen 3:6,19	Abraham Gen 22:1, 11-12
	Achan Josh 7:21, 25	Joseph Gen 45:5-8
	David 2 Sam 11:2-5; 12-19	Israel Ex 16:4

prayer OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Proverbs 29:13

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

(Aim: To clearly identify our faults and to be forgiven of them)

Key steps to honest confession:

- Admit your guilt
- Take your mistakes and failures seriously
- God wants us to be fully aware of our sins
- If we admit our sin displeases and hurts God, we acknowledge it is our responsibility to change it
- Realise: confession is difficult. It is the most painful yet powerful part of prayer
- Be specific

Things to include in your prayer:

1. Confess to God: What is your biggest problem/area of sin?
2. Why is it such a problem?
3. How long have you had the problem?
4. Do you want to overcome the problem?
5. Ask God to help you overcome the problem
6. Tell God that you are determined to stop sinning in this area
7. Replace it with something positive. What will you replace it with?





transformed

Acts 1 represents the beginning of an overwhelming transformation for the disciples. The men who once fled in the darkness of the garden would now be energised by the confidence the risen Jesus Christ had instilled in them. Their future lives would be dramatically changed, as they willingly went into the world to preach the name of Jesus Christ and the hope of his coming kingdom.

Key idea to explore: Do we acknowledge God’s transforming work in our lives?

What is Daniel’s advice to the King and how is this helpful for us? (Hint: **v27**)

What are the three things Nebuchadnezzar did at the end of his time as a beast?

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

character – Manasseh



BIBLE MARKING - DAN 4

Colour in:

- The repeated phrase in **v17, 25, 32**
- The pronouns mentioned in **v30** that highlight Nebuchadnezzar’s problem

prayer FOR SELF

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

James 5:13

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Phil 4:6

This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

1. Is there something troubling you?

- What is troubling you?
- Why is it troubling you?
- Is there a way to make it trouble you a little less?
- Ask God to help

2. Your Job or Schooling:

- What is your goal? Does your goal fit to the guidelines of neither poverty nor riches?
- Ask God to be with you in attaining your goal

3. Pray that you might not be tempted beyond what you can handle, and that situations that are more than you can bear may not come upon you

4. Your Family:

- What would you like to improve in your family?
- How can you help your family to improve?
- Ask God to help

5. Boyfriend/Girlfriend, or Husband/Wife:

- Is this something you want? If so – Ask God that you might find a suitable partner
 - Pray that God may help you handle life if you don't find a partner for some time
- If you are in a relationship – Pray that your relationship may continue to improve
 - Pray that you may grow closer to each other and to God

6. List three things that you could do to improve your spiritual life





unity

Key idea to explore: The knowledge of Christ's work must bring about a response. This is the challenge that is laid down to all attendees at Study Week 2018 – to leave the week as energised and emboldened as though we have personally witnessed the events we have just studied.

See if you can construct the flow of thought of Peter's argument in this chapter (v14-36).

Just like the apostles, we have seen Christ's suffering and glory in the last week of his life. Being convinced now that he will come back, how can we preach to others, and how can we extend this response to leaving Study Week?

UNITY COMES WHEN EVERYONE IS HEADING IN THE SAME DIRECTION



BIBLE MARKING - ACTS 2

Underline or put a heading next to the quotes from the Old Testament so it's easy to see when Peter is directly quoting them.

v17-21 Quoted from **Joel 2v28-32**

v30 Allusion to **2 Sam 7v12-13**

v25-28 Quoted from **Psa 16v8-11**

v34-35 Quoted from **Psa 110v1**

prayer FOR THE KINGDOM

Pray then like this: "Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matt 6:9-10

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Heb 11:16

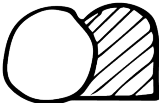
Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Col 3:3-4

1. Consider: Do you really want the kingdom?
2. Give three reasons why God wants the kingdom
3. Give three reasons why the world needs the kingdom
4. Give three reasons why you want the kingdom
5. List three things you really want to do in the kingdom
6. What character faults do you want to lose in the kingdom?
7. What feelings that you don't like will you be grateful to not have any more in the kingdom? (for example, feelings of inadequacy, embarrassment)
8. Picture yourself:
 - Accepted at the judgment seat
 - At the first temple service
 - Meeting Christ and sharing a meal with him
9. Ask God that you may be in the kingdom
10. Ask God to send his Son back to the earth
11. Think about: what it means for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven



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