LEADERS READING BOOKLET



THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE STUDY WEEK 2018

Dear Reading Group Leader,

Thanks for agreeing to help out and run the reading groups every morning!

The aim of this handbook is to help you in promoting good discussion within your group and to begin the day with a strong spiritual focus.

Each morning the reading groups will run for approximately 45 minutes. This will consist of two bible readings and then time for personal prayer to finish. A suggested time format is 25 mins for the first reading, 10 mins to consider the character and 10 mins to close with personal prayer.

The first reading has been especially chosen to reflect the theme for the day, which carries through to the discussion groups, night sessions and meditations.

The second reading will be a 'character' reading. A particular character has been chosen that reflects the daily theme in their lives.

Finally, we have given you time to finish the readings every day with individual prayer and personal reflection.

There is a 'prayer sheet' provided, which will help guide your team in personal prayer and reflection.

We hope you enjoy discussing God's Word with your team!

With Love in Christ, The Study Week 2018 Committee.





daily bible reading marking

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MONDAY



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?

Philippians 2 demonstrates this idea of 'given' by showing what Jesus has given to God, what God gave to him, and how we should copy Christ's attitude.

V13 "It is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure". cp John 5:30 Even Jesus did nothing of himself.

Can you think of any examples of how Jesus sacrificed his own will for God's will?

Luke 22:42 Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done"

What are some ways in which we can prioritise God's will in our life?

Trust that God's instructions outlined in his word are always in our best interest, every time. Ask yourself, is that what I think, or what GOD thinks? Practical examples: Looking out for others needs or making decisions based on how they will affect our spiritual life etc.

Because of his obedience, what did God give Jesus?

God gave him eternal life and authority to rule in the kingdom age (v10-11 occurs during the kingdom age) cp. 1 Cor 15v24-28

V12-13 "Work out your own salvation...for it is God who works in you". This seems like an oxymoron, do we gain salvation through our own thoughts and actions or through God's? (Hint: Eph 2:8-10, Rom 1:16-17)

Here we find salvation is a team effort: God's grace, with your faith. Salvation is a gift from God, we should then be motivated by his love to walk in good works.

What are some examples in scripture where God provided salvation but if required an action on behalf of the person/people saved?

- Jesus (sinless) > God (resurrected)
- Abraham (offered Isaac) > God (Spared his son)
- Noah (built an ark) > God (saved his family from the death)

V2,5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus". What are some aspects of the mind of Christ that you can find in this chapter? Love, humility, likeminded, seek unity, shine as lights, rejoice/delight.

V4 Paul instructs us to look for the interests of others, and not just our own. List a few things you could do this week to help you to look out for the needs of others. Talk/hang out with lonely people at Study Week, clean up, send an encouraging message to a friend/someone in need, baking for people in need, talk to oldies/ lonely/visitors at your ecclesia, pray for others, preaching, spiritual discussions with friends, join a committee.

NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR BY GIVING

character - Jehoshabeath



Context of this story is that Athaliah, the daughter of Jezebel wanted to take the throne. She decided to kill all the King's seed so she would be the only ruler with no one to challenge her.

Jehoshabeath risked her life in saving young Joash. She is an example of a faithful woman who **gave** everything for the truth. Interesting to note that the very place Joash was hidden was in the temple! This is an indication of the type of woman Athaliah was! The temple was not a place she even went to. Yet for 6 years, Jehoshabeath brought up one of the King's children under the nose of this wicked Queen. This is a great example for us, to give all that we have for the truth.



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 to write in your margin is Gen 3v6 where Eve desired to be like the angels.

🕑 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?

6. List any personal difficulties you are having with God - Ask God to help you resolve them. (for example God isn't fair, I don't feel like praying)

TUESDAY



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 does Paul say was the purpose of the law?

To show love toward your neighbour – 1 John 4v7-8.

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?

The ways of the flesh and the ways of the Spirit. Rom 7v21-25 – We, as humans, will always have a tendency toward sin, but God will help us fight against it.

Is it important that we see this struggle in our lives?

If we don't see that there is a fight between right and wrong, we most likely have fallen asleep! As soldiers of Christ, we should be actively fighting - see the example of the spiritual warrior in Eph 6.

How then can we walk in the Spirit?

V16 By actively pursuing righteousness. If we try and fill our lives with the things of God, we won't have time for the bad. See Matt 12v45
We should try to fill our minds with the things of God – Phil 4v8
Put on and put off – Eph 4v22-27

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

The fruit of the spirit are attitudes that we should have, they are things that develop as a result from taking in the water of God's Word! We cannot earn our salvation.

Key Quote

Rom 13v10-14 – Same idea of the purpose of the law - to show love to others. Practical application for us today! Christ is almost here! We need more than ever to have God's

characteristics. If there is a struggle with sin, don't even make provision for it (v14) – in what ways can we do this?

WILLPOWER IS A FIGHT AGAINST OUR HUMAN BIAS TOWARD DISOBEYING GOD.

IT IS AN ACTIVE THING!

character - Daniel



Daniel showed incredible willpower to still follow God's ways even in the face of the consequences. What are some situations in our lives where we can make a stand to follow God? Also, mention the influence of Daniel on his three friends who stood up in Dan 3.

What is it that drove him to do this? No doubt it was his conviction in keeping God's law and always serving him. Do we have that same conviction of God's word? Do we ever compromise our good habits in the truth because of influences from the world?



BIBLE MARKING - GAL 5:19-21

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!

・ 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

6. Your Daily Food

• Think about one thing you have eaten today and consider all the amazing works God has done in providing it for you (for example, planting seed, rain, pollination, etc.)

7. Your Trials (James 1:2-4)

- What trials do you have in your life?
- How could God be working through them to increase your faith?
- Thank God for them

8. God's spiritual blessings

- List as many as you can! (Giving of his son, promise of kingdom, the bible, love, mercy, care, protection, comfort in trial, etc.)
- What can you do to become more thankful? Ask God to help

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 58 Theme reading

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.

Isaiah 58 shows how we can sacrifice our lives for others. God had built into the law a day that they were meant to serve God. This wasn't a sacrifice of depriving oneself of pleasures so that in some way God would be pleased with that, but rather of serving others.

What was the Jews attitude toward God? Yet what was God's perspective on their actions (sacrifices)?

V2 They actually delighted in seeking God and reading their Bibles. What was wrong, was that they did it for the wrong reasons. V3 emphasises that their motives were ones of trying to make themselves look better, instead of focusing on God. God is elevated through our actions towards others. This is what Jesus did. See Matt 15v31.

In contrast what did God really want?

The contrast is shown in V6 where they were meant to help the ones that were oppressed, sad, weak etc. See 1 John 4v10-11. We are the channel by which God's love is shown to others.

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.

Essentially doing things for themselves. List the things from V3-4:

1. They wanted other people to know that they were going through suffering, so they appeared righteous – bringing attention to themselves.

2. They enjoyed debating for the sake of it, to elevate themselves by showing they were right.

3. They wanted their voice to be heard.

We can often think about sacrifice as a negative thing and going without. What is the emphasis here in this chapter?

The turning point of the chapter is really in V8 where Isaiah shows the benefits of going out of your way for other people.

SHOW GOD'S HAND BY GIVING YOURS

character_Ruth



What things had Ruth sacrificed in her life? What would have motivated her to give up so much?

Ruth gave up everything to go with Naomi. She would have left her family behind in Moab, as well as the prospect of starting a new family in her home country. She would have also given up her home and a lot of the possessions she would have had in Moab. Ruth is an amazing example of a Gentile who was brought into the Jewish hope, just as we are!

The example of Naomi and Ruth's husband must have been one that stood out to her as something special. No doubt Ruth wanted to identify more with the people that she had grown to love, and the God they served. Do people notice that there is something different about us?



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

er, 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?

5. Think of three people you don't get along with.

- Pray for them
- Ask God that you might fully forgive them
- Ask God to help you fix any problems between you both
- Ask for help to see their good points and thank God for these

6. Pray for your Youth Group.

• List three things you can do to help

7. Pray for three older people.

• What can you do for them?

8. Pray for three lonely people.

• How can you help them?

Prayers for others in the bible: Paul (Col 1:9-12, Phil 1:9-12, Eph 3:13-21) Abraham (Gen 18:23-33)

FRIDAY

James 1 Theme reading



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?

James goes on to say that it is what the trial produces that gives us joy. Trial is there to develop our character Heb 12v11. This is completely opposite to our natural reaction. You could discuss examples that anyone might have had in their own lives where they have experienced this. James also mentions about trial and joy in James 5v10-11. He says to look at examples of people in the Bible who have suffered.

Who are some people in the Bible that have gone through trial?

There are many examples to look at, and often a very encouraging thing to do, is to look at people who may have felt similar to what we might be feeling.

Jesus went through trial see Heb 5v8. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered Heb 11v2. His focus is seen in Psa 16v8-9 "I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure".

When thinking about trial, what perspective is James trying to give us?

James gives us a vision of the future (v12) Rom 8v17-18 shows us this is how we can overcome our trials! Discuss some ways that we can think about the kingdom more in our own lives? Or make it a reality?

What is the difference between the temptation at the start of the chapter and in V14?

It is our reaction! We have to remember that we still have a choice as to how we react to our situation. God will not tempt us beyond what we are able! (1 Cor 10v11-13) He doesn't make us sin, it is our own desires that bring sin. There is an

important distinction. If we do fail, we can learn from our mistakes and try better, and if we endure the trial, our patience is developed!

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

character - Joseph



What was Joseph's attitude towards his situation, and what was the result?

God blessed all the work that Joseph did. We can remember Joseph's example for school, uni, and work, that whatever we do, we are working as if doing it for God! God needs us to put effort in and he will give the increase! But we need to start.

Even when Joseph met his brothers again, he did not hold any grudges toward them. This is important to remember in our own lives when our trials may involve other people who have wronged us. We should not hold grudges, but rather forgive people, and treat them as our brethren.



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 <mark>Gen 22:1, 11-12</mark>
	Achan Josh 7:21, 25	Joseph Gen 45:5-8
	David <mark>2 Sam 11:2-5;</mark> 12-19	Israel Ex 16:4

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. Psalm 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?



8. Realise that your problem CAN be overcome

9. Commit to more prayer and meditation to strengthen your conscience so you can overcome.

10. Ask God to forgive you (just as you forgive others!)

Prayers of confession in the bible: David (Psalm 51: 1 -10) Daniel (Dan 9: 3-19) Nehemiah (Neh 1: 4-11)



SATURDAY

Daniel 4 Theme reading

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 willing 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?

How did God transform King Nebuchadnezzar? Can he put us in a similar situation to transform us? How does he do this?

In this story, Nebuchadnezzar was made like a beast and humbled. God can work with us in a similar way by bringing trials in our lives. (Prov 3v11-12)

What was Nebuchadnezzar's problem?

He considered all his achievements as things that he had done. God was not a part of his life. It's amazing to think that God used the King of the whole world at the time as an example of how we should remember him even at the height of our successes in life.

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

He says to replace sins with righteousness and iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. This is how we can heal our proud self. We also need to consider the pride in our own lives. Do we acknowledge God in our successes? Do we thank him when things are going well in our lives? How often do we look out for the disadvantaged, and more lonely in our ecclesia/youth group?

1 Pet 5v6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you".

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

He acknowledged that God was the one that ultimately had the control in the kingdoms of men.

He looked up – "lifted my eyes to heaven"

Woke up – "my understanding returned to me"

Spoke up - "I blessed the most High and praised and honoured him that lives forever".

What is the repeated phrase in this chapter which shows the main theme? Why is this significant? How does it apply to us today?

"Until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever he wills". Colour this phrase in (see Bible marking section). It shows the true perspective on life, that God is the one in control and we need to put our trust in him. This also means having respect for those he has put in power (Rom 13v1-7).

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

character - Manasseh



What was it that caused Manasseh to change? What does this then show us about God's mercy and grace?

Manasseh is a prime example of how God can transform and work with anyone if they choose to respond to him. This doesn't however remove the consequences of past actions, and Manasseh's wicked influence on the nation had taken a toll.



BIBLE MARKING - DAN 4

Colour in:

- The repeated phrase in V17, 25, 32
- The pronouns mentioned in V30 that highlight Nebuchadnezzar's problem.

J 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

- What are they?
- Ask God to help you do these things more consistently

7. Pray that you might become closer to God

- How will you achieve this? What will you do?
- Ask God to help you get closer to him

8. Pray that your life may be relatively happy, successful and filled with good, Godly friends

Personal prayers in the bible: Hezekiah - for health (2 Kings 20:1-5) Hannah - for a son (1 Samuel 10:11) Abraham's servant - for a suitable wife for Isaac (Gen 24:12-14) David - for help (Psalm 86)

SUNDAY





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.

Key idea to explore: The knowledge of Christ's work must bring about a response.

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

36). The paper and pen provided may be handy in doing this.

- He starts from what they already know in the Old Testament Explanation of events from Joel (v14-21). The giving of the Holy Spirit gifts are then shown to be a fulfillment of this.
- Explains that Jesus who had just been crucified by them, was the Messiah to come. (v22-24)
- 3. Proof from prophetic Psalm that this was the Christ. (v25-28)
- 4. The Psalm did not apply to David, but was in anticipation of Christ, who was also the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. (v29-31)
- 5. In fulfillment of the Psalm, he has been risen and has given the Holy Spirit to the apostles. (v32-35)
- 6. This is the very man that was just crucified by the Jews. (v36)

How does the reference to Psa 110 in Acts 2v34-35 help show that Jesus is raised from the dead, and that Psa 16 was talking primarily about Christ?

Peter had just said that Jesus was ascended onto the right hand of God, and he goes about to show from Psa 110 that this was something that had been anticipated in God's plan. David wasn't going to be seated at the right hand of God, his Lord was. This was Jesus who they crucified. It's worth even turning up the quotes from the Old Testament since they give context. Consider Psa 110v3 which talks about resurrection from the dead using the symbol of the dew rising to be in the air in the morning. Just as Jesus was raised then, other followers will also be raised (1 Cor 15v20-25).

What is his call to action? – Repent and be baptised. Do we still recognise this today? Even if we are baptised, do we see the need for us to continue to change? How can we use these two things to tell others about the truth? Note that belief in the resurrection is key to being baptised (1 Cor 15v29).

Just like the apostles, we have seen Christ's suffering and glory in the last week of his life. Being convinced that he will come back, how can we now preach to others? Have courage to say even the little things that will identify us as believers. Peter once denied Christ, but is now standing up proclaiming that he was the Messiah. Do we tell our school/uni friends/work colleagues that we spent the week learning about Jesus with friends from around Australia? Is it possible for people to notice that we do things differently? It's also cool to notice that the people's natural response to the gospel is the sharing of possessions and talking about God's word frequently. 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
- V25-28 Quoted from Psa 16v8-11
- V30 Allusion to 2 Sam 7v12-13
- V34-35 Quoted from Psa 110v1

🥑 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

Bible passages about the kingdom: Micah 4:1-4 Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah 65:17 - 25 Revelation 21

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