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Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on Love Like Jesus!

We believe that studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Each lesson has 9-10 questions, a memory verse, a Believe the TRUTH, Pray the TRUTH, and a Walk in TRUTH application section.

These lessons teach foundational Scriptural truths all age groups can enjoy but adjust them to make them work for your group. Younger children may need help to read and answer the questions or understand certain words or concepts. Older students might need help to dig in deeper.

Jesus shows His love to us every day...do you see it?

Love is not just something that people feel. Love is something that we show to people and Jesus is our example!

When Jesus lived on earth, He showed His love by blessing, serving, healing and forgiving people. Jesus showed us ultimate love by giving His life in payment for our sins.

Each week we will learn more about how Jesus loves us and how He wants us to love others!

These lessons are for you! Look for how Jesus loved the people when He was on Earth and how He still loves people today!





John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Lesson 1

1 John 1:9

"But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

Lesson 6

1 John 3:18

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

Lesson 2

Luke 10:39

"Mary sat at the Lords feet, listening to what He taught."

Lesson 7

Luke 1:37

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

Lesson 3

John 6:35a

"Jesus replied, 'I am the Bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.'"

Lesson 8

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Lesson 4

John 13:15

"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."

Lesson 9

Psalms 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."

Lesson 5

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."

Lesson 10

Who Is Jesus?



MEMORY VERSE: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16 (NIV)



ISAIAH 9:6-7 Isaiah Pretells Us that Jesus Will Come

1. Long before Jesus was born, God inspired prophets like Isaiah to write about people and events that would happen in the future. What did Isaiah say would happen in verse 6a?

2. What do the names Isaiah used to describe Jesus mean to you?

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

3. What did Isaiah say about what life would be like when Jesus comes? v. 7



JOHN 3:16-18 God Sent His Son to the World

4. What did God do for the world? Why did He do this? v. 16-17

5. Why do we need to be saved? See the definition of saved on the Scripture page.

6. What does it mean to believe? See the definition of believe on the Scripture page.



LUKE 1:26-33 An Angel Announces that Jesus Will Be Born

7. How did Mary find out that she was going to have a baby from God?
What was her reaction?

8. How did the angel comfort Mary? vv. 28, 30
Have you ever felt God's comfort when you were afraid?

9. How did the angel describe Jesus? vv. 32, 33

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Who is Jesus? He is the Son of God who loves you so much that He died in your place on the cross so that you could LIVE. That is true love! Do you believe in Him? Do you trust Him with your life? Do you turn to Him when you are afraid? He is the perfect Counselor, God, Father and Peacemaker. He is completely trustworthy and worth following with your whole heart!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, Thank You for sending Jesus to die for our sin. Thank You that Christ's sacrifice reveals Your love for all people - including me. I just want to give You thanks and praise for this free gift of eternal life that is open to whoever believes. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

WALK IN TRUTH



How do you think you can learn more about Jesus and His ways?

John 3:16-18; Luke 1:26-28; Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT)

John 3:16-18

16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 “There is no judgement against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

Luke 1:26-33 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings,[a] favored woman! The Lord is with you!” 29 Confused and disturbed Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David
for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies
will make this happen!

Saved: the Bible tells us that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23) and need to be rescued from the penalty and power of sin in our lives. To be saved you must ADMIT that you’re a sinner, BELIEVE that Jesus died for you and was raised to life, and CONFESS Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

Believe: to believe in God means to trust Him, to have confidence in Him, to be willing to commit our lives to Him and live the way we know He wants us to live.

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Greatest Commandment



MEMORY VERSE: "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

1 John 3:18



LUKE 10:25-28 The Most Important Commandment

1. How are we to love God? How are we to love our neighbor? v. 27
2. What do you think it looks like to love the Lord your God with all your...?
heart

soul

strength

mind
3. What do you think it means to "love your neighbor as yourself?"



LUKE 10:29-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan

4. Jesus answered the religious expert's question with a parable about a Jewish man who was hurt on the side of the road and the three men who saw him. What did the three men do?
Man #1

Man #2

Man #3
5. From verses 36-37, which man was the neighbor? "The man who showed him _____."



6. See the definition of mercy from the Scripture page. Can you think of a time when you have shown mercy or received mercy?



1 JOHN 3:16-18 True Love

7. What is our example of true love? v. 16

8. What does it mean that Jesus gave up His life for us?

9. How do we show love with actions? How do you think we can “give up our lives” for others?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

As a follower of Jesus, our greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God first and love our neighbor second. Jesus’ parable shows us that our neighbor is anyone that is in need, not just the people in our neighborhoods. With Jesus as our example, we can show love to our neighbors. Loving others will give you the greatest and most lasting joy.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Father, thank You for your loving us and giving Your life so that we can have a relationship with You. Please forgive me when I take You for granted. Show me how to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and how to love others as I love myself. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



God calls us to love Him with our whole selves. Circle one area that you would like to love God more and give an example of how you can do that this week.

Heart Soul Mind Strength



Luke 10:25-37 NLT)

Luke 10:25-28

The Most Important Commandment

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life? 26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” 27 The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” 28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

Luke 10:29-37

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Parable of the Good Samaritan

30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant[b] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,[c] telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

1 John 3:16-18 (NLT)

16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?

18 Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Love: more than just a feeling. Love wants what is best for the other person and acts in a kind way toward them.

Mercy: Not giving someone the punishment or treatment they deserve, but instead showing them honor by serving and helping them.

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Fishing for People



MEMORY VERSE: "For nothing will be impossible with God."
Luke 1:37 (ESV)



LUKE 5:1-3 Jesus Taught the Crowds

1. Who was with Jesus by the lake? What were they doing?
2. Imagine this scene. Why do you think the great crowds were so drawn to Jesus' teaching?
3. What happens to you when you read and study God's teaching (Bible)?



LUKE 5:4-7 Jesus Does the Impossible

4. What did Jesus tell Simon? Why did Simon think they would not catch fish?
5. What happened when Simon obeyed Jesus, even though it didn't make sense to him? How do you react when God's instructions don't make sense to you?
6. Why do you think Jesus followed up His preaching with a miracle?



LUKE 5:8-11 Fishing for People

7. What did Simon do when he got to the shore? Why? How did Jesus respond to Simon?
8. What do you think “fishing for people” means? Matthew 28:19 tells us to “go and make disciples of all the nations.” How can you share Jesus with others?
9. How did these men respond to Jesus’ invitation? Why do you think they responded this way?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus uses a miracle of catching fish into a lesson about catching people for the kingdom. It is by Jesus’ power and authority that people come to Him, but Jesus uses us to tell people about Him and what He is doing in our lives. Sometimes His ways don’t make sense to us, but If we trust Jesus to do what He tells us to do, we will see God do amazing things.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord Jesus, with you things that are considered impossible suddenly become possible. Help me to tell people about You and to invite them to follow You. I want to be your disciple, to follow You wherever you take me. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Can you think of examples when you have seen the goodness, miracles and/ or blessings of God? How do these times help you to trust and follow Him?

Luke 5:1-11(NLT)

Luke 5:1-3

1 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. 2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

Luke 5:4-7

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

Luke 5:8-11

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." 9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. 10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" 11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Disciples: a student of; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ want to think and live like Him.

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Lost and Found



MEMORY VERSE: "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."
Luke 19:10



LUKE 5:27-32 Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

1. Levi (Matthew) was a Jewish tax collector, who was hated by the other Jewish people because he cheated them. What did Jesus say to Levi and how did Levi respond? vv. 27-28
2. Why do you think Levi followed Jesus and left everything behind? What do you think we need to leave behind if we want to follow Jesus? Why is it worth it?
3. The Pharisees criticized Jesus for spending time with "sinners." How did Jesus answer the them? Where do you need more of Jesus in your life right now?



LUKE 19:1-6 Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

4. Who was Zacchaeus? What kind of person was he? Why did he climb the tree?
5. How did Jesus show Zacchaeus that He cared about him? What is Zacchaeus' reaction?
6. Do you ever feel lost and insignificant, like nobody sees you or cares about you? How does it make you feel to know that like Zacchaeus, Jesus knows your name, loves you and wants to have a relationship with you?



LUKE 19:7-10 Zacchaeus' Life is Changed by Jesus

7. How did the people feel about Jesus going home with Zacchaeus? What did they call him?
8. What did Zacchaeus do that showed that he truly wanted Jesus' help and to change? v. 8
9. Who did Jesus come to seek and save? v. 10
10. God wants us to know that when people actively seek Him, He seeks after them until He finds them! Do you need Jesus? What should you do?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus keeps seeking after the lost - tax collectors, notorious sinners, even regular old fisherman like Simon Peter in last week's lesson. He died for EVERYONE. We are all lost. But these men all respond in the same way- When we recognize our need for a Savior, that is when He comes into our lives and we are transformed. We are blessed and begin to be more like Christ - loving others as He loves us.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Father, You did come to seek and save the lost. Thank You for seeking after me and all people that are lost! You want all of us to be part of Your family through the gift of Your Son. Please help me to recognize my need for You and to seek you in return. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Have you seen someone's life change because of Jesus?

How is studying the Bible changing your life?

Luke 5:27-32; 19:1-10 (NLT)

Luke 5:27-32 Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

27 Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. 28 So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him. 29 Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. 30 But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?[a]" 31 Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. 32 I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

Luke 19:1-6 Jesus and Zacchaeus

19 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3 He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." 6 Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

Luke 19:7-10

7 But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. 8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" 9 Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man[a] came to seek and save those who are lost."

Salvation: rescued or delivered from the penalty and power of sin in your life because you believe that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross to take your punishment to make things right between you and God. Jesus was raised to life to save all who trust in Him. To be **saved** (salvation) you must ADMIT that you're a sinner, BELIEVE that Jesus died for you and was raised to life, and CONFESS Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

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Faith in Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1



MATTHEW 9:18-22 Faith and Healing

1. What problem and request did the leader of the synagogue bring to Jesus? v. 18 What do his words tell you about his faith in Jesus? See definition of faith on Scripture page.
2. Jesus and His disciples were interrupted on their way to the man's home by a woman suffering from constant bleeding. What do her thoughts and actions tell you about her faith?
3. What can you learn from the synagogue leader and the woman about going to God with your needs?



MATTHEW 9:23-26 From Death to Life

4. What did the people do when Jesus told them the girl was not dead? Why do you suppose the crowd did this?
5. How did Jesus heal the girl?
6. News about Jesus spread all over the countryside. How do you think the news spread? What can you do to spread the good news about Jesus?



LUKE 7:1-10 The Faith of a Roman Officer

7. What was wrong with the Roman officer's slave and what did he do about it? vv. 1-3
8. What did the Roman officer's words reveal about his character and faith in Jesus? vv. 6,7
9. What was the result of this man's faith? vv. 9,10
10. What should be our attitude when we ask the Lord to heal someone?
Review definition of faith on Scripture page.

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus loves to heal us, not only of our physical illness, but also our mind and soul sickness. God can heal from afar, or with a touch or through prayer... It's easy to put our faith in people, money, talent or hard work, but it is God who is truly worthy of our faith. Trust in Him with all your heart as you pray for yourself and the people you care about.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us more about healing and faith. May I learn to come to You politely, with boldness and humility. May I come to You with confidence and hope but ultimately submit to Your will no matter what. In Your Mighty Name, Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Do you have a time you spend in prayer each day? Do you regularly pray for others?

What are some specific things you could do to improve your prayer life?

Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 7:1-10 (NLT)

Matthew 9:18-2 Jesus Heals in Response to Faith

18 As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. “My daughter has just died,” he said, “but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her.” 19 So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. 20 Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, 21 for she thought, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” 22 Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, “Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

Matthew 9:23-26

23 When Jesus arrived at the official’s home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. 24 “Get out!” he told them. “The girl isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.” But the crowd laughed at him. 25 After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up! 26 The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.

Luke 7:1-10 The Faith of a Roman Officer

7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum. 2 At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer[a] was sick and near death. 3 When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave. 4 So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. “If anyone deserves your help, he does,” they said, 5 “for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us.” 6 So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, “Lord, don’t trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. 7 I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. 8 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.” 9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, “I tell you, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!” 10 And when the officer’s friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed.

Faith: trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God’s Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus. Faith let’s us go to God with confidence and hope but ultimately submits to God’s will no matter what.

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Love and Forgiveness



MEMORY VERSE: "But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

1 John 1:9



LUKE 7:36-39 A Sinful Woman

1. One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to dinner. Who else showed up at the dinner? What did she do? Why do you think she did this?
2. What did Simon, the Pharisee, think about the woman who came to his house? What did he think about Jesus?
3. What do you think Jesus sees in this woman that the Pharisee does not? Can you relate to the woman? Can you relate to Simon the Pharisee?



LUKE 7:40-43 Debts Forgiven

4. Jesus taught about forgiveness by telling a parable - a simple story that teaches a lesson. How did the man who loaned the money show love to the men who owed him money?
5. What decision did Jesus' parable and question help Simon to reach? v. 43
6. The point of the parable is that we are all sinners and in need of Jesus and forgiveness. But some people understand this better and are more grateful to Jesus. How do you show your thankfulness (gratitude) to Jesus for forgiving your sins?



LUKE 7:44-50 Honoring Jesus

7. What did the woman do for Jesus that the Pharisee failed to do?
8. What do their actions tell us about them?
9. In verse 50, Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Considering that faith has not actually been mentioned before, how have her actions shown her faith?
10. Why do you think when we are forgiven, we can experience Jesus' peace?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus came to die on the cross so our sins could be forgiven. Each of us has sin in our life and needs forgiveness. The more we admit our sin (confess), the more grateful we will be for forgiveness, and the more we will love Jesus. When we really appreciate our own forgiveness, we experience great peace and a desire to forgive others!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Father, thank you for forgiving me when I confess my sins. It is easier to forgive others when we remember that You have forgiven us! Show me whom I need to forgive and help me love them and forgive them as You have have forgiven me. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



How does it feel to be forgiven?

Is there anyone you need to forgive?

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7:36-39 Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. 37 When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. 38 Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

Luke 7:40-43

40 Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied. 41 Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. 42 But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?" 43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt." "That's right," Jesus said.

Luke 7:44-50

44 Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. 47 "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." 48 Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" 50 And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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Time with Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: "Mary sat at the Lords feet, listening to what He taught."
Luke 10:39



LUKE 10:38-40 Martha and Mary

1. Who welcomed Jesus into her home?
2. What did Mary choose to do when Jesus was in their home? v. 39 Can you relate to her?
3. What did Martha choose to do? v. 40 Can you relate to her?



LUKE 10:41-42 Choosing What Matters

4. How did Jesus respond to Martha?
5. What important truth did Jesus want Martha, and us, to understand?
6. What keeps you from spending time with Jesus? What helps you be faithful in spending time with Him?



MATTHEW 6:5-6 Honoring Jesus

7. Review the definition of hypocrite on the Scripture page. What was wrong with the way the hypocrites prayed in public?
8. Read verse 6. How do you think God will reward us by praying to God in private?
9. God wants us to pray privately, but also publicly. How can we pray publicly with others without being like the hypocrites?
10. Is it difficult for you to pray? Do you think praying daily is important?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

We all must decide how we will relate to Jesus: take Him for granted; ignore Him; try to impress Him. Or we can stop and spend time with Him. We can pretend to be super spiritual; say fancy prayers in public; or we can sit privately and talk honestly with Him. Ask Him to help you grow with Him. You will be blessed if you develop a strong prayer life.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord, thank You for the gift of being with You. Sometimes I let being busy keep me from spending time with You. Help me to grow strong in my prayer life. Thank You for loving me. I love You, too. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



How has this study encouraged you spend time with Jesus reading/studying your Bible?

How has this study encouraged you to pray?



Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 6:5-6 (NLT)

Luke 10:38-40 Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. 40 But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

Luke 10:41-42 Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

41 But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Matthew 6:5-6 Teaching about Prayer and Fasting

5 "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

Hypocrite: pretending to be something you are not and have no intention of being.

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Bread of Life



MEMORY VERSE: "Jesus replied, 'I am the Bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.'"

John 6:35



JOHN 6:1-9 A Hungry Crowd

1. Why were the people following Jesus? What did Jesus want to do for them? vv. 1-5
2. From verses 7-8, what do you think Philip and Andrew's responses to Jesus reveal about their faith in Him at that time?
3. Not much is said about the boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes, but in giving his bread to Jesus, what qualities did he show?



JOHN 6:10-13 Jesus Feeds the 5000

4. Jesus thanked God before He gave the food out. Why do we say thanks to God before we eat?
5. Review the definition of miracle on the Scripture page. What miracle happened with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes?
6. What does this event tell you about the way God can work in our lives?



JOHN 6:33-35, 40 Jesus is The Bread of Life

7. Jesus said, "I am the _____ of life." He is not talking about food for our body but for our soul. What must we do to not be spiritually hungry or thirsty? vv. 33-35

8. Just as your stomach growls for food, your soul longs for God. How does God fill us up? What happens when we go to God with our: worries? fears? guilt? anger? selfishness? loneliness? hurt? confusion?...

9. What does Jesus tell us is God's will? v. 40

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Just like we are physically hungry and thirsty, we also are spiritually hungry and thirsty. Without Jesus, we are empty, but with Him we are full and satisfied. Only God can truly meet our needs and satisfy our deep hunger for love, forgiveness, direction and purpose. Seek Him, pray to Him, trust in the Bread of Life to meet your every need!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, thank You for giving me this place inside of me, my soul, that only You can fill and satisfy. Thank You for knowing my every need. Show me how to trust You with my needs. I love You! Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



When you are faced with a big problem, what is your first response? What do you think would happen if you went to Jesus first every time?

What tough situation do you need to trust God to work out in your life this week?

John 6:1-13, 33-35, 40 (NLT)

John 6:1-9 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

6 After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. 3 Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. 4 (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) 5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" 6 He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" 8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. 9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

John 6:10-13

10 "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. 12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." 13 So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

John 6:33-35

33 The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day." 35 Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:40

40 "For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

miracle: wonderful happening that cannot be explained by nature or science; demonstration of God's power.

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Jesus Is Our Example



MEMORY VERSE: "I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."
John 13:15



JOHN 13:1-10 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

1. What does verse 1 tell us Jesus did during His ministry on earth? How are we to follow Jesus' example?
2. Who influenced Judas to betray Jesus? v. 2 How do you think Jesus must have felt knowing that Judas was going to betray Him?
3. Why do you think verse 3 is included right before Jesus washed His disciples' feet?
4. What did Jesus do? vv. 4-10 How did Simon Peter react?



JOHN 13:11-17 Christ's Example of Service

5. What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do? vv. 12-15 How should Jesus' example impact our attitude and actions toward others? (Matthew 20:28 might be helpful.)
6. What does it mean to you to serve others? Who can you be a servant to?

7. Have you seen God bless you for serving others?



LUKE 17:11-19 Jesus Heals 10 of Leprosy

8. Review the definition of leprosy on the Scripture page. How many men had leprosy? What did they do when they saw Jesus?

9. What did Jesus do for them? Why do you think 9 of them failed to thank Jesus? Do you relate to the 9 or the 1?

10. When we realize all that God has done for us in Jesus, we want to serve Him out of gratitude. How can you show God thanks and praise?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus lived a life of love and service to others. He is our example, and He promises that we will be blessed if we do as He did. He loves us, washes us and forgives us. He heals us and shows us how to live. It is our choice whether we will take Him for granted or have grateful hearts. Blessings come for the one who follows His example!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord, thank You for _____,
_____ and _____.

Show me how to be humble, loving, kind and helpful to people around me, just like Jesus. In the powerful name of Jesus who has given us everything. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Who can you serve today? How?

John 13:1-17; Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)

John 13:1-10 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

13 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.[a] 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas,[b] son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." 8 "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." 9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" 10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you."

John 13:11-17

11 For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."

Luke 17:11-19 Ten Healed of Leprosy

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, 13 crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." [a] And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. 15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Reference:

Matthew 20:28

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Leprosy: incurable, terrible skin disease.

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He Lives and He Loves



MEMORY VERSE: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."
Acts 1:8



JOHN 21:1-6 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

1. At the time, Jesus had already died on the cross and been raised from the dead. Who was at the sea of Galilee and what were they doing? Did they have success?

2. Why do you think the disciples didn't recognize Jesus at first?

3. Read verse 6. What do you think Jesus wanted to teach them by giving them the huge, miraculous catch?



JOHN 21:7-14 Christ's Example of Service

4. How did Peter react when he realized it was Jesus on the shore?

5. What did Jesus have prepared on shore? What did He ask the disciples to do?

6. How do you see God's special care and help for these men from this event? How do you see God's special care and help for you in your life?



ACTS 1:1-11 The Promise of the Holy Spirit and Jesus' Return

7. What did Jesus do during the 40 days He was on earth after being raised from the dead?
v. 3

8. What were the apostles hoping Jesus would do? What more important plan did God have?
vv. 6-8

9. Who is the Holy Spirit and what is His role? See the definition of Holy Spirit on the Scripture page.

10. Who appeared to the disciples after Jesus went into Heaven? What did they promise?
How does this promise make you feel?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus is real! He really lived, He really died, and He really rose from the dead! After He rose, He kept loving and caring for His disciples. God gave believers the Holy Spirit to carry on His mission. God wants us to follow Him and tell others about Him as we wait for Jesus to return!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die for me and for raising Him from the dead. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live in all believers! Help me every day to follow You and tell others about You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What is the ultimate mission of God?
(Hint: Acts 1:8)
How would you describe your role as a follower of Jesus in that mission?

John 21:1-14; Acts 1:1-11 (NLT)

John 21:1-6 Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. 2 Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. 3 Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. 4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. 5 He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?” “No,” they replied. 6 Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

John 21:7-14

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. 8 The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards[a] from shore. 9 When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. 10 “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn. 12 “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

Acts 1:1-11 The Promise of the Holy Spirit and the Return of Jesus

1 In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. 3 During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. 4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” The Ascension of Jesus 6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” 7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Holy Spirit: God’s Spirit. Lives within all Christians to help them, communicate God’s truth to them, convict them of sin, convince them that God’s ways are right, empower them to obey Jesus and comfort them when sad.

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