

THREE YEAR DISCOVERY GUIDE THROUGH THE BIBLE

From a desire to know,
love and glorify you, God,
and be led by your Spirit
to share your love
and truth with others,
we, as a church community,
will humbly read through your Word
and seek to apply your truths
to our lives.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our “Three Year Discovery Guide” through the Bible! As a church community we want to be equipped to be more fully alive in Christ. One who follows Christ daily submits to God and His Word, continually reflects on the gospel of Jesus, and moves in increasing obedience and Christ-like character through the Holy Spirit. When we do this together as a Church community, it is our prayer that God would empower us to further His Kingdom purposes.

As we begin our journey of discovery, may the following verses reflect the desire of our hearts as we seek God and aim to please Him.

***Psalm 143:8** “Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”*

***Psalm 119:18** “Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”*

***Psalm 139:23-24** “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”*

***Romans 12:1-2** “I appeal to you therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

***1 Timothy 3:16-17** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

***Galatians 2:20** “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

BIBLE DISCOVERY GOALS:

1. To develop the discipline of reading God's Word daily in order to seek His Kingdom, presence, and direction by following this Three Year Discovery Guide.
2. To mature as we turn away from our old ways of living and instead live alive in Christ, according to God's plan and purpose for us.
3. To prepare for and engage in community interactions throughout the day with family, friends, co-workers and others we come in contact with.
4. To live as people who fully acknowledge and accept that we are equipped by the Holy Spirit, through the Bible, to show and share the love of Jesus.
5. To live abiding in Christ (John 15), alert and ready for the Victorious Jesus to return and take us home. To help accomplish this goal we have included a "Christ Connection and Reflection" at the end of each week's reading through the Old Testament portion of this journal. Luke 24:27 says "*beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he (Jesus) interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*" Some verses are direct connections between Old and New Testaments, others give Jesus' teachings regarding the subject being read, some connect prophecies from the Old Testament that He fulfilled, while others connect to our current life in Christ. Maybe you will make some Christ discoveries of your own!

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HOW TO GET STARTED

To build a strong and consistent devotional life, you will need a *Prepared Heart, Place, Plan* and some *Paper*:

- **Prepared heart**: The Word of God is most productive when it is received with a prayerful and obedient heart. So humble yourself and worship God for what you know about Him. Let Him know you want to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Ask Him for the will and power to obey.
- **Place**: Choose somewhere you can meet with God without being disturbed.
- **Plan**: Choose a time that works. Then, refer to the three year reading schedule included in this discovery guide and follow the Bible Discovery Guide on the next page.

These are suggestions; please feel free to use any plan that best fits your walk with God in His Word and prayer.

- **Paper**: Use a journal or notebook (or something digital) to record what you reflect on for your daily discovery with God.

BIBLE DISCOVERY PLAN:

Read 5 days a week. Take 2 days off or use them to catch up.

Journal using “Pray, Read, Analyze and Yield” as a guide.

PRAY: Ask God to speak to you as you spend time with Him and His Word.

€ Psalm 119:18 *“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”*

READ: What does the Bible say?

ANALYZE: What specifically is God saying to me through His Word? Write your initial discoveries, questions and applications.

€ “Is there any Spiritual insight about God to live in light of?”

€ “Is there any Promise to claim?”

€ “Is there any Example to follow or avoid in action or attitude?”

€ “Is there any Command to obey?”

€ “Is there any Sin to confess and forsake?”

YIELD: Pray, “God what would you have me do or thank you for in light of what I have read today? I ask you for the desire and strength to follow your direction.”

€ Luke 22:42b *“...Not my will, but yours, be done.”*

Now as an act of love, trust and obedience ...

If God has prompted you to do or change something specific, follow through with it. If there wasn't a specific prompting today, continue to do what He has already made clear to you.

€ James 1:22 *“But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”*

Possible “Roadblocks & Resolutions” to a strong and consistent devotional life:

- **Roadblock:** “I have to do this.” “I feel like I am back in school.” “God loves me better because I am keeping up with my journal.” “I am a disappointment because I’m falling behind.”

Resolution: Take a step back; remember this is an ongoing relationship with God. “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.” (John Piper, *Desiring God*)

Matthew 22:36-37 *“Teacher (Jesus), which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*

Colossians 2:6-7 *“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”*

- **Roadblock:** “I am frustrated; there is so much I don’t understand!” “I understand everything and can’t wait to tell so and so about this because they need it more than me!”

Resolution: Focus on what is clear to you. We are endeavoring to hear from the Lord, in the moment, from His living and active Word. Remember you are meeting with God each day so that He can transform you into the image of Christ.

John 5:39-40 *Jesus said, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”*

John 14:26-27 *Jesus said, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

- **Roadblock:** “God and I are good; I don’t need a small group.”
“My religion is personal.” “I have tried sharing with others, but I felt like a fool and will never do that again.”

Resolution: The Bible is to be reflected upon personally and discussed in community. Leaning into a Christ-centered community will accelerate your spiritual growth. What has God taught you today that you can share with and use to encourage others? Be patient; take time to find a small group that you enjoy.

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*

Hebrews 3:13 *“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”*

Optional Resources for Discovery:

For those who desire more understanding on this adventure, we recommend investing in a Study Bible. A Study Bible has notes, historical insights, cross references with other Scriptures, maps, word studies, book summaries, character biographies, etc. Here are a couple of recommendations:

- € ESV Study Bible
- € NIV Life Application Study Bible
- € NLT Life Application Study Bible

We also recommend the following websites for assistance:

- € www.Biblegateway.com
- € www.Biblestudytools.com
- € www.Biblehub.com

GOD’S STORY: Introduction

The Bible is made up of 66 different books that were written by over 40 authors, over 40 generations...and yet, it is all one story. It is the story of God’s Kingdom and His invitation to you. God existed before the world began. God is revealed throughout Scripture as God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Within this Holy Trinity, we see three Persons who make up one God. He is the almighty, holy, righteous, just, faithful, wise, and loving God.

ACT I: Creation

“In the beginning, God created” is how God’s Word, the Bible, begins. From His love and goodness, God created the heavens and heavenly beings. He made this Earth and everything we can see, the sky, the land, plants, animals, water, sun, moon, and stars. He also created human beings in His image as male and female and gave them dominion over the earth. His desire was that mankind would live with Him and love Him. God said it was all very good!

ACT II: Rebellion Against God – World Becomes a Different Place

The story takes a sudden turn when one of the angels God created became proud. He wanted to be like God and to have the other angels worship him instead of God. Therefore, God cast the disobedient angel (the devil) and the other angels who listened to him out of heaven. One day in the garden, Satan tempted Adam and Eve to eat from the only tree God had forbidden. Instead of trusting and obeying God, they put their own desires above His and ate the fruit from the tree. Disobeying God, Adam and Eve rejected His authority, ruining everything. Where there once was peace, dignity and love, there was now pain, hiding and shame.

The stories that follow keep revealing mankind's broken relationship with God. We see time and time again how God desired and worked to bring people back into a loving relationship with Himself. He provided laws and sacrifices for them to follow and keep but their hearts did not change toward God. Repeatedly they chose other things such as idols, earthly kings, land, and possessions. People relied on their own understanding and trusted themselves more than God. In every generation there were those who were not perfect, but who sought after God. This was reflected in their decisions, prayers, and relationships. As a whole, however, mankind was lost and rebellious. Prophets were sent by God to declare and demonstrate His Truth, but people still ignored the voice of God through them, which brought 400 years of silence from God. During these 400 years, the majority became either religiously ritualistic or distant, but a few trusted God's words and longed and looked for the Savior to come. Then ...

ACT III: Redemption is Completely Provided in Jesus Alone By Grace and Faith

God took it completely upon Himself to make a way for mankind to be reconciled to Him. Grace all the way! The almighty God humbled Himself and came to earth as a man, Jesus. Jesus lived perfectly and then chose to become a sacrifice by dying on the cross to pay the sin debt of mankind. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus rose from death to offer mankind eternal life and ascended back to heaven. The plan for the saving of mankind was accomplished! Now, all authority in Heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus. Salvation comes in Christ alone and is a gift for all who, by faith, believe that Jesus is God, trust that Jesus' death covers their sins, and repent of living selfishly and choose instead to trust the love and authority of God.

ACT IV: Kingdom Restoration, the Church and a Journey with the Holy Spirit to Glory

Many believed and had faith in Jesus and were, therefore, filled with God's Holy Spirit. They became the Church, sharing and showing the love of God with the world and inviting others to follow Christ. The Holy Spirit's actions through ordinary people, who chose to trust in Christ, fill the pages of the New Testament. Obeying Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Church grew in love, and the good news of Jesus was proclaimed boldly in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the rest of the earth. God's Kingdom was advancing once again. It is quite encouraging and thanks to Jesus it is all filled with grace.

ETERNITY: Glory with God

Finally, throughout the Bible, there are hopeful and exciting prophecies of Jesus' return, about a new heaven and a new earth that God is preparing for those who trust Him. It is described as an eternal life with God, where there is no more sin, hiding, shame, darkness, crying or pain. It is the promised land and a place of rest that God, since the beginning, has been leading people toward. It is home for those who have faith in Christ! We will be the people of God and He, in all His glory, will dwell with us.

NOW: How then will you live?

This is not just a story for information; this is an invitation. How will you respond? Will you join the story? You join the story by becoming a member of God's family. You become a child of God by believing that the Lord Jesus rescues, restores and reigns, through His life, death and resurrection. You ask Him to be your Savior from your sins and your Lord to lead you into a new life. The Bible is full of ordinary people who were obedient through faith. Will you be obedient? The Holy Spirit of God will mature you as you adventure with God. Welcome to the story ... come walk with us in God's Kingdom.

Acts 3:18-21 "What God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer; he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Revelation 22:20 "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

CHRONOLOGICAL READING SCHEDULE and Weekly Christ Connections

√	Week 1	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 1
	Day 2	Genesis 2
	Day 3	Genesis 3
	Day 4	Genesis 4
	Day 5	Genesis 5

Week 1: Christ Connection (from Genesis 1 - 5)

In Genesis 1:1, the word for God is plural and also in Genesis 1:26. Jesus was involved with creation as part of the Trinity. All things were started and are sustained through Him. *“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.”* *Colossians 1:16-17*

In Genesis 3:15 is an early reference to the coming Christ. When Jesus Christ did come and die and rise again, Satan’s power was crushed. *“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”* *Romans 16:20*

Jesus is described as the second Adam and lived without sin, which the first Adam was unable to do.

“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”
“Thus it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” *1 Corinthians 15:22, 45*

√	Week 2	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 6
	Day 2	Genesis 7
	Day 3	Genesis 8
	Day 4	Genesis 9
	Day 5	Genesis 10-11

Week 2: Christ Connection
(from Genesis 6 - 11)

In Genesis 6:8-15, Noah and his family found favor with God and He shared with them how to escape judgment. God extended life to him and his family. With the coming of Jesus, God gifts salvation to all who come by faith into the family of His righteous Son.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

√	Week 3	Passages
	Day 1	Job 1-2
	Day 2	Job 3-4
	Day 3	Job 5-6
	Day 4	Job 7-8
	Day 5	Job 9-10

**Week 3: Christ Connection
(from Job 1-10)**

In Job 9:32-35, Job longs for a mediator between himself and God to bring them together. While Job desires this, God already had a plan to send His son as our mediator.

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5

√	Week 4	Passages
	Day 1	Job 11-12
	Day 2	Job 13-14
	Day 3	Job 15-16
	Day 4	Job 17-18
	Day 5	Job 19-20

Week 4: Christ Connection
(from Job 11 - 20)

In Job 19:25, Job expresses confidence in his coming redeemer. Jesus is our promised redeemer to reconcile us to God.

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

√	Week 5	Passages
	Day 1	Job 21 - 22
	Day 2	Job 23 - 24
	Day 3	Job 25 - 26
	Day 4	Job 27- 28
	Day 5	Job 29 - 30

Week 5: Christ Connection
(from Job 21 - 30)

In Job 30:9-11, Job shares how even though he was righteous, he was still maligned by his peers and community. Peter encourages us to not be surprised when trials come our way because of our trust in Christ. At times, we have the privilege to share Christ's sufferings.

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

1 Peter 4:12-14

√	Week 6	Passages
	Day 1	Job 31 - 32
	Day 2	Job 33 - 34
	Day 3	Job 35
	Day 4	Job 36
	Day 5	Job 37

Week 6: Christ Connection (from Job 31 - 37)

In Job 31, we see Job's despondency after listening to his supposed friends as they made their accusations against Job in previous chapters. His friends are similar to the Pharisees as they tie heavy burdens that are hard to bear on their listeners. (Matthew 23:4) Thanks be to God that although we fall short, Jesus provides the grace we need.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

√	Week 7	Passages
	Day 1	Job 38
	Day 2	Job 39
	Day 3	Job 40
	Day 4	Job 41
	Day 5	Job 42

Week 7: Christ Connection (from Job 38 - 42)

In Job 42:5-6, Job expresses his unworthiness to be in God's presence because of his shortcomings and God's majestic holiness. "You are God and I am not" is often the heart cry of a person in God's presence. This is similar to Peter's response to Jesus when he was confronted with his lack of faith and Jesus' holiness and authority.

"But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him."

Luke 5:8-11

We can be encouraged by Jesus' love and gentleness toward Peter. In response, Peter and the others with him left everything and followed Jesus.

√	Week 8	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 12
	Day 2	Genesis 13-14
	Day 3	Genesis 15
	Day 4	Genesis 16
	Day 5	Genesis 17- 18:15

Week 8: Christ Connection (from Genesis 12 - 18:15)

In Genesis 12:1-3 we have the promise of God to Abraham that through his lineage, all the families of the earth will be blessed. Jesus Christ is the promised descendent of Abraham through whom salvation is available to the world.

“Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’ 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” Galatians 3:7-9

In Genesis 15:6, Abraham’s right standing with God is a result not of his actions but his trust in what God said He would do. These exact OT words were also written for our sake...we are made right with God because of our faith in Jesus Christ and not our works.

“But the words ‘it was counted to him’ were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord.” Romans 4:23-24

√	Week 9	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 18:16 - 19
	Day 2	Genesis 20
	Day 3	Genesis 21
	Day 4	Genesis 22
	Day 5	Genesis 23

Week 9: Christ Connection
(from Genesis 18:16 - 23)

In Genesis 22:12-14, God provided a substitute sacrifice in which Abraham acknowledged God's provision. Isaac's question, 'Where is the lamb for the sacrifice?' echoes through the pages of the Old Testament and is ultimately answered at the beginning of the New Testament when John the Baptist sees Jesus of Nazareth and declares,

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."
John 1:29

√	Week 10	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 24
	Day 2	Genesis 25:1-18
	Day 3	Genesis 25:19 - 26:5
	Day 4	Genesis 26:6-35
	Day 5	Genesis 27 - 28:9

Week 10: Christ Connection (from Genesis 24 - 28:9)

In Genesis 26:4-5, God gives Isaac the same assurance he gave his father Abraham that through his lineage, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. This promise is fulfilled with the coming of Jesus Christ offering forgiveness and salvation to all.

“O that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”
Galatians 3:14

Jacob’s story (Genesis 25:27-34) is a good example of why humanity needs a Savior. Like Jacob, we seek a blessing that is not ours, but we cannot lie, deceive, or trick to receive it. Instead, Jesus shared His blessing with us when He took the judgment we deserve so that we might receive the blessing He deserved.

“For our sake He made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
2 Corinthians 5:21

√	Week 11	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 28:10-22
	Day 2	Genesis 29 - 30
	Day 3	Genesis 31 - 32
	Day 4	Genesis 33 - 34
	Day 5	Genesis 35 - 36

Week 11: Christ Connection
(from Genesis 28:10 - 36)

In Genesis 28:14, God again shares his promise to one day send his son Jesus Christ. This time it was given to Abraham's grandson and Isaac's son, Jacob. Jesus came to save and be the ladder from heaven to earth of which Jacob dreamed and to which Jesus refers.

“And he said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.’”

John 1:51

√	Week 12	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 37
	Day 2	Genesis 38
	Day 3	Genesis 39
	Day 4	Genesis 40 - 41:49
	Day 5	Genesis 41:50 - 42

Week 12: Christ Connection
(from Genesis 37 - 42)

In Genesis 39:19-21, Joseph suffered unjustly and was later exalted to a place of prominence. In a similar manner, Jesus suffered unjustly and was later raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of all.

“And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:8-10

√	Week 13	Passages
	Day 1	Genesis 43 - 44
	Day 2	Genesis 45 - 47:12
	Day 3	Genesis 47:13-31
	Day 4	Genesis 48 - 49
	Day 5	Genesis 50

Week 13: Christ Connection
(from Genesis 43 - 50)

In Genesis 50:20, Joseph recognized that what his brothers intended for evil, God used for good. God took the evil deeds of Joseph's brothers and used them for His greater plan of rescuing Egypt, Israel and the surrounding nations from the famine.

In the same way, God used the evil injustice of those who put His Son, Jesus, on the cross to bring about His plan of providing salvation from sin and death.

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:24-25

√	Week 14	Passages
	Day 1	Exodus 1 - 2
	Day 2	Exodus 3 - 4
	Day 3	Exodus 5 - 7:7
	Day 4	Exodus 7:8 - 8
	Day 5	Exodus 9 - 10

Week 14: Christ Connection
(from Exodus 1 - 10)

In Exodus 3:14, God told Moses His name is “I am” as a revelation of His good and righteous character.

Jesus gave us an even greater revelation of God’s goodness and righteousness.

“Jesus said, ‘Truly truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.’ ” *John 8:58*

√	Week 15	Passages
	Day 1	Exodus 11 - 12:30
	Day 2	Exodus 12:31 - 13
	Day 3	Exodus 14 - 15:21
	Day 4	Exodus 15:22 - 16
	Day 5	Exodus 17 - 18

Week 15: Christ Connection (from Exodus 11 - 18)

In Exodus 12:1-13, God told the people of Israel they can be spared if the blood of a lamb was over their doorpost. Just as a lamb was sacrificed to spare God's people from judgment, so also Jesus Christ is the Passover Lamb who was sacrificed to spare us from judgment because of our sins.

*“For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”
1 Corinthians 5:7b*

In Exodus 16:4-5, God provided for the Israelites by sending Manna or bread from heaven. In John 6:31-35, Jesus references this story and proclaims that He is the bread of God who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”
John 6:35*

√	Week 16	Passages
	Day 1	Exodus 19
	Day 2	Exodus 20
	Day 3	Exodus 21
	Day 4	Exodus 22 - 23:9
	Day 5	Exodus 23:10 - 24

Week 16: Christ Connection **(from Exodus 19 - 24)**

In Exodus 19:2-6, God calls Moses to meet him at the top of Mount Sinai on behalf of the people. The children of Israel needed a mediator to intercede on their behalf. Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and humanity. He intercedes on behalf of His people.

“The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but He (Jesus) holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 7:23-26

While teaching the crowds, Jesus said, *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”* *Matthew 5:17*

Jesus fulfills the law on our behalf so we can have a relationship with Him.

√	Week 17	Passages
	Day 1	Exodus 25
	Day 2	Exodus 26 - 27
	Day 3	Exodus 28
	Day 4	Exodus 29
	Day 5	Exodus 30 - 31

Week 17: Christ Connection
(from Exodus 25 - 31)

In Exodus 26:1 and following, God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle so that He could dwell with them. We see throughout Scripture, God wants to be with His people. For this reason, God later sent His Son to ‘tabernacle’ or ‘to dwell with us.’

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

√	Week 18	Passages
	Day 1	Exodus 32
	Day 2	Exodus 33 - 34
	Day 3	Exodus 35 - 36
	Day 4	Exodus 37 - 38
	Day 5	Exodus 39 - 40

Week 18: Christ Connection
(from Exodus 32 - 40)

In Exodus 33 and Exodus 40, God met with Moses as a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire at night at the tabernacle or tent of meeting. When Christ came, people could finally see God in a more personal way.

Jesus said, *“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”* *John 14:9*

√	Week 19	Passages
	Day 1	Leviticus 1
	Day 2	Leviticus 2 - 3
	Day 3	Leviticus 4
	Day 4	Leviticus 5 - 6:7
	Day 5	Leviticus 6:8 - 7

Week 19: Christ Connection
(from Leviticus 1 - 7)

The offerings described in these chapters point forward to Christ, whose work, once for all, fully purifies our hearts, cleanses our consciences, and frees us to do good deeds for His glory.

“And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
Hebrews 10:10

√	Week 20	Passages
	Day 1	Leviticus 8 - 9
	Day 2	Leviticus 10 - 12
	Day 3	Leviticus 13 - 14
	Day 4	Leviticus 15
	Day 5	Leviticus 16 - 17

Week 20: Christ Connection (from Leviticus 8 - 17)

In Leviticus 16:17 God instructs one priest a year to represent the people by offering a sacrifice for him and the people. This was done each year until Christ would come and offer the perfect sacrifice for all sin.

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption...how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

Hebrews 9:11-12, 14

√	Week 21	Passages
	Day 1	Leviticus 18 - 19
	Day 2	Leviticus 20 - 21
	Day 3	Leviticus 22 - 23
	Day 4	Leviticus 24 - 25
	Day 5	Leviticus 26 - 27

Week 21: Christ Connection
(from Leviticus 18 - 27)

In Leviticus 19:18, God says to *‘love your neighbor as yourself.’* Years later, Jesus quotes this command and calls it the second greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:39).

Jesus said, *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* *John 13:34-35*

√	Week 22	Passages
	Day 1	Numbers 1 - 2
	Day 2	Numbers 3 - 4
	Day 3	Numbers 5 - 6
	Day 4	Numbers 7 - 8
	Day 5	Numbers 9 - 10:10

Week 22: Christ Connection (from Numbers 1 - 10:10)

In Numbers 5:5-7 God encourages His people to confess their sin and make restitution, looking forward to the day when the sacrificial system would come to an end with the death of Christ. Today we still must acknowledge that we sin; but as we confess our sins to God, we can be assured of his forgiveness.

“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:7-10

√	Week 23	Passages
	Day 1	Numbers 10:11 - 11
	Day 2	Numbers 12 - 13
	Day 3	Numbers 14 - 15
	Day 4	Numbers 16 - 17
	Day 5	Numbers 18 - 19

Week 23: Christ Connection
(from Numbers 10:11 - 19)

When Israel was tempted in the wilderness, the people complained (Numbers 11) and failed to trust the Lord. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He remained faithful. Through His obedience, He became the representative who not only intercedes for us before the Lord but also helps us when we are tempted.

“Therefore He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Hebrews 2:17-18

√	Week 24	Passages
	Day 1	Numbers 20 - 21
	Day 2	Numbers 22
	Day 3	Numbers 23 - 24
	Day 4	Numbers 25 - 26
	Day 5	Numbers 27

Week 24: Christ Connection
(from Numbers 20 - 27)

Just as the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent, lifted high on the pole, and were healed (Numbers 21:9), so also we look with faith upon Jesus Christ lifted high on the cross and are saved from the penalty of our sin and given eternal life.

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14-15

√	Week 25	Passages
	Day 1	Numbers 28 - 29
	Day 2	Numbers 30 - 31
	Day 3	Numbers 32
	Day 4	Numbers 33 - 34
	Day 5	Numbers 35 - 36

Week 25: Christ Connection
(from Numbers 28 - 36)

In John 1:17, we read *“The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”* In Numbers 36:13 the law was given to reveal our sin...

“What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin; Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Romans 7: 7, 24-25a

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ, to offer forgiveness for our sin.

√	Week 26	Passages
	Day 1	Deuteronomy 1 - 2
	Day 2	Deuteronomy 3 - 4
	Day 3	Deuteronomy 5 - 6
	Day 4	Deuteronomy 7 - 8
	Day 5	Deuteronomy 9 - 10

Week 26: Christ Connection (from Deuteronomy 1 - 10)

Jesus trusted and loved God’s Word. He meditated, taught and resisted temptation with it. When He was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, he quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 (Matt. 4:4); Deuteronomy 6:16 (Matt. 4:7) and Deuteronomy 6:13 (Matt. 4:10). We can follow Jesus’ example when being tempted and turn to the Truth of God’s Word that we have read and meditated on during our devotional times with God.

Jesus said the greatest commandment is, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”* (Matthew 22:37) This can originally be found in Deuteronomy 6:5 when Moses was passing on the Lord’s commands to the Israelites.

√	Week 27	Passages
	Day 1	Deuteronomy 11 - 12
	Day 2	Deuteronomy 13 - 14
	Day 3	Deuteronomy 15 - 16
	Day 4	Deuteronomy 17 - 18
	Day 5	Deuteronomy 19 - 20

Week 27: Christ Connection
(from Deuteronomy 11 - 20)

Obedience to God’s law brings a blessing. Breaking God’s law brings a curse (Deuteronomy 11:26). Jesus is the one who took the curse of our law-breaking in order that we might experience the blessing of His law-keeping.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” Galatians 3:13-14

√	Week 28	Passages
	Day 1	Deuteronomy 21 - 22
	Day 2	Deuteronomy 23 - 24
	Day 3	Deuteronomy 25 - 26
	Day 4	Deuteronomy 27 - 28
	Day 5	Deuteronomy 29 -30

Week 28: Christ Connection
(from Deuteronomy 21 - 30)

In Deuteronomy 24:16, we learn that each person will be held accountable for their own actions. It has been said, ‘God has no grandkids, just kids.’ Jesus encourages everyone to come to Him for themselves.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

√	Week 29	Passages
	Day 1	Deuteronomy 31
	Day 2	Deuteronomy 32
	Day 3	Psalm 90
	Day 4	Deuteronomy 33
	Day 5	Deuteronomy 34

Week 29: Christ Connection
(from Deuteronomy 31 - 34; Psalm 90)

Psalm 90 is a prayer of Moses. He expresses his adoration and love of God! He truly was a man of God who spoke with God as a friend, face to face. Because of his special relationship with God, we see Moses once again in the New Testament. The gospels record (Matt. 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-8; and Luke 9:28-36) that Jesus took some disciples to the mountain to pray and Jesus appeared in glory along with Moses and Elijah. The disciples wanted to build 3 tents for each of the men.

But God spoke concerning Christ, *“This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”* (Luke 9:35). How special was Moses as a leader, but Jesus was not just a leader or prophet... He is the Son of God!

√	Week 30	Passages
	Day 1	Joshua 1
	Day 2	Joshua 2
	Day 3	Joshua 3
	Day 4	Joshua 4
	Day 5	Joshua 5

Week 30: Christ Connection
(from Joshua 1 - 5)

Joshua 1:7-8 teaches the importance of God’s Word. Jesus continued this instruction even more clearly in John 15:7. God-defined maturity and success come by abiding in Christ and prayerful obedience to God’s Word individually and as a community.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

John 15:7

Joshua 5:13-15 tells the account of Joshua meeting the Commander of the Lord’s Army. Many theologians believe this is a theophany - an appearance of God. It is evident that Joshua knew he was dealing with God. Revelation 19:11-16 describes Jesus’ return to earth as the Faithful and True mighty warrior leading the armies of heaven in a decisive victory as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

√	Week 31	Passages
	Day 1	Joshua 6
	Day 2	Joshua 7 - 8
	Day 3	Joshua 9 - 10
	Day 4	Joshua 11 - 12
	Day 5	Joshua 13 - 14

Week 31: Christ Connection (from Joshua 6 - 14)

The Fall of Jericho in Joshua 6 was a faith-building victory for the Israelites as they moved into the Promised Land. As they trusted God and followed His directions, God brought the victory. God’s ultimate victory over His enemies takes place through the faithful obedience of His Son. In Christ alone we put our faith for salvation, victory and life.

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?”

Romans 8:31-35

√	Week 32	Passages
	Day 1	Joshua 15 - 16
	Day 2	Joshua 17 - 18
	Day 3	Joshua 19 - 20
	Day 4	Joshua 21 - 22
	Day 5	Joshua 23 - 24

Week 32: Christ Connection (from Joshua 15 - 24)

Joshua was God’s servant to bring the Israelites into the Promised Land. His story points forward to Jesus Christ, God’s chosen servant, who will bring God’s people to their eternal inheritance. Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua. Joshua 24:15 is Joshua’s instruction to the people to make a choice of whom they would serve, trust and follow for life. Man’s greatest choice is whether he will reject or follow Jesus. And Jesus said to all,

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” *Luke 9:23-26*

√	Week 33	Passages
	Day 1	Judges 1
	Day 2	Judges 2
	Day 3	Judges 3
	Day 4	Ruth 1 -2
	Day 5	Ruth 3 - 4

Week 33: Christ Connection (from Judges 1 - 4; Ruth 1 - 4)

At this early point in Judges, God does not provide an individual leader but appoints the tribe of Judah to take the lead for the Jewish nation. This looks forward to the kingship of David and ultimately of David's Greater Son, Jesus - both whom arise from the tribe of Judah.

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,[a] 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.” Matthew 1:1-6

In Ruth 3-4, Boaz is described as the redeemer who showed undeserved kindness to Ruth, a foreigner. In a similar manner, Jesus is our Redeemer who has voluntarily paid the price for the redemption of his people and taken them as his beloved bride.

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his Bride has made herself ready.” Revelation 19:7

√	Week 34	Passages
	Day 1	Judges 4 - 5
	Day 2	Judges 6 - 7
	Day 3	Judges 8
	Day 4	Judges 9 - 10
	Day 5	Joshua 11 - 12

Week 34: Christ Connection
(from Judges 4 - 12)

God called Gideon to be part of His plan to defeat the enemy, and He went to great lengths to assure Gideon of His presence and power. Through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God now assures us of His presence and power as we take part in His plan of worldwide redemption.

“Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20

√	Week 35	Passages
	Day 1	Judges 13 - 14
	Day 2	Judges 15 - 16
	Day 3	Judges 17 - 18
	Day 4	Judges 19
	Day 5	Joshua 20 - 21

Week 35: Christ Connection
(from Judges 13 - 21)

Samson's downfall was the result of his own disobedience, and yet God used his death to bring the deliverance of His people. Jesus' death was the result of His perfect obedience and our disobedience. God used His death to bring deliverance "once for all" for His people.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit."
1 Peter 3:18

√	Week 36	Passages
	Day 1	1 Samuel 1 - 2
	Day 2	1 Samuel 3
	Day 3	1 Samuel 4 - 5
	Day 4	1 Samuel 6
	Day 5	1 Samuel 7

Week 36: Christ Connection
(from 1 Samuel 1 - 7)

In 1 Samuel 1:27-28, Hannah expresses her love for her son and dedicates him for the Lord's purposes. God too loves His son, Jesus, and had a special purpose for Him...He sent Him to be the Savior of the World. Jesus, out of love for the Father and us, voluntarily laid down His life. He is a great and precious Savior!

“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

John 10:17-18

√	Week 37	Passages
	Day 1	1 Samuel 8 - 9
	Day 2	1 Samuel 10
	Day 3	1 Samuel 11 - 12
	Day 4	1 Samuel 13 - 14
	Day 5	1 Samuel 15

Week 37: Christ Connection
(from 1 Samuel 8 - 15)

1 Samuel 8:4-22 recounts Israel demanding an earthly king to rule over them. They rejected God being their King and wanted instead an earthly king like the rest of the nations. Samuel warned them about the ways of earthly kings, but they still wouldn't listen. Disaster upon disaster followed as the people replaced the true King with a sinful one. A fresh movement from God's Kingdom began in Christ as He encouraged the people to return to the true King.

“Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel (good news)!’”
Mark 1:14b-15

√	Week 38	Passages
	Day 1	1 Samuel 16
	Day 2	1 Samuel 17
	Day 3	1 Samuel 18-19
	Day 4	Psalms 11, 59
	Day 5	1 Samuel 20

Week 38: Christ Connection
(from 1 Samuel 16 - 20, Psalms 11, 59)

In 1 Samuel 16 God commanded Samuel to go to Jesse from Bethlehem, “for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel thought it would be the tall impressive, older brother but God said, *“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature because I have rejected him. The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart.”*

In *Isaiah 53:2-3*, we have a prophetic description of Jesus, he was rejected partly because of his stature. *“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that the should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...”* God values hearts fully committed to Him.

√	Week 39	Passages
	Day 1	1 Samuel 21, Psalm 34
	Day 2	1 Samuel 22, 1 Chronicles 12:8-18
	Day 3	Psalms 7, 52
	Day 4	1 Samuel 23, Psalm 54
	Day 5	1 Samuel 24, Psalm 35

Week 39: Christ Connection
(from 1 Samuel 21 - 24,
1 Chronicles 12, and various Psalms)

1 Samuel 21 recounts David and his men; because they were hungry after being chased by King Saul, they entered the temple and were offered this special bread to eat even though it was reserved for the priests. Jesus retold this story to the Pharisees, who were upset that Jesus' disciples plucked some heads of grain on the Sabbath in order to eat. Jesus said, if David and his followers were able to disregard a ceremonial provision when necessity demanded it, surely Jesus and his followers were able to disregard a man-made Sabbath regulation to take care of their physical needs. Jesus often put a higher value on meeting the needs of people above the man-made religious laws of his day.

“And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Matthew 12:7-8

√	Week 40	Passages
	Day 1	1 Samuel 25 - 26
	Day 2	1 Samuel 27 - 28
	Day 3	1 Samuel 29, 1 Chronicles 12:19, Psalm 56
	Day 4	1 Samuel 30, 1 Chronicles 12:20-22
	Day 5	1 Samuel 31, 1 Chronicles 10

Week 40: Christ Connection
(from 1 Samuel 25-31, 1 Chronicles 10, 12)

Threats from the Philistines caused David to walk closer to God, but literally scared Saul to death. (1 Samuel 31:4) David took his heart to God in prayer and renewed his faith and strength in the presence of God. He prayed, “In God I trust; be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me, all day long an attacker oppresses me...when I am afraid I put my trust in you.”

Jesus modeled this for us as well, praying often with his disciples and also praying in solitude.

“Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

Luke 5:16

√	Week 41	Passages
	Day 1	2 Samuel 1:1 - 3:1
	Day 2	2 Samuel 3:2-5; 23:8-39
	Day 3	1 Chronicles 11:10-47
	Day 4	2 Samuel 3:6-39
	Day 5	2 Samuel 4

Week 41: Christ Connection
(from 2 Samuel 1-4, 23, 1 Chronicles 11)

Even though David had been chosen by God to be King, he endured persecution and rejection all along the way. His faith in God and His plan for David to one day be King remained firm. Jesus too trusted God's plan for Him when he was ridiculed by the religious establishment.

Jesus is described as *“the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”* From His example the writer of Hebrews tells us to *“consider Jesus who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that we may not grow weary or fainthearted in our struggle against sin”* toward maturity in Christ. *Hebrews 12:2-4*

√	Week 42	Passages
	Day 1	2 Samuel 5:1-16 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 1 Chronicles 12:23-40
	Day 2	2 Samuel 6:1-11 1 Chronicles 13:1 - 14:7
	Day 3	2 Samuel 5:17-25 1 Chronicles 14:8-17 Psalm 124
	Day 4	1 Chronicles 15 2 Samuel 6:12-16
	Day 5	1 Chronicles 16 2 Samuel 6:17-23

Week 42: Christ Connection

(from 2 Samuel 5-6; 1 Chronicles 11-16; Psalm 124)

In 2 Samuel 6:21-22 David replies to criticism on how he unashamedly and wholeheartedly worshiped God. Paul who was deeply grateful for the love and forgiveness God gave him had a similar boldness in sharing about God's amazing grace.

In Romans 1:16 Paul says, *"I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, the Jew first and also to the Greek."*

Romans 1:15-16

√	Week 43	Passages
	Day 1	2 Samuel 7, 1 Chron 17
	Day 2	2 Samuel 8, 1 Chronicles 18, Psalm 60
	Day 3	2 Samuel 9 - 10
	Day 4	1 Chron 19; Psalm 20
	Day 5	2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51, 1 Chron 20:1-3

Week 43: Christ Connection
(from 2 Samuel 7 - 12, 1 Chronicles 17-20,
Psalms 20, 51, 60)

In 2 Samuel 7 and 1 Chronicles 17 David is at home in his palace. After looking around at how God has blessed him, he wanted to build a “house” for God. But God whose thoughts and ways are higher and better than ours had his own building plan in mind. David was not to build a house for God but help prepare the way for his son to build it. Even though David would not build a house for God, God said he would build a house/kingdom through David. Even with all the faults and drama in David’s family, God said “Your throne shall be established forever...” (2 Samuel 7:16) After hearing this, David laid aside His plans and sat in the presence of Lord in worship. From our perspective we see that “*all the promises of God find their ‘Yes’ in Jesus Christ.*” (2 Corinthians 1:20) Jesus is the Son of the Most High, who is on the throne of King David. Jesus is of the lineage of David by adoption through Joseph and by blood through Mary...He was the long-awaited King deliverer.

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
Luke 1:31-33

√	Week 44	Passages
	Day 1	2 Samuel 13 - 14
	Day 2	2 Samuel 15 - 16
	Day 3	2 Samuel 17 - 18
	Day 4	Psalms 3, 61-63
	Day 5	2 Samuel 19-20, Psalm 7

Week 44: Christ Connection
(from 2 Samuel 13-20; Psalms 3, 7, 61 - 63)

In the midst of overwhelming family and national chaos, David persevered in His faith in God. God alone was David's hope and the strength for his soul.

“For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. ... On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.” Psalm 62:1-2, 6-7

Jesus' resurrection secured for us a living hope.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

√	Week 45	Passages
	Day 1	2 Samuel 21, 1 Chronicles 20:4-8
	Day 2	2 Samuel 22
	Day 3	Psalm 18
	Day 4	2 Samuel 24:1-17 1 Chronicles 21:1-17
	Day 5	2 Samuel 24:18-25; 1 Chronicles 21:18-22:1

Week 45: Christ Connection
(from 2 Samuel 21-24, 1 Chron. 20-22, Ps 18)

1 Chronicles 21 recounts the story of David arrogantly giving into Satan’s temptation to take a census. David at times is a great inspiration and at other times, David fails miserably. He confessed this of himself as he took full responsibility for his sin (2 Samuel 21:17, 24).

In contrast, Jesus is the perfect King, and never sinned. In Revelation, as the end of all things is unfolding, a mighty angel proclaimed with a loud voice, *“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” “And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it... And one of the elders said, ‘Weep no more; behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’” “And in heaven they sang with a loud voice. ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’”*

Revelation 5:2,5,12

√	Week 46	Passages
	Day 1	1 Chronicles 22:2-23
	Day 2	1 Chronicles 24 - 25
	Day 3	1 Chronicles 26 - 27
	Day 4	1 Chronicles 28 - 29:22
	Day 5	1 Chronicles 29:23-30 1 King 1:1 - 2:12 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Week 46: Christ Connection

(from 2 Samuel 23; 1 Chronicles 22-29; 1 Kings 1-2)

God found David to be a man after his heart (Acts 13:22) but after all we read about him the past weeks, how can that be? 1 Chronicles 29:10-19 gives us a glimpse of God's perspective regarding David's heart. In the presence of all the assembly, David prayed and led the people in whole-hearted worship and gratitude of God. Jesus clearly teaches us the importance of man's heart in God's eyes.

He said the greatest command is to love God with all heart and to lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven because "*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*"

Matthew 6:21

√	Week 47	Passages
	Day 1	Psalms 4 - 6
	Day 2	Psalms 8 - 9
	Day 3	Psalms 11 - 13
	Day 4	Psalms 14 - 16
	Day 5	Psalms 17, 19

Week 47: Christ Connection
(from Psalms 4-6, 8-9, 11-17, 19)

David was a man of prayer! Jesus teaches us how to pray in Matthew 6:9-13. Jesus taught us in the very first words of this prayer that God is majestic and holy AND ALSO personal and loving. He deserves AND wants a relationship with you...would you pray to know and love Him? Jesus taught us to praise God, to pray for His work in the world, pray for our daily needs, and pray for help in our daily struggles.

√	Week 48	Passages
	Day 1	Psalms 21 - 22
	Day 2	Psalms 23 - 25
	Day 3	Psalms 26 - 28
	Day 4	Psalms 29 - 30
	Day 5	Psalms 31 - 32

Week 48: Christ Connection
(from Psalms 21 - 32)

Jesus spoke *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 21:1; Matthew 27: 45,46)*

He was expressing His deep agony on the cross, because He was suffering the penalty for our sin.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” *Isaiah 53:6*

In taking all of mankind’s sin upon himself, He suffered separation from the Father for the first time. He did this so that we might, through repentance from sin and faith in Him as our Savior and Lord, be forgiven of our sin and reconciled with God.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

√	Week 49	Passages
	Day 1	Psalms 36 - 37
	Day 2	Psalms 38 - 39
	Day 3	Psalms 40 - 41
	Day 4	Psalms 53, 55, 58
	Day 5	Psalms 64 - 65

Week 49: Christ Connection
(from Psalms 36-41 53, 55, 58, 64-65)

Psalm 42 beautifully describes something that we often despise. We thirst and long for more. We are often unfulfilled and unsatisfied in life, work, and relationships. Even when things are “good”, if we are honest, our soul still thirsts for something else. The psalmists and Jesus both call this a longing for God. In John 4, Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman at the well.

“Jesus said to her ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. [b] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”

John 4:13-14

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied in Christ. (Matthew 5:6)

√	Week 50	Passages
	Day 1	Psalms 68
	Day 2	Psalms 69 - 70
	Day 3	Psalms 86, 101, 103
	Day 4	Psalms 108 - 109
	Day 5	Psalms 110, 122

Week 50: Christ Connection
(from Psalms 68-70, 86, 101, 103, 108-110, 122)

In Ps 110:1 David viewed God’s messianic ruler as his superior. “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies making them a footstool under your feet.’”

The New Testament frequently cites this psalm to validate Jesus’ claim as the Messiah.

(Matt. 22:44-45; Mark 12:36,37; Luke 20:42-44; Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 1:13)

“All Authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me.” *Matthew 28:18*

Jesus has the rightful authority to command and the power to rescue.

√	Week 51	Passages
	Day 1	Psalms 131, 133, 138
	Day 2	Psalms 139 - 140
	Day 3	Psalms 141 - 143
	Day 4	Psalms 144 - 145
	Day 5	Psalms 88 - 89

Week 51: Christ Connection
(from Psalms 88 - 89, 131, 133, 138 - 145)

Psalm 133 is a Psalm of unity. Unity is something so important to Jesus that he specifically prayed for his followers to have unity with God and with one another right before he was arrested. John 17 records Jesus' priestly prayer.

He prayed for his followers and he also prayed for us...

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their Word." *John 17:20*

David cried out in Ps. 143:10 for God to teach him to do His will and to let God's Spirit lead him. Jesus specifically said God would do this for all who believed in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." *John 14:26*

"The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." *John 16:13*

√	Week 52	Passages
	Day 1	Psalms 50, 73
	Day 2	Psalms 74 - 76
	Day 3	Psalms 77 - 78
	Day 4	Psalms 79 - 80
	Day 5	Psalms 81 - 83

Week 52: Christ Connection (from Psalms 50, 73 - 83)

Psalm 73 puts words to a real struggle of today. Why do the wicked and arrogant prosper while the pure in heart seem to struggle?...It seems unfair. It seems as though godliness can be a meaningless ritual. The psalmist was struggling with a bitter heart in the midst of suffering. He finally takes a turn when he writes, "Then I went into your sanctuary, O God and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked..." The same struggle is real today and yet with Christ there is greater clarity about the coming fate of the Devil and Christ's victory. Since this is the last day of our first year, please pray the following verses for your brothers and sisters in Christ who are members of Grace Point Church ...

"Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 5:5-11

Come Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen

Revelation 22:21

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