



Game Plan

A SIX WEEK GUIDE TO

DISCIPLESHIP

Invite someone to meet with you weekly for six weeks. You will need 30-45 minutes a week to walk them through the guide. Take time to pray, answer questions and just get to know each other better.

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What is the Gospel?

The word “gospel” literally means “good news” of Jesus. The gospel tells us the good news about how we can be saved from judgment. It is passed from generation to generation. It answers important questions we have:

Who is our creator and master?

God is our creator and master. He is the starting point for everything, because God created everything, including us. He has the right to tell us how to live, and we are accountable to God. He is holy and righteous and is determined never to ignore or tolerate the sins of this world. (Genesis 1)

What is our major problem?

Our major problem is that we are human and therefore we sin. From the first humans (Adam and Eve), we see that humans have continued to deny God’s authority over their lives. The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) Without accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, the Bible tells us that we are destined for Hell. (Genesis 3) (Romans 6:23)

What is God’s solution to this problem?

God’s solution is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Son of God sent to the earth to save all sinners. Jesus died a gruesome death for us on the cross as he carried the awful weight of all the world’s sins. The Bible tells us that Jesus didn’t remain dead, rather he rose from the dead and fulfilled the prophecy that he foretold. When we give the Lord Jesus our lives, he in turn will give us everlasting life, even though we are sinners and we don’t deserve this gift. (John 3:16-17)

How can I be included in his solution?

We must proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to save us. We are asked to repent of our sins and refrain from rebellion against God. It doesn’t mean that we will become perfect, rather it means that we will be aware of our sin and humble ourselves before God and ask for his power to overcome sin. God expects that we put all of our faith in him, even when it gets hard. It is in those times that we need to fight through and continue to live Christian lives with him as our center. God wants us to be an earthly example of him and how to live. By this example we will bring others to him and continue to save the human race from what they ultimately deserve. We must continue to pass the gospel onto others.

Gospel Challenge: Read through Matthew 1 and Matthew 27 and 28. Take notes about what you already know about the birth and death of Jesus, and what questions you have.

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of 66 different books written by 40 authors. They are God inspired writings of instruction about Christian living. Christians believe that all scripture is truth. It is filled with promises from God. These promises help to reassure and give great comfort to us during times of trial.

(2 Timothy 3:16)

Who wrote the bible?

40 authors wrote the Bible over a period of 1,500 years. These Bible writers wrote as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Moses was the first person to write portions of Scripture while John, the disciple of Jesus, was the last. Other famous people who wrote the Bible include: David, Daniel, Peter, Paul, Jonah, Isaiah, Solomon and David. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

What is Prophecy?

A prophecy is a message inspired by God, a divine revelation. So a prophet is one who receives God's message and transmits it to others. (Acts 3:18)

What is the Old Testament?

The Old Testament records history and prophecy from the creation of the world up to the birth of Jesus Christ. (Genesis-Malachi)

What is the New Testament?

The New Testament records history, fulfilled prophecy and future prophecy from Christ's birth to His second coming. (Matthew-Revelation)

How do I learn about the Bible?

It is important to study the Bible to understand and grow closer to God. One basic method to help you read through a passage of scripture to understand and apply it to your life is the "SOAP" method:

Scripture: Read a passage of scripture and underline things that stand out to you.

Observation: Write in your own words the things that stood out most through the whole passage. It can be as long or short as you like.

Application: Write down ideas of how you can apply that observation to your life and/or present situation.

Pray: Pray for God to allow opportunities for you to apply what you have learned. Pray for conviction when you aren't applying it as you should.

Challenge: Choose a scripture each day for the next week. Read the scripture, apply the soap method, and record what you learn from it.

What is Christian Living?

Christian living means living our lives as God desires. His plan for us is what is best for our lives.

Jesus said he came so that his followers “may have life, and that they may have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

What is Christian Accountability?

Following Jesus in this day and age isn't easy. We need others alongside of us to help mold us into spiritual maturity. As humans, we find support, comfort, and motivation from others. Here's some practical ways that we can find support from others when following Jesus: (*Hebrews 10:24-25*).

- Consistent Sunday Morning Church Attendance
- Huddles / Small Groups
- Intentional One-On-One Coffee/Lunch Discussions

What are Spiritual Disciplines?

Spiritual Disciplines are not attitudes- they are activities, practices and things we do to help grow in our faith . We participate in these things to grow in Godliness (*1 Timothy 4:7*). Here's some basic Spiritual Disciplines that you can participate in right now:

- Reading the Bible (*Joshua 1:8*)
- Prayer (*Ephesians 6:18*)
- Fasting (*Matthew 6:17-18*)
- Journaling

How Do I Live Out God's Calling On My Life?

Maybe you've asked yourself “*What's the purpose of life?*” That question can more simply be answered “Love God and Love People.” (Luke 10:27) (*Ephesians 4:2*)

Am I Called To Ministry?

God has called each of us to something bigger than ourselves. When we consider *Matthew 28:18-20*, otherwise known as The Great Commission, we see that ministry isn't necessarily a calling, but a commandment. No, this doesn't mean that everyone has to work at a church, be a pastor or preach from a platform, but it does mean that we should all live questionable lives, intentionally telling others about the message of hope that God has given us. An easy way to do this is telling your story of finding God in your life.

Challenge: Pray and ask God to help you practice the spiritual disciplines that will help you live a strong Christian life. Ask him to surround you with other Christians who can help and support you.

What is Prayer?

The most basic definition of prayer is “talking to God.” It is a direct address to God. It is the communication of the human soul with the Lord who created us. Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to communicate emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God.

How Do I Pray?

Prayer can be audible or silent, private or public, formal or informal. We can pray anywhere and at any time. We can pray alone or in groups. Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

Confession (1 John 1:9)

Petition (1 Samuel 1:27)

Intercession (Ephesians 6:18-19)

Thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:20)

Praise (Psalm 146:1-2)

Pray with expectation that God can answer your prayer. “So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

What Should I Pray About?

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6–7).

Pray for each other. Jesus set an example for us on what to pray. He prayed for His disciples and for every generation to come after Him. His prayer was that God would protect and strengthen them as long as they were in this world. Jesus also prayed for those who would come to believe in Him through the Gospel message (John 17).

How Often Should We Pray?

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, “pray without ceasing.” We can keep a running conversation going with God all day long. We can pray under any and all circumstances. Prayer develops our relationship with God and demonstrates our trust and utter dependence upon Him.

You will know with confidence that God can hear you when you pray, so open that line of communication. Pray, knowing that no matter how far you roam, your connection with Him can never be lost.

**Prayer Challenge: Spend time in prayer daily for the next 7 days:
Confess your sins, petition for the desires of your heart, ask God to intercede in your
life, give God Thanksgiving, and praise him daily.**

What is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God's supernatural presence seen in us today. The Holy Spirit inside of us is better than Jesus beside us. (John 16:7)

Who is He in us?

The Holy Spirit is our advocate and teacher. He helps us to decipher God's word in us and to know God's thoughts. (John 14:26) (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

What is the Holy Spirit like?

The Holy Spirit produces characteristics that are honorable to God and convicts the hearts of believers. (Galatians 5:22-23) (John 16:8)

What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit gives gifts of abilities, unifies Christians, guides Christians, and empowers us to live God's way. (1 Corinthians 12) (Romans 8:14-15) (Acts 1:8)

- In what ways do you see the Holy Spirit leading Christians and the Church today?
- What would your life be like if God's presence guided 100% of it?
- We must learn to listen to the Spirit's guidance in our lives, how can we hear Him better?

Challenge: Pray this prayer each day this week:

“God, I’m listening and watching for you to guide me to the changes I need to make to better follow you in daily life. Give me the strength to choose the things in life that draw me closer to you. Show me your super-natural presence.”

What Is The Mission of God?

God's mission is to inspire people to work with the materials He provides to heal and bring order to the world. The world God created is good, and when humans begin to work alongside God on mission, things become 'very good.' (Genesis 1:31)

How Does God's Mission Function?

God is a sending God. We know that He sent Jesus to save the world. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide and convict us. Throughout the bible, He sent prophets and messengers to deliver His word and free His people. However, we have also been sent. Where we live, work, and play is our mission field.

God-----> Jesus-----> Holy Spirit-----> The Church (Us)

God Sends	Genesis 12:1-3
Jesus Sent	Luke 4:43
Holy Spirit Sent	John 16:7
We are Sent	John 20:21

- What is the greatest missional effort you have seen? Why is it so great?
- Why was it so important that God sent Jesus?
- Why do you think God sends people?
- What do you feel God has sent you to do?
- What role do you think the Holy Spirit plays in your mission?

Challenge: Pray and ask God to show you how you fit into his mission. Ask him for practical steps that you can take as he sends you out to share the gospel with others.