

A Disciple Learns

JOHN 8:31-32

I. A disciple learns from the _____, which reveals what is true.

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17

A disciple's time and attention **IN** the Scriptures will be shaped by their _____ in His Word.

THE WORD OF GOD IS ...

- inerrant - free from error in the original texts (*Jer 1:12; Ps 12:6, 19:7; Prov 30:5*)
- infallible - completely reliable (*Ps 12:6, 119:7; Prov 30:5; 2 Pet 1:19; 2 Tim 3:16-17*)
- authoritative - only source of truth (*Ps 119:160, 138:2; Jn 8:32, 17:17, 18:37-38; 2 Tim 2:15; Jas 1:18*)

A disciple's fruit **FROM** the Scriptures will be shaped by their _____ in His Word.

II. A disciple learns from the _____, who illuminates the truth of Scripture.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

A disciple's ability to understand the Scriptures is only possible by _____ the Holy Spirit.

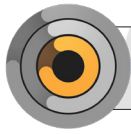
A disciple's ability to apply the Scriptures is shaped by _____ to the Holy Spirit.

III. A disciple learns from their _____ when living in light of that truth.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

A disciple's obedience to the Scriptures _____ the truth of God's Word.

A disciple's obedience to the Scriptures brings _____ that ripples throughout their life.



BE A DISCIPLE HOME GROUP LESSON & DEVOTIONAL

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. When in life has it been easy being a learner? When have you been slow to learn? Resisted learning?
2. How does our confidence in God's Word influence the attention we give to it? What else influences our attention?
3. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What evidence do you find that Jesus spent significant time in the Scriptures? How did He regard the Word of God (v. 4)?
4. Read John 8:31-32. How does the Word of God set us free? Where do you need to experience that freedom?
5. What happens to those who read God's Word but don't have the Holy Spirit? Why must the Spirit teach us?
6. Why is obedience to Scripture so crucial to our growth? In what ways do we neglect that step?
7. What would help you be a more diligent learner of Scripture?
8. Read Psalm 119. List your observations about the Word of God. What discoveries encourage you, and in what way?

RESOURCES FOR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

The One Year Chronological Bible, NLT. Experience the Bible in a fresh way by reading it in the order the events actually happened

How to Study the Bible by Dwight L. Moody. This classic presents study methods and offers tools to help you comprehend difficult passages

Understanding the Bible by John Stott. A resource for personal Bible study that shows the basic flow of the biblical story and examines issues of interpretation and authority

How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor: A Practical and Entertaining Exploration of the World's Most Famous Book by Mark Yarbrough. Step into the seminary classroom and observe the tricks of the trade for becoming a more effective student of the Bible

Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible by Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks. Short, practical exercises teach you to Observe, Interpret and Apply the Word so it's more accessible than you ever thought possible

Walk Thru the Old Testament and *Walk Thru the New Testament* by Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa

The Bible Knowledge Commentary (OT and NT), Walvoord and Zuck, ed. The indispensable, comprehensive commentary written by Dallas Theological Seminary faculty members

Bible study series on individual books of the Bible by Warren Wiersbe, The Navigators, William Barclay, John Stott

FOR THE MORE ADVANCED ...

Major Bible Themes by Lewis Sperry Chafer. The essential classic providing a comprehensive for 52 biblical doctrines, complete with indexes and discussion questions

Basic Bible Interpretation by Roy Zuck

Methodical Bible Study by Robert Traina

"Why do we need to spend time abiding in God's Word? For the same reason the athlete needs to spend time training in the gymnasium. We need to train our senses so that when the choices between good and evil come rushing at us, we can do what we practiced in our minds because we have trained our senses to make the right choices. ... It's not just a matter of setting aside the time. A lot of people spend all their lives reading the Bible, but they have never matured. There are people who have sat in church all their lives, and they've never matured. We don't mature just by spending time in God's Word. Hebrews 5:14 says we mature by training, by practicing the Word of God."

MARK BAILEY *To Follow Him*

"Each of us needs both sound theology and passionate spirituality, because theology is the fuel for spirituality's fire. Theology provides the discernment to protect us from unbiblical or unhealthy spiritual practices (such as regularly seeking to experience God without the guidance or influence of Scripture). Theology can protect us from fads in spirituality. How do you pursue theology? Read and meditate on Scripture."

DONALD WHITNEY *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

"Read the Bible itself; do not spend all your time on commentaries and helps. If a man spent all his time reading up on the chemical constituents of bread and milk, he would soon starve. Devotional books can be helpful too, but do not think that a devotional book can replace your time in the Word of God. ... When I pray, I talk to God, but when I read the Bible, God is talking to me; and it is really more important that God should speak to me than that I should speak to Him."

DWIGHT L. MOODY *How to Study the Bible*

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

ERMON BLANKS: Word of God, confidence, consistency, Holy Spirit, receiving, submitting, obedience, confirms, freedom

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

HOME GROUPS The Christian life is meant to be lived in community and Home Groups are a great way to do that! Each week you'll pray, learn and do life with other believers, growing deeper in your faith and helping others do the same. Christian community is one of the best ways for the church to be the church! Find your group at www.ccbcfamily.org/groups.

BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS: INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE WITH DR. MARK BAILEY Are you curious how the Bible fits together as a whole? Have you pondered why certain figures of speech are used in various passages of the Bible? Uncover the answers by coming to a special class taught by Dr. Mark Bailey on Bible Study Methods! Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/dtsmethods.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Go further in your faith with Adult Bible Fellowships! We've planned and included these in Sunday worship for the purpose of additional Christian community and intentionally being in God's Word. Regardless of which class you choose to join, there's a seat for you and it's with people who are pursuing Jesus wholeheartedly, love the Scriptures and desire to abide faithfully. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/abf.

AN EVENING WITH JAMIE FINN We are excited to announce that Jamie Finn, author and executive director of Fostering the Family, will join us for a special event on Saturday, Sept. 28! Jamie is a passionate advocate for the foster and adoption community, and we are so excited to learn from her knowledge and experience. Come join us as we discover how we can positively impact and support the foster and adoption community. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/forlife.

DON'T FORGET THE 5 If you worship in the mornings, come back at 5 p.m. with friends and family who would usually not be able to attend morning worship. Invite neighbors and coworkers to check it out, and let's see what God does with it next! We'll see you there!

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER Join our Women's Ministry as they get away from distractions on Saturday, Oct.19 at the Fort Worth Campus. Focusing on prayer, you will hear messages and testimonies, have opportunities for personal time in the Word and spend time in community with other women! Learn more about registration by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/dayofprayer.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE The process is quick and easy—scan the QR Code to get started.