

# New Beginnings

**Week 4:** Learn how we are called to worship and praise God  
Learning how to share the good news of Jesus.

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# Purpose

- To learn power of salvation
- The power of the word
- Faith walk of new Christians

## Central Questions

- What does the verse say?
- What does the verse mean?
- What does this verse mean to me?

# Plan

- May 4: Reviewing your decision to follow Jesus and what it means
- May 11: Reading the Bible and learning what God thinks and understand how to pray and talk with God.
- May 18: Learning how to listen to God and hear his voice and how we are created for community and called to serve.
- May 25: Learn how we are called to worship and praise God Learning how to share the good news of Jesus.

# Scriptures

- Psalms 29:2, Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- Acts 2:42, They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- Hebrews 10:25, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

# Scriptures

- 1 Peter 2:5-6, you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”
- Romans 12:4-8, For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

# Worship - How we are created to praise God

Going to church does not save us, but we are called by God to gather together. Church is where true worship as a community of believers occurs. It is where ministry can happen in a way different than any individual or small group can deliver.

As we grow closer to Jesus Christ, we should develop a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers. In fact, it is not just a nice suggestion but something the Bible tells us is God's will for us.

# Listening - Hearing what God has to say

There is no set time or formula for doing this or for guaranteeing results. Once you are in the habit of listening and find what works best, you should take note of three things:

- (1) The time of day it is best for you to do this.
- (2) The place you are most productive meeting God.
- (3) The activities such as prayer, Bible reading, music and other things that get you most focused on God. As you learn what works best in these three areas, you need to commit to doing this in a way that is most likely to be honored by God.

# Reading the Bible - Learning what God thinks

- Ask the following three questions:
- What does the verse say?
- What does the verse mean?
- What does this verse mean to me?



# Scriptures

- Acts 2:42-44, 42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44All the believers were together and had everything in common.
- Romans 6:3-5, 3Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- Luke 3:21-2221When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

# Scriptures

- Matthew 28:19, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
- Mark 16:15, *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*
- Psalms 105:1, Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

# Scriptures

- 1 Peter 3:15, But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,
- Acts 1:8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

# Share - How to spread the Good News

- One of the first steps we all should take as followers of Jesus is to be baptized. This is how we follow Jesus' example of being baptized and how we publicly proclaim that we are followers of Him. It is an illustration of how we identify with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. This does not save us as no works of our own can do that. Being baptized is an important symbol of what has happened to our lives and hearts as someone that has trusted Jesus.
- We are called by Jesus to share the Good News and make disciples of others. It is not a suggestion or an option but a command. We know this sounds scary and it is hard to think about how to talk about God with those that may not know or believe in Him. Therefore, start with some basics.

# Share - How to spread the Good News

- We must live our life genuinely in service to God so we are not seen as hypocrites. Start praying for those you want to share with and that you believe don't know Jesus. Keep in mind that you are not asked to save anyone but rather share the Gospel. Only the Holy Spirit can open eyes and hearts to God's truth.
- When you get that opportunity to bring this up, don't be afraid. God is with you and wants to help. Don't feel like you need to know the answer to every question. Focus on sharing your story and the difference God has made in your life. Use simple words in explaining how we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness.
- Use "we" and "us" to let them know you are no different and just blessed enough to have heard the Good News and accepted Jesus. Don't expect results immediately. Be faithful and let God use you in the amazing process of Him revealing himself to others. Finally, you have no idea how long God has been working on you, so don't get discouraged if it takes a while with others.



**Thank You, God Bless You!**