

GO Disciple

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A Disciple-making

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## Just for church leaders...

Make disciples! It is the foundational call of the church to make disciples... who then make more disciples. The GO Disciple resource series is designed to help the church with its ongoing mission to make disciples; disciples who look more and more like Jesus with every passing day, each and every week. Also, GO Disciple is designed to be implemented through the church's structure and as such, will support and strengthen the church as a whole. Your Sunday School or small group structure includes outreach, shepherding, and fellowship leaders... why not a D-Group captain to get group members into disciple-making relationships?

GO Disciple is a disciple-making process that is designed to start small and grow. It follows the biblical model found in 2 Timothy 2:2; Paul, Timothy, faithful men, and then others. As a church process, GO Disciple looks like this:



But for an individual church member, the process looks more like the following:

<b>God Time</b>	Me and God, every day in His Word and in prayer
<b>Gather Time</b>	Worship and Sunday School
<b>Grow Time</b>	D-Group experience
<b>Go Time</b>	On mission every day showing people that Jesus is Better

GO Disciple resources are designed with three specific things in mind.

- 1) Develop church members (disciples) who become self-feeders of God's Word;
- 2) Replicate themselves in other people by sharing with others how they are growing;
- 3) Help the church develop a leadership pipeline of people who are growing in Christ-likeness and have a passion to share their experience.

The resource you now hold in your hand (or view on your tablet) is designed to help you disciple others. We know that making disciples happens best in small communities; preferably a D-Group of 4-6 people. Each week as this D-Group meets, they will: memorize Scripture, share their experiences with God, develop accountable relationships, and ultimately replicate themselves by starting a new D-Group and inviting others to draw nearer to God and to each other.

*The church's disciple-making pathway should feed its leadership pipeline.*  
Daniel Im, *No Silver Bullets*

## Introduction

### What is a D-Group?

D-Groups are smaller groups of about four people who meet together regularly for the purpose of growing closer to Christ and supporting one another in biblical community. A D-Group is an excellent way for people to follow the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20:

*“All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*  
(CSB)

#### **Why D-Groups?**

Disciples are best made in a community of close relationships. Jesus had Peter, James, and John. The apostle Paul had Timothy, Silas, and Luke. David has his inner circle of three mighty men. A D-Group is not just any group, it is a biblical group. That is... a D-Group is a smaller group of about four people who meet together to share the Word of God with each other; learn Scripture together, and support and encourage each other through prayer and relationships; and ultimately start more D-Groups and make more disciples.

#### **Starting a D-Group**

D-Groups are easy to start. Simply invite three other people to join you, plan your first get-together, decide what Bible passage the group wants to immerse themselves in, and then follow through and do it!

If possible, consider inviting three people from your Small Group or Sunday School class. A class that has several people involved in D-Groups is going to be a great class. A D-Group will not only help the participants grow spiritually, it can also help the whole class!

#### **What is Expected in a D-Group**

You need a Bible. At your first D-Group meeting, see what translation everyone else is using. It is helpful (though not necessary) for everyone to have the same translation. You may also need a journal to record your thoughts and what you hear God speaking to you every day and during your group.

Develop an agreement with other group members (a group covenant), that includes expectations about attendance, preparation, accountability, and also an agreement that what is said in the group, stays in the group.

## **Definitions**

Below is how we define some of the terms we use in a D-Group. These definitions not only bring clarity, but more precisely define a disciple-making group.

### **D-Group**

A D-Group is a smaller group than a Sunday School class or small group. A D-Group generally has about four to five people who meet together to share the Word of God with each other; learn Scripture together; support and encourage each other through prayer, relationships, and accountability; and replicate the Gospel in other people and more groups. Because they are small, D-Groups can meet anywhere at any time.

### **Disciple**

For our purposes, we want to keep the definition of a disciple simple and biblical. So we define a disciple as... *a follower of Jesus Christ*. (Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:17, Luke 9:23, John 1:43, John 12:26)

### **Disciple-making**

Disciple-making is the process of being a disciple and making more disciples. A disciple is a follower of Christ who:

- Shares the Gospel;
- Grows spiritually through Bible study and prayer;
- Lives in biblical community;
- Is on mission through the local church to make more disciples.

### **Spiritual Conversation**

A spiritual conversation is a dialogue where God is discussed.

### **Gospel Conversation**

A Gospel conversation is a dialogue that shares the Gospel and invites a response.

### **Daily Devotion**

A daily devotion is a time set apart each day just for you and God. During a daily devotion, you will seek to hear God and meditate on Him as He speaks to you through His Word; make changes in your life so that you will look more like Jesus; and pray for opportunities to share Christ by having spiritual or Gospel conversations with other people.

### **Service**

Jesus teaches us to serve others (Mark 10:45; Matthew 5:16). True service to others is an act of love meant to shine the gospel into another person's life that will lead to spiritual and gospel conversations and bring glory to God.

## Personal Preparation for the Hebrews D-Group

### Daily Preparation

**Devotion.** Have a daily devotional time with God. Be sure that you read your Bible during this time. The Bible is God's written word to you and there is no other substitute. During our study, there are brief, daily Bible readings from the book of Hebrews that will usually take only 5-7 minutes to read. After reading, use the following process to apply what you have read to your daily life.

- How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)
- Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?
- Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

Pray. Pray daily. During your prayer time, pray for the following;

- Praise God for who He is;
- Confess and repent of sin;
- Pray for the lost; the needs of other people; and pray for needs that you have personally;
- Pray, "Lord, send me to someone today that needs You";
- Pray, "Lord, give me the fire to glorify You today through my thoughts and actions".

Memorize. Your group will memorize Scripture together. Don't freak out about this. You have already memorized many things and hardly give them a second thought. Memorizing Scripture with your group will help you. Simply practice memorizing each week's verse during your daily devotional time and you will be surprised at how easily it comes to you.

### Weekly Preparation

Day 5 of each week is for you to review the four previous devotions of the week. During this time you will read the entire week's readings, meditate on the highlights of the week and write what God has spoken to in your journal using the same outline.

- How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?
- Meditate on this week's passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?
- Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

## The D-Group Meeting

Below is an overview of our weekly D-Group meeting. An important thing to remember is balance the time in D-Group and keep it focused on its purpose. Light-hearted discussions of a ball game or recent experiences are okay for a short period of time, but these conversations can easily spiral out of control and limit the time the group should be spending on its real purpose – making disciples.

### Group Meeting

#### Group Scripture Memory (15 minutes).

At each D-Group meeting, each person is expected to say the assigned Scripture memory verse for the week. In addition, each person is accountable to say all of the previous verses as well. Always do this step at the beginning of the group meeting.

#### D-Group Discussion (45 minutes)

During the D-Group discussion, each person in the group will do the following:

- a) Each member shares with the group what they heard from God through His Word, and how they responded, by using the three questions from the daily devotions. (35 minutes)
- b) Pray together. Group members share prayer concerns. Ask, “What could we pray about for you that will help during the coming week?” (10 minutes)

### Memorization

People often claim that they cannot memorize. Yet, most people share information all the time that they do not have to look up. How are they able to do this? Because it is information that they frequently use, which says a lot about why people do not memorize Scripture.

The fact is, we use Scripture more often when we spend time memorizing it. You probably memorized your Social Security number because you did not want to pull your card out of your wallet every time you were asked for it.

Using Hebrews 1:1, here is a model to memorize Scripture.

- Read the chapter through two or three times at one sitting to get familiar with the context and with the overall theme of the chapter.
- Memorize the first verse. Write the verse on an index card and include the reference (book, chapter, verse – EX: Hebrews 1:1).
- When memorizing a chapter or long passage, focus on the words and not necessarily the verse numbers.
- Say the verse out loud several times. Verbalizing the verse helps you remember it.
- Consider recording yourself saying the verses into your smart phone. Replay it and try to say the verse with the recording.
- Repeat the process above with the next verse.
- Use the “study sheets” available at [www.reconnectss.com](http://www.reconnectss.com)
- Now practice saying verse 1 and 2 together without pausing between verses.

- Each week, add the next verse or two to memorize. At the end of your devotion time, practice saying the passage or verses from memory, starting from verse 1 through to the most recent memorized verse.

### **Group Scripture Memory**

Accountability is a vital part of memorizing Scripture. We are more likely to do something if we know that we will be asked to produce it later. Here are some tips for the group's Scripture memorization time.

- Always start with Scripture memory first. If memorizing Scripture is done last, the group will often run short on time and skip the memorization time.
- The group leader should always share first. Leaders lead!
- Call on someone to share next. You can ask for volunteers too. The phrase "Make a friend" is a friendly way to encourage group members to call on each other during the group share time.
- Be gracious. Sometimes people have a busy week and are unable to memorize the verse. Help them through it. Avoid being legalistic toward each other. It might be you next time.

### **Replicate**

Replication simply means to duplicate or reproduce. For a disciple of Jesus Christ, replicate means to reproduce the image of Christ. Replication occurs individually, but it also occurs person-to-person, and it also occurs with the group. A D-Group should replicate in three ways.

- 1) Replicate your spiritual experience. Share with others what God is showing you through your D-Group or personal devotions. Simply share what you have learned about God each week with someone else like a family member, neighbor, co-worker, or team mate. See "spiritual conversations" under "Definitions".
- 2) Replicate your group. D-Groups are easy to start and lead. After your D-Group has met for a while (no longer than six months), the group should start the process of forming new D-Groups. Perhaps the group of four could form two groups with two members in each group. Each group of two invites two new people, forming two D-Groups.
- 3) Replicate your faith. Jesus' commission to His disciples was to make more disciples. More disciples occurs when believers share their faith with lost people. A new D-Group is a great opportunity to invite a lost friend to join the group. Also, the D-Group experience prepares each group member to share their faith personally with other people (see "gospel conversations" under "Definitions").

## Disciple-making Process

Many people, some whom have attended church for years, do not know how to make a disciple. The fact is that we tend to imitate what other people like parents and Sunday School teachers model. Since much of the emphasis of Christianity today consists of attending worship and giving an offering, many of our leaders have never been disciplined either.

The D-Group process is designed to both model being a disciple and encourage further multiplication of more disciples by using the D-Group process. A smaller group of people (recommend four), meeting together for spiritual disciplines, Bible study, prayer, and accountability is a basic element of disciple-making. This process can be replicated a number of times. If committed to, this process can see the generations of disciples represented in 2 Timothy 2:2:

### Four Generations of Disciples

Generation 1	_____
Generation 2	_____
Generation 3	_____
Generation 4	_____

Unfortunately, most efforts at disciple-making rarely make it past generation 2, yet the real multiplication begins with Generation 3.

In the space below, write the names of three people with whom you could start a new D-Group.

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## Some Suggestions to Get Started

### **Bible Translation**

We will use the ESV (English Standard Version) for Group Study Time. You may choose any translation you prefer for your personal study and memorization.

Version \_\_\_\_\_

Translation \_\_\_\_\_

Paraphrase \_\_\_\_\_

### **What Kind of Bible**

There are different types of Bibles? Yes, we will go over some of the different types of Bibles, but I suggest you use a “reference Bible”. Reference Bibles include other Bible verses that relate to the passages being studied. More about this at the first meeting. However, if purchasing another Bible is not in your budget, use the one you already have!

### **Different Translation**

The Bible in a different translation can sometimes help you better understand the meaning of the passage.

## Jesus is Better...

### A Disciple-making Study of Hebrews

Week	Passage	Better than....	Memory verses
		Introduction	
1	Hebrews 1:1-2:18	The angels	Hebrews 1:1-2
2	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Moses	Hebrews 4:12
3	Hebrews 4:14-5:14	The high priests	Hebrews 4:15
4	Hebrews 6:1-20	Elementary doctrines	Hebrews 6:10
5	Hebrews 7:1-8:13	The old covenant	Hebrews 7:25
6	Hebrews 9:1-28	The Tabernacle	Hebrews 9:27
7	Hebrews 10:1-39	Old sacrifices	Hebrews 11:1, 6
8	Hebrews 11:1-12:11	Earthly encumbrances	Hebrews 12:1
9	Hebrews 12:12-13:25	Spiritual Activities	Hebrews 13:8

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For more information about GO Disciple D-Groups, contact your pastor or church office, or contact the Sunday School office at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma at 405.942.3000 ext. 4656 or on the web at [reconnectss.com/go-disciple/](http://reconnectss.com/go-disciple/)

## Introduction Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week One

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 1:1-7

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many \_\_\_\_\_ and in many \_\_\_\_\_, God spoke to our \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_, but in these

last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he \_\_\_\_\_ the heir of all things, through whom also he

created the world. Hebrews 1:1-2

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week One

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 1:8-14

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

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last days he has \_\_\_\_\_ to us by his Son, whom he \_\_\_\_\_ the heir of all things, through whom also he

\_\_\_\_\_ the world. Hebrews 1:1-2

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week One

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 2:1-8

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 1:1-2

\_\_\_\_\_ ago, at many \_\_\_\_\_ and in many \_\_\_\_\_, God \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_, but in these last days he has \_\_\_\_\_ to us by his Son, whom he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, through \_\_\_\_\_ also he \_\_\_\_\_ the world. Hebrews 1:1-2

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week One

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 2:9-18

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 1:1-2

\_\_\_\_\_ ago, at many \_\_\_\_\_ and in many \_\_\_\_\_, God \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_

last days he has \_\_\_\_\_ to us by his \_\_\_\_\_, whom he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, through \_\_\_\_\_ also he

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 1:1-2

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week One

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 1:1-2:18

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week’s memory verse

Hebrews 1:1-2

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\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 1:1-2

*Key Doctrine*

*Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities. (Baptist Faith and Message, II.B - God the Son)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week One Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Two

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 3:1-6

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:12

For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is living and \_\_\_\_\_, sharper than any two-edged \_\_\_\_\_, piercing to the division

of soul and of \_\_\_\_\_, of joints and of \_\_\_\_\_, and discerning the \_\_\_\_\_ and

intentions of the \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:12

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Two

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 3:7-19

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:12

For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, sharper than any two-edged \_\_\_\_\_, piercing to

the \_\_\_\_\_ of soul and of \_\_\_\_\_, of joints and of \_\_\_\_\_, and discerning the \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:12

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Two

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 4:1-6

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:12

For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, sharper than any two-edged \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to

the \_\_\_\_\_ of soul and of \_\_\_\_\_, of joints and of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:12

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Two

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 4:7-13

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:12

For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ than any \_\_\_\_\_-edged \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, of joints and of \_\_\_\_\_, and

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:12

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion

Week Two

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 3:1-4:13

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week’s memory verse

Hebrews 4:12

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\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 4:12

*Key Doctrine*

*[Scripture] reveals the principles by which God judges us, and there is and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard. (Baptist Faith and Message, I. The Scriptures)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

## Week Two Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Three

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 4:14-16

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ priest who is unable to sympathize with our \_\_\_\_\_,

but one who in \_\_\_\_\_ respect has been \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_..

Hebrews 4:15

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Three

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 5:1-6

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:15

For \_\_\_\_\_ do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ priest who is unable to \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_,

but one who in \_\_\_\_\_ respect has been \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_..

Hebrews 4:15

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Three

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 5:7-10

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:15

For \_\_\_\_\_ do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ priest who is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_,

but one who in \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 4:15

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Three

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 5:11-14

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 4:15

For \_\_\_\_\_ do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_,

but one who in \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:15

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Three

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 4:13-5:14

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week’s memory verse

Hebrews 4:15

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\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 4:15

*Key Doctrine*

*Jesus is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. (Baptist Faith and Message, 2.B. God the Son)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Three Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Four

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 6:1-6

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unjust so as to \_\_\_\_\_ your work and the \_\_\_\_\_ that you have shown for his name in \_\_\_\_\_ the saints, as you still \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 6:10

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Four

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 6:7-12

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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This week's memory verse

Hebrews 6:10

For God is not \_\_\_\_\_ so as to \_\_\_\_\_ your work and the \_\_\_\_\_ that you have \_\_\_\_\_ for  
his name in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, as you still \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 6:10

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Four

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 6:13-17

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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This week's memory verse

Hebrews 6:10

For \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_ so as to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ that you have  
\_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, as you still \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 6:10

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Four

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 6:18-20

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 6:10

For \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_ so as to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_  
you have \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ still \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 6:10

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Four

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 6:1-20

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week’s memory verse

Hebrews 6:10

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\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 6:10

*He [Jesus] made provision for the redemption of men from sin.  
(Baptist Faith and Message, 2.B. God the Son)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Four Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Five

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 7:1-14

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 7:25

Consequently, he is able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the uttermost those who \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to God through him,  
since he always \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

Hebrews 7:25

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Five

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 7:15-28

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 7:25

Consequently, he is able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to God through  
\_\_\_\_\_, since he always \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

Hebrews 7:25

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Five

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 8:1-7

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 7:25

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through \_\_\_\_\_, since he always \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 7:25

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Five

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 8:8-13

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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This week's memory verse

Hebrews 7:25

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God through \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ he always \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 7:25

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Five

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 7:1-8:13

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Meditate on this week's passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

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- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 7:25

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7:25

*Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes.  
(Baptist Faith and Message, IV.C. Salvation)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Five Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Six

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 9:1-10

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 9:27

And just as it is \_\_\_\_\_ for man to die once, and after that comes \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 9:27

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Six

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 9:11-14

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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Hebrews 9:27

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Six

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 9:15-22

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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Hebrews 9:27

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Six

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 9:23-28

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

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Hebrews 9:27

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Six

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 9:1-28

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week's passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
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This week's memory verse

Hebrews 9:27

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\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 9:27

*He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross.  
(Baptist Faith and Message, II.B. God the Son)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Six Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Seven

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 10:1-10

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 11:1, 6

Now faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things not seen.

And without faith it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please him, for whoever would \_\_\_\_\_ near to God must believe that he

\_\_\_\_\_ and that he \_\_\_\_\_ those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:1,6

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Seven

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 10:11-18

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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that he \_\_\_\_\_ and that he \_\_\_\_\_ those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:1,6

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Seven

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 10:19-32

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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Hebrews 11:1,6

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Seven

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 10:32-39

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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must \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ and that he \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Hebrews 11:1,6

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Seven

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 10:1-39

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

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Hebrews 9:27

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*He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross.  
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Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Seven Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Eight

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 11:1-12

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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This week's memory verse

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are \_\_\_\_\_ by so great a cloud of \_\_\_\_\_, let us also lay aside every weight, and \_\_\_\_\_ which clings so closely, and let us \_\_\_\_\_ with endurance the \_\_\_\_\_ that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Devotion  
Week Eight

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 11:13-28

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Eight

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 11:29-40

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Eight

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 12:1-11

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that is set \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Hebrews 12:1

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Eight

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 11:1-12:11

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week’s memory verse

Hebrews 12:1

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*All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end.  
(Baptist Faith and Message, V. God’s Purpose of Grace)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Eight Notes

Personal Devotion  
Week Nine

Day One

Scripture Passage Hebrews 11:12-24

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

Meditate on what you underlined in the daily passage. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Nine

Day Two

Scripture Passage Hebrews 12:25-13:5

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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Hebrews 13:8

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Hebrews 13:8

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Nine

Day Three

Scripture Passage Hebrews 13:6-19

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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Who has the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation?

This week's memory verse

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Nine

Day Four

Scripture Passage Hebrews 13:20-24

How has God spoken to you today through His Word? (Write words that you highlighted or underlined while you read the Bible? These words are likely how God is speaking to you.)

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This week's memory verse

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 13:8

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Devotion  
Week Nine

Day Five – Preparation for D-Group meeting

Scripture Passage Hebrews 11:1-12:11

How has God spoken to you this week through His Word?

Meditate on this week’s passages. What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus?

- What needs to change?
- What have you changed?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

- Who did I serve this week?
- Spiritual conversations
- Gospel conversations

This week’s memory verse

Hebrews 13:8

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*Christ is the eternal Son of God.  
(Baptist Faith and Message, II.B, God the Son)*

Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week Nine Notes

**Intro**

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Matthew 22:37-40

Why D-Groups? Because we often let our pastor, Sunday school teacher, TV preacher, etc. do all of the work.

“No verse of scripture yields its meaning to a lazy person.” A.W. Pink

Why are you here?

- It’s Wednesday and I’ve got to be somewhere
- Nothing better was offered
- Daniel scares me
- To be changed

You are never going to change the Bible, so let the bible change you!

Jen Wilkin uses the C.I.A. approach to Bible study:

C- Comprehension: What does the text say?

I- Interpretation: What does the text mean? Who determines the meaning?

- The writer determines the meaning
- Reading discovers meaning

A- Application: How did the text change me? What have I learned about God?

- As long as my sin problem looks better to me than someone else’s sin problem there is no change.
- When I see a perfect holy God, I never make excuses for my sin.
- How should I respond to counseling? Love God, hate sin, and “don’t do that anymore!”  
–Bob Newhart

Guideline: Don’t use commentaries until the study is complete, then you can check your work.

Suggested commentary: Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary by Al Mohler

Read Hebrews:

- Daily devotional assignment      1x
- Personal study on day 5            1x
- Weekly D-Group                        1x

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3 Readings of Hebrews in 10 weeks!!

Get your colored markers out (any color you want):

Circle “better” or equivalent  
Underline “angels”

Listen to Hebrews on your smart phone.

Read it straight through at least once—35 minutes (6x = Hebrews)

Study involves:

Daily Devotionals		Baptist Faith and Message
Weekly Teaching	+	Occasional study helps
Sharing in D-Group		Scripture Memory

Hebrews Overview:

**Who wrote Hebrews?** No one knows. The writer is Jewish and knows Judaism well. He personally knows his audience (6:9). He's a good writer, high Greek, well organized. Doctrinally stands by Romans and Galatians.

**Who was Hebrews written to?** Hebrews (Gentiles would have no clue about most of Hebrews). Probably written to a specific church.

**When was Hebrews written?** Before 70 AD, writer writes about temple, sacrifices, and High Priest as still in existence.

There is no salutation.

Written to three groups of Hebrews:

1. Believers
2. Seekers, Hebrews investigating Christianity
3. Those in community who are not really believers (intellectually-yes, heart-no)

Biggest temptation all three groups faced was returning to the old religious system.

Hebrews writer: Jesus is better than anything else.

1. Read passage: Hebrews 1:1-4

Look at four things: Who, Where, What, When

**Who** is Christ?

Son

Heir

Radiance of God's glory

Exact imprint: Nature = Substance; who Jesus is, who God is, and vice versa

**Where** is Christ?

At the right hand of God

Right = Power

**What?** John 1:3, 1 Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:16

Created the world (v. 2)

Upholds the universe (v. 3)

Made purification for sins (v. 3)

Sat down (vs. 3)

**When?**

Last days, Messianic Age is here

2. Read passage: Hebrews 1:5-14

Writer separates/makes distinctions between Jesus and the angels.

Angels:

Worship Jesus (v. 6)

Winds, ministers a flame of fire

Ministering spirits (v. 14)

Worshippers of Jesus, ministers and messengers to men

How did God speak?

Gen. 28 – Dream, Jacob's ladder

Exodus 3 – Burning bush, Moses

1 Kings 19 – Still small voice, Elijah

Isaiah 6 – Vision in Temple, Isaiah

Amos 8 – Basket of fruit

Now how does God speak?

His Son (v. 1)

Through the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 2:1)

3. Read passage: Hebrews 2:1-8

Pay close attention lest we drift away

Drift - look for nautical terms in Hebrews and highlight or circle.

Drifting is the natural state of humanity. We tend to drift away from God.

Opposite - “on course” involves intentionality and focus. Because we drift, we must intentionally stay focused on God.

V. 5-9: “May...” Who is the writer referring to? To people, mankind. Has mankind subjected everything on earth? No, we have limitations.

V. 9-13: Now who is the writer referring to? Jesus. ? Made perfect by Jesus suffering for us.

Jesus was “made” a little lower (v. 7) – became a man (God-man)

Crowned with glory and honor.

Suffered and died so that He might taste death for everyone by God’s grace.

V. 17: He had to be like his brothers in every respect.

One of the first views in Hebrews of Christ is as the God-man. Who wants a savior who doesn’t understand the human condition? Jesus relates to us because He became one of us.

Have you experienced pain? So has Jesus.

Have you experienced hurt? So has Jesus.

Have you experienced abandonment? So has Jesus.

Have you experienced temptation? So has Jesus.

Have you experienced rejection? So has Jesus.

Have you experienced death? So has Jesus.

Hebrews 2:14-15

1. He has destroyed the one who has the power of death-the devil.
2. He has delivered all who through fear of death are subject to lifelong slavery.

Jesus is everything He promised He would be.

Fear – Death is the reality and life is the illusion.

Jesus - Makes life the reality and death the illusion.

Read Passage: Hebrews 3:1-4:13

Who do you look up to?

Who are your heroes?

Who would be heroes of the Jewish faith?

The ultimate Jewish hero – Moses

### **V. 1-6**

V. 1 “Holy Brothers...” (7 times in this chapter)

Writer is on family terms with his audience.

Holy – holiness is not obtained by looking back

“Consider” – Writer is not offering a Plan B here, he wants the Hebrew church to compare how Jesus is better than Moses.

V. 3 – “Worthy of more glory” – circle, better than Moses. Why? Jesus built the house, Moses served in the house.

This is like “game on” to a Hebrew. Moses at the top of the Jewish list.

**V. 7-11** – Hold fast the confidence – “Stay the course”, never start and quit.

V. 8 – Never harden your hearts as in the rebellion.

V. 8-9 – List what the Israelites saw God do BEFORE the rebellion.

How did they respond after being first-hand witnesses to God’s miracles?

V. 7 – When is the Holy Spirit calling us to follow God? A - Today!

V. 10-12 – Go astray, stronger than drifting. NIV translation: turn away. Rebel against. Intentional act. Who are the Israelite’s rebelling against? The Living God – the Israelites rebelled against a living God, active in human affairs.

V. 11 – “Rest”, rest that comes doing “good work,” not the curse of toil found in Genesis 3.

Pocket cross – pleasure to make, greater pleasure to give them away.

### **V. 12-15**

V. 13 – Encourage each other today! Jeremiah 17:9 – The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick. Your heart is lying to you.

Bonhoeffer – “It is sin’s desire to have a man by himself alone.” Biblical community helps us fight sin.

V. 14 – God has already done the work, we just have to hold on.

**V. 16-19** – Writer does not say that the Israelite’s could not enter, but that they were “unable to enter” because of unbelief.

## V. 4:1-5

V. 2 – The central message of this paragraph

Good News – The Gospel (received by faith in a promise) came to them – Israelites in the Exodus of Moses.

The message they heard did not benefit them – why?

They were not united by faith with those who listened – “Those” = Joshua and Caleb

In other words, when 12 spies returned, the people would not believe they could occupy such a wonderful land and conquer the inhabitants and have REST.

V. 3 – Those that believe enter the rest

Joshua, Caleb, and believers

## V. 4:6-13

V. 6-7 – What is the reason for anyone to not enter God’s rest? Disobedience resulting from a hard heart.

*Hard heart references*

Writer moves to how not to have a hard heart. How? Through God’s Word.

V. 11 – Strive: Read, study, memorize, and meditate on God’s Word.

V. 12 – List 5 ways God’s Word is described:

Living – not dead, not some old tale

Active – not passive

Sharp – cuts through our defenses

Piercing – it goes deep

Discerning – reveals our true nature

V. 13 – No one is hidden from God’s sight, naked and exposed

Being exposed is terrifying to humanity, we can’t cover ourselves from God.

Because Christ’s blood covers our sin, God can look at us with dignity.

Why is Jesus better than Moses?

He actively finished the job of taking us into God’s rest

Moses was unable to finish his job because of what seems like a little thing to us – he struck the rock instead of speaking to it.

### Final Thoughts:

A frustration many believers have with church and especially small groups – lack of Bible study. People will do almost anything to delay or shorten the Bible study time with:

- Too much fellowship
- Too many prayer requests and not enough prayer
- Showing up late

The less we interact with scripture, the easier it becomes to keep a spiritual façade. We all must push through the temptation to study Scripture less because of our fear of the higher calling of God that the Spirit calls us.

Moses struck the rock! Did water still flow? God uses flawed people; if not, nothing would ever get done!

Heart – What is God concerned about:

3:7-8

3:10

3:12

3:15

What enters our mind eventually shows up in our heart.

Put God's Word in your mind and it will fill your heart.

Read Passage: Hebrews 4:14-5:14

**V. 4:14** – Jesus, Son of God

Jesus – fully human

Son of God (Christ) – Messiah, fully God

-Most people love Jesus, they relate to Him

-Not so much Christ (Son of God)

High Priest 5:1-4

Day of Atonement

-Most Holy place

-Made two sacrifices

1. First, for himself, and his sins

2. Second, for the people and their sins

**V. 5-10** – Jesus the perfect Priest

Sinless, didn't have to offer a sacrifice, He was the sacrifice.

God appoints the High Priest

God appointed Jesus (v. 5-6)

Jesus went through the human experience. He learned how to walk, talk, and obey his parents.

If Jesus is our example, how do we grow and mature? Through suffering and obedience.

**V. 11-14** – The Great Scolding

What do you think “dull of hearing” means?

V. 12 – You ought to be teachers

Immature	Mature
Be taught	Teaching
Milk, basics	Solid food-deeper life
Unskilled	Mature
Child	Powers of discernment
	Trained by constant practice
	Distinguish good from evil
	Discernment – ability to tell the diff., perception

Read Passage: Hebrews 6:1-8

V. 1 – Leave elementary doctrine of Christ

- Doesn't mean leave Christ
- It means to move forward in your growth and understanding of God. Draw near to God.

V. 1 – Stop laying foundations and build the building

- Dead works – Mosaic laws

List from vss. 1-3:

- Washings: Jews would walk through a pool of water to be clean
- Laying on of hands: not a Baptist or Pentecostal thing, but the High Priest laying hands on a goat on Day of Atonement
- Resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. Many Jews and Christians are totally focused on the end times. If pastor wants to build Wednesday night worship attendance, study Revelation!
- Once been enlightened

Read passage: Hebrews 9:1-28 – Description of the Temple

Holy Place – lampstand, table bread of Presence

Most Holy Place – ark, manna, Aaron's staff

V. 9 – Gifts and sacrifices offered, not perfect, the conscience of the worshipper

What do you do with your guilt? Every time you sin you add another layer of guilt. After a while you become numb to your conscience.

V. 6-10 – The Old Covenant, did it push people away or draw people in to God's presence?

Recurring words in Hebrews: draw near

V. 15-22 – Lots of people saw Jesus die. Evidence of a new Covenant

V. 24 – Christ has entered into heaven itself. Now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Present tense – now to appear

- Tasted the heavenly gift
- Shared in the Holy Spirit
- Tasted the goodness of the Word and "felt" the power – come under conviction of Holy Spirit and then fell away

Who is this paragraph talking to?

3 Options:

1. Believers: Scripture interprets scripture, (John 5:24, Rom. 8:28-39, Phil. 1:6) look to clearer texts
2. A hypothetical warning about something that didn't happen
3. A real warning, but not to believers, it is to those with knowledge but who do not believe – Gati, our tour guide, understands Gospel, doesn't believe it.

This passage is a warning to Hebrews who are riding the fence, who want to keep their old lifestyle and old beliefs, but dabble with the Gospel.

-Judaism on one side

-Gospel on the other side

You cannot have it both ways! The writer of Hebrews is demanding the church to make a choice.

Read passage: Hebrews 10:1-39

V. 1 – Good things to come, so why settle for less?

Old Testament Covenant temporarily suspended God’s wrath

Rom. 3:21-26

Ex. Passover angel of death does not bring judgment on the Hebrew families

V. 2 – Consciousness of sins? The offering made by High Priest covered last year’s sins, but not tomorrow’s sins. The Law did not cover the guilt of the human conscious. Sacrifices were made daily, weekly, and yearly for sins and still could not keep up with the sins of the people

V. 9 – Once for all (time)

V. 11 – O.T. Covenant, priests stood daily

-Repeatedly offered the same sacrifices

-Never takes away sins

This is the textbook definition of a religious ritual

V. 19 – Therefore connect previous and next passage: Confidence to enter the Holy Places

Outer Court	Holy Place	Most Holy Place
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We now have permission to enter the Most Holy Place.

3 Revolutionary changes:

1. Any believer can enter MHP – formally HP
2. At any time – formerly once a year
3. Don’t have to enter physically at the Temple, enter wherever you are (whoever, whenever, wherever)

High Priest entered MHP through a curtain, believers enter through Jesus, our High Priest

“Head of Let Us”

1. Let us draw near with a true heart and assurance of faith
2. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope, not a lengthy statement , but “Jesus is Lord and Savior”
3. Let us stir up – “Consider how to stir up.” We need to think of ways to encourage believers

V. 26-39 – 3 Marks of Apostasy

1. Trampling or spurning the Son of God
  - a. Reject the identity of Christ, specifically the divinity of Christ
2. Profaned the blood of the Covenant

- a. Did not believe that Jesus' blood is the sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins
- 3. Outraged (insulted) the Spirit
  - a. Blaspheming the Spirit (Matt. 12:31-32)
  - b. John 16:17 – Jesus gives Spirit to his believers
  - c. Reject Jesus, reject the Spirit; receive Jesus, receive the Spirit

V. 32-35 – You cannot stand with Christ and assimilate into the culture. There must be a distinction.

V. 39 – We are not those who shrink back. Writer is positively encouraging Hebrew Christians to hold on to their confession.

Read Hebrews 11 – Comes after a series of warnings about apostasy, but even more so, warnings about clinging to the past and having superficial faith.

Question – What is the proof or demonstration of faith? Perseverance!!

Heb. 11: True believers had such faith to look forward to what they would receive by being faithful

“by faith...” every time used

By faith – keeps us from moralizing OT stories

Be like Moses, not Pharaoh

Be like David, not Goliath

Be like Esther, not Haman

These people lived as they did because of their faith, not their personal effort.

V. 7 – Noah, acted by faith on events “not seen”, compare to v. 1 “conviction of things not seen”

V. 7 – How did Noah “condemn the world”?

When a person lives in obedience to God against the world, their faith condemns the world. Our faith condemns the world, not ourselves.

V. 16 – “Better.” If these saints wanted, they could have returned to their starting point. They were drawn by faith to something better.

V. 32 – What do Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel all have in common? They were deeply flawed men who still lived by faith.

V. 35-38 – The unknown faithful

Arlington Cemetery – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

-Many times the real heroes of a struggle are unknown.

12:1-11 – Writer pulling in an athletic metaphor: In most races, only a few people run; most people sit!

V. 2 – The Hall of Faith is not our founder or source of faith, Jesus is.

- The Founder
- The Perfecter

Jesus started this work in us; Jesus is going to finish this work (Phil. 1:6)

Read Passage: Hebrews 12: 14-17 – Holiness, never means perfection, but those who are pursuing God (Heb. 12:1)

Unholy like Esau

What did Esau do? Ex. 25:29-34

Esau impulsively traded his entire birth right for a bowl of soup.

Esau let his flesh get the best of him. Was he really so hungry that he couldn't have made potato soup?

A single meal was more important than his birth right from his dad.

The heritage of leading the family after Isaac was so inconsequential that Esau traded it away. It wasn't forced on him, he willfully gave it away.

\*\*Our world is full of religious leaders who willfully lost their influence and their heritage over a fling.

Repentance or Regret

Esau's real sin was not over trading his birth right, but that he never repented of it. He just regretted that he did it. (Gen. 27:30-38)

V. 18-24 – Hebrews were terrified of God, Mt. Zion

We can enter the heavenly city

V. 25 – “See that you never refuse Him who is speaking.” Compare to v. 20

Ex. 19:12, 13

Ex. 20:18-27

V. 28-29 – Worship God with acceptable reverence and awe, respect and wonderment. Opposite would be arrogance and carelessness.

13:7 – Have a life worth imitating

13:13 – “Let us go outside the camp”

Jewish law prevented anyone from being executed or buried inside the city

Christ was executed and buried outside the city

13:17 – Obey and submit to your leaders. Let them lead by joy – I talk to so many pastors whose congregations rob them of joy. Do not be the church member that consistently robs the pastor of the joy of serving Christ through the church.

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