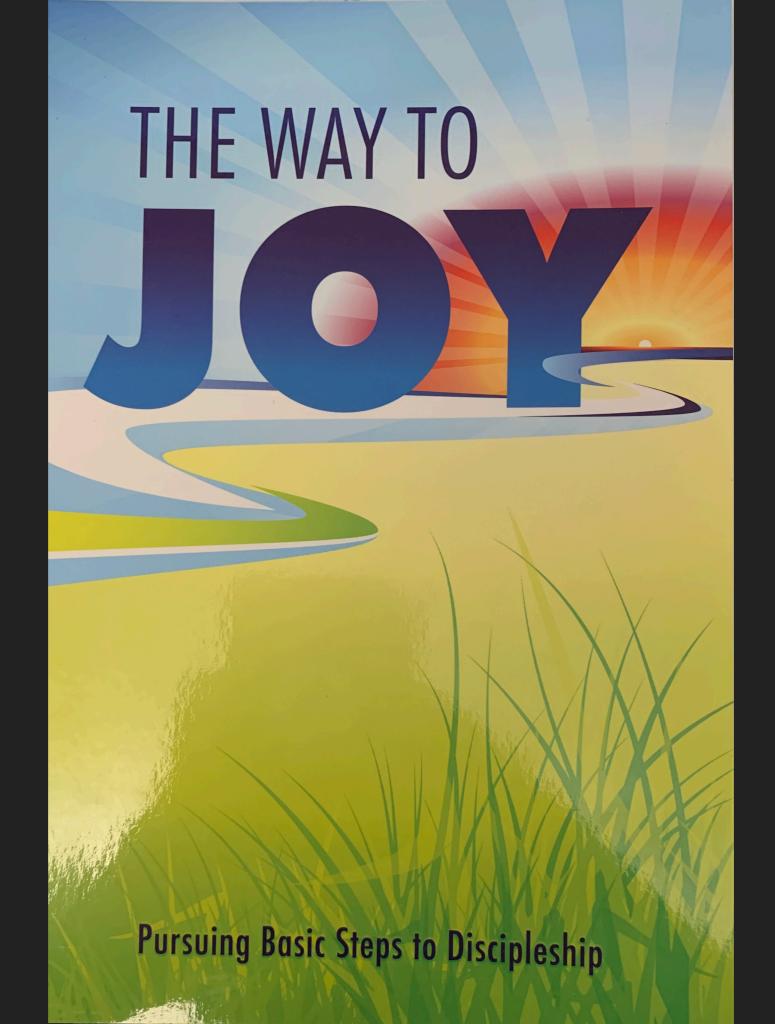


Matthew 5:14 - Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.



Turn to Page 4 in your book.

Our Bible Study Covenant

This covenant should be signed, in the learner's study workbook, by both the Bible study leader and the learner.

As the "leader" of this series of Bible studies, I commit myself to:

- Be a good example, by preparing myself *thoroughly* to lead each study, and memorizing *all* of the Bible memory assignments at the appropriate times, including the passages for *The Chronological Bridge to Life* visual illustration.
- Read at least a chapter per day in my Bible.
- Do my very best to be present and prompt for each scheduled Bible study session.
- Pray for you, the Bible study learner, as you seek to learn more about God's way to joy.

Signed_____

Date

As the "learner" in this series of Bible studies, I commit myself to:

- Prepare thoroughly for each study, including the pre-study work for each of the lessons and the ten required Bible memory assignments, at the appropriate times. I know that The Chronological Bridge to Life visual illustration memory verses will be an optional assignment that will be discussed in Lesson 2.
- Read the Bible chapters daily, as indicated in the Bible Reading Plan on pages 51-61.
- Do my very best to be present and prompt for each scheduled Bible study session.
- Pray for you, my Bible study leader, as you lead me to learn more about God's way to joy.

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Turn to Page 7 in your book.

You will see lesson 1 at the top of the page and this lessons continues through page 12.

See How Well You Know the Bible's BIG Story

Go back to pages 8 and 9 and cover the ten statements underneath the Bible event pictures. Just looking at the pictures, see how well you can tell the BIG Story of the Bible in the Old Testament.



1. What parts of the Story in the Old Testament were the most difficult for you to understand or to tell clearly? Why?

Now, go to pages 10 and 11 and do the same thing for the BIG Story of the Bible in the New Testament.

2. What parts of the Story in the New Testament were the most difficult for you to understand or to tell clearly? Why?

Using a Bible translation of your choice, write the words of John 3:16 in

the space below.

Then, write the words of John 3:16 on the blank side of the appropriate memory verse card attached to this workbook. **12**

Turn to Page 51 in your book.

Instructions

for Using My Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Journal

You should pray and read your Bible every day, but for the next ten weeks, the pages in this Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Journal will give Bible references for just five days of each week. All of the chapters in the Bible Reading Plan are from the Old Testament book of Genesis, the first book in the Bible. Sometimes you will read an entire chapter; sometimes part of a chapter. Genesis is full of exciting stories that tell what happened in the beginning of the world and to the descendants of Adam and Eve.

- 1. Read the chapter assigned for the day and write down two responses:
 - One thing you learned from your reading. Look especially for things that are most interesting or helpful to you.
- One question that you have from your Bible reading. You may want to ask your discipleship leader or someone else to help you learn the answer to this question.

2. Review and practice the Bible memory verses that have been assigned to you in this discipleship study.

Work especially on the most recent verse assigned. But review all of them. Put a check mark in the box in front of "I Practiced My Memory Verses!" to show that you reviewed or practiced saying the memory verses. 3. Choose one special prayer focus for the day and write it down before you pray. Then have your personal prayer time.

Keep all elements of prayer in mind from Lesson 5 and practice them when most appropriate.

Take a Look at This Example

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Today's Prayer Focus: My unsaved friends			I Practiced My Memory Verse(s)	
F	Read: Psalm 23	God takes care of me like a shepherd takes care of sheep, and I should trust God always.	How can a rod and a staff provide comfort?	Sample
	- Alberta	What is one thing I learned?	What is one question I have?	

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Turn to the last pages in your book. These are Thick Stock Paper Memory Verse Cards that are perforated.

Lesson 1	Lesson 2
John 3:16	John 5:24
Lesson 3	Lesson 4
John 10:28	1 Peter 2:2-3
Lesson 5	Lesson 6
Philippians	1 Corinthians
4:6	6:19
Lesson 7	Lesson 8
1 John 1:9	John 1:41-42a
Lesson 9 Hebrews 10:25	Lesson 10 Ephesians 2:10

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. Matthew 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Io, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

MATTHEW 28:16-20

A couple of observations about the word discipleship. The word discipleship never occurs in the Bible. The term is ambiguous in English. It can mean my discipleship, in the sense of my own pattern of following Jesus and trusting Him and learning from him.

Or it can mean my activity of helping others be disciples in that sense of learning from Him, growing in Him.

The second meaning — helping others — does have a verb in the **New Testament Greek which means** to make disciples. It can mean preach the gospel so that people get converted to Christ and become Christians and, thus, disciples.

Acts 14:21

And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many (making disciples), they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, So "make disciples" is one Greek word that means "get them converted to Jesus."

Or it can mean the whole process of conversion, baptism, and teaching the ways of Jesus as it is used in Matthew 28:16-20 as we read a moment ago.

That is a very long process. That is a lifetime of process. To get them converted. Baptize them. And then spend a lifetime teaching them to obey all that Jesus said. That is what the verb "disciple" in the New Testament would include.

Now where and how should that happen? That is what I think all the talk about discipleship is. It's a fresh concern about how to bring people to Christ and grow them up into being what they ought to be as Christians or as followers of Jesus or as disciples.

The conversion of people from unbelievers to believers, Christians, disciples, should be happening in any and every situation. There is no single strategy. There is no limit to the ways a person can be told the good news of Jesus.

So, "discipling" in that sense is as varied as there are ways of saying the gospel or living the gospel in front of people to draw them in. However in order to disciple, we have to know the Gospel and the Scriptures in order to disciple others! That is why we are beginning here this evening!

Every Christian should be helping unbelievers become believers by showing them Christ. That is making a disciple. And every Christian should be helping other believers grow to more and more maturity. That is making a disciple.

And every Christian should be seeking to get help for themselves from others to keep on growing. And that is also our discipleship. And every church should think through how all of these kinds of biblical disciple-making find expression in their corporate life.

This is our goal over the next several weeks as we seek to become Disciples of Christ.

Our Discipleship Plan for this week:

Read Through pages 7-12
Answer Questions on page 12
M-F Bible Reading Plan (pg.52)
Memorize John 3:16

