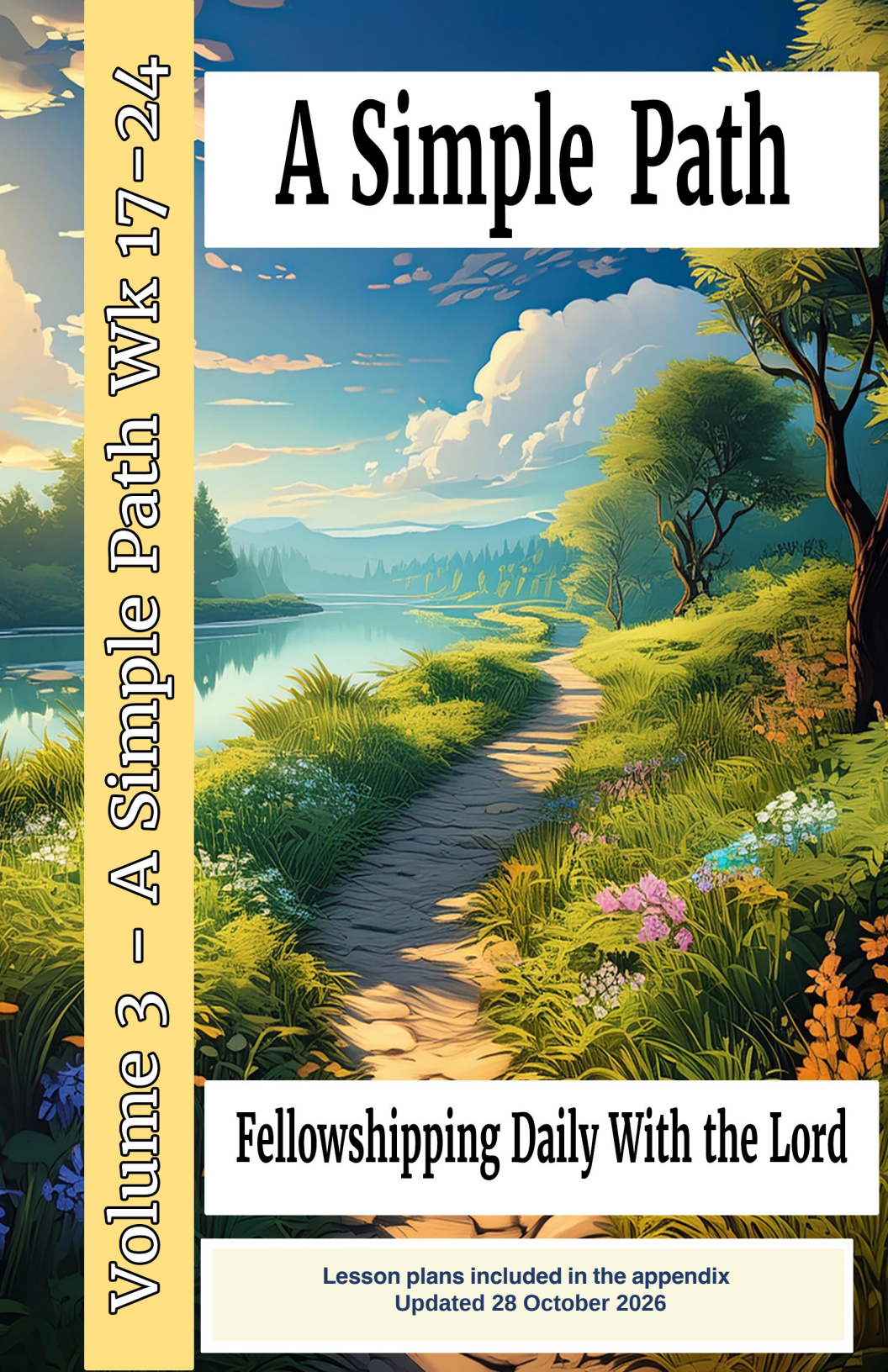

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About “A Simple Path”

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

“A Simple Path” is a devotional journal series by Patrick Wright of Loudon, Tennessee. It was written for one purpose: to help believers build the habit of meeting with God every day. Many Christians want a daily quiet time but struggle to set aside the time, or turn to God only when a crisis demands it. This series offers a simple, dependable pattern: a verse, a short reflection, a prayer, and a few lines to write down what God is saying. It is meant to become part of each morning.

The series has five volumes covering forty weeks, eight weeks per volume. Each booklet is a small journal, meant to be written in, carried along, and kept.

How the Journal Works

Every day’s devotion is built around the Seven Aspects of a Disciple of Christ:

- Praise and Worship
- Discipleship
- Humility
- Acknowledgment
- Acceptance
- Obedience
- Identification — recognizing the needs of others and looking for ways to serve them

Each week walks through all seven, one aspect per day, so the reader practices the full life of a disciple rather than a single theme.

A typical day is one page. It begins with the day’s aspect and a Scripture passage set apart in its own box. A brief devotional reflection follows, kept short on purpose so the reader’s attention stays on God’s Word rather than the author’s

comments. The page ends with room to write any reaction, insight, or personal message from God, and space to offer a short prayer. Each week opens with a Praise verse to turn the reader's focus from self to God. It closes with a "Week Completed" page of honest reflection questions that ask, in effect: did I truly meet with Him this week, or just go through the motions?

More Than a Devotional

Each volume opens with helps that make it useful for new believers and seasoned disciples alike:

- **A Daily Quiet Time** — the author's own reflection on how he begins each morning with God, with practical steps for getting started.
- **Praise Verses to Get You Started** — a collection of praise passages from both Testaments.
- **The Way of Salvation** — a clear, Scripture-based explanation of the gospel with a prayer of faith.
- **My Salvation Testimony** and **Your Salvation Testimony** — the author's story, and a guided page for readers to write theirs.
- **Personal Discipleship Survey** — an honest self-assessment of growth in God's Word, love for God, love for others, and making disciples.

For Groups

Every volume includes a Leader's Guide with a welcome for group leaders, a quick reference to the Seven Aspects, and a lesson plan for each week. Each session has a theme and goal, an opening question, a time of worship, a day-by-day discussion of the week's devotions, and a closing prayer. The Volume 1 guide ends with "Where to Go Next," which helps a group look back on its eight weeks and decide how to continue. That makes the series well suited to Sunday school classes, small groups, and one-on-one discipleship.

The Path Through the Volumes

Volume 1 (Weeks 1–8) lays the foundation:

- **Walk Humbly** — each day begins by humbling ourselves before God rather than managing our own day.
- **Led by the Spirit** — moving from following the Seven Aspects in our own strength to depending on the Holy Spirit.
- **Walking in Wisdom** — telling God's wisdom from the world's, and finding His power in our weakness.
- **Seeking God's Face** — seeking Him even in seasons when He feels distant or silent.
- **Cheerful Service** — moving from service out of duty to service from the heart.
- **Renewed Strength** — waiting on God in times of weariness and spiritual plateaus.
- **Things Above** — fixing our minds on Christ against the pull of spiritual drift.
- **Full Circle** — returning to the gospel itself, where it all began.

Volume 2 (Weeks 9–16) walks through those same eight themes a second time with new Scripture passages, deepening what was begun and building the rhythm into a lasting habit.

Volume 3 (Weeks 17–24) — trust and obedience, worship in spirit and truth, God's sovereign hand, the Holy Spirit's greater works, the peace that surpasses understanding, contentment, and being chosen and called.

Volume 4 (Weeks 25–32) — the foundation of faith, God's power in our weakness, finishing strong, discipling one's family, and deepening devotion through gratitude.

Volume 5 (Weeks 33–40) — the Father's loving discipline, God's nearness to all who call on Him, rejoicing through trials, the living and active Word, and committing one's ways to the Lord's wisdom.

Who It’s For

“A Simple Path” is for anyone who wants to grow closer to Jesus Christ through daily time in His Word. It suits new Christians learning to walk with God, longtime believers seeking a fresh rhythm, and leaders looking for a ready-made discipleship tool. Its promise is simple: faithful time with God each day produces a heart that wants to follow Jesus more — and that desire is the Holy Spirit at work.

A Daily Quiet Time

When I get up each morning I head straight to the recliner where I keep the journal I will use and a Bible — normally I use a Bible app — but my mind is usually buzzing with thoughts of the day ahead, or leftover thoughts from yesterday, and I am not yet focused on my Father in heaven. An explanation of how to have a daily quiet time follows, and this journal even has sample verses you can use. What I want to double down on is the importance of getting self out of the quiet time, at least at the start — and the only way to do that is to focus on our Heavenly Father through praise. Sometimes I begin by listening to praise songs, but ninety-nine percent of the time I read and reflect on praise verses — there are plenty of sources for these online. I don't normally write anything down at that point. To help you get into the habit, I am including a list of praise verses below. Begin by focusing on these praise verses, reading as many as needed until you have allowed our Father to remove self from you, and you are now focusing on Him.

A quiet time is simply this: a set-apart time, every day, to be alone with God — to listen for His voice in Scripture, to speak honestly with Him in prayer, and to let Him shape how you meet the day ahead. Even Jesus, in the middle of a demanding ministry, made this a priority.

> *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."*
>
> ***Mark 1:35***

If He needed that rhythm, so do we. A daily walk with God does not happen automatically — it grows in the quiet, unhurried minutes we choose to give Him before the day

takes over.

Getting started is simple: pick a quiet place, and keep your Bible, this study, and a journal within reach so you can write down what God shows you.

When His disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He gave them a pattern that still works to open a quiet time— praise, surrender to His will, daily dependence, confession, and protection from temptation (Matthew 6:9–13).

A quiet time can follow this simple pattern:

1. Praise — open by speaking about who God is back to Him, using a scripture verse.
2. Confess — ask God to reveal anything blocking your fellowship with Him and ask forgiveness.
3. Read — open His Word and read a passage slowly.
4. Reflect and note — dwell on what you read and write down what God shows you.
5. Pray — thank Him for what He is doing, and ask for His guidance.
6. Share — before the day is done, share what God showed you with someone else.

That last step matters more than it might seem. The goal is not just to be discipled, but to become a disciple who disciples — investing in others who will, in turn, invest in someone else.

It does not need to be long or complicated. A Simple Path stays simple on purpose, so the habit is one you can keep — the same time, the same quiet place, the same open Bible, day after day, until it becomes as natural as breathing. What matters is not how long you stay, but that you show up and keep showing up.

Praise Verses to Get You Started

Combined list of scripture references on praise, gathered for further study, so you do not have to look them up (NASB unless noted):

Old Testament

Job 26:7

He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.

2 Samuel 22:26-27

With the faithful, You prove Yourself faithful; with the blameless, You prove Yourself blameless; with the pure, You prove Yourself pure, but with the crooked, You prove Yourself shrewd.

1 Chronicles 16:36

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

Psalm 7:17

I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders.

Psalm 21:13

Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; We will sing and praise Your power.

Psalm 22:26

The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

Psalm 28:6-7
Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplication. The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.

Psalm 30:11-12
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness, That my soul may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Psalm 31:7
I will rejoice and be glad in Your lovingkindness, Because You have seen my affliction; You have known the troubles of my soul,

Psalm 33:1-5
Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

Psalm 34:1-2
I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the Lord; The humble will hear it and rejoice.

Psalm 73:26
My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 86:12
I will give thanks to You, Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever.

Psalm 89:6
For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD,

Psalm 92:1
It is good to give thanks to the LORD And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Psalm 95:3
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 95:6-8a
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand

Psalm 100:1-2
Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with jubilation; Come before Him with rejoicing.

Psalm 100:3-5
Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 101:1
I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.

Psalm 103:2
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits.

Psalm 105:1-2
Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.

Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31
Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

Psalm 109:30
With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the LORD; And in the midst of many I will praise Him.

Psalm 111:1
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart, In the company of the upright and in the assembly.

Psalm 115:18
But as for us, we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forever. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117:1
Praise the LORD, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples!

Psalm 118:19, 28-29
Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD... You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God, I extol You. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalm 118:24
This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 135:3
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is lovely.

Psalm 143:8
Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

Psalm 145:1-2
I will exalt You, my God, the King, And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:8
The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

Psalm 145:16-18
You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

Psalm 146:1-2
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 147:12
Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Psalm 150:1-2
Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Isaiah 45:12
I am the one who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

Isaiah 45:18
For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), 'I am the Lord, and there is none else.'

Isaiah 46:9-10
Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure.'

Jeremiah 17:14
Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; Save me and I will be saved, For You are my praise.

Zephaniah 3:14
Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

New Testament

Luke 2:20
The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

John 17:3
Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Romans 15:11
And again, "Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, And let all the peoples praise Him."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Colossians 3:17
Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Philippians 4:4
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

1 Thessalonians 5:16
Rejoice always;

Hebrews 4:12
For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 13:15
Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

1 Peter 1:8
and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Revelation 15:4
Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, For Your righteous acts have been revealed.

THE WAY OF SALVATION

A Simple, Bible-Based Guide to Knowing Christ

Lesson plans for teaching are included.

> *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."*
>
> **Ephesians 2:8–9**

A Simple Guide to What the Bible Teaches About Salvation

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An Important Question

Every person eventually faces the most important question there is: "What must I do to be saved?" It is the same question a jailer once asked the apostle Paul in the middle of the night (Acts 16:30). This booklet walks through what the Bible teaches about that question — simply, and in Scripture's own words.

Nothing here depends on your background, your family, your church attendance, or your good works. It depends entirely on what God has already done, and what He invites you to do in response.

1. Everyone Needs to Be Saved

The Bible teaches that every person, without exception, has sinned against God and fallen short of His perfect standard.

> *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*
>
> **Romans 3:23**

Sin is not just "breaking rules." It is choosing our own way over God's way — and it separates us from Him.

> *"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear."*
>
> **Isaiah 59:2**

Left on our own, the consequence of sin is spiritual death — eternal separation from God.

> *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
>
> **Romans 6:23**

No amount of good behavior can undo this. Trying to earn our way back to God through good works is like trying to pay off an infinite debt — it simply cannot be done by human effort.

2. God Loves You and Makes a Way

As hopeless as our situation is on our own, God did not leave us there. Because of His great love, He made a way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to Him.

> *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*
>
> **John 3:16**

God's Son, Jesus Christ, lived a sinless life and then willingly died on the cross, taking the punishment that our sin deserved. Three days later, He rose from the dead — proving His victory over sin and death.

> *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*
>
> **Romans 5:8**

> *"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."*
>
> **1 Peter 2:24**

Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation — not one option among many.

> *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"*
>
> **John 14:6**

> *"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."*
>
> **Acts 4:12**

3. Salvation Is a Gift, Not a Reward

Because Jesus already paid the full price, salvation cannot be earned. It is received as a gift, by grace, through faith alone.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." **Ephesians 2:8–9**
"He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy." **Titus 3:5**

This is central to what the Bible teaches: salvation is God's work from beginning to end. Church membership, baptism, and good works are important responses to salvation — but none of them save you. Only Christ saves.

4. How to Respond: Repent and Believe

God offers this gift freely, but you must receive it. The Bible describes two sides of the same response: turning away from sin (repentance) and trusting in Christ (faith).

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." **Acts 3:19**
"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." **Romans 10:9–10**
"For 'Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" **Romans 10:13**

Repentance is not merely feeling sorry — it is a genuine change of direction, turning from sin toward God. Faith is not merely believing facts about Jesus — it is personally trusting Him, and Him alone, to save you.

5. A Prayer of Faith

There is no magic formula or specific wording required to be saved — salvation happens the moment a person genuinely turns from sin and trusts Christ. But putting that decision into words can help make it real and personal. If this is your desire, you might pray something like this:

> *"Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I cannot save myself. I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. Right now, I turn from my sin and place my trust in You alone as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for the gift of eternal life. Amen."*

If you prayed that prayer and meant it with your heart, the Bible says you have been saved — not because of the words themselves, but because of the genuine faith and repentance behind them.

6. You Can Know You Are Saved

Once you have trusted Christ, God does not want you to wonder whether it "worked." The Bible teaches that believers can have confident assurance of their salvation.

> *"And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."*
>
> **1 John 5:11–13**

This assurance rests on the character and promises of God, not on our feelings or performance. Scripture teaches that those who are truly saved are kept secure by God's power — often called the "perseverance of the saints" or "eternal security."

> *"I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of*

the Father's hand."

John 10:28–29

"You were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."

Ephesians 1:13–14

A life that is truly changed by Christ will, over time, show the fruit of that change — not to earn salvation, but as evidence of it (James 2:17–18). If you are trusting Christ, rest in His promise, not in your own performance.

7. What Comes Next: Baptism

Baptism does not save you — only faith in Christ does that. But it is the first step of obedience the Bible calls every believer to take: full immersion in water, for those old enough to profess personal faith (sometimes called "believer's baptism").

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

"So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:41

Being immersed in water and raised back up pictures the truth of the gospel itself — Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and our own death to the old life and new life in Him.

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:3–4

If you have trusted Christ and have not yet been baptized, talk with a pastor at a local, Bible-believing church about being baptized as your public declaration of faith.

8. Join a Local Church

God's plan for every believer includes belonging to a local church — a gathered community of baptized believers who worship together, study God's Word, encourage one another, and carry out the Great Commission together.

> *"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*
>
> **Hebrews 10:24–25**

Scripture affirms what is often called the "priesthood of the believer" — every Christian has direct access to God through Christ and a personal responsibility to know and live out God's Word, within the accountability and encouragement of a local church family.

> *"But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*
>
> **1 Peter 2:9**

9. Growing in Your New Life

Coming to faith in Christ is the beginning, not the end. The Bible calls every believer to grow — becoming more like Jesus over a lifetime.

> *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*
>
> **2 Peter 3:18**

A few simple habits help that growth take root:

- Read God's Word daily — start with the Gospel of John.

• Talk to God in prayer — praise, confession, thanksgiving, and requests.

• Get baptized and join a Bible-believing local church.

• Gather regularly with other believers for worship and encouragement.

• Tell others what Christ has done for you.

> *"And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"*
>
> **Matthew 4:19**

If You Have Trusted Christ Today

If, through this booklet, you have turned from your sin and placed your trust in Jesus Christ, you have been born again into God's family (John 1:12–13). We encourage you to tell a pastor, a Christian friend, or someone at a local church about your decision, and to take the next step of being baptized.

Welcome to the family of God.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."
2 Corinthians 5:17

THE WAY OF SALVATION

A Single-Session Gospel Lesson

> *"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*
> **Romans 10:9–10**

Duration	45–60 minutes
Learning Objective	Participants will understand, in Scripture's own words, why every person needs salvation, what God has done to provide it, and how to respond in genuine repentance and faith — with a clear opportunity to do so during the session.
Materials Needed	Bibles, one copy of "The Way of Salvation" booklet per person, pens, and a quiet space for anyone who wishes to pray privately with a leader afterward.

Lesson Flow

Time	Segment	Leader Notes
5 min	**Opening**	Welcome, opening prayer. Ask: "If you died tonight and stood before God, and He asked why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?" Let a few people answer if comfortable — no correcting yet, just listening.
10 min	**The Problem**	Walk through booklet sections 1–2 (pp.2–3): all have sinned, sin separates us from God, and the wages of sin is death — but God loves us and made a way through Christ.

Time	Segment	Leader Notes
10 min	**The Gift**	Walk through section 3 (p.3): salvation is by grace through faith, not works. Emphasize Ephesians 2:8–9 — it cannot be earned.
10 min	**Respond**	Walk through section 4 (p.4): repentance and faith. Read the sample prayer in section 5 (p.5) together. Give a quiet moment for anyone who wants to pray it personally, and offer to pray with anyone one-on-one afterward.
10 min	**Assurance & Next Steps**	Cover sections 6–9 (pp.5–7): assurance of salvation, baptism, the local church, and growing in faith.
5 min	**Closing**	Answer any questions, pray for the group, and point people to the discussion questions below for follow-up.

Key Teaching Points

Everyone needs to be saved.

- Romans 3:23 — all have sinned and fall short of God's glory.
- Romans 6:23 — the wages of sin is death, but eternal life is a free gift.

God loves you and makes a way.

- John 3:16 — God gave His Son so that whoever believes will not perish.
- Romans 5:8 — Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
- John 14:6 — Jesus is the only way to the Father.

Salvation is a gift, not earned.

- Ephesians 2:8–9 — by grace through faith, not of works, so no one may boast.

Respond with repentance and faith.

- Acts 3:19 — repent and turn, so your sins may be wiped away.
- Romans 10:9–10 — confess with your mouth, believe in your heart.

Assurance is possible.

- 1 John 5:11–13 — you may know that you have eternal life.

- John 10:28–29 — no one can snatch a believer out of God's hand.

What follows salvation.

- Baptism by immersion as a public declaration of faith (not a means of salvation).
- Joining a local church for worship, encouragement, and growth.
- Daily habits: Scripture reading, prayer, fellowship, and sharing your story with others.

Leading Someone in the Prayer of Faith

If someone indicates they want to trust Christ during or after the session, keep it simple and unhurried:

- Ask them to describe, in their own words, what they believe about their sin and about Jesus — don't assume; let them tell you.
- Remind them there is no special wording required — what matters is genuine repentance and trust, not the words themselves.
- Offer the sample prayer in the booklet (p.5) as one way to put that decision into words, either silently or aloud, in their own words.
- Afterward, ask what they just did in their own words, to confirm understanding rather than a rote repetition.
- Point them immediately to section 6 on p.5 (assurance) so they leave confident, not just "hoping it worked."

Discussion Questions

- Before this session, how would you have answered the question 'What must I do to be saved?' How would you answer it now?
- Why does it matter that salvation is a gift rather than something earned? What difference does that make in how you relate to God?
- What is one step — baptism, joining a church, telling someone your story — that you sense God is calling you to take this week?

Follow-Up for Participants

- Re-read "The Way of Salvation" on your own this week, and underline anything that stood out.

- If you trusted Christ today, tell one other person — a friend, family member, or the leader — this week.
- If you haven't been baptized since coming to faith, talk to a pastor about scheduling it.
- Begin reading the Gospel of John, a chapter at a time, as your first step into regular Scripture reading.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Preface to “A Simple Path”

Volume 3 · Weeks 17–24

> *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*
>
> ***Matthew 11:28-30***

Volume 3 of “A Simple Path” picks up where the first two volumes left off, with eight more weeks of daily devotions — Weeks 17 through 24 — built on the same Seven Aspects of a Disciple of Christ. The daily Quiet Time is still simple: begin with praise, submit yourself to God, read His word, and listen for what He wants you to see that day.

This volume begins where every quiet time must begin — walking humbly with God and laying down the noise and busyness that crowd Him out. From there we learn to trust and obey, to worship Him in spirit and truth rather than out of habit, and to rest in His sovereign hand even when we do not understand what He is doing.

The later weeks look at the Holy Spirit’s work in and through us — the greater works Jesus promised His followers. We bring our worries to God and find the peace that surpasses all understanding, and we learn to be content in all things. The final week reminds us who we are in Christ: chosen and called.

Each week begins with a Praise verse to turn your focus from yourself to God, and ends with a page to write down what He taught you. Be honest with yourself — did you meet with Him, or just go through the motions?

Lesson plans for small-group leaders are included at the back of this booklet. I challenge you to make these devotions part of your quiet time over the next eight weeks and see what God does.

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How to Use This Study

The Seven Aspects of a Disciple of Christ

1. Praise and Worship — You speak, sing, declare, and proclaim who God is and His power.
2. Discipleship — Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior and you are learning to follow Him and disciple others.
3. Humility — You are surrendered, submitting to the will of God.
4. Acknowledgement — Be aware of the situation that God is presenting for your service.
5. Acceptance — God is calling and you have accepted His call. You care for people.
6. Obedience — You are voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.
7. Identification — Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Use the seven aspects daily, starting when we get up. In our quiet time, we begin with praise and worship, using a scripture verse. We humble ourselves by submitting to God, our Heavenly Father. From here, we quickly watch to see what new situation God is preparing for us for the day.

God has a plan for our ministry, and He will reveal it as we serve Him. When He reveals His plan, we accept and begin serving His people by His power.

Missions and ministry require preparation and a lifestyle of serving Christ— either professionally or as a part-time volunteer. Both require commitment to daily Bible study. Your spiritual growth under the leadership of Jesus Christ will not happen automatically.

My Salvation Testimony

Before you read any further, we need to discuss two absolutes; the first is your salvation. Use these pages to outline your experiences as Jesus moved you from disobedient and unforgiving to obedient and forgiven through His death and resurrection, and through His grace to eternal salvation. Below is a short account of my “Salvation Story.”

Truth — How I Knew I Needed Jesus

I grew up attending church regularly, usually three times a week. I was taught who Jesus is and cannot remember when I didn’t believe that Jesus was a real person. I was a cultural Christian but didn’t understand that I needed the forgiveness that only Belief, Confession, and Acceptance can bring. I thought I could one day go to heaven if I did more good than bad and God would accept me. I followed this path for almost 30 years, but I began to realize something was missing from my life—it was like a hole in my heart that I tried to fill with happy activities and actions.

By this time, I had been teaching public school for 8½ years; I was a Scoutmaster of two troops, had been a Cubmaster and an Explorer advisor, and worked as a Program Director at Scout Camp. Still, nothing I did filled that emptiness.

I had also met my dream lady, and we were set to be married before Christmas of 1979. To please her, I began to visit her church Sunday after Sunday. As we planned and I kept attending church, I noticed a drastic change—suddenly, the sermons seemed to speak directly to me. Over time, I kept seeing church signs and radio programs that seemed as if the author knew me personally.

Acceptance — How I Became a Christian

Then one day I found a witness tract, read it, and prayed the prayer of salvation; excited, I proclaimed, “Now I am a Christian.” A week passed and the emptiness was still there. I read and prayed the same prayer a second time and then waited.

One evening, I felt Jesus speaking to me and asking me to get baptized. I called the Pastor and said, “Jesus wants me to be baptized at your church.” He decided to baptize me on Wednesday night. Before church started, the Pastor met with me privately and asked, “Have you confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?” I said yes.

While the Pastor preached, I felt a huge burden lifted from my shoulders, and great peace and joy flooded my soul. Now I realize that my forgiveness and salvation were completed when I confessed to the Pastor that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. See Romans 10:9-10.

Friendship — My Plan for Fellowship With Christ

Immediately, I began reading the Bible, wanting to know more about Christ and to obey Him. I also wanted to serve Him through His church. My daily custom has become spending time with God every day—fellowshipping with Him, reading Scripture, and taking notes as His Holy Spirit transforms me into a more Christlike believer.

Purpose — Loving God With All My Heart

As I fellowship with God daily and get to know Him better, my love and admiration for Him keep growing. “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’” — Mark 12:29-30

Fulfillment — Loving Others

As my love and admiration for God through His Son, Jesus Christ, increases, He grants me a love for others and leads me in a ministry of reconciliation, encouraging the lost to accept Him and discipling the born-again as the Holy Spirit uses me. “The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” — Mark 12:31

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Your Salvation Testimony

Share your salvation journey in your own words by responding to the five questions below.

Truth — How I Knew I Needed Jesus Christ

Acceptance — What I Said to God. How I Became a Christian.

Friendship — My Plan for Fellowship With Christ.

Purpose — Loving God With All My Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength.

Fulfillment — Loving Others.

Personal Discipleship Survey

Mark U (Usually), S (Sometimes), or N (Never) for each statement.

Truth — God's Word	**U**	**S**	**N**
I accept the Bible as God's word	☐	☐	☐
I read the Bible daily	☐	☐	☐
I memorize scriptures	☐	☐	☐
I attend Sunday School	☐	☐	☐
I study the Bible at home	☐	☐	☐
I am part of a group Bible study	☐	☐	☐
I feel I am growing spiritually as I study God's word	☐	☐	☐
God speaks to me through His word	☐	☐	☐

Love God	**U**	**S**	**N**
I love God with my all	☐	☐	☐
I seek God whenever I make decisions	☐	☐	☐
I feel close to God	☐	☐	☐
I spend time with God in prayer and Bible study	☐	☐	☐
I experience specific answers to prayer	☐	☐	☐
Each day my prayers include praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession	☐	☐	☐
I work in a specific ministry to which God has called me	☐	☐	☐

Love Others	**U**	**S**	**N**
I regularly pray for others	☐	☐	☐
I tell others about my faith in Jesus Christ	☐	☐	☐
I actively minister to others	☐	☐	☐
I seek to live in peace with others	☐	☐	☐
I keep a list of prayer concerns	☐	☐	☐
God shows me people He wants me to disciple	☐	☐	☐
I show I am a Christian by the way I treat others	☐	☐	☐

Multiplying Discipleship	**U**	**S**	**N**
I am part of a group of multiplying disciples	☐	☐	☐
I am being mentored by a Disciple Maker	☐	☐	☐
I am discipling another Christian	☐	☐	☐
I am witnessing to specific lost friends	☐	☐	☐

WEEK 17

Walk Humbly

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: Psalm 86:12

Day 2 · Discipleship: Deuteronomy 29:9

Day 3 · Humility: Isaiah 29:3

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: 2 Corinthians 10:5

Day 5 · Acceptance: 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Day 6 · Obedience: Philippians 1:29

Day 7 · Identification: 1 Corinthians 2:9

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"I will give thanks to You, Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever."*
>
> **Psalm 86:12**

Devotional Reflection

Sometimes, Father, the cares of the world interfere with what I want to do for you, my servanthood. The daily grind has been magnified by health limitations and planning obstacles.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"So keep the words of this covenant to do them, that you may prosper in all that you do."*
>
> **Deuteronomy 29:9**

Devotional Reflection

Tony Evans uses this verse to teach that the covenant that God makes with us is for our benefit. God will honor every promise that he has made and provide every resource we need to serve Him.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"I will camp against you encircling you, and I will besiege you with siege works, and I will raise up battle towers against you."*
>
> **Isaiah 29:3**

Devotional Reflection

This verse continues the focus on us and our need to abandon all for Christ.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *“We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”*
>
> **2 Corinthians 10:5**

Devotional Reflection

Paul is writing to the Corinthian church about their struggles with the flesh. We still personally and corporately struggle with our own flesh and the hindrances that come from others.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses."*
>
> **2 Corinthians 10:3-4**

Devotional Reflection

Part of God's call is to rely on His Spiritual powers to overcome our sin nature and the sin natures of others.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.”*
>
> **Philippians 1:29**

Devotional Reflection

My salvation was the starting point for the greatest adventure anyone could experience, and yes, it includes suffering personally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *“But as it is written, “Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love Him.””*
>
> **1 Corinthians 2:9**

Devotional Reflection

What a great verse to end this week’s study, thinking about what awaits those God has sent to you when they turn to Christ in obedience.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 17 Completed

Now that you have completed week 17, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship, or did you just go through the motions so you could say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire, otherwise I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

Use the space below to jot down some comments, maybe a summary of the week's studies.

WEEK 18

Trust & Obey

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 2 · Discipleship: 1 Timothy 4:13

Day 3 · Humility: 1 Samuel 3:10

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: Acts 2:33

Day 5 · Acceptance: John 11:39

Day 6 · Obedience: John 14:15

Day 7 · Identification: 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."*
>
> **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Devotional Reflection

Father, this is an important promise from You that I claim weekly. It is so good to know that with all my weaknesses and even my sin nature and my stubbornness, You are always there to rescue me.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and teaching."*
>
> **1 Timothy 4:13**

Devotional Reflection

Father, how appropriate, as if it were written just for me. Your word is alive and speaks to Your people throughout all history. These three — reading, exhortation, doctrine — are foundational to each ministry where You have placed me.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening.""*
>
> **1 Samuel 3:10**

Devotional Reflection

Yes, I want to keep hearing Your voice constantly, especially through Your words as relayed by Your Holy Spirit.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *“Therefore, since He has been exalted at the right hand of God and has received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.”*
>
> **Acts 2:33**

Devotional Reflection

Daily, I feel Your presence in my life, in every situation, and in the lives of those I love, Father.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.""*
>
> **John 11:39**

Devotional Reflection

Father, sometimes I allow "stones" to come between me and seeing Your will fulfilled in my life. I ask for Your forgiveness when this happens and that You remove every "stone" I have allowed.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”*
>
> **John 14:15**

Devotional Reflection

It’s humbling when Jesus speaks this way to me and immediately, He also shows where I have not followed Him in Faith. Forgive me, Lord. Amen.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *"I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."*
>
> **1 Corinthians 2:3-5**

Devotional Reflection

As we determine the needs of those God sends, we must remember that the wisdom God grants comes from Him and His power.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 18 Completed

Now that you have completed week 18, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship, or did you just go through the motions so you could say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire; otherwise, I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

Use the space below to jot down some comments, maybe a summary of the week's studies.

WEEK 19

Spirit & Truth

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: John 4:23

Day 2 · Discipleship: Genesis 3:19

Day 3 · Humility: 1 John 2:5-6

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: Romans 5:5

Day 5 · Acceptance: John 6:21

Day 6 · Obedience: Matthew 10:27

Day 7 · Identification: Romans 13:10

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."*
>
> **John 4:23**

Devotional Reflection

My relationship with You, Father, is spiritual, not just a physical act, and is based on the truth revealed by Your Holy Spirit through Your Word and consistency.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*
>
> **Genesis 3:19**

Devotional Reflection

Since each of us has rebelled against God, we also must labor for our provisions and our families until Jesus returns.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked."*
>
> **1 John 2:5-6**

Devotional Reflection

Jesus says we must walk the way He walked, so I can only conclude that He will equip us to walk with Him.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*
>
> **Romans 5:5**

Devotional Reflection

This is another description of the world we live in as born-again Christians; we enjoy God’s love as He pours it into our hearts.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going."*
>
> **John 6:21**

Devotional Reflection

This takes place as the disciples were fighting a rough sea in the dark, and Jesus appears walking. When they see Him and He enters the boat, the storm ends. This happens to us today: sometimes we venture out without Jesus' direction, but as soon as we realize our mistake, He comes to us and calms the storm.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.”*
>
> **Matthew 10:27**

Devotional Reflection

Morning by morning, our Father trains me in the quiet of our devotion time and then sends me out into the mission field.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law.”*
>
> **Romans 13:10**

Devotional Reflection

An example of why my good intentions as I reach out to others must be ordained by God’s Holy Spirit so I follow His will.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 19 Completed

Now that you have completed week 19, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship, or did you go through the motions just to say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire; otherwise, I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

Use the space below to jot down some comments, maybe a summary of the week's studies.

WEEK 20

His Sovereign Hand

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: Job 26:7

Day 2 · Discipleship: John 10:27-30

Day 3 · Humility: Isaiah 55:9

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: John 10:10

Day 5 · Acceptance: Romans 5:5

Day 6 · Obedience: Job 37:14

Day 7 · Identification: Psalm 105:17

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing."*
>
> **Job 26:7**

Devotional Reflection

Job tried to describe outer space without any such knowledge, and he did so accurately. We don't always need to understand everything about God's ways; we just need to accept in faith that He is sovereign overall.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."*
>
> **John 10:27-30**

Devotional Reflection

This verse shows that Jesus has chosen us personally as His sheep, and He will continue to care for us now and eternally.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."*
>
> **Isaiah 55:9**

Devotional Reflection

As we continue to humbly submit to His Lordship, we glimpse His greatness as described, and we wait and watch as He reveals Himself to us.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life and have it abundantly.”*
>
> **John 10:10**

Devotional Reflection

Satan and his agents are constantly attacking the people of Jesus, seeking to destroy us, but Jesus offers an abundant life.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*
>
> **Romans 5:5**

Devotional Reflection

Having our hearts filled with the love of Christ, it is easier to accept His call to go to those who do not know Him.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“Listen to this, Job; stand and consider the wonders of God.”*
>
> **Job 37:14**

Devotional Reflection

Job’s friend Elihu was talking with Job during his time of suffering. We too can enjoy God’s greatness even in times of suffering.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *"He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave."*
>
> **Psalm 105:17**

Devotional Reflection

God has appointed, prepared, protected, and sent us into the world to rescue others from their fate without Christ in their hearts. Sometimes we are asked to suffer as God gets us to where He can use us.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 20 Completed

Now that you have completed week 20, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship or did you just go through the motions so you could say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire; otherwise, I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

Use the space below to jot down some comments, maybe a summary of the week's studies.

WEEK 21

Greater Works

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: Hebrews 13:15

Day 2 · Discipleship: John 14:26

Day 3 · Humility: Job 38:1

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: Ephesians 5:13-14

Day 5 · Acceptance: Matthew 19:26

Day 6 · Obedience: Jeremiah 1:5

Day 7 · Identification: John 14:12

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."*
>
> **Hebrews 13:15**

Devotional Reflection

I would still be just another disobedient, self-seeking individual if Jesus had not lived, died, and conquered death on my behalf.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."*
>
> **John 14:26**

Devotional Reflection

As born-again Christians, we have the greatest teacher living within us so that we can become more Christlike and enjoy our training. We then reach out to others with the wisdom God has granted us.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said…"*
>
> **Job 38:1**

Devotional Reflection

Many of the kids I disciple experience, for the first time, the noticeable voice of God as they pray through His Scriptures. It is humbling to them, as it is to me, as God blesses me with His understanding of ministry and service.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *"But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason, it says, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.""*
>
> **Ephesians 5:13-14**

Devotional Reflection

Looking at this verse from my perspective, I can see how God, over the years, has awakened me to the reality of His power and love in the daily routines of life.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.""*
>
> **Matthew 19:26**

Devotional Reflection

As we see corruption and decay around us, it's easy to sink into despair, yet Jesus teaches: do not despair, for He is answering our prayers for those we are discipling.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*
>
> **Jeremiah 1:5**

Devotional Reflection

This is just as true for every born-again Christian as it was for Jeremiah. I think about how, in my ignorance, I sometimes consider how weak my nature is to do Your will, Father, to be the obedient one who seeks Your heart.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *"Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father."*
>
> **John 14:12**

Devotional Reflection

This verse is a send-off into the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost and dying — and with Jesus alongside us, how can we be defeated?

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 21 Completed

Now that you have completed week 21, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship, or did you go through the motions just to say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire; otherwise, I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

Use the space below to jot down some comments, maybe a summary of the week's studies.

WEEK 22

Peace That Surpasses

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: Psalm 145:16-18

Day 2 · Discipleship: Philippians 4:6-7

Day 3 · Humility: Philippians 4:13

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: Philippians 4:8

Day 5 · Acceptance: Habakkuk 2:1

Day 6 · Obedience: Jeremiah 17:7

Day 7 · Identification: Psalm 25:10

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth."*
>
> **Psalm 145:16-18**

Devotional Reflection

Amazing, Father, how You love me and how far You have gone to rescue me and free me from my sinful nature.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*
>
> **Philippians 4:6-7**

Devotional Reflection

At this point in my life, I have a long list of requests, Father, and yet you know them in detail. You address each one by the power of the risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*
>
> **Philippians 4:13**

Devotional Reflection

Father, help me celebrate You today as you prepare me to serve You through Your strength.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."*
>
> **Philippians 4:8**

Devotional Reflection

Once I have relinquished control of my life, then You will teach me what is true and lead me in Your truth so that my journey is marked by purity and excellence.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved."*
>
> **Habakkuk 2:1**

Devotional Reflection

This was Habakkuk, waiting to hear God's response to the evil ruling in Israel. Today we must accept the same call Habakkuk received: to obey the voice of our Father.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord.”*
>
> **Jeremiah 17:7**

Devotional Reflection

There is no other way we can hope to lead others to Christ. The call begins with Him, sometimes through us, and continues through Him as He leads us in the discipleship of others.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *“All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.”*
>
> **Psalm 25:10**

Devotional Reflection

This message is not just a reminder to me but must be taught to those who seek to serve Him.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 22 Completed

Now that you have completed week 22, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship, or did you just go through the motions so you could say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire; otherwise, I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

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WEEK 23

Content in All Things

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: Psalm 103:2

Day 2 · Discipleship: Joshua 1:7

Day 3 · Humility: Joshua 24:15

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: James 1:25

Day 5 · Acceptance: Philippians 4:11

Day 6 · Obedience: Philippians 4:13

Day 7 · Identification: 1 John 4:6

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits."*
>
> **Psalm 103:2**

Devotional Reflection

God's blessings go far beyond anything we could ever hope for, so we need to praise Him each time He blesses us.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go."*
>
> **Joshua 1:7**

Devotional Reflection

This is clear from the Bible scriptures and even more clear from our daily lives that our real success only comes from God — any other success by our own design is only temporary.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"…but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*
>
> **Joshua 24:15**

Devotional Reflection

Joshua charged the people of Israel to accept the covenant with God by promising to follow it and reject other gods. Joshua chooses to follow the Lord.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *"But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does."*
>
> **James 1:25**

Devotional Reflection

Sometimes we question God especially when troubles come. As He grows me spiritually, I have learned to be more content in times of trouble and able to enjoy His blessings.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am."*
>
> **Philippians 4:11**

Devotional Reflection

Paul describes all the trials he had endured because of obeying God and ends with his ability to remain content.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*
>
> **Philippians 4:13**

Devotional Reflection

This verse follows the same theme of finding contentment in times of persecution.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *"We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."*
>
> **1 John 4:6**

Devotional Reflection

God is removing responsibility from us for those that do not listen to us and may reject the message we carry concerning Jesus Christ and Him crucified for their sins.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 23 Completed

Now that you have completed week 23, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship or did you just go through the motions so you could say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire, otherwise I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

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WEEK 24

Chosen & Called

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Day 1 · Praise and Worship: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Day 2 · Discipleship: John 3:16

Day 3 · Humility: 1 Peter 2:13

Day 4 · Acknowledgment: Acts 5:29

Day 5 · Acceptance: 1 Peter 2:9

Day 6 · Obedience: 2 Chronicles 19:7

Day 7 · Identification: Exodus 20:5

Day 1 · Praise and Worship

Recognizing God's power and expressing gratitude for His blessings.

Scripture

> *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*
>
> **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

Devotional Reflection

I don't consider myself a person that has suffered much at all, but even when I have troubles God is always right there to help me.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 2 · Discipleship

Following Christ's example and learning to walk in His ways.

Scripture

> *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."*
>
> **John 3:16**

Devotional Reflection

This act of rescue directed toward us is the key to our opportunity to once and forever be forgiven through grace and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. God's acceptance of our repentance and asking Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior seals our present life and future eternal life with Him.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 3 · Humility

Surrendering to God's will and submitting ourselves before Him.

Scripture

> *"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority."*
>
> **1 Peter 2:13**

Devotional Reflection

This is a tough one as more of our laws and customs move away from God's plan for mankind.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 4 · Acknowledgment

Acknowledgement Being aware of the situation that God is presenting for our service.

Scripture

> *“But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.””*
>
> **Acts 5:29**

Devotional Reflection

This seems in sharp contrast to 1 Peter 2:13 but highlights that there are times when we must reject authorities and choose the Biblical path and what God commands.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 5 · Acceptance

Embracing God's call and caring for the people He places in our path.

Scripture

> *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*
>
> **1 Peter 2:9**

Devotional Reflection

Now we discover our calling and the source of our desire to please Him. With our recognition and commitment, we proclaim the Gospel to the world.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 6 · Obedience

Voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.

Scripture

> *“Now then let the fear of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality or the taking of bribes.”*
>
> **2 Chronicles 19:7**

Devotional Reflection

To fear God means to revere Him, humbly submit to His Lordship, praise Him for His awesomeness, and be careful to follow all His commands.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Day 7 · Identification

Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

Scripture

> *"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me."*
>
> **Exodus 20:5**

Devotional Reflection

This is a warning straight from God about our allegiances — they must be to Him alone, and we must remain faithful to our Creator and our everlasting and loving Father.

Describe any reaction you have to this devotional.

Offer a short prayer.

Week 24 Completed

Now that you have completed week 24, what did God teach you? Were you serious in your daily fellowship or did you just go through the motions so you could say you did the assignment?

I can pray, read God's word, and hear Him speak only when He has given me that desire, otherwise I become like the grain of wheat on poor soil. Check the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3–15.

Use the space below to jot down some comments, maybe a summary of the week's studies.

A Simple Path — Volume 3

Leader's Guide

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord · Weeks 17–24

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Welcome, Group Leader

This guide adapts the eight weeks of "A Simple Path," Volume 3 (Weeks 17–24), for use in a small group or Bible study setting. Group members should ideally work through each day's devotion on their own during the week (using the booklet), and the group session each week brings everyone together to discuss what God taught them, dig deeper into a few of the week's passages, and apply it together.

How Each Week's Plan Is Organized

- **Theme & Goal** — the heartbeat of the week in one or two sentences, so you can keep the conversation anchored.
- **Week at a Glance** — the seven daily verses and aspects, for quick reference during discussion.
- **Opening (5–10 min)** — a welcome, opening prayer prompt, and icebreaker question to get people talking.
- **Worship & Centering (5 min)** — a short praise/worship moment using the week's Day 1 verse.
- **Digging In (20–25 min)** — guided discussion questions built around the week's daily devotions.
- **Application Challenge (10 min)** — a concrete, doable next step for the coming week.
- **Closing Prayer Focus (5 min)** — a specific prompt for how to pray together.

Suggested Session Length

Each plan is built for a 45–60-minute group session. Trim the discussion questions if you're running shorter or let the group sit longer in Digging In if conversation is rich — that's usually a good sign, not a scheduling problem.

A Note on Tone

This study moves through the Seven Aspects of a Disciple of Christ every single week. Resist the urge to rush past the repetition. The goal isn't novelty; it's formation. By Week 24, the rhythm itself becomes the lesson.

Orientation

Getting Your Group Ready for Weeks 17–24

This orientation is for the leader of a small group or Bible study using "A Simple Path, Volume 3." It assumes your group has already worked through Volumes 1 and 2, or is otherwise familiar with the daily rhythm of the Seven Aspects of a Disciple. Use this session to re-gather the group, refresh the framework, and set expectations before beginning Week 17.

Purpose of This Lesson Plans Section

The eight lessons that follow (Weeks 17–24) are meant to be used alongside the daily devotional booklet, not in place of it. Group members should work through each day's devotion on their own during the week. The weekly group session then brings everyone together to discuss what God taught them, dig deeper into a few of the week's passages, and apply it together.

Quick Reference: The Seven Aspects of a Disciple

Keep this list handy — it is the lens through which every day's devotion is read, and it will anchor every discussion in this section.

1. Praise and Worship — You speak, sing, declare, and proclaim who God is and His power.
2. Discipleship — Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, and you are learning to follow Him and disciple others.
3. Humility — You are surrendered, submitting to the will of God.
4. Acknowledgment — You are aware of the situation that God is presenting for your service.
5. Acceptance — God is calling and you have accepted His call. You care for people.
6. Obedience — You are voluntarily following Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.
7. Identification — Recognizing the inner needs of others and looking for ways to serve them.

How Each Weekly Session Is Organized

• Theme & Goal — the heartbeat of the week in a sentence or two, so you can keep the conversation anchored.
• Week at a Glance — the daily aspect and scripture reference.
• Opening — a short question to get the group talking before you open the Word.
• Digging In — two or three days from the week, explored more deeply with discussion questions.
• Application Challenge — one concrete, doable action to carry into the coming week.

Before Your First Session

• Confirm meeting length (60–75 minutes works well for this format).
• Ask each member to bring their own copy of "A Simple Path, Volume 3" and a pen.
• Encourage members to complete each day's devotion before the group meets — the discussion assumes they have.
• Open every session in prayer, and close every session in prayer, specifically thanking God for what He revealed that week.

Opening Icebreaker (for your first gathering)

Go around the group and ask: "Of the Seven Aspects — Praise & Worship, Discipleship, Humility, Acknowledgment, Acceptance, Obedience, Identification — which one comes most naturally to you, and which one feels like the hardest work?" Let this set the tone: this study is not about performing all seven perfectly, but about growing in each of them, together, over the next eight weeks.

Week 17: Walk Humbly

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 17 sets the tone for this volume: before anything else, we come to God humbly, laying down the noise and busyness that crowd out quiet time. This week's goal is to help the group see daily fellowship with God not as one more task, but as the place where He resets our posture toward everything else.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	Psalm 86:12
2	Discipleship	Deuteronomy 29:9
3	Humility	Isaiah 29:3
4	Acknowledgment	2 Corinthians 10:5
5	Acceptance	2 Corinthians 10:3-4
6	Obedience	Philippians 1:29
7	Identification	1 Corinthians 2:9

Opening (5–10 min)

Briefly check in: how did this first week of Volume 3 go? Was it hard to restart the daily rhythm, or did it feel familiar?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"I will give thanks to You, Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever."*

Psalm 86:12

From the devotional: *The devotion admits that the cares of the world — the daily grind, health limits, and planning obstacles — can crowd out our servanthood, which is exactly why we begin each week by giving thanks with all our heart.*

Discuss:

1. What 'daily grind' is most likely to crowd out your time with God right now?
2. What is one thing you can thank God for with all your heart today, even in the middle of obstacles?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *"So keep the words of this covenant to do them, that you may prosper in all that you do."*

Deuteronomy 29:9

From the devotional: *The devotion draws on Tony Evans' teaching that God's covenant is for our benefit: He will honor every promise and provide every resource we need to serve Him.*

Discuss:

1. Which of God's promises do you most need to lean on this week?
2. What does it look like to 'keep the words of this covenant' in your daily life?

Day 3 — Humility

> *"I will camp against you encircling you, and I will besiege you with siege works, and I will raise up battle towers against you."*

Isaiah 29:3

From the devotional: *The devotional frames this as a call to abandon all for Christ — to stop defending our own territory and let God have the whole of us.*

Discuss:

1. What is one area of your life you tend to ‘defend’ rather than surrender to God?
2. What would change this week if you let God have full access to that area instead of guarding it?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *“We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 10:5

From the devotional: *Paul is writing about our ongoing struggle with the flesh — , our own and others’. Acknowledgment starts with noticing what is happening around and within us.*

Discuss:

1. What is one thought pattern you need to ‘take captive’ this week?
2. Where has God recently made you aware of a need or situation you hadn’t noticed before?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”*

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

From the devotional: *The devotion explains that part of God’s call is to rely on His spiritual power to overcome our own sin nature and the sin natures of others.*

Discuss:

1. Where are you tempted to fight with ‘fleshly’ weapons — anger, control, or worry — instead of God’s power?
2. What ‘fortress’ in your life or in someone you love needs God’s power right now?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.”*

Philippians 1:29

From the devotional: *The devotion calls salvation the starting point of the greatest adventure anyone could experience — an adventure that includes suffering personally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically.*

Discuss:

1. How have you seen God use a time of suffering to grow your faith?
2. How can our group support someone who is suffering for Christ’s sake?

Day 7 — Identification

> *“But as it is written, “Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love Him.””*

1 Corinthians 2:9

From the devotional: *A fitting close to the week: whoever God sends you to serve, He has already prepared something good for them — and for you — in the process.*

Discuss:

1. Who is one person God has recently put in your path?
2. What might it look like to trust that God has already prepared something good in that relationship, even if you can’t see it yet?

Application Challenge

This week, pick one situation you tend to manage in your own strength. Consciously hand it to God each morning in your quiet time, and note what changes.

Week 18: Trust & Obey

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 18 moves from humbling ourselves to actually trusting God with what we cannot control. The goal is to help the group see obedience not as blind compliance, but as the natural response to a Father we have learned to trust.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	Proverbs 3:5-6
2	Discipleship	1 Timothy 4:13
3	Humility	1 Samuel 3:10
4	Acknowledgment	Acts 2:33
5	Acceptance	John 11:39
6	Obedience	John 14:15
7	Identification	1 Corinthians 2:3-5

Opening (5–10 min)

Ask: what is something you find easy to trust God with, and something you find hard? Why the difference?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

From the devotional: *The devotion claims this promise weekly: even with our weaknesses, sin nature, and stubbornness, God is always there to rescue us when we trust Him instead of our own understanding.*

Discuss:

1. Where are you most tempted to lean on your own understanding instead of trusting God?
2. Can you remember a time God 'made your path straight' after you trusted Him?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *"Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and teaching."*

1 Timothy 4:13

From the devotional: *The devotion sees reading Scripture, exhortation, and teaching as foundational to every ministry where God places us, because His Word is alive and speaks to His people.*

Discuss:

1. Which of the three — reading, encouraging, or teaching — comes most naturally to you, and which least?
2. How could you give more attention to God's Word this week?

Day 3 — Humility

> *"Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening.""*

1 Samuel 3:10

From the devotional: *Samuel's posture — ready to listen before he even knew what God would say — is a model for our own quiet time.*

Discuss:

1. Is your default posture toward God more like ‘speak, I’m listening’ or more like negotiating? Explain.
2. What has helped you hear God’s voice recently, whether through Scripture, circumstance, or another person?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *“Therefore, since He has been exalted at the right hand of God and has received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.”*

Acts 2:33

From the devotional: *The devotion gives thanks for God’s daily presence in every situation and in the lives of those we love — the outpouring of the Holy Spirit Peter described.*

Discuss:

1. Where have you noticed God’s presence this past week?
2. How does knowing the Holy Spirit has been poured out change the way you face a hard situation?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *“Jesus said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.””*

John 11:39

From the devotional: *The devotional names the ‘stones’ we let sit between us and God’s will — fear, doubt, practical objections.*

Discuss:

1. What ‘stone’ (fear, doubt, or practical objection) tends to sit between you and obeying God?
2. What would it look like to ask God to help you remove it this week?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."*

John 14:15

From the devotional: *A short, direct verse — obedience flows from love, not the other way around.*

Discuss:

1. Where do you notice a gap between what you say you love and what you actually obey?
2. How does reframing obedience as a response to love — rather than a rule to keep — change how you feel about it?

Day 7 — Identification

> *"I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."*

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

From the devotional: *The devotion reminds us that as we discover the needs of those God sends, the wisdom we offer must come from Him and His power, not from persuasive words.*

Discuss:

1. When have you felt weak or fearful while helping someone, yet God worked anyway?
2. How can you rely on the Spirit's power instead of your own words the next time someone shares a need?

Application Challenge

Choose one command of Christ you've been putting off obeying. Take one concrete step toward it this week, and be ready to share what happened next session.

Week 19: Spirit & Truth

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 19 asks what it means to worship and walk 'in spirit and truth' rather than out of habit or performance. The goal is to help the group examine whether their daily walk is rooted in real relationship or routine.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	John 4:23
2	Discipleship	Genesis 3:19
3	Humility	1 John 2:5-6
4	Acknowledgment	Romans 5:5
5	Acceptance	John 6:21
6	Obedience	Matthew 10:27
7	Identification	Romans 13:10

Opening (5–10 min)

Ask: has your quiet time this week felt more like a relationship or more like a routine? What's the difference for you personally?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."*

John 4:23

From the devotional: *The devotion reminds us that our relationship with the Father is spiritual, not just a physical act, and rests on the truth the Holy Spirit*

reveals through His Word.

Discuss:

1. What is the difference between going through the motions of worship and worshiping ‘in spirit and truth’?
2. What helps you worship God from the heart during the week, not just on Sunday?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *“By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Genesis 3:19

From the devotional: *The devotion explains that because each of us has rebelled against God, we labor for our provisions and our families until Jesus returns.*

Discuss:

1. How does seeing your daily work as part of God’s story change your attitude toward it?
2. Where can you honor God through your labor this week?

Day 3 — Humility

> *“But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”*

1 John 2:5-6

From the devotional: *John ties love for God directly to obedience, and obedience to walking as Jesus walked.*

Discuss:

1. What would it look like, practically, for you to ‘walk as Jesus walked’ in one relationship this week?
2. Where do you sense the gap between how you say you love God and how you actually walk?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

Romans 5:5

From the devotional: *The devotion describes the world we live in as born-again Christians: we enjoy God’s love as He pours it into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*

Discuss:

1. What is one way you have experienced God’s love being ‘poured out’ recently?
2. How does hope in God’s love keep you from disappointment when circumstances are hard?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *“So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.”*

John 6:21

From the devotional: *The devotion connects this to storms we sail into without Jesus, and His willingness to calm them the moment we welcome Him back in.*

Discuss:

1. Describe a recent ‘storm’ you tried to navigate without consciously inviting Jesus in.
2. What changes when you deliberately ‘receive Him into the boat’ mid-crisis, rather than after?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.”*

Matthew 10:27

From the devotional: *The devotion pictures our Father training us morning by morning in our quiet time and then sending us out into the mission field.*

Discuss:

1. What is God whispering to you in your quiet time that He wants you to speak in the light?
2. Where is your ‘mission field’ this week?

Day 7 — Identification

> *“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law.”*

Romans 13:10

From the devotional: *A reminder that even our good intentions toward others need to be shaped by God’s Spirit, not just our own sense of what’s helpful.*

Discuss:

1. Have you ever tried to ‘help’ someone in a way that wasn’t loving? What happened?
2. How can you check your motives before acting on behalf of someone this week?

Application Challenge

Before your next quiet time, pause and ask God to make it real fellowship rather than a routine to complete. Journal one sentence about the difference you notice.

Week 20: His Sovereign Hand

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 20 turns the group's eyes toward God's sovereignty — His hand over creation, over our lives, and even over our suffering. The goal is to build confidence that we are held even when we don't understand.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	Job 26:7
2	Discipleship	John 10:27-30
3	Humility	Isaiah 55:9
4	Acknowledgment	John 10:10
5	Acceptance	Romans 5:5
6	Obedience	Job 37:14
7	Identification	Psalm 105:17

Opening (5–10 min)

Ask: when has it been hardest for you to trust that God is sovereign over a situation in your life?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing."*

Job 26:7

From the devotional: *The devotion marvels that Job described the heavens accurately without modern knowledge, and reminds us that we do not need to understand all of God's ways — only to trust in faith that He is sovereign.*

Discuss:

1. What part of creation most reminds you of God's greatness?
2. Where do you need to trust God's sovereignty even though you do not understand what He is doing?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."*

John 10:27-30

From the devotional: *The devotion highlights that we've been chosen personally by Jesus, and He continues to care for us both now and eternally.*

Discuss:

1. What does it mean to you personally that 'no one' can snatch you out of the Father's hand?
2. Where do you need that security most right now?

Day 3 — Humility

> *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:9

From the devotional: *The devotion encourages us to keep humbly submitting to His Lordship, waiting and watching as He reveals glimpses of His greatness.*

Discuss:

1. When have you had to trust that God's ways were higher than your own understanding?
2. What would humble submission look like in a decision you are facing now?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life and have it abundantly.”*

John 10:10

From the devotional: *A clear contrast between the enemy’s aim and Christ’s. Acknowledgment means naming which voice we are actually listening to.*

Discuss:

1. What is one area of your life where you can see the ‘thief’ at work — stealing peace, joy, or hope?
2. What would it look like to actively receive the abundant life Jesus offers instead, this week?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

Romans 5:5

From the devotional: *The devotion observes that when our hearts are filled with the love of Christ, it becomes easier to accept His call to go to those who do not know Him.*

Discuss:

1. Who is one person who does not know Christ that God has placed on your heart?
2. What fear keeps you from going, and how does God’s love answer it?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *“Listen to this, Job; stand and consider the wonders of God.”*

Job 37:14

From the devotional: *The devotion recalls Elihu speaking to Job in his suffering and reminds us that we too can enjoy God’s greatness even in times of trouble.*

Discuss:

1. What ‘wonder of God’ could you stop and consider this week?
2. How can praising God’s greatness help you obey Him during a hard

season?

Day 7 — Identification

> *“He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.”*

Psalm 105:17

From the devotional: *Joseph’s suffering was not wasted — God had prepared, protected, and sent him for a purpose he couldn’t see at the time.*

Discuss:

1. Can you look back and identify a hard season God later used for someone else’s good — or your own?
2. Who might God be preparing you, even through a current struggle, to serve?

Application Challenge

Write down one situation you don’t currently understand. Each day this week, thank God in advance for His sovereignty over it, even without an explanation.

Week 21: Greater Works

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 21 looks at the Holy Spirit's work in and through us — teaching, empowering, and sending us to do what Jesus promised would be 'greater works.' The goal is to move the group from admiring Jesus' works to participating in them.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	Hebrews 13:15
2	Discipleship	John 14:26
3	Humility	Job 38:1
4	Acknowledgment	Ephesians 5:13-14
5	Acceptance	Matthew 19:26
6	Obedience	Jeremiah 1:5
7	Identification	John 14:12

Opening (5–10 min)

Ask: what comes to mind when you hear that Jesus expects us to do 'greater works' than He did? Encouraging, intimidating, or both?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."*

Hebrews 13:15

From the devotional: *The devotion confesses that without Jesus' life, death, and resurrection we would still be disobedient and self-seeking — so our praise*

becomes a continual sacrifice of thanks.

Discuss:

1. Why do you think Scripture calls praise a ‘sacrifice’?
2. How can you offer God thanks continually this week, not only when things go well?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”*

John 14:26

From the devotional: *The devotion calls the Spirit the greatest teacher living within every born-again believer.*

Discuss:

1. When have you sensed the Holy Spirit specifically bringing scripture to mind at the right moment?
2. How might you lean on the Spirit as Teacher more deliberately this week?

Day 3 — Humility

> *“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said…”*

Job 38:1

From the devotional: *The devotion shares how the young people being discipled hear God’s voice for the first time as they pray through Scripture — a humbling experience for them and for the teacher alike.*

Discuss:

1. When have you clearly sensed God speaking to you through His Word?
2. How does hearing God’s voice humble us rather than make us proud?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *"But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason, it says, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.""*

Ephesians 5:13-14

From the devotional: *God has a history of waking us up to realities we were blind to — about ourselves, others, or our circumstances.*

Discuss:

1. What has God recently 'exposed' or made visible to you that you hadn't noticed before?
2. How did you respond — and how do you want to respond going forward?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *"And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.""*

Matthew 19:26

From the devotional: *The devotion acknowledges how easy it is to despair at the corruption around us, but Jesus teaches that with God all things are possible — He is answering our prayers for those we disciple.*

Discuss:

1. What situation feels 'impossible' to you right now?
2. Whom are you praying for that you need to keep trusting God to reach?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah 1:5

From the devotional: *The devotion applies God's word to Jeremiah to every born-again Christian, confessing how weak our nature can feel when we try to do His will.*

Discuss:

1. How does it feel to know that God knew you and set you apart before you were born?
2. Where do you feel too weak to obey, and how does Jeremiah 1:5 speak to that?

Day 7 — Identification

> *"Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father."*

John 14:12

From the devotional: *A send-off verse: With Jesus interceding for us at the Father's right hand, we go out equipped, not alone.*

Discuss:

1. What is one 'work' God may be calling you toward that feels bigger than your own ability?
2. How does knowing Jesus is interceding for you change how you approach it?

Application Challenge

Ask the Holy Spirit each morning this week, specifically, to show you one opportunity to serve someone — then act on it before the day ends.

Week 22: Peace That Surpasses

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 22 addresses anxiety directly, pointing the group toward the peace that comes from bringing everything to God rather than carrying it alone. The goal is practical: replacing anxious control with prayerful trust.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	Psalm 145:16-18
2	Discipleship	Philippians 4:6-7
3	Humility	Philippians 4:13
4	Acknowledgment	Philippians 4:8
5	Acceptance	Habakkuk 2:1
6	Obedience	Jeremiah 17:7
7	Identification	Psalm 25:10

Opening (5–10 min)

Ask: What has been weighing on you this week that you haven't fully handed over to God in prayer?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth."*

Psalm 145:16-18

From the devotional: *The devotion is amazed at how far God has gone to rescue us and free us from our sinful nature — He is near to all who call on Him in truth.*

Discuss:

1. How have you experienced God being near when you called on Him?
2. What does it mean to call on God 'in truth'?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 4:6-7

From the devotional: *The devotion notes that God already knows the whole list of requests we carry — and is addressing each one.*

Discuss:

1. What is on your current 'list' of anxieties or requests?
2. What would change if you brought that list to God with thanksgiving rather than worry?

Day 3 — Humility

> *"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*

Philippians 4:13

From the devotional: *The devotion asks God for help to celebrate Him today as He prepares us to serve through His strength rather than our own.*

Discuss:

1. What is one task this week you know you cannot do without Christ's strength?
2. How does celebrating God first change the way you approach a hard assignment?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."*

Philippians 4:8

From the devotional: *Peace is connected to what we choose to dwell on — acknowledgment includes being honest about what's filling our minds.*

Discuss:

1. What has been occupying your thoughts most this week — and does it fit this list?
2. What is one true, honorable, or lovely thing you could deliberately dwell on instead?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *"I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved."*

Habakkuk 2:1

From the devotional: *The devotion points to Habakkuk waiting at his post to hear God's response to the evil in Israel — and calls us to accept the same call to watch for and obey our Father's voice.*

Discuss:

1. What would it look like for you to 'stand on your guard post' and wait for God's answer?
2. Is there a situation where you need to listen before you act?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord.”*

Jeremiah 17:7

From the devotional: *A short verse with a big claim: our trust itself is meant to rest in God, not just our circumstances improving.*

Discuss:

1. Is your peace currently dependent on your circumstances changing, or on who God is regardless of circumstances?
2. What would it take to shift your trust more fully onto Him this week?

Day 7 — Identification

> *“All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.”*

Psalm 25:10

From the devotional: *The devotion notes that God’s faithful paths are not just a reminder for us personally but a truth we must teach to those who seek to serve Him.*

Discuss:

1. How have you seen God’s lovingkindness and truth along your own path?
2. Who could you encourage this week by sharing how God has been faithful to you?

Application Challenge

Each time you notice anxiety rising this week, pause and pray Philippians 4:6-7 out loud, by name, over the specific situation.

Week 23: Content in All Things

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 23 explores contentment — not as resignation, but as a learned trust that God's provision and presence are enough. The goal is to help the group name what's driving their discontentment and bring it to God.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	Psalm 103:2
2	Discipleship	Joshua 1:7
3	Humility	Joshua 24:15
4	Acknowledgment	James 1:25
5	Acceptance	Philippians 4:11
6	Obedience	Philippians 4:13
7	Identification	1 John 4:6

Opening (5–10 min)

Ask: what is one area of life where contentment feels hardest for you right now?

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits."*

Psalm 103:2

From the devotional: *The devotion reminds us that God's blessings go far beyond anything we could hope for, so we should praise Him each time He blesses us.*

Discuss:

1. Name one of God's 'benefits' you are tempted to forget.
2. How could our group help one another remember to praise God for His blessings?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *"Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:7

From the devotional: *The devotion observes that Scripture and our daily lives both make it clear: real success comes only from God, and any success of our own design is temporary.*

Discuss:

1. How do you tend to measure success, and how does Joshua 1:7 challenge that?
2. Where do you need courage to keep from turning 'to the right or to the left'?

Day 3 — Humility

> *"…but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

Joshua 24:15

From the devotional: *Joshua's declaration is a decision, not a feeling — made in advance of circumstances.*

Discuss:

1. Is your commitment to serve the Lord more of a settled decision or a mood that shifts with your week?
2. What would it look like to make Joshua's declaration your own this week, regardless of feeling?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”*

James 1:25

From the devotional: *The devotion admits that we sometimes question God when troubles come, but as He grows us, we learn contentment in trouble and the ability to enjoy His blessings.*

Discuss:

1. When have you questioned God during a hard time, and what did you learn?
2. What is one blessing you can thank God for in the middle of a current difficulty?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *“Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.”*

Philippians 4:11

From the devotional: *Paul says contentment was learned — through real trials, not avoided ones.*

Discuss:

1. What trial has taught you the most about contentment so far?
2. What current circumstance is God possibly using to teach you the same lesson?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”*

Philippians 4:13

From the devotional: *The devotion links this verse to the week’s theme of finding contentment — even in times of persecution — through the strength Christ supplies.*

Discuss:

1. Where do you need Christ’s strength to be content right now?

2. How is ‘I can do all things’ about faithfulness rather than personal achievement?

Day 7 — Identification

> *“We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”*

1 John 4:6

From the devotional: *The devotion frames this as removing from us the weight of responsibility for those who reject our witness.*

Discuss:

1. Have you ever carried guilt over someone rejecting your witness for Christ? How does this verse speak to that?
2. How does releasing that weight free you to be content in your role, regardless of the outcome?

Application Challenge

Identify one specific want you’ve been treating as a need. Practice thanking God for what you have in that area every day this week.

Week 24: Chosen & Called

Fellowshipping Daily With the Lord

Theme & Goal for the Group

Week 24 closes this volume by returning to identity — chosen, called, and set apart by God. The goal is to send the group into the next season confident of who they are in Christ, not just what they've learned.

Week at a Glance

Day	Aspect	Scripture
1	Praise & Worship	2 Corinthians 1:3-4
2	Discipleship	John 3:16
3	Humility	1 Peter 2:13
4	Acknowledgment	Acts 5:29
5	Acceptance	1 Peter 2:9
6	Obedience	2 Chronicles 19:7
7	Identification	Exodus 20:5

Opening (5–10 min)

Since this is the final week of Volume 3, ask the group to look back over all eight weeks and share which week impacted them the most, and why.

Digging In (20–25 min)

Walk through the following days together. Read each verse aloud, then use the discussion questions to draw out the group.

Day 1 — Praise and Worship

> *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

From the devotional: *The devotion observes that even when our troubles seem small, God is always right there to help — and He comforts us so that we can comfort others.*

Discuss:

1. When has God comforted you in a way that later helped you comfort someone else?
2. Who around you needs the comfort God has given you?

Day 2 — Discipleship

> *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

From the devotional: *The devotion calls God's act of rescue in John 3:16 the key to being forever forgiven through grace and the sacrifice of Jesus — sealing our present and eternal life with Him.*

Discuss:

1. When did John 3:16 first become personal to you?
2. Who in your life needs to hear about God's rescue this week?

Day 3 — Humility

> *"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority."*

1 Peter 2:13

From the devotional: *The devotion admits this is a tough command as more of our laws and customs move away from God's plan for mankind.*

Discuss:

1. Where do you find it hardest to submit to authority with a Christ-like attitude?
2. How can we honor God when we disagree with the institutions around us?

Day 4 — Acknowledgment

> *“But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.””*

Acts 5:29

From the devotional: *The devotion notes this stands in sharp contrast to submitting to authority — there are times we must choose God’s path over any competing demand.*

Discuss:

1. Have you faced a moment where obeying God meant going against what was expected of you?
2. How do you discern when that tension is truly a call to obey God rather than people?

Day 5 — Acceptance

> *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

1 Peter 2:9

From the devotional: *This is the identity the whole study has been building toward: chosen, not by accident, and called to proclaim it.*

Discuss:

1. Does ‘chosen’ and ‘royal priesthood’ feel true to how you see yourself day to day? Why or why not?
2. What is one practical way you can ‘proclaim the excellencies’ of God this coming week?

Day 6 — Obedience

> *“Now then let the fear of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality or the taking of bribes.”*

2 Chronicles 19:7

From the devotional: *The devotion explains that fearing God means revering Him, humbly submitting to His Lordship, praising His awesomeness, and carefully following all His commands.*

Discuss:

1. What does a healthy ‘fear of the Lord’ look like in your daily choices?
2. Is there an area where you need to be ‘very careful what you do’ this week?

Day 7 — Identification

> *“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me.”*

Exodus 20:5

From the devotional: *A sober closing warning: our allegiance belongs to God alone — everything else in this study flows from that.*

Discuss:

1. What competes most for the allegiance that belongs to God alone in your life right now?
2. As you close this volume, what is one step toward giving Him that undivided allegiance?

Application Challenge

Write a short letter to yourself naming who God has shown you that you are (chosen, called, His own) over these eight weeks. Read it again in one month.

Closing

After Week 24: Where to Go Next — Once your group completes Volume 3, take a session to look back rather than rushing into something new. Ask which of the Seven Aspects felt most natural, which one stretched the group most, and where they sensed God moving in their daily quiet time over these eight weeks.