

# 10 WEEKS OF BASIC DISCIPLESHIP

Spotswood Church West

Just before His ascension into heaven, the resurrected Jesus commanded the apostles to go into all the world bearing witness to the gospel and making disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Gospel means good news – the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead, loves you, and by His own mercy and grace will forgive your sins and give you eternal life. That’s the best news anyone could ever hear! We are each one called to believe in Jesus, confess our sins, and follow Him with our lives. This is the road of discipleship – becoming a follower of Jesus. However, many believe but never make basic progress in the incredible journey of understanding who Jesus is and what His will is for the world. The only way to make progress in understanding Jesus is to study His word, the Bible. Through the Bible the Lord Jesus reveals Himself and His will to us. You are never too young or old to pick up the Bible for the first time and truly study it.

I have compiled a brief list of verses here to walk you through some of the basic doctrines (beliefs) of the Christian faith. This study is designed for you to read a passage from the Bible five days each week. Each day you’ll read the passage for the day and write a brief response for each question related to that passage. You should be answering all four questions for each passage. I encourage you to get a blank notebook or start a fresh word document, and on the first page write the following four questions:

## **Basic Questions**

1. *What do I learn about Jesus (God) from this passage?*
2. *What do I learn about people, or myself, from this passage?*
3. *How can I praise Jesus because of what I have learned?*
4. *How should I live differently because of what I have learned?*

For some passages the answers will come easier than others, but every significant passage in the Bible teaches us something about God or Jesus and teaches us something about ourselves (humanity) in light of what we have learned about Jesus. Also, everything we learn about Jesus will in some way lead us to worship and honor him more, and live differently because of what we have learned. All these bits and pieces add up to change completely our understanding of God and how he would have us to live. This is the path of discipleship.

In your reading don’t be frustrated by getting behind – just pick up where you left off. Eventually you will read all the passages. As you read, be sure to quiet your heart and pray before you read each passage. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what you need to know through His precious word. God, by the Holy Spirit, will meet you where you are, and like a Good Shepherd, will guide you and shape your heart. May you *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen”* 2 Peter 3:18

Jesus is Lord,

*Pastor Vic*

**Week 1:** Who is Jesus?

- Hebrews 1:1-4, Colossians 1:15-20
- Matthew 4:17-5:16
- Matthew 6:19-34, 7:15-29
- John 3:1-21
- Luke 8:4-25

**Week 2:** What is the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

- Gethsemane: Matthew 26:30-46, Mark 14:26-42
- Betrayal: Luke 22:1-6, John 18:1-18, Matthew 26:47-56
- Trial: Matthew 26:57-31
- Crucifixion: John 19
- Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-15, Luke 24:1-35

**Week 3:** What is the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ?

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Romans 3:9-31
- Romans 10:5-17
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Titus 3:3-9

**Week 4:** What is the Bible?

- Psalm 119:1-16, 105-112
- Ezra 7:10, Nehemiah 8
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 1 Peter 1:24-25, Isaiah 40:6-8
- James 1:13-18

**Week 5:** How do I pray?

- Matthew 6:5-15
- 1 Samuel 1:9-20
- 1 John 1:9, Psalm 51
- Philippians 4:4-7
- James 1:13-18

**Week 6:** Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Acts 1:1-5, 2:1-47
- John 14:15-31
- John 16:1-15
- Romans 8:1-17
- Romans 12

**Week 7:** How should a Christian live (ethics)?

- Genesis 3
- Exodus 19:16-20:21
- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Matthew 5:1-16, 22:34-39
- Romans 12:9-21

**Week 8:** What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ?

- Acts 1:1-11
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:4
- 2 Peter 3:1-15
- Revelation 1:9-20

**Week 9:** What is baptism & the Lord's Supper?

- Baptism: Matthew 3:1-17
- Baptism: Matthew 28:16-20
- Baptism: Acts 10
- Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:17-29
- Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**Week 10:** What is Heaven?

- Matthew 6:9-13, 19-21
- Matthew 17:1-9
- Acts 6:8-7:2, 7:47-60
- Philippians 3:20-4:1
- Revelation 21:1-8