

# WORLD CHANGERS

## BIBLE READING GUIDES

### These reading guides will change your world!

Jesus was and is the ultimate world-changer. During His life on earth, He connected with His Father in heaven daily, and followed the Spirit's leading to impact the people within His circle of influence, one meeting at a time. Jesus' entire life was devoted to changing the world as we know it. His life, death and resurrection created the greatest change this world has ever seen. The Series Two Bible Reading Guides were developed specifically for young adults within the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific Division between the ages of 15-35 years. It was developed out of a dream to equip a generation of young adults with the tools they need, so that they may go out into their world and share Jesus with those in their community. The reading guides cover many of the core truths and discipleship principles in the Bible. We invite you to begin the

adventure of being a world-changer.

Philippians 4:13 states, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Remember that in order to be a world-changer like Jesus you need to spend time alone with God, become familiar with God's Word and learn to listen to God's voice. As the stories in these World Changers Bible Reading Guides become more real to you, share your discoveries about Jesus with others. Talk about Jesus and what He is doing in your life; the more you share these moments with people, the easier it will be to talk about Him. So enjoy the journey of becoming a world-changer within the space God has placed you. It is our prayer that you will use your World Changers Bible Reading Guides to make a difference in people's lives. The South Pacific Division Discipleship Ministries team are excited to partner with you on this journey. We will be praying for you as you step out in faith. Go. Become a world-changer!

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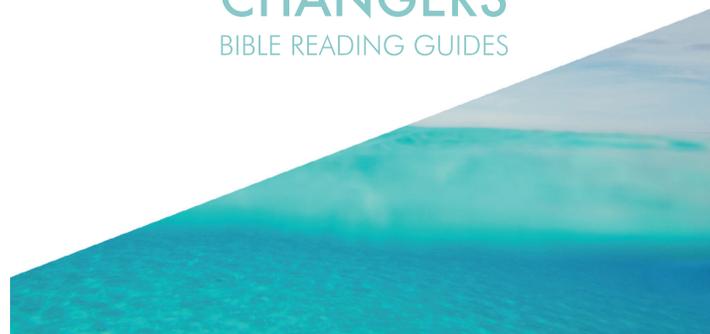


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## SERIES TWO

Welcome to the World Changers Bible Reading Guides. This is a unique set of reading guides combining some of the core truths of the Bible, as well as some practical discipleship topics. The reading guides will help YOU become a world-changing disciple for Jesus.



There are 28 biblical topics that form the main teachings of scripture. These become the foundations in preparation for **baptism**.



Additionally, there are 30 reading guides that provide a framework for Christian **discipleship** and lifestyle. These topics will help you apply and live out the principles in your discipleship calling.

As it says in Psalm 119:105, “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Our prayer is that as you read the Bible with your friends, you will enjoy getting to know Jesus better. He loves you and your friends, and you will be inspired as you grow in your faith and help your friends get to know Him better.

## EACH WORLD CHANGERS READING TOPIC HAS FOUR PARTS

1. The number and title of the Bible reading and a brief introduction of the topic you will read about.
2. **Key Scripture:** The story you will read together and a brief overview of the passage, to start your discussions and exploration of the Word.
3. **Additional Scripture:** Some supporting stories and texts that will help to strengthen the key story.
4. **Questions to Consider:** These discussion questions will promote thinking and reflection on the stories you have read together. They will also encourage spiritual growth and encourage you to share your ideas with other friends.



## HELPFUL WORLD-CHANGING TIPS:

- Always start and end with a simple prayer asking for God to guide you as you read together. You can follow the Discovery Bible Reading format if you're familiar with that resource. <http://discipleship.adventistchurch.com/resources/discovery-bible-reading/>
- You don't have to read all of the additional texts; they are there if you want to dig deeper. Stick to an agreed time frame of around one hour.
- Your World Changer Bible has a powerful insert at the front with some excellent information on how to read the Bible, pray and share your faith with friends.
- Make sure you have completed the World Changers training when you received your Bible. You will find it very helpful.
- Take notes of what you are learning so you're better prepared for the next Bible reading with your group. There may be questions that need some research during the week. Use the last few pages of the World Changers Reading Guide.
- The World Changers Bible project training video series are available online. These training videos are designed to be used with the World Changers Bible insert. They correspond to each topic. Feel free to download them and use them at your church, school, life group or with your friends. You will find the videos on the World Changers Bible Project Facebook group or at the following Web based sources:
  - <https://youth.adventistchurch.com/resources/worldchangers>
  - <https://disciple.org.au/resources/world-changers>

The World Changers Bible Reading Guides are like diamond mines that will reveal the treasures hidden in the pages of God's Word. So enjoy the life-changing journey of becoming a World Changer. You really will change the world one person at a time.

God bless,

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## #1 THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Have you ever had to move around in the dark without a torch? It's slow going and you bump into things. Many people today are stumbling through life, not sure where they are going and not sure how they are going to get where they want to be. The Bible is sometimes called the *Holy Scriptures* or the *Word of God*. It's actually a collection of 66 individual books or letters written by 35 different people from all kinds of different backgrounds over a period of about 1600 years. It is divided into two main sections; the Old Testament, which contains 39 books, and the New Testament, which contains the remaining 27 books. The Bible has been written as a guide for your life.

### KEY SCRIPTURE 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY MEN WHO WERE GUIDED BY GOD

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Luke 24:13-27** Jesus explains from the Bible who He was

**Hebrews 4:9-13** The Word of God is living and powerful

**Psalms 119:105** His Word is like a lamp and a light

**John 5:39** Scripture testifies of Jesus

**Luke 4:14-30** Jesus used the Scriptures as His guide

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you like to learn what the Bible can teach us about life?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #2 LIFE, DEATH & RESURRECTION OF CHRIST — WHO IS JESUS?

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden something went missing: our perfect relationship with God. Since that day, humanity's sinful nature has been unable to do anything about repairing our relationship with God. So, God came looking for us, He devised a way of finding and bringing us back from being lost. It cost Him everything. He took responsibility by dying on the cross in the form of His Son, Jesus. However, in dying as a sinless sacrifice, Jesus won the greatest victory. Three days later, He rose from the grave and will live through all eternity as our High Priest and best friend.

### KEY SCRIPTURE LUKE 4:14-21 JESUS' BLUEPRINT FOR MINISTRY

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 1:1-14** Word became flesh

**1 Peter 2: 21-25** Jesus our saviour

**Mark 15:33-47** Jesus' death

**Mark 16:1-14** Jesus' resurrection

**Philippians 2:5-11** Jesus' humility and glory

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What significance does the life, death and resurrection of Jesus have for you?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

### #3 THE EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION

Ever been caught short? Not enough money to make a purchase? Not enough time on the clock to win? Not enough knowledge to work out the problem? Not enough patience to wait for an outcome? Not enough strength to qualify? Not enough room to fit? Not enough height to reach? When it comes to being eligible for heaven, on your own, we come up way too short. God knew that would be the case. We would never be able to save ourselves, so He gave us Jesus to make up the shortfall, to bridge the gap between Him and us.

#### KEY SCRIPTURE JOHN 8:1-11 JESUS REDEEMS THE ADULTERER

##### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Ephesians 2:1-10** God's love for us is great  
**Galatians 4:1-7** In the Garden of Eden, we became separated from God by sin  
**Romans 3:21-26** We are all sinners, but God sacrificed His only Son to save us  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-8** The gospel story

##### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you be interested in inviting Jesus to be your Saviour?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

### #4 GROWING IN CHRIST

It is hard to have a healthy vegetable garden if you are short on good soil or you don't have enough water or ample sunshine. These things are essential for a garden to flourish. In order to grow and develop as a Christian, there are certain 'nutrients' needed. These nutrients are in abundant supply if we know where to look for them; if we use them wisely, they will enable us to grow into healthy strong followers of God.

#### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 9:17-29 JESUS RELEASES THE BOY

##### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Ephesians 4:11-16** People of faith are the Body of Christ  
**Philippians 3:7-16** Worldly gains are worth nothing  
**Colossians 3:1-17** Live with compassion  
**Matthew 5:38-48** Love your enemies

##### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you like to develop your relationship with God and see Him act in your life more?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #5 BEING A DISCIPLE

We all look up to someone: our parents, mentors and other people who inspire us. We often take on board their ideas, habits and ways of thinking. Jesus inspired a group of His friends who He called His disciples. Disciples are protégés; learners or apprentices to Jesus who multiply disciples by following Jesus' methods, cultivating His movement, preparing people for His coming. A disciple is a person who in every way is becoming more like Jesus!

### KEY SCRIPTURE **EPHESIANS 4:15-16** BECOME THE BODY OF CHRIST

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>Mark 16:15-16</b> Go to the world</p> <p><b>Acts 1:8</b> You will receive power</p> <p><b>John 15:16</b> Bear fruit that will last</p> <p><b>Matthew 16:24-27</b> Deny yourself and follow</p> <p><b>Philippians 3:7-14</b> The surpassing worth of Jesus</p> <p><b>Luke 22:14-30</b> The Last Supper</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. What could you do to become more like Jesus?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #6 GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH

Growing up is great when you're a child, wondering what it will be like being an adult. It takes time and at each step, we learn new things about life and about ourselves. Growing as a Christian is also important. As we learn more about the Bible and the Mission of God, we begin to realise that we can also play a part in building God's Kingdom. Jesus has plans for your life and your greatest joy will be found in living out His plans for you.

### KEY SCRIPTURE **JOHN 15:1-8** THE GRAPEVINE

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>2 Timothy 3:14-17</b> God's Word is profitable</p> <p><b>Daniel 9:1-5</b> Daniel prays to God</p> <p><b>Psalms 19:1-14</b> God's law is perfect</p> <p><b>Hebrews 10:19-25</b> Let's draw near to God</p> <p><b>Jeremiah 29:11-14</b> God has a plan for us</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. Do you want to grow deeper in faith with Jesus?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #7 GOD'S STORY

God also has a story and it comes with a gift. He loved the world so much He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will live for all eternity. Now there's a story worth telling. What God is offering is a chance of a lifetime, for all humanity to be reconciled to Him through Jesus. You will never hear a better story than that!

### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 16:1-20 JESUS RESURRECTED

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 53:1-12** The suffering Saviour

**John 3:13-18** God loved the world

**Philippians 2:5-11** Jesus' life, death and glory

**Hebrews 4:15** Jesus is tempted in every way

**Isaiah 41:10** I will uphold you

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you like to accept the gift of eternal life God is offering you?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #8 TELL OTHERS ABOUT YOUR STORY

We all love good stories. Stories are how history has been preserved for generations. Everyone has a story to tell; some stories are sad others are happy. We all have our own story to tell and our story can be a powerful testimony of how God has been good to us. When we meet Jesus, He changes our story from defeat and brokenness to healing and victory. Jesus came to offer us a changed life and when we meet Him, amazing things happen. What is your story?

### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 5:1-20 JESUS RESTORES A DEMON-POSSESSED MAN

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 8:1-4** Jesus heals a man with leprosy

**Luke 21:12-15** God will give you words to say

**John 4:28-30, 39-42** The woman of Samaria

**Mark 5:1-20** Demon-possessed man's testimony

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you be interested in drafting your story so you're ready to share?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #9 GOD THE FATHER

Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper. Let's say you are in an Origami class and the teacher brings in a crisply folded paper boat complete with sails and a flag—it really looks like you could take a ride in it! You try to replicate the same boat. If you end up with something that vaguely resembles a boat, you're brilliant. Unless you go through the step-by-step process and listen carefully to the experts, you have little hope of success. Being a father can be like that. There are models and instructions on how best to do it, but many ignore the advice, some don't even try, while others make a good go of it. What is a good father? The Bible talks about the absolute model father, someone worth copying!

### KEY SCRIPTURE LUKE 15:11-32 THE PRODIGAL SON

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>John 3:16-17</b> God gave His Son</p> <p><b>John 14:8-11</b> Jesus reveals the Father</p> <p><b>John 17:1-5</b> Eternal life through the Father</p> <p><b>1 Timothy 6:13-16</b> God gives light to all</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. In what ways have you seen God as a loving father figure in your life?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #10 JESUS THE SON

Have you ever been asked to give 100%? Sometimes you hear people say, "I gave it 110%." The truth is, we can't give 100%. We can only give it our best shot. We can give until it hurts, but we can't really give 110%. Jesus is different. He didn't give 100%, even 110%, Jesus gave 200%! Jesus gave 100% as a human being and 100% as God. Only He could do that. We cannot really understand why. All we can do is accept that He did, and thank Him for it.

### KEY SCRIPTURE JOHN 1:1-18 JESUS WAS AT THE CREATION

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>Colossians 1:15-23</b> With His authority, all things were created through Him</p> <p><b>Philippians 2:5-11</b> He humbled Himself by being obedient to death and dying for our sins</p> <p><b>John 14:1-3</b> Jesus promises us that He will not abandon us</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. How should we respond to Jesus' life, death, resurrection and His promise to come back?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #11 GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

You can't see the wind, but you can see its effects—the leaves of the trees move, the clouds float by, the waves of the sea continue to roll in. You can't see electricity, but you can see its effects—the light illuminates, the stove becomes hot, the car starts. Likewise, you can't see the Holy Spirit, but you can see His effects—a heart is softened, a temper subdued, a life transformed. The Holy Spirit isn't something that has just popped up recently. He's been around as long as God the Father and Jesus. He had His part to play in the creation.

**KEY SCRIPTURE ACTS 2:1-17** THE DAY OF THE PENTECOST ALL THE DISCIPLES WERE TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Acts 1: 4-8** Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit  
**John 16:7-15** Jesus left the disciples so that they could receive the Holy Spirit  
**Galatians 5:16-26** The Holy Spirit offers love, joy, peace, forbearance, etc

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What do you think the main role of the Holy Spirit is?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #12 TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT

Do you like fruit? A good mango is hard to beat. Jesus also talked about us being like grapes connected to the vine. Paul talked about the fruit of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience and more. When we allow God to live in us, we will bear good fruit in our lives. The fruit we receive from God will help us to be a blessing to others as we reveal the character of God in our lives. Why not enjoy God's fruit now?

**KEY SCRIPTURE GALATIANS 5:13-26** FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 3:8-11** Spirit baptism  
**John 15:1-8** Spirit connects us with the Father  
**Romans 7:4-6** Serving in the way of the Spirit  
**1 Corinthians 13:4-8** Spirit inspires love  
**Ephesians 3:14-19** Strengthened by the Spirit

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What are some spiritual fruit you would like to have in your life?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #13 THE TRINITY

A triangle has three sides and three angles. These characteristics help define the shape. If we take away one angle or one side, it will no longer be a triangle. God is also made up of three different sides—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Like the triangular shape, all three sides of God play an important role in being God. The Bible clearly reveals to us who each of them are, and how they work together as One.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 1:1-11 JESUS' BAPTISM

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>Matthew 28:18-20</b> Father, Son and Holy Spirit endorse baptism</p> <p><b>John 14:15-21, 26</b> Spirit sent a helper to teach who the Godhead is</p> <p><b>Ephesians 4:3-6</b> Unity in the Godhead</p> <p><b>1 Peter 1:1-2</b> Chosen by Father, Son and Spirit</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. How do you think the Godhead is like a family?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #14 CREATION

It is easy to tell if someone has walked along the beach, they leave footprints in the sand. It is easy to tell if the wind has been blowing, there are leaves everywhere. It is easy to tell if it has been raining, it is wet on the concrete. God does not reveal Himself to us through our senses. We cannot see, hear or touch Him, but we do know that He exists because we can clearly see the evidence by looking at the world around us. He has left clear footprints for us to see and follow.

### KEY SCRIPTURE GENESIS 1:1-2:4 GOD CREATED THE WORLD

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>Psalms 8:1-9</b> The heavens above us testify to God</p> <p><b>Exodus 20:8-11</b> He created everything in six days and rested on the Sabbath</p> <p><b>Hebrews 11:1-3</b> Faith is believing what we do not see</p> <p><b>Isaiah 45:12,18</b> God stretched out the heavens</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. God created everything, and everything belongs to Him. Where do we see God in nature?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #15 THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

Big Heinz was a fighter who escaped to Australia from East Germany many years ago. Not long after he arrived, word got out that he could box. The then Australian boxing champion was looking for a sparring partner leading up to his world title fight—someone he could practice on. Heinz was commissioned. The Australian climbed through the ropes and began to dance around the ring swinging this way and that, jabbing, ducking and weaving, gloves at the ready. Heinz stood calmly in the middle and looked on, hands by his side. The bell sounded. Heinz took a step forward, fired off a right uppercut—and the Australian was out cold. It was all over. That's how it will all end—Jesus is going to knock-out the devil.

**KEY SCRIPTURE** JOB 1:1-2:10 JOB LIVED A RIGHTEOUS, BLAMELESS LIFE

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>Genesis 3:1-8</b> Fall of humanity</p> <p><b>Isaiah 14:12-14</b> Lucifer became proud and challenged God</p> <p><b>Rev 12:7-12</b> The original fight in heaven between Lucifer (Satan) and God</p> <p><b>John 12:27-33</b> The world will be judged</p> <p><b>Ezekiel 28:13-17</b> Guardian cherub became wicked</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. How do you think you are involved in the battle between God and Satan?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #16 THE NATURE OF HUMANITY

There is no doubt that we are born with evil tendencies. Why is it you feel like running over the person who cuts you off in traffic? Or pushing the person who jumps the queue at the shops? Or punching the big mouth at school? Or hoping the arrogant shopper gets a flat tyre while leaving the car park? Being nasty and immoral seems to come naturally.

**KEY SCRIPTURE** JOHN 3:1-21 YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE	QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER
<p><b>Genesis 1:26-28</b> God gave Adam and Eve the power of choice</p> <p><b>Genesis 3:1-8</b> Adam and Eve fell from their noble position and death was the result</p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 5:19</b> Although we sinned, God reconciles us to Himself in Christ</p> <p><b>Romans 6:17-23</b> Set free from sin through God's gift</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is new and interesting?</li><li>2. What don't you understand?</li><li>3. Would you like God to renew this world and your heart with His Spirit?</li><li>4. What will you share with someone this week?</li></ol>

## #17 THE NEW EARTH

How can people all over the world talk, share pictures, videos and other information through Facebook at the same time? How does a TV pluck pictures out of the air? How can you turn on a radio and hear a band in another country playing in a live concert? How does the internet work?

All these are recent creations, and most of us have little clue how and why they work, we just know they do, and that is enough. The Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth in six days, how did He do that? Unfortunately, we all missed creation the first time, but, we have an invitation to be around when He does it the second time!

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**REVELATION 21:1-27** THE GREAT CONTROVERSY WILL BE OVER

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 14:1-6** Jesus is preparing a place for His followers in heaven

**Hebrews 11:8-16** They can live a life full of faith in the promises of God

**Revelation 22:12-17** Jesus promises the gift of everlasting life

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Do you want to spend eternity with God and His family?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #18 THE CHURCH

What is it that defines a family? Is it a street address? Is it because they go on holiday together? Share the same bathtub? It's not really any of these; the thing that really defines a family is the people in it! A family is made up of people. The church is the same. The church isn't so much about timber, bricks and mortar, it's about people, it's about a community. God has always had a group of people called His church because it's His way of letting people know He exists and cares for people of every age.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**ACTS 2:42-47** THE CHURCH, THE BELIEVERS ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 16:13-20** That means God looks at us to do His work for Him

**Matthew 18:15-20** God is always present where two or more meet in His name

**Ephesians 4:11-16** God assigns each of us work to do in the church

**Galatians 3:26-29** We are His children

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Why do you think God loves the church?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #19 YOU ARE A MINISTER

If you've ever built a house, you know it's very rewarding. It's even better if a great family lives there. Jesus is building a spiritual house, a living temple made of spiritual people. You might never have thought of yourself as a holy person or a priest, but Jesus said we are all part of a royal priesthood. As part of God's holy nation, Christians have a special role to play in helping others become who God made them to be.

### KEY SCRIPTURE 1 PETER 2:1-12 A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 20:20-28** We must serve others

**1 Corinthians 12:4-14** We all have gifts to benefit the church

**Acts 2:42-47** The early believers worshipped together

**1 Corinthians 12:27-13:1** Eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What do you think being part of a royal nation means today?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #20 THE REMNANT AND ITS MISSION

Have you ever played the game *Truth or Lie?* In this game, each player is invited to share three statements about themselves, two are lies and one will be true. The hearers must decide which statement is true and which two are false. It can be difficult picking out the true statement if you do not know the person very well. However, if you are good friends, it is easier to spot the fake statements, and if you are family, that is a clear advantage.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 25:1-13 WE HAVE TO BE PRESENT-MINDED

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**2 Peter 3:4-14** God loves us dearly and wants all of us to be saved

**1 Peter 1:16-20** God promises us the gift of everlasting life

**Revelation 12:17** These people are the continuation of God's people from times past

**Revelation 18:1-4** Babylon in the Bible is considered a symbol of evil

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What steps could you take to follow the truth to be part of God's remnant?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #21 DISCIPLE MAKING—EVERYONE’S CALLING

The Great Commission is one of the core statements of Jesus in regard to the role of His disciples. They were to GO and MAKE other disciples. After only three and a half years, Jesus had trained and equipped His core believers with a clear direction and mandate for their lives. As they followed the leading of the Spirit, they turned the world upside down. Are you ready to step into the future as a disciple of Jesus today?

### KEY SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 28:16-20 COMMISSIONING THE DISCIPLES

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Luke 24:44-49** Gospel preached to all nations

**Acts 1:4-8** You will receive power

**John 20:21-22** As the Father sent me, I send you

**Luke 10:1-12** Go out and make disciples

**2 Timothy 2:15** Present yourself as an approved worker

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Will you let the Spirit lead you to become a disciple of Jesus?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #22 THE GOOD FARMERS

Any farmer knows how to work with the soil, weather, seed stock and seasons in getting the most out of his or her land, time and resources. Likewise, Jesus used the soil to represent humanity, and the seed to represent the Word of God. As we grow in our understanding of the Gospel Commission, we need to be guided by the *secrets* of the Kingdom as outlined in the parable of the farmer.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 4:1-20 FARMING ILLUSTRATES FAITH SHARING

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Mark 4:26-29** Seeds grow by themselves

**1 Corinthians 3:5-10** Evangelism is a team effort

**Matthew 9:35-38** The harvest is plentiful, but workers are few

**Ezekiel 36:26** A new Spirit will be given you

**2 Peter 3:9** God wants all to come to repentance

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you be willing to grow your faith as Jesus leads?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #23 JESUS TEACHES ON DISCIPLE-MAKING

Sharing food together is an enjoyable part of life, especially when you're with friends. Jesus sent His disciples out to meet more people who were ready to hear the Word. He even told them to eat with friends along the way and offer healing and help where they could. He called these friends *Persons of Peace*. As we step out in faith to meet new people, it helps us to remember that Jesus has been preparing them to meet us.

**KEY SCRIPTURE LUKE 10:1-12 GO OUT AND FIND PERSONS OF PEACE**

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 9:9-13** Jesus calls the sinners

**Matthew 11:15-19** We need to respond to God

**Acts 2:46-47** The church worked together

**Matthew 4:19-20** We need to follow Jesus

**Luke 6:40** Be fully trained by the Master

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Are you willing to share a meal with new friends?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #24 LEARNING TO PRAY

Mobile phones were an amazing invention. It's hard to remember what life was like without them. Within coverage, your mobile connects you to anyone anywhere at any time. Prayer is a bit like that too. God is always ready to listen to your prayers and He will often respond in one of several ways. God speaks through His Word, by promptings, burdens, advice from friends at the perfect timing and even sometimes directly as He did with the early apostles. Prayer has the power to change your life as you begin to connect with your Heavenly Father. So start talking to Him now.

**KEY SCRIPTURE LUKE 11:1-3 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 17:1-21** Jesus' prayer topics

**Matthew 7:7-11** Prayer for God's providing in our lives

**1 Timothy 2: 1-5** Prayer for others to know God

**Psalms 139:1-18** God's intimate knowledge and care for us

**Psalms 51:1-17** Prayers of repentance

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What would you like to talk to God about?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #25 WHEN GOD ANSWERS, "WAIT"

We all like instant results. That's why Google is the top internet site in many parts of the world. It can be frustrating when we don't get answers immediately. With God, it's a bit different. He knows that some things we ask for are not for our best and if we got what we asked for, it would be to our detriment. That's why He sometimes says "Wait a while," or a simple "No." Remember—He knows us best.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 7:7-11 GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Proverbs 3:5-6** We need to trust God with our lives

**Jeremiah 29:10-14** He has a plan for us all, when we submit to Him

**2 Corinthians 12:1-10** God's strength is made perfect in our weakness

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How do you handle it when your prayers don't get the answer you wanted?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #26 OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

There's a temptation for everyone, food, fame, money just to name a few. As one person said, "I can resist anything except temptation." In the Bible, temptation relates to various kinds of transgressions. Breaking God's law is one form of temptation, following our natural will against God can also be a temptation. There is only one way to overcome temptation, that's through the power of God in your life. God will equip you to overcome any temptation if you let Him.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 4:1-11 JESUS RESISTED THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATIONS

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 29:1-23** Joseph resisted his master's wife's advances

**Philippians 4:4-9** Turn your fears into prayers and always hope

**1 Timothy 6:6-16** Resist the temptation for wealth

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. In what ways do you feel tempted to do things you know are wrong?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #27 RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Have you ever done anything you wish you didn't? We've all made mistakes that have cost us in one way or another. It's easy to damage relationships because of wrong actions, but how do we make it right again? This is where forgiveness and reconciliation come in handy. Apologising may be hard, but the rewards are amazing.

**KEY SCRIPTURE** GENESIS 32:1-21 & 33:1-4 ESAU AND JACOB REUNITE

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 5:21-26** Be reconciled to your enemies

**Matthew 18:15-17** Settle matters quietly, if possible

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21** Be reconciled to God

**Colossians 3:10-17** Forgive those who have wronged you

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How will you be reconciled to those close to you, who might have been wronged?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #28 BAPTISM

Open a bank account. Seek approval for a credit card. Apply for a passport. Make an application for a driver's license. Plan to get married. In all these, you will need to produce one important piece of information. Proof of your age. That is where a Birth Certificate comes in handy. It will tell you when you were born, where you were born and who you were born to. None of us can remember the events surrounding our natural birth, but it is a very important date because it marks our entry into the world and into a family. Baptism is like that, but it is a second birth. It too marks our official entry into a family—the family of God.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 3:1-17** THE BIBLICAL MODEL OF BAPTISM IN THE WATER

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Romans 6:1-14** Baptism represents the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in our lives

**Act 8:26-38** Know God by reading His Word

**Matthew 28:19-20** The Bible commands Jesus' followers to go, teach and baptise

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. After baptism, how do we best ensure that we continue to *walk closely with God*?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #29 THE LORD'S SUPPER

Signs and symbols grab our attention; they are used to promote a product, to remind us of a want or a need. Signs and symbols can remind us of an event or inform us of an impending one. Some just warrant a casual glance, others demand closer attention. When a sign or symbol is coupled with an action, it can become a powerful teaching tool. The Bible contains many signs and symbols. Jesus was constantly using them to illustrate a point and teach a lesson. The night before Jesus died on the cross, He used signs and symbols in an act that would clearly teach His disciples what God's love really means.

**KEY SCRIPTURE LUKE 22:7-20** JESUS BROKE BREAD AND SHARED DRINK

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 13:1-13** Jesus washed the feet of His disciples

**1 Corinthians 11:17-29** Jesus used bread to represent His body and He used the wine (grape juice) as a symbol to represent His blood

**Hebrews 8:10-13** Jesus made a new covenant

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Why should we take part in the communion service?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #30 THE LAW OF GOD

A game of volleyball, basketball or football without rules is not really a game worth playing. Imagine trying to play without rules where everyone can play as they please, the result would be chaos. God realised that a world without rules would be a world of chaos. God knew a life lived without rules would be a life of chaos. God gave us His commandments as a safeguard to ensure that we have the best opportunity to live happy and fulfilled lives.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 10:25-42** JESUS SAID TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOURS AS OURSELVES

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 5:17-48** Jesus didn't come to change the Law

**Exodus 20:1-17** God's law is expressed in the Ten Commandments

**Galatians 5:16-26** God will empower us with His Spirit

**James 2: 8-12** Keep the royal law

**Romans 6:23** Sin means death, but God offers the gift of life through Jesus

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What is the consequence of breaking God's law?  
*See Romans 3:23, 6:23*
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #31 THE SABBATH

If your birthday happens to fall on the 10th of July, you can celebrate it on the 9th or on the 14th, if you like. You can invite your friends over, have the music blaring, cake, balloons, streamers, fireworks and presents—but it will never really be a true birthday celebration unless you do it all on your birthday. God created the world in six days and then He decided to create an extra day, the seventh day. God set it aside as special and totally different from the other days; He called it a day of rest. Ever since, He's set aside the seventh day of every week as His special day to spend with us.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 2:2- 3:6 JESUS HEALED ON THE SABBATH

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 2:1-3** Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day, God rested with them on the Sabbath

**Exodus 20:8-11** Remember the Sabbath of the Lord your God. The Sabbath belongs to God

**Luke 23:53-54** The Sabbath still applied after Jesus died

**Revelation 14:6-7** Worship the creator till the end of time

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How does keeping Sabbath help a person get to know God better?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #32 WORSHIPPING ON THE SABBATH

Have you ever wanted to go on a holiday, just get away for a day or two? God knows you well and wants to help you survive. He built a special day every week where you can have time out from work. He calls it the Sabbath rest. It's a time where followers of God can worship, pray, fellowship and eat together. God wants to keep us close to Him, so He built in a weekly worship date. You'll enjoy the benefits immediately.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 16:11-30 GOD BLESSED THE SABBATH WITH THE ISRAELITES

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Hebrews 4:1-11** There remains a Sabbath rest for God's people

**Matthew 12:1-12** Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

**Jeremiah 17:19-26** Don't do any work on the Sabbath

**Isaiah 58:13-14** Call the Sabbath a delight

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What are you looking forward to about your date with God on Sabbath?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #33 DEALING WITH SUFFERING

Life can be painful. Things don't always go the way we want them to. Bad things happen to good people without any real reason. Believing in God won't miraculously turn all your troubles into joy, but what God does offer is to stand with you through the trials and pain. Knowing we have someone with us makes the burden lighter. The good news is that bad times don't last forever. There is light at the end of the tunnel for all who have faith.

### KEY SCRIPTURE JOHN 9:1-11 JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**1 Peter 5:6-11** The devil roars around like a lion seeking to devour all

**Hebrews 13:1-8** Remember those in prison

**James 1:2-4** Trials bring about perseverance and maturity

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What can you do to allow God to help when you're in pain?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #34 LIVING WITH PERSECUTION

Entertainers say the "crowd" is fickle, they love you one minute, and they hate you the next. When you stand up for Jesus, you might also find some people won't like you. Even Jesus had enemies and all He did was love people. Following Jesus is to go against the mainstream of everyday thinking, so expect trouble to come your way from time to time. The good news is that you are never alone; He is always with you.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 5:1-12 GOD IS WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Philippians 3:7-14** Christ is worth more than all suffering

**Romans 8:31-39** If God is for us, who can be against us?

**John 16:25-33** You will be scattered, but I am with you

**Acts 7:54-60** Stephen saw the glory of God in suffering

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How will I react when faith in God brings trouble my way?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #35 THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Is it possible to stop the clock? Can you rewind to yesterday and live it again? Can you celebrate two birthdays at the same time? Can you stop the wind blowing from one place to the next? Can you stop the waves crashing on the seashore? The answer to all these questions is 'no'! Can you stop Jesus coming back to earth a second time? According to the Bible, the answer to that question is also 'No'. He is coming back, you can bank on it!

### KEY SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 24:29-51

JESUS GIVES THE SIGNS TO LOOK FOR LEADING UP TO HIS SECOND COMING

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Acts 1:9-11** Jesus ascends to the heaven in front of the apostles

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** In the last days leading up to Jesus' Second Coming, people will be overtly evil

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** When Jesus returns you will hear it, see it and feel it!

**Revelation 14:14-16** Jesus will come back to harvest the Earth

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you like to be ready for Jesus when He returns?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #36 DEATH & RESURRECTION

When a battery finally dies and goes flat, you can rub it, shake it, paint it, kick it, yell at it and cry over it. But once you've done all that, it'll still stay dead, because it's finished, expired, done, kaput! Many people in the world today believe, if they are lucky, they will get around 70 years to live their lives and then after that, they will die, all finished, expired, done, kaput! But the Bible proclaims, "Wait, there is more!"

### KEY SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

JESUS' SECOND COMING WILL BRING VICTORY OVER DEATH AND SIN

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 11:1-45** All believers who die before His Second Coming are sleeping

**Psalms 146:1-10** When their spirit departs, they return to the ground and their plans come to nothing

**Thessalonians 4:13-18** Jesus promises to raise up all the believers at His return

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How can you be part of the first resurrection into life eternal?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #37 CHRIST'S MINISTRY IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

You cannot have a shadow unless you have some light; the brighter the light, the better the shadow. Sometimes it is difficult to tell what the object really looks like just by looking in its shadow, but usually, it will give you a fair idea. The more detailed the shadow, the more clues as to the real object. When the lights are turned off, the shadows disappear, and we are faced with an added problem—stumbling around in the dark.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**JOHN 17:1-26** JESUS BECOMES OUR ADVOCATE IN HEAVEN

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Hebrew 9:11-15; 23-28** The work of the priest in the earthly sanctuary became a *shadow* of the work Jesus was to perform in heaven as our High Priest

**1 John 1:5-22** We can receive salvation and forgiveness for our confessed sin through Christ

**Hebrew 4:14-16** As our High Priest, Jesus makes heaven's power available to us, so we can live our lives for God

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Do you want Jesus to be your High Priest, your advocate in heaven?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #38 THE MILLENNIUM AND THE END OF SIN

Ever walked into an exam knowing that it's just a formality—you have handed all your assignments in and passed your coursework even before the exam. But you are required to take the exam anyway because it is part of the requirements? It is a nice feeling knowing you have got the grades to pull you through; it is a lot less stressful looking at the examination clock knowing that when the buzzer finally sounds, you are going to walk out with a pass.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**REVELATION 20:1-15** WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL RAISE THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD FROM THEIR GRAVES, IT IS CALLED THE 'FIRST RESURRECTION'

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 5:24-29** Whoever believes will hear Jesus' voice when He comes back to take them and they will rise back to life and not die again

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** Christ will call His people and they will rise from the grave

**Revelation 21:1-2** The Millennium will be a time of healing and reflection and God will comfort all the faithful.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What are God's people doing in heaven during the Millennium?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #39 UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Leave the yeast out of the bread-making process and see what happens to your loaf! Leave the plug out of the pool and watch the water disappear. Leave the spark plug out of the mower and watch the lawn turn to jungle. Leave a piece out of the jigsaw puzzle and you'll never have the complete picture. Leave you out of the church and prepare for a drop in ministry horsepower. Leave Jesus out of the church, and watch things disintegrate!

### KEY SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

JESUS CONSIDERS ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE BODY TO BE SIGNIFICANT

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 18:15-20** Worship strengthens the Body of Christ

**John 17:20-23** Jesus prayed for His church

**Galatians 3:26-29** If we give our lives to Christ we become heirs to the everlasting life

**Colossians 3:10-17** We are God's chosen ones for He has loved us dearly

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What gifts and talents can be used for the church today?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #40 MUTUAL RESPECT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Men and women were both created in God's image and He designed us to live and work together in harmony. As Christians, we are to reflect His love to others through our attitudes, actions and lifestyle. When we love others as God loved us, we are living out His plan for all humanity. Men and women working together can bless the world as teams. This is God's dream for us all.

### KEY SCRIPTURE TITUS 2:1-8 ALL SHOULD LIVE IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Galatians 3:26-29** All should be treated equally

**Luke 8:1-3** Many women supported Jesus as His disciples

**John 20:1-18** Mary was first to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection

**Acts 16:11-15, 40** Lydia planted a church in Philippi and hosted the Apostles

**Ephesians 6:1-4** All should treat others with respect and love

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How can men and women work better as partners in ministry for the glory of God?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #41 SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND MINISTRIES

Most people love to get gifts. Long ago, about the only time anyone could expect to receive a gift was on their birthday. Today, we find all sorts of reasons and dates to give and receive gifts; Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Valentine's Day, Christmas, the list goes on. There is hardly a day in the calendar, where a gift is not expected by someone from someone. God loves to give gifts too, because He loves us. When Jesus finally returned to heaven after His resurrection, He promised He would send us a gift—the Holy Spirit.

### KEY SCRIPTURE ACTS 6:1-7

WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK FOR GOD NEVER STOPS

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11** God wants to use us for His purpose

**Ephesians 4:11-16** Jesus Christ gave gifts to His apostles, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip others to work for His service

**Romans 12:1-4** We can offer our lives as a living sacrifice for God's service

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you like to receive the gifts the Holy Spirit offers?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #42 THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

So many people are financially ruined because of the poker machine and other forms of gambling. When people attempt to guess what will happen in the future, that is what always remains—a guess. Not so with God, He has been sharing what will happen in the future for centuries, and His messages have always been spot on. Throughout history, God has used people called *prophets* to deliver His special messages about the future.

### KEY SCRIPTURE ACTS 2:14-21 THE APOSTLES TESTIFIED ABOUT CHRIST FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Luke 24:13-27** Jesus referred to the prophets to explain who He was

**Amos 3:7** God reveals His plans through prophets

**Revelation 12:17 & 19:10** God's last-day church has a prophetic message to deliver

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Would you like to read some of the prophecies of the Bible in Matthew 24 & Daniel 2?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #43 CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR

Researchers have told us for years that we learn best not by being told how to do something, but by being shown how to do it. Modelling is a powerful teaching tool—Jesus knew that. Jesus came to this earth and modelled the way in which we are to live our lives as His disciples.

**KEY SCRIPTURE PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8** TAKE ALL YOUR ISSUES TO GOD AND HE WILL GUARD YOUR MINDS AND ATTITUDES

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 10:31-33** Do everything for the glory of God

**Acts 2:42-47** The apostles modelled how to live under God's leading

**2 Peter 3:8-13** We ought to live holy and godly lives

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How do we build healthy relationships as God's disciples?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #44 LIVE WELL TO SERVE GOD

We think a lot about investments today. Saving money for a rainy day is a good idea, but in this world, nothing is certain. How can we invest our lives wisely with a sure return on our investment? God wants to transform our minds so we can invest in blessing others by doing His will. When you follow God's lead in your life, the blessings return to you as well. God built you for a purpose and your greatest joy is found in letting Him lead your life in service.

**KEY SCRIPTURE ROMANS 12:1-8**  
OFFER OUR LIVES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO GOD

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 10:1-8** Jesus asks us share with others about the Kingdom

**3 John 1:2-4** Walk in the truth of God's leading

**1 Kings 8:56-61** Commit your hearts fully to God

**Matthew 6:19-34** Don't store up treasures on earth. Devote your life to God

**Deuteronomy 15:10-11** Give generously to the poor and the Lord will bless you

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How will you allow God to bless you with a life of service?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #45 LIVE A BALANCED LIFE

There's nothing worse than a flat battery. Like any battery, you also need to recharge your life regularly so you can survive over the long term. To live well, you need to find your cruising altitude, a pace you can sustain over the long haul. The Bible has some great advice on how to live long and well without burning out; so look after yourself, so you can look after others. Life is better when it's lived in balance.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 18:1-6** BECOME LIKE A CHILD AND TRUST GOD

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Philippians 4:11-13** Learn to be content in all circumstances

**Matthew 21:12-16** Don't let worldly things overtake your spiritual life

**Matthew 11:28-30** Let God lead, and He will give you rest

**Luke 20:20-26** Keep God first and business second

**Proverbs 3:13-24** God's wisdom will guide you to a blessed life

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How can you slow down and bring your life into more balance?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #46 FAITH, HEALING & FORGIVENESS

We are all broken in one way or another. We live in a broken world where pain and grief is a part of life. There are many who offer healing in one form or another—but there is one person, Jesus, who can heal like no other. Jesus stands tall as One who understands our hurts and pain, and He lives to offer us the kind of healing we all need. Check Him out.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**MARK 5:25-34** A WOMAN'S FAITH IN CHRIST HEALS HER ILLNESS

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 5:1-17** Christ is ready to heal at any time

**John 9:1-11** God's work is to heal and restore

**Psalms 32:1-7** When we acknowledge our sin, we are healed by God

**Isaiah 40:28-31** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak

**Revelation 21:4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What kind of healing do you need?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #47 MAKE WISE CHOICES (ALSO EAT CAREFULLY)

Choices are endless. Every day we make choices that affect our lives. They say your choices form your habits, your habits form your character and your character determines your destiny. Your choices may also affect the destiny of others, so it's wise to look for solid foundations for your life choices. The Bible's a great place to start for advice.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**DANIEL 1:1-18** DANIEL CHOSE TO EAT WELL AND IT HELPED HIM

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 10:31-33** Choose to honour God in all you do

**Ephesians 5:8-20** Live wisely, not foolishly, make the most of every opportunity

**1 Timothy 6:6-10** Don't chase after money, live a godly life

**Joshua 24:14-18** Choose to serve the Lord with your household

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What choices will you make to ensure your future is secure?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #48 PRAY FOR HEALING

In prayer, we are calling on God. Prayer is very powerful. When we pray in faith, we can release God's power, not only in our lives but in the lives of those who need help in sickness. Be quiet before Him: ask God to help in times of trouble. Tell Him our needs, thank Him, ask His guidance and He will listen and act in ways you may never have seen before. Prayer is one of the great privileges of believers and is a key in our hands to unlock the storehouse of heaven.

**KEY SCRIPTURE James 5:13-20** Pray for healing of sick people

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**2 Corinthians 12:5-10** We have weaknesses that are not healed, but God is still there

**Psalms 107:18-22** Ask God to heal you from sickness and give thanks

**Jeremiah 33:6** God can bring health and healing

**John 14:12-14** Ask anything in Jesus' name and He will do it if it is in His will

**Psalms 51:5-12** God offers healing from sin

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Will you make prayer a part of your life and pray for others?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #49 STEWARDSHIP

Unfortunately, today people use rakes more than they use brooms. Think about it: people are obsessed with gathering and hoarding stuff. We can call them 'Rakers' because they go around madly gathering up piles of possessions and then stand proudly at the top of the pile. A broom is best used to push things away. A 'Broomer' is someone who, rather than collecting things just for themselves, is happy to put what they have in the direction of others. We need to be careful we don't get too busy making a living that we fail to make a life!

### KEY SCRIPTURE LUKE 19:11-27

BE A WISE AND FAITHFUL WORKER AND YOUR REWARD IS SURE

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Colossians 1:15-20** God owns everything: we need to keep Him at the centre

**1 Corinthians 6:17-20** God requires that we look after our mind and bodies

**1 Corinthians 10:31-33** Do all to God's glory and bless others

**Malachi 3:8-11** God promises to bless those who are faithful in returning tithe and offerings

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What are the rewards for good stewardship?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #50 GOD OWNS EVERYTHING

Nations rise and nations fall. There are continual power struggles over national boundaries and resources, as governments manage their countries. Few people realise that ultimately God owns the earth and all that is in it. Our work, as good and faithful stewards, is to look after what He has created and bless our fellow men and women with what the Lord has given us. The Lord gives us what we need and we are to give to others where we can, to help them in their need. That's actually our job!

### KEY SCRIPTURE

PSALM 24:1-10 GOD OWNS THE WORLD, SO LIVE PURELY

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Romans 13:1-7** Work with your authorities as you serve God

**Luke 12:15-21** Don't think material things are yours—they all belong to God

**Deuteronomy 8:6-18** Observe God's commands, be obedient and revere Him

**Psalms 50:7-12** The world belongs to God and all that is in it

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Do you think God is concerned about how we live our lives?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #51 GOD PROVIDES

Ancient shepherds knew their sheep by name, and when they called, the sheep followed because they trusted their shepherd. Shepherds defended their sheep, even at the risk of their lives. God's love is even deeper than that. He died for us and He now lives to lead and guide us individually. There is no one who will take better care of you than our Heavenly Shepherd. You can trust God as He is always beside you, even when things don't work out the way you think they should.

### KEY SCRIPTURE PSALM 23:1-6 GOD IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 10:1-18** God wants us to live life to the full in His care

**Matthew 6:25-34** Don't worry about your life, God will take care of you

**1 Kings 17:8-16** God blessed the widow who served Elijah

**John 6:1-15** Jesus can provide for us all

**Philippians 4:19** God shall supply all your needs

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What will you ask God to help provide in your life?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #52 MY RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD

Everyone has gifts and talents. Some say we have between 500-700, most of which we don't even realise. Like the gift of sight, hearing, smell, taste, balance, speech and there are many more. God gave us these gifts and how we choose to use these gifts is really important. We can invest our gifts and talents wisely or we can waste them in selfish pursuits that lead us nowhere. Make sure you're a wise worker for the King of Kings.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 25:14-30** OUR ROLE IS TO BE FAITHFUL WITH OUR GIFTS

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Deuteronomy 15:7-15** Give to others generously and you will be blessed

**Malachi 3:6-12** Honour God financially and He will bless you abundantly

**Matthew 22:15-22** Give God what belongs to Him first, then pay our bills

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What can you do to use your gifts and talents for God?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #53 BE FAITHFUL TO GOD

You can trust a compass because it always points north. When you turn your life over to God's leading, you find your true north. Your life becomes a testimony as you invest your life working for your Lord and Saviour. It's a high honour and duty to represent God and live according to His will. Rest assured, it'll be worth it in the end.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 12:35-48** BE FAITHFUL IN THE WAY WE LIVE AND HONOUR GOD

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Luke 19:11-27** Be faithful financially and the Lord will increase your capacity to serve

**Romans 12:9-21** Be devoted to one another and don't repay evil with evil

**Daniel 6** Daniel was faithful and the Lord protected and exulted him

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How can you be a faithful follower of God where you live?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #54 MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

In Australia, a man married his TV. In India, a man married his dog. Somewhere else, a man married a shrine! Today, people are marrying some really weird stuff. A lot of people have become really confused about what constitutes a healthy marriage and a good family. Thankfully, the Bible gives us a picture of what marriage and family was originally designed to be and still can be today!

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**GENESIS 2:7-24** MARRIAGE WAS CREATED BY GOD IN A PERFECT WORLD

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**John 2:1-12** Jesus blessed weddings while He was on earth

**Ephesians 5:21-6:1** Husbands and wives are to be devoted to each other

**1 Corinthians 13:1-8** God has put love above all

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. Why did God create families?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #55 JESUS HONOURS MARRIAGE

Weddings are great events, and a happy marriage one of the greatest blessings in life. Having someone to share your joys and dreams adds so much more meaning to our lives. Jesus also upheld the value of marriage as a divine plan for couples throughout all ages. Marriage is not just two people falling in love. It's a sacred loving partnership for life.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**JOHN 2:1-12** JESUS HONOURED MARRIAGE BY HIS ATTENDANCE

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 2:18-25** God created the first couple for each other and to multiply  
**Matthew 19:3-9** Remain faithful to the marriage covenant  
**Ephesians 5:21-33** Love and respect each other in marriage  
**Malachi 2:14-15** Be faithful to the wife of your youth

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. For those who are married, how can God make your marriage even better?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #56 LOVE AND INTIMACY

God is Love. When we love, God is giving us a part of Himself, especially in the marriage relationship. When God said, the two shall become one (Genesis 2:24), He meant that we enter into an intimate relationship in every sense of the word: spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially. Marriage was instituted by God and is best done in love.

### KEY SCRIPTURE

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-6** BE SEXUALLY FAITHFUL TO YOUR SPOUSE

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 1:26-28** Married couples are to produce children and care for the earth  
**Song of Solomon 2:1-13** See the beauty in your marriage partner  
**1 Corinthians 6:15-20** Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit  
**John 13:34-35** Love one another as God loves you  
**1 John 4:7-8** Love one another, for love comes from God

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What could you do to make marriage be the best?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #57 JESUS LOVES CHILDREN

Children are full of life, joy and laughter. They bring fun to any situation, especially if they are treated with a loving attitude. Children are our legacy; we need to treat them with care and empower them to be all that they were created to be. They don't stay small for long, so make every moment count as they grow into the next generation.

### KEY SCRIPTURE MARK 10:13-16 TREASURE CHILDREN

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 18:1-6** We need to be humble like the children we nurture

**Matthew 21:12-16** God is blessed by children's praise and worship

**Deuteronomy 6:7** Teach your children to be faithful and obedient to God

**Psalms 127:3** Children are a heritage from the Lord

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. What can you do to help children grow in their faith?
4. What will you share with someone this week?

## #58 CARING FOR FAMILY

Where is home for you? Everyone needs somewhere to call home. A home isn't just a house, it's where your family live, belong, are loved and love others. A happy God-centred family is one of the greatest blessings in life. Families are shaped by the values and ideals they believe in and live out. God invented families and following His guidebook, the Bible, will help you make your family the best it can be.

### KEY SCRIPTURE DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

FAMILIES ARE TO TEACH GOOD VALUES AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD

#### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

**Luke 2:41-52** Parents need to care for and love their children

**Ephesians 6:1-4** Families are to work together with an attitude of respect

**Psalms 78:4-8** Pass on to the next generation the great deeds of God

**1 Thessalonians 2:8-12** Parents model loving, encouraging and comforting the family

**2 Timothy 3:15** Teach children the Holy Scriptures from childhood

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is new and interesting?
2. What don't you understand?
3. How can you make your family more God-centred?
4. What will you share with someone this week?











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