

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 16-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on MARK by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: MARK Mark 1



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. If you're just starting as a group, take some time to get to know each other by going around the circle and sharing your name, where you grew up, and something about your life.
2. What is the most memorable introduction you have ever had with someone?



KEY VERSE

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:15 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We all need encouragers in our lives. Who is someone that has encouraged you recently, and how can we support each other in becoming encouragers this week? *Verses 1-11*
2. The wilderness can feel like an isolating and vulnerable place. How have you experienced God's comfort during a season of temptation or difficulty, and how can we pray for one another in our current struggles? *Verses 12-13*

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3. Leaving the familiar behind to follow a new path often requires sacrifice. What is something you have had to give up to follow Christ, and how can we help each other prioritize following Him? *Verses 14-20*
4. True authority is recognized by the impact it has on those who listen. In what areas of your life do you need to submit more fully to Jesus' authority, and how can we keep each other accountable? *Verses 21-28*
5. A busy day can easily drain our spiritual energy. What personal habits help you recharge spiritually, and how can we encourage each other to make time for solitude and prayer? *Verses 35-39*
6. We often encounter people who feel like outcasts or are marginalized. How can we as a group extend the healing and compassionate touch of Jesus to someone who needs it this week? *Verses 40-45*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Take 10 minutes this week to listen to a worship song that turns your focus to Jesus, writing down one specific way you want to honor Him in your daily schedule.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our group would grow in our awe of Jesus, and ask God to help us prioritize our time with Him above all our daily distractions.

WEEK ONE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TWO: MARK Mark 2



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. Look back at last week: How did you do with finding a specific way to honor Jesus in your daily schedule?
2. Have you ever tried to fix something old but ended up making it worse?



KEY VERSE

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:17 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Sometimes it takes the effort of a community to bring someone to a place of healing. Who in your life needs to experience God's love, and how can we team up to bring them closer to Jesus? *Verses 1-5*
2. We can easily fall into the trap of questioning God's methods when they don't make sense to us. Where do you find yourself doubting God's direction, and how can we help each other trust Him more fully? *Verses 6-12*

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3. Following an unpopular path often means leaving our comfort zone and risking our reputation. How has following Jesus changed the relationships in your life, and how can we encourage each other to remain steadfast? *Verses 13-17*
4. Holding onto past routines can sometimes prevent us from experiencing new growth. What old habits or "wineskins" do you need to leave behind so that you can embrace the new life God has for you, and how can we support you in making that change? *Verses 18-22*
5. Rules can sometimes overshadow the relationships they were meant to protect. When have you felt burdened by religious expectations, and how can we remind each other of the freedom we have in Christ? *Verses 23-28*
6. Rest is a gift from God that we frequently neglect. What practical steps can you take this week to truly rest, and how can we hold each other accountable to honoring a Sabbath? *Verses 23-28*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus, and commit to intentionally inviting them into a conversation or meal this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the people we named who need to know Jesus, asking God to give us the boldness and compassion to share His love with them.

WEEK TWO



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK THREE: MARK Mark 3



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. Look back at last week: Did you have an opportunity to invite someone into a conversation or meal?
2. Who was your childhood hero or someone you wanted to be just like when you grew up?



KEY VERSE

"He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach."

Mark 3:14 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. It is easy to become stubborn and miss the heart behind God's commands. In what areas of your life are you feeling rigid or stuck, and how can we encourage each other to soften our hearts? *Verses 1-6*
2. Interruptions in our daily plans can often be disguised opportunities. How do you typically react when your schedule gets derailed, and how can we help each other see God's hand in unexpected moments? *Verses 7-12*

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3. We are often drawn to follow leaders based on what they can do for us rather than who they are. What initially drew you to follow Jesus, and how can we encourage each other to stay committed to Him rather than just seeking His blessings? *Verses 13-19*
4. True growth happens in the context of community. How has being part of a group helped you grow in your faith, and what can we do to deepen our commitment to one another this week? *Verses 13-19*
5. Well-meaning advice from those closest to us isn't always aligned with God's will. When have you had to lovingly set boundaries with family or friends to follow God, and how can we support you in those relationships? *Verses 20-30*
6. Spiritual family ties can run deeper than physical ones. How can we as a group better function as a family that does God's will together this week? *Verses 31-35*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Choose one spiritual habit—like reading a chapter of Mark a day or spending five minutes in silent prayer—and text a group member when you complete it each day to build consistency.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our group would grow deeper in our commitment to being with Jesus and that we would encourage one another to become true disciples.

WEEK THREE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK FOUR: MARK Mark 4



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK FOUR



CHECKING IN

1. Look back at last week: How did you do with maintaining your spiritual habit and texting your partner?
2. Do you have a green thumb, or do plants tend to die under your care?



KEY VERSE

"Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Mark 4:20 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Familiarity with a message can sometimes cause us to lose our sense of wonder. How do you keep your heart receptive to God's truth, and how can we encourage each other to stay open and curious? *Verses 1-15*
2. Hardships inevitably test the depth of our spiritual roots. What practices have helped you stay grounded during tough times, and how can we support each other when the heat is on? *Verses 16-17*

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3. The distractions of daily life can easily choke out our spiritual growth. What specific worries or desires are currently competing for your attention, and how can we help each other refocus on what matters most? *Verses 18-19*
4. True growth is a process that requires patience and trust. In what area of your life are you struggling to be patient with your own spiritual progress, and how can we remind each other of God's timing? *Verses 26-29*
5. It can be discouraging when we feel our faith or our efforts are too small to make a difference. How have you seen God use a small step of obedience in your life, and how can we celebrate our small victories together? *Verses 30-34*
6. Sudden storms often reveal where our true trust lies. What fears are currently tossing you around, and how can we point each other back to Jesus' power in the midst of the chaos? *Verses 35-41*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Plan a simple get-together with at least two other people from this group outside of normal meeting time to deepen your relationships and share life.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the specific fears and storms shared by the group, asking Jesus to bring peace and to strengthen our bonds of fellowship as we weather them together.

WEEK FOUR



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK FIVE: MARK Mark 5



LISTEN

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CHECKING IN

1. What is one practical step you took this past week to apply what we learned from our last study?
2. What is a time in your life when you felt completely overwhelmed or confused, and how did you eventually find clarity?



KEY VERSE

"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We all face moments when confusion makes us feel lost, afraid, or lonely. How do you typically react when you feel like your life is spinning out of control? *Verses 1-13*
2. It can be frightening to think about the cost of making a major life change. What fears tend to hold you back from fully surrendering a difficult area of your life to Jesus? *Verses 14-20*

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3. Many of us carry deep inner hurts that we have resigned ourselves to living with. In what ways have you found hope or struggled to find hope when a difficult situation hasn't changed for a long time? *Verses 25-29*
4. Being honest about our pain is often the hardest but most necessary step toward healing. How can we as a group create a safe environment for each other to share the whole truth about our struggles? *Verses 30-34*
5. Waiting for an answer can feel agonizing when time seems to be running out. How do you handle feelings of panic or impatience when it feels like God is delayed in answering your prayers? *Verses 21-24, 35-36*
6. Hearing a word of encouragement in a hopeless moment can change our entire outlook. Who in your life currently needs you to speak words of hope and life to them, and how can we support you in doing that this week? *Verses 37-43*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Spend time this week identifying one area of past or present pain, and write down a prayer of worship thanking Jesus for His ability to bring healing and peace to that specific hurt.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we would each boldly bring our deepest hurts to Jesus, trusting Him for healing and praising Him for His power and mercy in our lives.

WEEK FIVE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK SIX: MARK Mark 6



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. How did your intentional time of worship and prayer regarding a personal hurt go this past week?
2. Describe a time when you completely missed out on something special because you thought you already knew everything about it.



KEY VERSE

"Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits."

Mark 6:7 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Familiarity can sometimes dull our sense of wonder and expectation. Where in your spiritual life have you become so comfortable that you might be missing out on what God wants to do? *Verses 1-6*
2. Stepping out to share our faith is always less intimidating when we do it alongside someone else. Who could you partner with to begin reaching out to a friend or neighbor who needs Jesus? *Verses 7-13*

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3. Guilt has a way of coloring our entire perspective and stealing our joy. How do you usually deal with feelings of guilt, and how can we help each other walk in the freedom of God's grace instead? *Verses 14-29*
4. Interruptions to our carefully laid plans are a frustrating but inevitable part of life. How can you practice seeing unexpected interruptions as opportunities to show compassion to others? *Verses 30-34*
5. It is easy to look at our limited resources and feel entirely inadequate for the needs around us. What is one "small" thing you have right now that you need to trust God to multiply for His purposes? *Verses 35-44*
6. We often find ourselves in the middle of a storm, struggling to make progress. When life feels overwhelming, what are some practical ways we can remind each other of God's presence in the boat with us? *Verses 45-52*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who needs to experience the love of Christ, and reach out to them this week by inviting them for coffee or offering a specific act of kindness.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give us eyes to see the people around us with His compassion and the courage to step out in faith to share His love, trusting Him to provide the resources we need.

WEEK SIX



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK SEVEN: MARK Mark 7



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK SEVEN



CHECKING IN

1. Were you able to reach out and show kindness to the person you identified last week?
2. What is a family tradition you hold onto tightly, and why is it so important to you?



KEY VERSE

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Mark 7:6 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. It is incredibly easy to go through the motions of faith while our hearts remain distant. What are some warning signs in your own life that indicate your actions are not matching the true condition of your heart? *Verses 1-7*
2. We all have personal routines and preferences that can accidentally become more important than following God's clear directions. How can we lovingly hold each other accountable when our traditions start to overshadow God's commands? *Verses 8-13*

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3. Focusing on outward behavior is often much easier than dealing with the messy reality of our inner thoughts and attitudes. In what specific area do you need God to bring deep, inside-out cleansing to your heart right now?
Verses 14-23
4. Approaching God with a sense of entitlement can quickly lead to frustration and anger when things don't go our way. How do you actively cultivate a posture of humility and trust when you are desperately asking God for something? *Verses 24-30*
5. Sometimes we seek Jesus merely to validate our own desires or viewpoints rather than simply seeking Him for who He is. What does it look like for you to lay down your need for validation and just trust Jesus' plan? *Verses 24-30*
6. God is incredibly personal and meets our needs in ways that are uniquely tailored to build our faith. How has God shown His deep, personal care for you in a way that perfectly fit your specific situation? *Verses 31-37*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Take ten minutes each morning this week to sit in silence, asking God to reveal any areas where you are just going through the motions, and invite Him to renew your heart and mind.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we would let go of our religious masks and rules, and instead allow Jesus to cleanse our hearts and lead us into a deeper, more authentic relationship with Him.

WEEK SEVEN



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK EIGHT: MARK Mark 8



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK EIGHT



CHECKING IN

1. What did God reveal to you during your moments of silent reflection this past week?
2. When you are packing for a trip, are you the kind of person who over-prepares for every scenario or the kind who throws things together at the last minute?



KEY VERSE

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Forgetting how God has provided for us in the past makes us anxious about the future. What helps you remember God's faithfulness when you are facing a new shortage of resources or energy? *Verses 1-10*
2. Physical worries and daily stresses can easily drown out the spiritual truths God is trying to teach us. How can our group better support you when you are distracted or overwhelmed by material concerns? *Verses 11-21*

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3. Seeing our circumstances clearly often happens in stages rather than all at once. Where in your life are you currently asking God to give you clearer spiritual vision and understanding? *Verses 22-26*
4. The world offers many different opinions about who Jesus is and what He values. When you look at your daily decisions, who does your life actually declare Jesus to be? *Verses 27-30*
5. It is tempting to try to help God out or "correct" His plan when His ways involve suffering or don't make sense to us. How do you recognize when you have started setting your mind on human interests rather than God's? *Verses 31-33*
6. Following Jesus requires us to say 'no' to our own selfish desires so we can say 'yes' to His purpose. What is one specific thing you need to deny yourself this week in order to follow Jesus more closely? *Verses 34-38*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Reach out to another group member this week to share a meal or coffee, and openly discuss one area where you are struggling to trust God's plan over your own.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that as a group we would encourage one another to deny ourselves, pick up our crosses daily, and keep our eyes fixed entirely on Jesus.

WEEK EIGHT



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK NINE: MARK Mark 9



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK NINE



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week's study, what was one way you applied the truth we discussed to your daily routine?
2. If you could experience one miracle right in front of your eyes, what would it be?



KEY VERSE

"Everything is possible for him who believes."

Mark 9:23 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Think about a mountaintop experience in your spiritual journey. How can we encourage one another to keep listening to God's voice even when the excitement fades? *Mark 9:2-8*
2. Consider a time when you wanted a quick fix but had to wait for God's timing. How have those waiting periods shaped your trust in Him, and how can we support each other during the wait? *Mark 9:9-13*

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3. Reflect on a recent failure or disappointment that left you feeling powerless. What practical steps can we take to turn our failures into opportunities for trusting God more deeply? *Mark 9:14-24*
4. Share a struggle you have with maintaining a consistent prayer life. How might we hold each other accountable to rely on prayer as our primary connection to God's power? *Mark 9:25-29*
5. Think about the times you have struggled with comparing yourself to others or wanting to be recognized. What are some specific ways our group can practice serving one another humbly this week? *Mark 9:30-37*
6. Consider areas in your life where you might need to make a drastic change to pursue spiritual purity. How can we challenge each other to eliminate distractions that pull us away from Christ? *Mark 9:42-50*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Set aside 15 minutes each day this week to simply listen and worship God without asking for anything.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we would honestly confess our unbelief and ask God to increase our faith and dependence on Him in every area of our lives.

WEEK NINE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TEN: MARK Mark 10



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TEN



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at our discussion last week, how did you practice spending intentional time listening and worshipping?
2. What is the most memorable gift you have ever received and what made it so special?



KEY VERSE

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Think about how differences in our relationships can cause conflict. How can we encourage one another to value the unique differences in the people God has placed in our lives? *Mark 10:1-12*
2. Reflect on what it means to depend on someone else entirely. What holds you back from approaching God with the complete trust and dependence of a child? *Mark 10:13-16*

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3. Consider the things in your life that you value most deeply. In what ways do our possessions or ambitions get in the way of fully surrendering to Christ, and how can we help each other let go? *Mark 10:17-27*
4. Share about a time when following Christ cost you something significant. How can we reassure each other that God's eternal rewards outweigh any temporary sacrifices we make? *Mark 10:28-31*
5. Think about a situation where you desire influence, recognition, or a position of authority. How can we creatively find ways to serve the people around us instead of seeking to be served? *Mark 10:32-45*
6. Ponder a moment when you boldly asked God for help in front of others. How might we encourage our friends and neighbors to boldly bring their true needs to Jesus? *Mark 10:46-52*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who does not know Christ, and intentionally serve them this week in a way that points them to Jesus.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give us a heart to serve our neighbors and the courage to share the good news of Jesus with them.

WEEK TEN



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK ELEVEN: MARK Mark 11



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, what happened when you stepped out to serve someone and share Christ's love?
2. When you enter a new situation or place, do you prefer to blend in quietly or make a grand entrance?



KEY VERSE

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Think about a time when the noise of the crowd made it difficult to hear what God was saying. How can we help one another tune out cultural pressures and obey God's voice even in the mundane? *Mark 11:1-11*
2. Reflect on how easy it is to treat our spiritual lives with indifference. What practical changes can we make to ensure our time with God is prioritized and authentic rather than routine? *Mark 11:15-19*

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3. Consider a situation where you had an appearance of spiritual health but lacked true fruitfulness. How can we hold each other accountable to bear real spiritual fruit rather than just keeping up appearances? *Mark 11:12-14*
4. Share a "mountain" in your life that seems impossible to move right now. How might we stand with you in faith and confident prayer to see God work in that situation? *Mark 11:20-24*
5. Think about someone whom you are currently struggling to forgive. In what ways can we support each other in taking the difficult step of extending forgiveness this week? *Mark 11:25*
6. Consider the areas of your life where you still try to remain in control. How can we encourage one another to fully submit our careers, finances, and relationships to God's authority? *Mark 11:27-33*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Partner with someone in the group to share a specific area where you want to grow spiritually, and check in with each other mid-week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we would be honest about our lack of spiritual fruit and ask God to cultivate a deep, growing faith within us.

WEEK ELEVEN



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TWELVE: MARK Mark 12



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TWELVE



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, how did your mid-week check-in go with your accountability partner?
2. What is the most valuable item you have ever lost, and how did you react?



KEY VERSE

"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 12:30 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Think about a time when you stubbornly resisted a lesson God was trying to teach you. How can we encourage one another to recognize God's ownership over our lives and willingly submit to Him? *Mark 12:1-12*
2. Reflect on a time when you felt trapped between honoring God and honoring societal expectations. How might we help each other find the "God option" when facing difficult compromises? *Mark 12:13-17*

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3. Consider how easy it is to misunderstand God's power when we face confusing circumstances. In what ways can we study the Scriptures together to better understand God's truth during trials? *Mark 12:18-27*
4. Share an area of your life that frequently distracts you from loving God and loving others. How can we as a group prioritize our relationships and demonstrate genuine love for one another? *Mark 12:28-34*
5. Think about the temptations you face to seek honor, recognition, or status in your daily life. What are some practical ways we can practice humility and avoid doing things just for show? *Mark 12:38-40*
6. Ponder a moment when you gave something sacrificially even though it was difficult. How can we challenge each other to give generously and trust God with our finances and resources? *Mark 12:41-44*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Plan a simple meal or get-together with the group this week focused purely on encouraging one another and deepening your relationships.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our group would be characterized by a sacrificial love for God and a genuine, humble love for each other.

WEEK TWELVE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK THIRTEEN: MARK Mark 13



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, how did your practice of serving or giving (from Mark 12) impact your perspective on what truly matters to God?
2. If you knew a major storm was coming to your town tomorrow, what is the first thing you would do to prepare?



KEY VERSE

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Mark 13:31 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When chaos and alarming news surround us, it's easy to become anxious or deceived. How can we encourage each other to anchor our minds in the truth of Jesus when the world feels out of control? *Mark 13:5-8*
2. Facing opposition or misunderstanding for our faith can leave us feeling inadequate and searching for the right words. Share about a time you needed the Holy Spirit to give you boldness, and how can we pray for that courage in your life right now? *Mark 13:9-11*

MARK: A SMALL GROUP STUDY

3. Standing firm in our faith requires endurance, especially when going through prolonged seasons of difficulty. What practical habits can we build together as a group to help each other not give up when tested? *Mark 13:12-13*
4. Knowing that God's words are eternal and will never pass away provides an unshakable foundation for our lives. How does this certainty change the way you prioritize your time and energy this week? *Mark 13:31*
5. Staying spiritually awake and alert in a world full of distractions is a constant challenge. What does "keeping watch" look like for you in this current season, and what distracts you the most? *Mark 13:32-33*
6. God has entrusted each of us with specific tasks and roles to faithfully steward while we wait for His return. What is one area of responsibility you feel God has given you, and how can we support you in fulfilling it? *Mark 13:34-37*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Take time each day this week to write down one eternal promise from God's Word and spend five minutes in worship, thanking Him for being in control of the future.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give us a deep sense of peace and urgency to worship Him with our whole lives while we wait for His return.

WEEK THIRTEEN



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK FOURTEEN: MARK Mark 14



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK FOURTEEN



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week's study on Mark 13, how did you practice staying spiritually alert and focused on Jesus in your daily routine?
2. If you had to prepare a special meal for a very important guest, what is the one dish you would definitely make and why?



KEY VERSE

"She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial."

Mark 14:8 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Showing extravagant, unreserved love to Jesus often costs us time, money, or our reputation. How can we encourage each other to pour out our lives freely for Him without worrying about what others think? *Mark 14:1-9*
2. It is easy to judge others for their self-centered focus, but we all face moments where we doubt God's plan and try to take control. What is one area of your life where you struggle to trust God's direction, and how can the group pray for you? *Mark 14:10-11*

MARK: A SMALL GROUP STUDY

3. When we feel like we've disappointed God or fallen short, His unwavering commitment to us is our only hope. How does remembering His relentless grace change your perspective when you mess up? *Mark 14:27-31*
4. In moments of deep distress or overwhelming sorrow, authentic submission to God's will is incredibly difficult. How can we better support one another when we are facing trials that bring us to our knees? *Mark 14:32-36*
5. When we are falsely accused or misunderstood, our natural instinct is to defend ourselves or fight back. In what situations do you find it hardest to respond with silent grace instead of defensiveness? *Mark 14:53-65*
6. Our confidence can quickly turn into denial when we feel pressured or threatened by the opinions of those around us. How can we build a community that helps each other stand firm in our faith under pressure? *Mark 14:66-72*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

This week, identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus and find a practical, extravagant way to show them God's love without expecting anything in return.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give us the courage to express our love for Him unreservedly and the boldness to share that same love with those who are far from Him.

WEEK FOURTEEN



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FIFTEEN: MARK Mark 15



LISTEN

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CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, how were you able to show extravagant love or share your faith with someone God placed in your path?
2. If you could have been an eyewitness to any historical event, which one would you choose and why?



KEY VERSE

"And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'"

Mark 15:39 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When faced with difficult decisions, it can be incredibly tempting to give in to fear or the pressure of the crowd. How can we help each other stand firm in our convictions when following Jesus becomes costly? *Mark 15:1-15*
2. Sometimes our day gets completely derailed by an unexpected interruption that forces us to carry a heavy burden. Share a time when an unplanned hardship actually became a profound spiritual turning point for you. *Mark 15:21*

MARK: A SMALL GROUP STUDY

3. Choosing not to retaliate when mocked or attacked goes against every human instinct we have. When you feel misunderstood, how does reflecting on the sacrifice of Jesus change the way you respond? *Mark 15:29-32*
4. Walking through seasons where God feels distant or silent can leave us feeling isolated and despairing. How can we encourage one another when we experience the heavy pain of spiritual dryness? *Mark 15:33-34*
5. Having direct, unhindered access to God's presence is a privilege we often take for granted. How can we hold each other accountable to boldly bring our deepest struggles and greatest joys to God this week? *Mark 15:38*
6. Taking a bold, public stand for Jesus always involves personal risk and stepping out of our comfort zone. What is one step of faith you feel God is asking you to take, and how can this group support you in it? *Mark 15:42-47*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Commit to spending 15 minutes each day this week meditating on the sacrifice of Jesus, journaling one specific way His death changes how you live today.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our group would deeply grasp the reality of Jesus' sacrifice and that it would empower us to live fully surrendered and transformed lives.

WEEK FIFTEEN



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK SIXTEEN: MARK Mark 16



LISTEN

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CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, what was one insight you gained from reflecting daily on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross?
2. What is the best piece of unexpectedly good news you have ever received?



KEY VERSE

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

Mark 16:6 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Facing an impossible obstacle can make us want to turn around and give up before we even try. What is a "massive stone" in your life right now that seems immovable, and how can we pray for God to move it? *Mark 16:1-4*
2. Reaching out to someone who feels completely disqualified by their past failures requires intentional grace. How can we specifically encourage someone in our lives who needs to be reminded that God still has a purpose for them? *Mark 16:7*

MARK: A SMALL GROUP STUDY

3. The reality of the empty tomb changes absolutely everything about how we view our current struggles and future hope. How does knowing the resurrection is a verified reality give you strength to face your challenges this week? *Mark 16:1-8*
4. We all experience moments of skepticism or doubt when our circumstances are overwhelming or confusing. How can this group be a safe place for you to honestly share your doubts and seek truth together? *Mark 16:9-14*
5. The same power that conquered death is available to bring new life into our dead or broken places. In what specific area of your life do you desperately need to experience God's resurrecting power right now? *Romans 8:11*
6. Sometimes unexpected good news can leave us paralyzed by fear and uncertainty instead of filling us with joy. What fears are keeping you from fully embracing the new life Jesus offers, and how can we help each other overcome them? *Mark 16:8*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Celebrate the resurrection together by organizing a meal or a simple gathering this week with the group, focusing your conversations on the new life Jesus has given you.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the reality of the resurrection would fill our group with unshakeable hope and bond us together in deep, authentic community.

WEEK SIXTEEN



TELL A FRIEND

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