

Missional COMMUNITY GR:UPS

HABITS OF GRACE | DISCUSSION GUIDE – WEEK 2

BOOK DISCUSSION – Chapters 1 & 2

- **Recap!** Did everyone finish the reading this week? If not, have someone give a quick recap.
- **Ice Breaker!** What stood out to you the most from our reading (Ch1-2) this week?
- This week, our reading was all about the vital place for the Bible in all of our lives. On **p40**, Mathis says, “Without the Bible, we will soon lose the genuine gospel and the real Jesus and the true God.” Do you agree – is the Bible really *that* important? Why or why not?
- Have three people read the following passages: **Philippians 2:14-16**, **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, and **Hebrews 4:12-13**. What do we see here about the importance of the Word in our lives?
- Why is it significant that our God is a “speaking God”? What would our lives be like if God had decided not to give us his inspired Word in the Bible.
- **Let’s Get Personal!** In your life, what role does reading/studying the Bible play on a typical day? Do you have well established habits? If so – what are they? If not, why not?
 - Do you ever find yourself intimidated or overwhelmed with how to study the Bible the “right way”? How did our reading this week encourage you?
- On **p44**, Mathis compares studying the Bible to dancing, saying – “Good Bible reading is no mere science; it is an art... and the best way to learn the art of reading the Bible for yourself is this: read it for yourself.” What do you think he means here? Do you agree with him?
- Do any of you have someone in your life who fits Mathis’ description of an “old saint” on **p44**? If so, what have you learned from these seasoned saints about studying scripture?
- On **p49-50**, Mathis describes two types of Bible study – raking and digging. What’s the difference between these? What are the benefits of each? Which do you practice more?
- After your reading and this discussion, what is the one biggest thing that you would like to see begin to change in your life when it comes to reading/studying the Bible?

LET’S DO THIS – Time to practice what we are learning!

- As we study this book, we don’t want to only *learn* about disciplines – we want to actually begin to *practice* them! Toward that end, let’s commit to study the Bible *together* daily as a group for the next few weeks. **Would everyone be willing to do this with us?**
- **Leaders!** Take the next few minutes to decide what book of the Bible you want to study. Have someone develop a “daily reading plan” to send out to the group so that we can study at the same pace (*we’ve developed some for you as options to use – see following pages*).
 - Going forward, group discussions will begin with a “check-in” on how the daily study is going and what God is teaching us. Encourage members to journal, taking notes on what they’re learning so they can share during these moments in coming weeks.
- **Pray!** Close with prayer, asking God to use this group reading plan to build healthy habits of Bible study your lives, shaping you by His Word into the man/woman that he desires.



Daily Bible Reading Plan - Galatians

Week One

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Galatians 1:1-5
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Galatians 1:6-9
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Galatians 1:10
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Galatians 1:11-12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Galatians 1:13-24
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Galatians 2:1-5
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Galatians 2:6-10

Week Two

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Galatians 2:11-14
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Galatians 2:15-16
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Galatians 2:17-20
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Galatians 2:21
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Galatians 3:1-6
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Galatians 3:7-9
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Galatians 3:10-14

Week Three

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Galatians 3:15-18
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Galatians 3:19-22
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Galatians 3:23-29
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Galatians 4:1-5
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Galatians 4:6-7
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Galatians 4:8-10
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Galatians 4:11-20

Week Four

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Galatians 4:21-27
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Galatians 4:28-31
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Galatians 5:1
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Galatians 5:2-6
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Galatians 5:7-12
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Galatians 5:13-15
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Galatians 5:16

Week Five

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Galatians 5:16-18
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Galatians 5:19-21
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Galatians 5:22-26
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Galatians 6:1-5
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Galatians 6:6-10
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Galatians 6:11-16
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Galatians 6:17-18



Daily Bible Reading Plan - Sermon on the Mount

Week One

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Matthew 5:1-6
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Matthew 5:7-12
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Matthew 5:13
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Matthew 5:14-16
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Matthew 5:17-20
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Matthew 5:21-24
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Matthew 5:25-26

Week Two

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Matthew 5:27-30
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Matthew 5:31-32
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Matthew 5:33-37
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Matthew 5:38-42
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Matthew 5:43-48
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Matthew 6:1-4
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Matthew 6:5-8

Week Three

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Matthew 6:9-15
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Matthew 6:16-18
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Matthew 6:19-21
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Matthew 6:22-23
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Matthew 6:24
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Matthew 6:25-34
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Matthew 7:1-6

Week Four

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Matthew 7:7-11
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Matthew 7:12-14
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Matthew 7:15-20
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Matthew 7:21-23
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Matthew 7:24-27
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Matthew 7:28-29
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread Matthew 5-7



Daily Bible Reading Plan - Colossians

Week One

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Colossians 1:1-8
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Colossians 1:9-10
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Colossians 1:11-14
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Colossians 1:15-20
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Colossians 1:21-23
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Colossians 1:24-29
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread Colossians 1

Week Two

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Colossians 2:1-5
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Colossians 2:6-7
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Colossians 2:8-10
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Colossians 2:11-15
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Colossians 2:16-19
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Colossians 2:20-23
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread Colossians 2

Week Three

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Colossians 3:1-4
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Colossians 3:5-8
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Colossians 3:9-11
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Colossians 3:12-15
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Colossians 3:16-17
- ☐ Day 6 – Read Colossians 3:18-21
- ☐ Day 7 – Read Colossians 3:22-4:1

Week Four

- ☐ Day 1 – Read Colossians 4:2-4
- ☐ Day 2 – Read Colossians 4:5-6
- ☐ Day 3 – Read Colossians 4:7-9
- ☐ Day 4 – Read Colossians 4:10-17
- ☐ Day 5 – Read Colossians 4:18
- ☐ Day 6 – Reread Colossians 4
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread Colossians in Full



Daily Bible Reading Plan - James

Week One

- ☐ Day 1 – Read James 1:1-4
- ☐ Day 2 – Read James 1:5-8
- ☐ Day 3 – Read James 1:9-15
- ☐ Day 4 – Read James 1:16-18
- ☐ Day 5 – Read James 1:19-21
- ☐ Day 6 – Read James 1:22-25
- ☐ Day 7 – Read James 1:26-27

Week Two

- ☐ Day 1 – Read James 2:1-7
- ☐ Day 2 – Read James 2:8-10
- ☐ Day 3 – Read James 2:11-13
- ☐ Day 4 – Read James 2:14-17
- ☐ Day 5 – Read James 2:17
- ☐ Day 6 – Read James 2:18-19
- ☐ Day 7 – Read James 2:20-26

Week Three

- ☐ Day 1 – Read James 3:1
- ☐ Day 2 – Read James 3:1-4
- ☐ Day 3 – Read James 3:5-8
- ☐ Day 4 – Read James 3:9-12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read James 3:13-16
- ☐ Day 6 – Read James 3:17-18
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread James 3

Week Four

- ☐ Day 1 – Read James 4:1-4
- ☐ Day 2 – Read James 4:5
- ☐ Day 3 – Read James 4:6-10
- ☐ Day 4 – Read James 4:11-12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read James 4:13-16
- ☐ Day 6 – Read James 4:17
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread James 4

Week Five

- ☐ Day 1 – Read James 5:1-6
- ☐ Day 2 – Read James 5:7-8
- ☐ Day 3 – Read James 5:9-11
- ☐ Day 4 – Read James 5:12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read James 5:13-15
- ☐ Day 6 – Read James 5:16-18
- ☐ Day 7 – Read James 5:19-20

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Daily Bible Reading Plan - 1 Peter

Week One

- ☐ Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2
- ☐ Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 1:3-5
- ☐ Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 1:6-9
- ☐ Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 1:10-12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 1:13-16
- ☐ Day 6 – Read 1 Peter 1:17-21
- ☐ Day 7 – Read 1 Peter 1:22-25

Week Two

- ☐ Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 2:1-3
- ☐ Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 2:4-8
- ☐ Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 2:9-10
- ☐ Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 2:11-12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 2:13-17
- ☐ Day 6 – Read 1 Peter 2:18-20
- ☐ Day 7 – Read 1 Peter 2:21-25

Week Three

- ☐ Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 3:1-2
- ☐ Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 3:3-6
- ☐ Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 3:7
- ☐ Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-12
- ☐ Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 3:13-17
- ☐ Day 6 – Read 1 Peter 3:18-20
- ☐ Day 7 – Read 1 Peter 3:21-22

Week Four

- ☐ Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 4:1-3
- ☐ Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 4:4-6
- ☐ Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 4:7-9
- ☐ Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 4:10-11
- ☐ Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 4:12-16
- ☐ Day 6 – Read 1 Peter 4:17-19
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread 1 Peter 4:1-19

Week Five

- ☐ Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 5:1-4
- ☐ Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 5:5
- ☐ Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 5:6-7
- ☐ Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 5:8-9
- ☐ Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 5:10-11
- ☐ Day 6 – Read 1 Peter 5:12-14
- ☐ Day 7 – Reread 1 Peter 5:1-14