

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the sermon transcription:

Day 1: The Word Became Flesh

Reading: John 1:1-14

Devotional: Today, we reflect on the profound truth that Jesus, the eternal Word, became flesh and dwelt among us. This incredible act of love shows God's desire to connect with humanity intimately. As you read, consider the magnitude of Christ's incarnation - the Creator of the universe humbling Himself to become one of us. How does this change your perspective on God's love for you? Take a moment to thank God for His willingness to enter our world and experience life as we do. Ask Him to help you see His presence in your daily life, recognizing that He understands your joys and struggles firsthand.

Day 2: Light in the Darkness

Reading: John 1:4-9; Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional: John describes Jesus as the light that shines in the darkness, a light that cannot be overcome. In a world that often feels dark and chaotic, this message brings hope. Reflect on areas of your life or the world around you that seem overshadowed by darkness. How can you invite Christ's light into these situations? Remember, as followers of Jesus, we are called to be reflections of His light. Consider practical ways you can shine Christ's light in your family, workplace, or community today. Pray for courage to be a beacon of hope and love in a world that desperately needs it.

Day 3: Becoming Children of God

Reading: John 1:12-13; Galatians 4:4-7

Devotional: The gift of salvation through Christ gives us the incredible privilege of becoming God's children. This adoption into God's family is not based on our merits but on His grace and our faith in Jesus. Take some time to meditate on what it means to be a child of God. How does this identity change how you view yourself and your purpose? Reflect on areas where you might still be living as if you're an orphan or a slave rather than a beloved child. Ask God to help you fully embrace your identity in Him and to live with the confidence and security that comes from being His child.

Day 4: Full of Grace and Truth

Reading: John 1:14-18; Ephesians 2:4-10

Devotional: Jesus came full of both grace and truth - a perfect balance that we as His followers are called to emulate. In a world that often pits truth against love, how can we follow Christ's example of holding both firmly? Reflect on situations in your life where you might be tempted to compromise truth for the sake of being nice, or where you might be tempted to wield truth without love. Ask God for wisdom to discern how to speak and live with both grace and truth in

your relationships and interactions. Pray for a heart that reflects God's character in extending grace to others while standing firm in biblical truth.

Day 5: Testifying to the Light

Reading: John 1:6-8, 15; Acts 1:8

Devotional: John the Baptist's role was to testify about Jesus, the true Light. As followers of Christ, we share this calling to be witnesses of His light in the world. Consider your own life - how are you testifying to Christ's light through your words and actions? Reflect on opportunities you have to share about Jesus with others. Are there areas where fear or complacency might be holding you back? Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit, giving you boldness and wisdom to be an effective witness. Pray for specific individuals in your life who need to know Christ, and ask God to use you as His instrument to draw them to Him.