

CORE

CONVERSATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

northlake
church

WEEK 1: “THE BIBLE”

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Monday: Read Proverbs 4:20-23.

1. If the Bible really is true, do you feel that these commands for our lives are appropriate? Why or why not?
2. Do you feel that you exercise these acts well in your own life? Why or why not?
3. What would it take for you to obey this passage?

Tuesday: Read Romans 1:16-17.

1. What word or phrase in these verses sticks out to you? What do you think it means?
2. Do you identify with Paul when he calls the gospel “the power of God for salvation?” Why or why not?
3. What would it take for you to apply the power of the gospel to your life?

Wednesday: Read Hebrews 4:12-14.

1. What do these verses teach us about the qualities of Scripture?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the author’s claims about Scripture? Why or why not?
3. According to this passage, what role does Scripture play in your own life?

Thursday: Read Joshua 1:7-9 and Psalm 1.

1. In what way is the righteous man blessed by meditating on God's Word continually?
2. What do you think the author means by "delight...in the law of the LORD?" Explain why you do or why you do not delight in the law of the Lord.
3. What would it look for you to daily meditate on God's Word?

Friday: Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. Remembering the characteristics of Scripture we discussed Sunday (sufficiency, clarity, authority, necessity), what comes to mind in this passage?
2. When Paul says to Timothy, "All Scripture is breathed out by God," what do you think that means?
3. Do you feel that Scripture is profitable, equipping, and training you? Why or why not?

Saturday: Read Matthew 4.

1. How can we tell from this chapter that Jesus had a high view of Scripture?
2. Why is Jesus quoting the law significant?
3. Read Matthew 4:4. What does Jesus mean by his response to the devil?
4. Why is it important that we become familiar with God's Word and trust in it as reliable?

WEEK 2: "GOD"

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Monday: Read Psalm 99:1-5.

1. Many of God's attributes are listed in this passage. Which one sticks out to you, and why?
2. Do you think our culture has this kind of view of God? If yes, why? If no, why not?
3. Do you feel that you identify with the Psalmist? Explain.

Tuesday: Read Genesis 1.

1. The Bible begins by saying, "In the beginning, God..." Why do you think the Bible begins this way, and what does it say about God's existence?
2. Which of God's attributes display themselves in the creation account? Explain.
3. Does this passage seem to hint at some rational proofs for God's existence? If so, which ones?

Wednesday: Read Romans 11:33-36.

1. What can we learn about who God is from this passage?
2. Paul calls God's judgments "unsearchable" [11:33]. Why can't we know God fully?
3. Are "wisdom" and "knowledge" *incommunicable* or *communicable* attributes? Explain.

Thursday: Read Psalm 96.

1. According to the Psalmist, in what ways should we respond to who God is?
2. Do you feel that creation itself glorifies God, as the Psalmist suggests? Why or why not?
3. In verse 13, the Psalmist says God will come “to judge the earth.” What do you think this judgment is for?

Friday: Read Acts 17:16-34.

1. How well does Paul know his audience, according to this passage? Would we be able to engage other belief systems and defend God’s existence?
2. At one point, Paul quotes a pagan Greek philosopher to make his point for God. What does this indicate about the truth of God’s existence?
3. Does verse 32 disprove the validity of Paul’s arguments? Why or why not?

Saturday: Read John 1:1-34.

1. In verses 1-3, John spends some time discussing the Word’s attributes. What are some things we learn about the Word and His role from these verses?
2. Where in this passage do you see a defense for the doctrine of the Trinity?
3. Discuss man’s response to “the light” outlined in this passage.
4. In verses 14-18 we see multiple references to God revealing Himself to man. How and why is it important for God to be revealing Himself through His attributes, His creation, and His Word?

WEEK 3: “SIN”

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Monday: Read Genesis 3:20–24.

1. What is another consequence of Adam and Eve’s sin that we see in this passage?
2. What are your thoughts about verse 21? Is it strange to you that God would act this way?
3. What are some of the effects of the Fall that you see explicitly in your life or around you?

Tuesday: Read Psalm 51.

1. What are some of the emotions you sense from David in this passage?
2. What parts of the man, according to David, does sin affect?
3. What does David mean by “against you, you only, have I sinned” [v. 4]?

Wednesday: Read Romans 7:11–20.

1. What is Paul describing in verse 11?
2. Read verses 14–20. What is the difference between how sin affects non-Christians and, as this passage shows, how sin affects Christians?

Thursday: Read James 1:13–15.

1. How are temptation and sin connected?
1. What is God's relationship to sin according to this passage?
3. What does James mean by "death" in this passage?

Friday: Read Deuteronomy 30:15–20.

1. How does one find "life" according to this passage? How does one find "death"?
2. What is the root form of every sin that this passage hints at?

Saturday: Read Matthew 5:21–48.

1. What do Jesus's words in verses 29–30 indicate about the consequences of sin?
2. What are your thoughts about Jesus's final words on this point in verse 48? Does this seem right and fair to you?
3. What are some areas of your life that would be considered sin? How have these things kept you from or hindered your relationship with God?

WEEK 4: “CHRIST”

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Monday: Read Romans 5:12–21.

1. Why is it so important to recognize Adam as a literal, historical figure?
2. How is Christ a “Second Adam?”
3. What hope does this passage bring to you?

Tuesday: Read Genesis 12:1–9.

1. How is Christ a “true and better” Abram?
2. In what way does Christ fulfill what Abram starts?
3. What hope does this passage bring to you?

Wednesday: Read Mark 12:25–37.

1. What does the passage mean by “son of David?”
2. Is Jesus’s question perplexing to you? Explain.
3. Why is it important that Jesus become the Son of David?

Thursday: Read John 6:1–40.

1. What do you know about the Passover referenced in verse 4? (see Exodus 12)
2. In what ways are Jesus a “Second Moses?”
3. What hope does this passage bring to you?

Friday: Read Acts 3:11–26.

1. Can you point to some of the examples of Christ’s fulfillment of prophecies elsewhere in Scripture, as referenced by verse 18?
2. What response is the work of Christ calling for in the lives on men?

Saturday: Read John 17.

1. Summarize the purpose of Jesus’s prayer here.
2. In what ways do you sense Christ’s love for us in this passage?
3. How does this passage bring you hope?

WEEK 5: “SALVATION”

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Monday: Read Psalm 27.

1. How does this Psalm reinforce the idea of the Lord as a Savior after verse 1?
2. What do you think the Psalmist means in verse 5?
3. How does this passage bring you hope in Christ?

Tuesday: Read Isaiah 53.

1. How does verse 10 preserve the goodness of God?
2. How does verse 3 play out in our own lives and hearts?
3. Isaiah says the Suffering Servant shall “make many to be accounted righteous” (v. 11). Which of salvation’s effects do you think Isaiah is speaking to here?

Wednesday: Read John 3:16–21.

1. According to this passage, by what are we justified instead of condemned?
2. What is the purpose and function of the “light” in this passage? (see v. 20-21)
3. If we confess faith in Christ, how does this transform us?

Thursday: Read Romans 10:1–17.

1. What is Paul's short description of the conversion process in this passage?
2. Because the gospel is good news, how does this affect how we should live?
3. What does Paul indicate as the source of faith in this passage?

Friday: Read Titus 3:1–11.

1. Paul encourages Titus to pursue various fruits of the Spirit in the opening remarks. Which ones stick out to you, and why should we as believers pursue these virtues?
2. What words does Paul use to describe the glory of Christ's death on the cross, and how do they impact you?

Saturday: Read Hebrews 10:1–18.

1. Does this passage suggest that we can lose our salvation, or not? Explain your answer.
2. What other themes from our Square One study do you see being incorporated into this passage?
3. What does verse 18 mean for our Christian faith?

WEEK 6: “THE CHURCH”

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Monday: Read Romans 12:1–8.

1. What does verse 3 have to say about the community of Church?
2. What kind of living sacrifices can we make for the Church?
3. What are your spiritual gifts that you can offer the Church?

Tuesday: Read 1 Peter 2:1–10.

1. What does Peter mean in verses 4–5?
2. What is this passage trying to teach the Church?
3. What is our response to this passage?

Wednesday: Read Philippians 1.

1. What does Paul’s attitude toward the church seem to be?
2. How has Paul trained the Philippian church for the work of ministry?
3. What is Paul’s greatest desire for the church in this passage?

Thursday: Read 1 Corinthians 12:1–11.

1. How does the Spirit relate to our spiritual gifts?
2. How can we test true spiritual gifts from false spiritual gifts?
3. What does this passage teach us about the Holy Spirit's purpose?

Saturday: Read Revelation 1:1–8.

1. What elements of the church do we see highlighted in this passage?
2. When words like “ruler” and “King” are used, what comes to mind?

Saturday: Read Matthew 7.

1. What are some of the key things we learn about how the Church relates to Jesus?
2. Is the church big or small? Explain your answer.
3. How does Christ grow and build His Church?