

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on Themes from Discover CCMP

Day 1: Whatever It Takes -- The Pursuit of God's Presence

Reading: Mark 2:1-12

Devotional: There are people in Scripture who refused to let obstacles stop them from reaching Jesus. Four men carried their paralyzed friend to a crowded house, climbed to the roof, and tore it open just to lower him down to the Healer. That is not casual faith. That is desperate, determined, all-in pursuit. The question this passage puts before you is simple: how badly do you want to be in the room where Jesus moves? Comfort will keep you at the door. Desperation will get you through the roof. Examine what barriers, habits, or distractions are keeping you from pressing closer to Christ today.

Reflection Question: What is one thing you are willing to sacrifice this week to prioritize time in God's presence?

Practical Application: Set aside 15 uninterrupted minutes today, remove your phone from the room, and simply sit before God in prayer and silence.

Day 2: Saved to Serve -- Your Place in the Body

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional: The Apostle Paul describes the church not as an audience but as a body -- every part connected, every part necessary, every part functioning for the good of the whole. When one part suffers, the entire body responds. When one part is missing, the body is incomplete. God did not save you so that you could sit comfortably in a pew and observe everyone else doing ministry. He gifted you specifically and intentionally so that the body could be whole. Your absence leaves a gap

that no one else can fill. Your presence and participation make the church stronger, healthier, and more effective for the Kingdom.

Reflection Question: What gifts, talents, or passions has God placed in you that you have not yet offered to His church?

Practical Application: Identify one ministry or area of service at your local church and take a concrete step this week toward getting involved.

Day 3: Grace Alone -- The Only Way to Be Saved

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Devotional: Paul makes it unmistakably clear in this passage that salvation is entirely the work of God. It is not earned by religious activity, church membership, good behavior, or moral effort. It is a gift -- undeserved, unearned, and freely given through faith in Jesus Christ. Many people carry a quiet confidence in their religious resume rather than in the finished work of Christ on the cross. But God's Word declares that even the faith by which we receive salvation is itself a gift from God. There is nothing left for us to boast about. There is only one response: humble, grateful surrender to the grace of Jesus.

Reflection Question: Have you placed your full trust in Christ alone for salvation, or are you still holding on to something you believe earns you favor with God?

Practical Application: Write down what you are trusting in for your eternal standing before God. Bring it before Scripture and allow God's Word to examine it honestly.

Day 4: One Body, One Purpose -- The Mission of the Church

Reading: Acts 2:41-47

Devotional: The earliest church was not a polished institution. It was a community of broken, transformed people who were devoted to one another and to the mission of making Jesus known.

They gathered together, shared meals, prayed, studied God's Word, and watched God add to their number daily. This was not the result of clever programming or impressive facilities. It was the natural overflow of a healthy community rooted in truth and love. A church that is genuinely healthy will grow because God designed it that way. The question is not whether your church is large or small -- the question is whether it is healthy, faithful, and obedient.

Reflection Question: What does genuine Christian community look like in your life right now, and where is it lacking?

Practical Application: Reach out to one person in your church this week who you do not normally speak to. Invite them to coffee, pray with them, or simply encourage them.

Day 5: Stand Up -- Living Boldly for Christ in Your Community

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20 and Romans 1:16

Devotional: The Great Commission is not a suggestion offered to the spiritually confident. It is a command given to every follower of Jesus. Paul declares in Romans 1:16 that he is not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Across your community, in schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and family gatherings, there are people who are one conversation away from a life-changing encounter with Jesus. That conversation begins with someone willing to stand up, speak up, and trust God with the outcome. You do not have to be a pastor or an evangelist. You simply have to be willing.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs to hear the gospel, and what has been holding you back from sharing it with them?

Practical Application: Pray by name for three people in your life who do not know Christ. Ask God for one specific opportunity this week to point them toward Jesus, and when that opportunity comes, take it.