## The 12 Disciples: Men Called by Jesus



Explore the lives, faith, failures, and legacy of Jesus' 12 disciples through Scripture and reflection in this 21-day study.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day Bible study journey: The 12 Disciples: Men Called by Jesus. The men Jesus called to follow Him are some of the most fascinating characters in Scripture. From fishermen to a tax collector, these twelve men walked with Jesus, learned from Him, and carried His message forward despite their doubts and failures.

As we explore their stories day by day, you will discover the humanity behind these great men of faith. You will see their courage, their mistakes, and the transformation Jesus worked in their lives. Each disciple tells a unique story of God's grace, redemption, and calling.

This study invites you to step into their shoes: examine what drew them to Jesus, how their faith challenged and changed them, their moments of wavering, and the legacy they left through their witness. Their lives inspire us to trust God even in uncertainty and to boldly follow Jesus today.

Through Scripture readings, reflections, and prayer, you will grow in understanding how God uses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes. Let's embark on this journey to meet these men intimately and be encouraged by their faithfulness — imperfect yet powerful — shaped by Jesus' love and call.

Get your Bible ready and prepare your heart for transformation as we meet the 12 disciples — men chosen by Jesus and empowered for His mission. \*\*









## Day 1: 📀 💝 💽 Introduction to the Disciples









Day 1: 💮 💝 👩 Introduction to the Disciples

#### Your Verse

Matthew 10:1-4 - "Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority... These are the names of the twelve apostles: The first, Simon (who is called Peter)..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 6:13 "When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them..."
- John 1:35–42 "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus."







Day 1: 💮 💝 👩 Introduction to the Disciples

#### Devotional: God's Call to Ordinary Men

**The twelve disciples.** A group of twelve ordinary men from varied walks of life. Fishermen, a tax collector, perhaps someone impulsive like Peter, and even a doubter like Thomas. Yet, Jesus called them personally. This calling wasn't about their status or education but about their availability and heart to follow Him.

Jesus gave them authority and purpose. From the beginning, He equipped these men not just to walk with Him but to carry the Gospel forward. That initial call was the beginning of a life-changing journey. They didn't have all the answers, but they had Jesus, which was enough.

What about you? What does it mean that Jesus calls ordinary people to extraordinary tasks? This study will walk with each disciple's story to show that God's call is a call to transformation and mission. Jesus chooses ordinary people who become vessels of His love.







Day 1:  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$  Introduction to the Disciples

## Reflect and Apply

	What stands out to you about the diverse backgrounds of the twelve disciples?
2.	How might God be calling you to step out in faith like the disciples?
3.	What fears or doubts might hold you back from answering Jesus' call?







Day 1: 💮 🤝 💽 Introduction to the Disciples

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when you felt God's call on your life.
2.	Reflect on what qualities you see in the disciples that you want to grow.
3.	Journal about what following Jesus means personally to you.







Day 1: 💮 💝 👩 Introduction to the Disciples

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord,** thank You for calling ordinary people like me to follow You and be part of Your Kingdom work. Help me to hear Your voice clearly and to respond with faith and obedience. Give me courage to step into the purpose You have for me, trusting Your guidance day by day. *Empower me like You did the disciples* to reflect Your love and truth to others. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** 4

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 16:18 - "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 21:15-17 "Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'..."
- Luke 22:61-62 "The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter..."







#### Devotional: From Failure to Foundation

**Peter's journey is one of great highs and painful lows.** Jesus calls him the rock on which He will build His church, yet Peter famously denies Jesus three times before the crucifixion. How can the foundation be a man who falters?

This story reminds us Jesus does not expect perfection, but faith and repentance. Peter's story is powerful because it shows God's grace in restoration. Even after failure, Jesus gives Peter a purpose, commanding him to 'feed my sheep.'

We often feel weighed down by our mistakes, hesitant to serve or be used by God, fearing we aren't worthy. But Peter's example teaches us that failure is not final. Jesus meets us in our brokenness and calls us again to use our gifts and experiences for His glory.







## Reflect and Apply

	What failures have you experienced that you fear disqualify you from God's use?
2.	How does Peter's restoration encourage you in your walk with Jesus?
3.	In what ways might God be inviting you to 'feed His sheep' today?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a personal failure and how God used it.
2.	Consider ways God has restored you after setbacks.
3.	Journal what following Jesus looks like despite imperfection.







#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for loving me despite my failures and doubts. Like Peter, teach me to trust You and follow wholeheartedly. Restore me when I fall and remind me of Your purpose for my life. Help me to lean on Your grace, and use my story for Your Kingdom. In Your powerful name, **Amen.** (?)

















#### Your Verse

John 1:40–42 – "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John said and who followed Jesus... He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 4:18–20 "Jesus called them, and immediately they left their nets and followed Him."
- John 6:8-9 "One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up..."







#### Devotional: A Heart for Others to Know Jesus

Andrew is a model of evangelism and humility. Though he's often in the background, it was Andrew who brought Peter to Jesus. This simple act shaped not only Peter's life but the entire early church.

Andrew's story encourages us to see evangelism as a natural response to encountering Jesus, not just a program or duty. His desire for others to meet the Messiah reflects a heart transformed by grace.

How often do we overlook the power of inviting others into relationship with Jesus? Andrew's example shows us the significance of small acts of faithfulness — bringing one person at a time to Christ impacts eternity.







## Reflect and Apply

Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus and how might you share?
What holds you back from introducing others to Christ?
How can you cultivate a heart like Andrew's for the lost?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on someone who led you to Jesus and write about it.
2.	Journal ways you can share your faith in natural settings.
3.	Write a prayer asking God to soften your heart for evangelism.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Father,** thank You for the example of Andrew, who brought others to Jesus. Give me courage and boldness to share Your love with those around me. Help me to notice moments to point people toward You and to rely on Your Spirit in every conversation. May my life reflect Your grace and truth. *Use me to draw others into Your Kingdom.* Amen.















#### Your Verse

Matthew 9:9 - "As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Mark 2:14 "As he passed by, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him, and he got up and followed Him."
- Luke 5:27–28 "After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him..."







#### Devotional: Grace Extends to All

**Matthew's calling is a profound testimony of grace.** Seen as a sinner and outsider because of his profession, Matthew's life was not one people expected to be transformed.

Yet Jesus knowingly called him to follow, offering new life and purpose. Matthew responded by leaving his old life and becoming a committed disciple, even writing one of the four Gospels.

This reminds us that no past is too dark, no reputation too tarnished, for God's redeeming love. God can take any person and use them to impact the world. Matthew's story challenges us to trust in God's grace and to take courageous steps of obedience regardless of our past.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Matthew's transformation speak to your own story?
2.	What might Jesus be asking you to leave behind to follow Him?
3.	How can you extend grace to others as Matthew experienced it?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Journal about a moment God transformed your life.
2.	Reflect on habits or attitudes you need to surrender to God.
3.	Write about how God has shown grace to you through others.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for calling me as I am, with all my imperfections and past mistakes. Help me to respond with faith and surrender like Matthew. Use my life to tell others of Your grace and new beginnings. Teach me to extend Your compassion and love to those around me. In Your holy name, **Amen.**  $\triangle$ 

















#### Your Verse

John 20:27-28 - "Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.' 'My Lord and my God!' Thomas said."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 11:16 "Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'"
- John 20:24–25 "Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came..."







#### Devotional: Faith Grown Through Questions

Thomas often gets labeled as the doubter, but his story shows a faith journey many can relate to. After Jesus' resurrection, Thomas struggled to believe without seeing. What followed was Jesus' gentle invitation to touch and examine Him.

This encounter led Thomas to proclaim a powerful declaration of faith, calling Jesus 'My Lord and my God.' His story encourages us that doubt is not the enemy of faith. Rather, honest questioning can lead to deeper understanding and trust.

Don't be afraid to bring your doubts and questions to Jesus. He welcomes them, meets them, and offers reassurance. From Thomas, we learn that faith grows as we seek Him earnestly.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What doubts or questions are you hesitant to bring to God?
2.	How might doubts be opportunities for growth rather than weaknesses?
3.	How did Thomas' interaction with Jesus transform his faith?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time when questioning your faith led to deeper understanding.
2.	Journal your current spiritual questions or doubts.
3.	Reflect on how you can bring honest honesty to God.







#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for welcoming my doubts and meeting me where I am. Help me to seek You earnestly, even with questions and uncertainties. Grow my faith through Your presence and truth. May I, like Thomas, come to a confident declaration of You as my Lord and God. *Guide me daily.* Amen.

















Day 6: 🎔 Philip: Obedience in Small Steps

#### Your Verse

John 1:43–46 – "The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said, 'Follow me.' Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses and the prophets wrote about—Jesus of Nazareth."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 14:8-9 "Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father...' Jesus answered..."
- Acts 8:26-40 "Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch..."







Day 6: Philip: Obedience in Small Steps

#### Devotional: Faithful Obedience and Sharing

Philip's story shines light on the power of simple obedience. When Jesus called Philip to follow, he immediately responded and then helped bring another to Jesus. Later, Philip's obedience is seen again when he leads the Ethiopian official to faith.

Philip's journey shows that faithfulness in small steps—trusting Jesus and sharing Him—is significant for God's Kingdom. We don't have to make grand gestures; simple obedience opens doors for God's work.

Consider your own steps of faith today. Is there a small obedience or sharing opportunity Jesus is asking you to take? Philip inspires us to trust in God's leading and say 'yes' when He calls.







Day 6: 🎔 Philip: Obedience in Small Steps

### Reflect and Apply

1.	Where is Jesus calling you to follow Him with obedience today?
	How can you share your faith with someone in a simple but meaningful way?
3.	What small steps of faith have led God to bigger things in your life?







Day 6: 🎔 Philip: Obedience in Small Steps

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you said yes to God and the result.
2.	Reflect on ways you can obey God in everyday life.
3.	Journal an idea for sharing Jesus with someone this week.







Day 6: 🎔 Philip: Obedience in Small Steps

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for Philip's example of immediate and faithful obedience. Help me to follow You without hesitation and to courageously share Your love with others. Open my eyes to small opportunities to witness and serve. May my life be marked by faithful steps that move Your Kingdom forward. In Jesus' name, Amen.















#### Your Verse

John 1:45–49 – "Philip found Bartholomew and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about... Jesus of Nazareth.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Bartholomew asked. Philip said, 'Come and see.'"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 10:3 "Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael)"
- Psalm 139:1 "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me."







#### Devotional: Jesus Sees and Accepts Us

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was initially skeptical about Jesus. Yet Jesus knew his heart, calling him 'an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' His honesty and integrity captured Jesus' attention.

This reminds us that Jesus meets us fully, seeing beyond our doubts and struggles, understanding our true selves. He invites us to 'come and see'—to explore faith even amid questions.

Bartholomew's story encourages us to approach Jesus honestly and trust that He knows and accepts us completely. No matter what we feel or think, Jesus welcomes us as we are, inviting us into a deeper relationship.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	Do you feel fully known and accepted by Jesus? Why or why not?
2.	How do your doubts or skepticism affect your faith journey?
3.	What does 'Come and see' mean for you personally?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write honestly about your current feelings toward Jesus.
2.	Reflect on moments when you felt God's acceptance.
3.	Journal questions or doubts you want to bring before God.







#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for knowing my heart completely and accepting me as I am. Help me to come honestly to You with all my doubts and fears. Teach me to trust Your love and to step deeper into faith. May I always remember Your invitation: 'Come and see.' Amen.







## Day 8: James (Son of Zebedee): Passionate Follower









Day 8: 6 James (Son of Zebedee): Passionate Follower

#### Your Verse

Mark 1:19–20 – "When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay, he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 9:51 "As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."
- Acts 12:1–2 "King Herod had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword."







Day 8: 6 James (Son of Zebedee): Passionate Follower

#### Devotional: Boldness Fueled by Fire

James, along with his brother John, was nicknamed 'Boanerges,' meaning 'sons of thunder,' reflecting a bold and passionate nature. Called swiftly by Jesus, James left everything behind to follow Him fully.

This passionate devotion led James to be part of Jesus' closest inner circle and ultimately willing to face martyrdom. His life challenges us to consider the depth of our commitment and courage.

Passion for Christ ignites boldness. Whether stepping into leadership or standing for faith in adversity, James' example encourages us to serve God with zeal and courage, trusting Him in every circumstance.







Day 8: 💍 James (Son of Zebedee): Passionate Follower

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What passions drive your relationship with God?
2.	Where do you need more boldness to live out your faith?
3.	How can you develop deeper commitment and courage like James?







Day 8: 🖰 James (Son of Zebedee): Passionate Follower

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you stood boldly for your faith.
2.	Reflect on what fears hold you back from full commitment.
3.	Journal prayers asking God to ignite passion and courage.







Day 8: 6 James (Son of Zebedee): Passionate Follower

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for the example of James, who followed You passionately and boldly. Stir in me a deep commitment and courage to stand firm in my faith. Help me to trust You fully and be fearless in serving Your Kingdom. May Your fire burn brightly in my heart. Amen. 6









## Day 9: P John: The Beloved Disciple









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#### Your Verse

John 13:23 - "One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to Him."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 19:26–27 "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby..."
- Revelation 1:1 "The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place."







Day 9: Pohn: The Beloved Disciple

#### Devotional: Love and Loyalty Embodied

John is often called the 'disciple whom Jesus loved,' shining as an example of intimacy, love, and loyalty. He stayed near Jesus during difficult times and was entrusted to care for Mary, Jesus' mother, after His death.

John's writings emphasize love: love for God, love for others, and love as the mark of discipleship. His life shows that following Jesus involves deep relational connection and faithful devotion.

John challenges us to become people who love deeply and serve wholeheartedly. His closeness to Jesus inspires us to cultivate intimate fellowship and unwavering loyalty to Christ.







Day 9: 🖉 John: The Beloved Disciple

### Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you experience and express love in your faith journey?
2.	What does loyalty to Jesus look like in your daily life?
3.	How can you grow closer to Jesus like John did?







Day 9: 🖉 John: The Beloved Disciple

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you felt deeply loved by God.
2.	Reflect on how you can show Jesus' love to those around you.
3.	Journal ways to strengthen your relationship with Christ.







Day 9: Pohn: The Beloved Disciple

#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for loving me deeply and inviting me into intimate fellowship. Teach me to love others as You love me and to remain loyal in every circumstance. Draw me closer into Your presence and fill my heart with Your enduring love. Amen.  $\heartsuit$   $\bigwedge$   $\diamondsuit$ 















#### Your Verse

Matthew 26:14-16 - "Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said... 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?' They counted out for him thirty pieces of silver."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 12:4-6 "Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected..."
- Matthew 27:3-5 "When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse..."







#### Devotional: The Tragedy of a Broken Heart

**Judas Iscariot's story is one of sorrow and warning.** Chosen by Jesus yet ultimately betraying Him for money. Judas' heart was torn between greed, disappointment, and perhaps misunderstanding Jesus' mission.

This tragic betrayal invites us to examine our own hearts and the dangers of allowing sin, selfishness, or bitterness to take root. Judas's remorse also shows that guilt without repentance does not bring restoration.

We must continually guard our hearts, stay connected to Jesus, and repent fully when we falter. Judas' example warns us of the cost of turning away from God's purposes.







### Reflect and Apply

1. A	Are there areas in your life where you feel tempted to betray God's trust?
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2. F	How do you respond when confronted with guilt or failure?
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3. V	What steps can you take to remain faithful and repentant?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you experienced temptation and how you responded.
2.	Reflect on the difference between guilt and repentance in your life.
3.	Journal a personal prayer asking for God's grace to stay faithful.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** guard my heart against betrayal and sin. Help me to remain faithful to You and to turn quickly to repentance when I fall. Keep me humble and dependent on Your grace. Forgive me for times I have strayed and draw me back to Your loving embrace. Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 







## Day 11: Magazine James (Son of Alphaeus): The Quiet Servant









Day 11: 🙀 James (Son of Alphaeus): The Quiet Servant

#### Your Verse

Matthew 10:3 - "James son of Alphaeus"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 6:15 "Matthew and Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,"
- Hebrews 6:10 "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him."







Day 11: 🙀 James (Son of Alphaeus): The Quiet Servant

#### Devotional: Faithfulness in the Background

James son of Alphaeus is one of the lesser-known disciples, often overshadowed by more prominent figures. Though we have limited details about him, his inclusion among the twelve reflects faithfulness and willingness to serve.

This encourages us that not all faithful service is public or recognized. God honors quiet dedication and steadfast hearts.

Even when your efforts go unnoticed, your faithfulness matters deeply to God. Like James, we can trust God sees and values every act done in His name.







Day 11: 🚰 James (Son of Alphaeus): The Quiet Servant

## Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways do you serve faithfully that might go unnoticed?
2.	How does the example of a quiet servant challenge or encourage you?
3.	What motivates you to remain faithful when recognition is absent?







Day 11: 🚰 James (Son of Alphaeus): The Quiet Servant

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you served without acknowledgement.
2.	Reflect on how God has rewarded quiet faithfulness.
3.	Journal ways to cultivate a servant's heart.







Day 11: 🙀 James (Son of Alphaeus): The Quiet Servant

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for the example of James, quietly faithful and devoted. Help me serve You faithfully regardless of recognition or reward. Strengthen my heart to persevere in the unseen and trust that You honor every act of obedience. Use me for Your glory. Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 







# Day 12: Simon the Zealot: Passion for God's Kingdom









Day 12: 🕒 Simon the Zealot: Passion for God's Kingdom

#### Your Verse

Luke 6:15 - "Simon who was called the Zealot,"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:11 "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."
- Acts 1:13 "When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying... These men all joined together constantly in prayer."







#### Devotional: Channeling Zeal for God

Simon the Zealot's nickname reflects a passionate commitment, likely political before following Jesus. Jesus transformed Simon's zeal into spiritual fervor devoted to God's Kingdom rather than worldly causes.

This calls us to examine our passions—how can we redirect our energy and enthusiasm toward serving God? Zeal without direction can become destructive, but when aligned with God's purposes, it fuels powerful ministry and devotion.

Pray for passionate hearts focused on advancing Christ's Kingdom. And challenge yourself to keep spiritual fervor alive as Simon did.







## Reflect and Apply

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#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments you felt passionate about God's work.
2.	Reflect on how prayer shapes your enthusiasm for faith.
3.	Journal ways to refocus your zeal on kingdom priorities.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** ignite a holy zeal in my heart for Your Kingdom. Help me channel my passions toward serving You faithfully and fervently. Fill me with spiritual energy and steadfastness to pursue Your purposes daily. May my life be a vibrant witness of Your love. Amen.  $\bigcirc$   $\swarrow$ 















#### Your Verse

Luke 6:16 - "Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor,"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 1:13–14 "When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying... all joined together constantly in prayer."
- Hebrews 10:24–25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."







#### Devotional: Encouraging Faithfulness

Judas son of James is often overlooked, but his faithful witness is a reminder to commit deeply rather than seeking fame. The early church devoted themselves to prayer and fellowship, an example Judas' faithfulness likely mirrored.

We are called to spur one another on in love and good deeds, to be steady in prayer and fellowship just like the first disciples.

Faithfulness often looks like consistent presence and encouragement. Let us strive to support one another and persevere together in God's work.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you support and encourage fellow believers?
2.	What role does prayer and fellowship play in your faith journey?
3.	How might you become a more faithful presence in your community?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time someone's faithfulness encouraged you.
2.	Reflect on your current prayer and fellowship habits.
3.	Journal plans to strengthen relationships in your faith community.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** help me be a faithful and encouraging presence in my community of faith. Teach me to pray consistently and to support others with love and kindness. May I spur others on toward good works and grow stronger in fellowship. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 9:10 "They withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place."
- John 17:20–21 "My prayer is that all of them may be one, Father..."







#### Devotional: Community, Teaching, and Prayer

The disciples' daily life combined teaching, fellowship, and prayer. These pillars kept their faith strong and unified them as a community.

We can learn from their rhythm of life — balancing study of God's Word, meaningful connection with others, and deep prayer. This balance nurtures spiritual growth and mission.

How can your daily routine reflect this holistic devotion? Consider prioritizing time with God and others to deepen your walk and impact.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What part of the disciples' routine could you develop in your life?
2.	How does fellowship enhance your spiritual growth?
3.	What changes can you make to grow prayerfully and communally?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your current spiritual rhythms and their impact.
2.	Plan ways to incorporate more fellowship and prayer daily.
3.	Journal your desire for growth in studying God's Word.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** help me build a daily life rooted in Your Word, community, and prayer. Teach me to cultivate relationships that nurture faith and to seek You earnestly each day. Unite us as Your people to advance Your Kingdom. Amen.











# Day 15: V Faith Under Persecution









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#### Your Verse

Acts 4:29–31 – "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 3:12 "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,"
- 1 Peter 4:14 "If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed..."







Day 15: **()** Faith Under Persecution

#### Devotional: Boldness in Trials

The disciples faced fierce persecution after Jesus' resurrection. Yet they prayed for boldness to continue sharing the Gospel and God empowered them.

This encourages believers today to stand firm, even when faith brings hardship. God's strength is perfect in weakness.

When trials come, trust God to embolden your witness and deepen your faith. Our perseverance glorifies God and encourages others.







Day 15: **(**) Faith Under Persecution

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What trials are testing your faith today?
2.	How can you pray for boldness during challenging times?
3.	What examples of perseverance inspire you in Scripture or life?







Day 15: **(**) Faith Under Persecution

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time God gave you courage in hardship.
2.	Journal prayers asking for strength and boldness.
3.	Reflect on how trials have shaped your faith positively.







Day 15: V Faith Under Persecution

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** in times of trial, grant me boldness to speak truth and faithfulness to endure. Strengthen me by Your Spirit and help me glorify You through suffering. Use my life to witness Your power and love. Amen.









## Day 16: Day 16: Spreading the Gospel









Day 16: Spreading the Gospel

#### Your Verse

Mark 16:15 - "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."
- Romans 10:15 "How can they hear without someone preaching to them?"







Day 16: Spreading the Gospel

#### Devotional: Called and Empowered to Witness

Jesus' disciples are the first to carry out the Great Commission. They went boldly to proclaim Christ's resurrection and salvation to all nations, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We inherit this calling and empowerment. Our mission is clear: to share the good news worldwide.

*Mission requires boldness, obedience, and reliance on the Spirit.* Let us be intentional in witnessing and trust God to work through our efforts.







Day 16: C Spreading the Gospel

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you feel about your role in sharing the gospel?
2.	What fears or barriers keep you from witnessing boldly?
3.	How can you rely more on the Holy Spirit in outreach?







Day 16: C Spreading the Gospel

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you shared your faith courageously.
2.	Reflect on how the Spirit has empowered you.
3.	Plan ways to engage in sharing the gospel regularly.







Day 16: Spreading the Gospel

#### Prayer for Today

**Holy Spirit**, empower me to be a faithful witness for Jesus. Remove fear and doubt and fill me with boldness to share the Gospel. Guide my words and actions to point others to Christ's saving love. Amen.  $\bigcirc$ 

















#### Your Verse

2 Timothy 2:2 – "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 20:24 "I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task..."
- Hebrews 13:7 "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you..."







#### Devotional: Multiplying Faith Across Generations

The disciples understood their mission wasn't just for their lifetime. They invested in others who would continue teaching and spreading the faith.

This legacy of multiplication challenges us to teach, mentor, and disciple others faithfully, leaving a lasting impact for Christ.

Legacy means investing in people and faithfully completing the mission. How will your life contribute to this ongoing story?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Who are you discipling or mentoring in faith?
2.	What legacy do you want to leave for future generations?
3.	How can you be intentional about passing on faith?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about someone who has invested in your faith journey.
2.	Reflect on ways to disciple others.
3.	Journal a legacy prayer for your spiritual impact.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** help me to faithfully pass on what I have learned in You. Use me to disciple others and multiply Your Kingdom through generations. Strengthen me to finish well and leave a legacy of faith, hope, and love. Amen. 4







# Day 18: XX Transformation through Christ









Day 18: 🗱 Transformation through Christ

#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
- Ephesians 4:22–24 "Put off your old self... and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."







Day 18: 🎇 Transformation through Christ

#### Devotional: New Lives Empowered by Jesus

The disciples experienced incredible transformation after meeting Jesus. Their old lives—sometimes marked by doubt, fear, or sin—were replaced with new purpose and power.

This transformation is available to all who surrender to Christ today. Jesus makes us new creations, enabling us to live holy and fruitful lives.

Allow Jesus to renew your mind and heart continually, embracing your new identity in Him. Your legacy will be shaped by this ongoing transformation.







Day 18: 🎇 Transformation through Christ

# Reflect and Apply

What old habits or identities do you need to surrender to Christ?
How has your life been transformed since following Jesus?
What does it look like for you to live as a new creation daily?







Day 18: 🎇 Transformation through Christ

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about personal transformation experienced through Jesus.
2.	Reflect on areas needing renewal or change.
3.	Journal a prayer asking for continual transformation.







Day 18: 🗱 Transformation through Christ

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for making me new and empowering me to live in Your righteousness. Renew my heart and mind daily, helping me leave behind old patterns and embrace Your purpose. Shape me into Your likeness for Your glory. Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\diamondsuit$ 















#### Your Verse

Hebrews 11:1 – "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 14:29 "Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus."
- James 2:17 "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."







#### Devotional: Faith That Acts

The disciples' faith was not passive; it moved them to action. From stepping out of boats to preaching in the streets, their belief shaped their lives.

True faith trusts God's promises and acts accordingly. It grows through trials and reliance on God's power.

*Examine the strength and expression of your faith.* Let your faith lead you to bold obedience and compassionate service.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does your faith influence your daily decisions and actions?
2.	In what areas do you want to grow in confident trust of God?
3.	How can you balance faith and works as the disciples did?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time your faith motivated you to act.
2.	Reflect on challenges to trusting God fully.
3.	Journal steps to strengthen your practical faith.







## Prayer for Today

**Father,** increase my faith and help me to act on what I believe. Teach me to trust Your promises and to obey with courage. May my life be a faithful testimony of Your power and love. Amen.  $\bigwedge$  &









# Day 20: Hope in the Resurrection









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#### Your Verse

1 Corinthians 15:20 – "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."
- Romans 6:4 "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead..."







Day 20: 6 Hope in the Resurrection

#### Devotional: Living in Resurrection Power

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of the disciples' faith and ours. It offers us hope beyond death and power for new life now.

Knowing Christ conquered death gives us courage to face trials and the promise of eternal life.

Let resurrection hope transform your perspective and empower your daily walk. Live boldly in the newness Christ provides.







Day 20: 🌈 Hope in the Resurrection

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does the resurrection mean for your life today?
2.	How can hope in Jesus' victory over death affect your perspective?
3.	In what ways does resurrection power inspire you to live differently?







Day 20: 🌈 Hope in the Resurrection

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how the resurrection has impacted your faith.
2.	Reflect on areas where you need hope and renewal.
3.	Journal prayers of thanksgiving for eternal life.







Day 20: 6 Hope in the Resurrection

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** thank You for conquering death and giving me hope beyond this life. Fill me with resurrection power to live boldly and joyfully. Help me to share this hope with others and to trust Your promises every day. Amen.  $\triangle$ 









# Day 21: \* Final Reflection and Commitment









Day 21: 🗱 Final Reflection and Commitment

#### Your Verse

Joshua 24:15 - "...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
- Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."







Day 21: 🎇 Final Reflection and Commitment

#### Devotional: Choosing to Follow Fully

After meeting the disciples' stories of faith, failure, and legacy, the question remains: Will you commit fully to follow Jesus?

Like Joshua declared, we must choose whom we will serve. The disciples made that choice daily, despite challenges and uncertainty, trusting Jesus as their Lord.

Reflect on your own commitment. Are there areas holding you back? Jesus calls you to wholehearted devotion and obedience. Decide today to follow Him fully, empowered by His grace.







Day 21: 🎇 Final Reflection and Commitment

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does full commitment to Jesus look like in your life?
2.	Are there barriers you need to surrender to follow Him more closely?
3.	How will you live out your faith going forward?







Day 21: 💥 Final Reflection and Commitment

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a personal declaration of faith and commitment to Jesus.
2.	Reflect on steps you will take to deepen your walk with God.
3.	Journal prayers asking for courage and faithfulness.







Day 21: 🎇 Final Reflection and Commitment

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** today I choose to follow You fully. Help me surrender all that holds me back and to serve You with all my heart. Empower me by Your Spirit to live faithfully and boldly for Your Kingdom. May my life bring You glory every day. Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 







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