

WEEK 3
NAVIGATING
SCRIPTURE

WE ARE
GOD'S
FAMILY
ON MISSION TOGETHER

God created us to live and grow.

Sin is not believing in God or His word.

Sin stops our growth because sin brings death.

Jesus brings life.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are God's family on mission together loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus to build up Christ-centered families by wrapping God's family around your family.

To see Jesus is to see God.

God's word brings life. Through God's word, humanity was created to reflect the image of God.

(Genesis 1:3; Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12)

Jesus relied on the word of God and claimed His own words were God's life-giving words.

²⁴ "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

John 5:24-26 (NIV)

To follow Jesus we also must rely on God's life-giving word revealed in scripture.

We become like Jesus by the Holy Spirit's work as we live by the word of God revealed in scripture.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We are becoming like Jesus by navigating scripture to follow Jesus together.

Jesus and scripture guide our beliefs and actions.

Knowing and trusting in God's word that is revealed in scripture is the key to life.

³ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.

² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

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¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:1-18 (NIV)

We navigate scripture together to grow in knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior.

- To know Jesus as Lord, we must submit to His authority and word.
- To know Jesus as Savior, we must trust in His grace.

As we navigate scripture together to become like Jesus, we glorify God.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

God's word is the key to life. God spoke creation into being through His word and through God's word humanity was created in the image of God. The enemy wants to keep us from knowing and believing in God's word so we don't reflect the image of God.

Jesus came to show us God and model how we need to rely on God's word to live. Following Jesus means relying on God's word to guide our beliefs and actions.

We do this in community. When we navigate scripture together to submit to Jesus as our Lord and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we become like Jesus. When you become like Jesus, you become who God created you to be. This is when we glorify God.

TALK-IT-OVER:

When people hear that scripture is "God's word," how do you think that makes people feel?

Why is it significant to know that humanity was created in God's image (or to become like Jesus) by God's word?

What reasons keep people from believing that the library of scriptures that we call The Bible are God's word? Why don't people study it more?

Why is it meaningful to you that Jesus relied on God's word to fulfill His purpose in life?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) John 14:8-10

Day 2) Genesis 1:26-27

Day 3) Ephesians 4:22-32

Day 4) 1Corinthians 6:19-20

Day 5) Romans 8:7-13

Day 6) Psalm 33:1-11