

OUR FRAMEWORK

WE TAKE A THREE-PART APPROACH TO BIBLE STUDY

God's Word is living and active — it's where He reveals Himself to us and where we grow personally, intimately, and uniquely as His disciples. By following the intentional rhythm below in our time together, we believe we'll experience more of the breadth and depth of who He is. That's why we've built our study around these three key practices: Study, Discuss, and Teaching.

This study is designed to give you a full range of learning and to help you develop your own understanding of God's Word — both for use in a group setting and as you continue to follow Him in your personal life. Our goal reflects the mission of the church in Colossians 1:28: "*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*"

Study

You're receiving a thoughtfully prepared set of study questions that go hand-in-hand with the Scripture we'll be exploring together. These questions are designed to help you engage more deeply with God's Word on your own time.

Discuss

When we come together to dive deeper into God's Word, our group discussions create a space where we can grow in faith side by side. It's more than just learning facts; it's about discovering how to live out Scripture in our everyday lives — whether that's at work, in relationships, or in the quiet moments alone.

Teaching

The teaching is designed to help us see Scripture more clearly, uncover the incredible beauty of who God is, and inspire us to respond in ways that are truly impactful. It's about letting God's Word shape how we think, feel, and act in the real world.



WOMEN IN THE WORD

SPRING CALENDAR | 2026

JAN.

- 15 Week 1 | John 12:12-19
- 22 Week 2 | John 12:20-50
- 29 Week 3 | John 13

MAR.

- 5 Week 8 | John 17
- 12 Week 9 | John 18
- 19 No Bible Study This Week
- 26 Week 10 | John 19:1-27

FEB.

- 5 Week 4 | John 14
- 12 Week 5 | John 15:1-17
- 19 Week 6 | John 15:18-16:15
- 26 Week 7 | John 16:16-33

APR.

- 2 Week 11 | John 19:28-42
- 9 Week 12 | John 20
- 16 Week 13 | John 21
- 23 Week 14 | Acts 1:1-11

MEET OUR TEACHERS

WE'RE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE THE TEAM OF WOMEN WHO PRAYERFULLY PREPARE AND TEACH GOD'S WORD EACH WEEK.

Misty Denman | Contact: MistyD@christchapelbc.org

"I trusted Christ when I was 17 and have never looked back. Life since then has brought more highs and lows than I could have imagined, but through every season, Jesus has been my steady hope and help. Teaching God's Word began as a step of obedience, but over time, it has become one of my greatest joys. I've grown to love the process — the study, the prayer, and the privilege of learning alongside women I deeply respect and admire. It's truly a gift."

Deb Hagood | Contact: s.hagood@att.net

"I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home, with a mom who prayed quietly and diligently for all her children. I also had godly grandparents who taught me so much about Jesus. I always knew He loved me, and when I was nine, I realized I needed Jesus to save me from my sin — so I put my trust in Him. My walk with Jesus grew even closer and deeper in college, where I earned my nursing degree and met my wonderful Christian husband. In 1981, we joined Christ Chapel with our two children and have served the Lord in many different ways ever since. Even as a child, I loved to read and study God's Word, so it has been a joy, an honor, and a privilege to serve Jesus by sharing the truth of Scripture with other Christ Chapel women."

Kathy Harrelson | Contact: KathyH@christchapelbc.org

"I first heard the Gospel in middle school and was struck by the truth that salvation comes by faith alone, not by anything I could do. That freeing reality changed everything for me. Since then, God's Word has been my anchor, my hope, and a source of deep joy. It's through the Bible that I've come to know and love Jesus. Being given the gift and opportunity to teach His Word so that others might experience the same is a privilege I hold with gratitude and reverence."

Kristin Hines | Contact: KristinH@christchapelbc.org

"I grew up surrounded by believers and began my relationship with Jesus at a young age. But it wasn't until college that I really started taking my faith more seriously and growing deeper in my love for Him. My senior year, I started leading Bible studies, and the Lord used that to guide me into vocational ministry, first in Christ Chapel's college group and then in our women's ministry. My favorite thing is to get to talk about the Word of God with other women, so I'm grateful I get to do that here at Women in the Word!"

Kristen Hoff | Contact: KristenH@christchapelbc.org

"I grew up with a great knowledge of scripture, but it wasn't until I was out of high school that I truly understood what it meant to walk with the Lord. Since then, the desire to know Him more has renewed that drive to know more about Scripture, but also led me to study what that means practically for me. I started teaching because a great mentor believed in and encouraged me to do so, but I teach because I want others to fall in love with the Lord through His scriptures just like I have."

Venita Jones | Contact: veejones1813@hotmail.com

"I grew up in a small town where many of our activities involved our church family. I attended a faith-based school until fifth grade and fell in love with God's Word during that time, but it wasn't until my mid-20s that I truly learned what it meant to have a relationship with Christ. After receiving Him as my Savior, my love for His Word grew even deeper. In 2009, I joined the teaching team, and the Holy Spirit took my passion for God's Word to a whole new level. My heart is happiest when I'm studying Scripture with other women, discovering nuggets of His truth that guide and encourage me."

Lynn Kitchens | Contact: LynnK@christchapelbc.org

"Faith wasn't something we talked about in my home, but I learned to pray at a young age. When I was 12, I joined a catechism class and thought standing on stage at the end would make me a Christian, but I knew something was still missing. Three years later, at a Young Life retreat, I realized it was personal faith in Jesus. I invited Him into my life that weekend, and He's been faithful ever since. Sharing God's Word has become one of my greatest joys. Each time I teach, I ask Him to use me — flaws and all — for His glory."

Wendi Lyon | Contact: WendiL@christchapelbc.org

"I accepted Christ as a child at Good News Club and grew up doing all the 'right' things — memorizing verses, obeying my parents, and wanting to share Jesus with others. But it wasn't until I walked through difficult trials that I began to truly understand God's character. The Scriptures I had memorized became my anchor. As a young adult, I longed to go deeper than devotional books, and when I discovered verse-by-verse study through Women in the Word, my love for the Bible grew. God's Word continues to shape my view of Him, correct misperceptions, and draw me closer to Jesus. I'm grateful for the chance to teach others that in His Word we find strength, joy, and awe."

Brooke Seale | Contact: BrookeS@christchapelbc.org

"I grew up in a small church where the example of my family and the love of my church community helped me come to know Jesus. I trusted Christ at just 7 years old, but it wasn't until I was 17 that my faith became deeply personal and began to transform every part of my life. A few years later, I found myself at a seminary pursuing a degree in biblical counseling, which brought me to Fort Worth — and ultimately, to Christ Chapel. I've been part of this church since 2016 and on staff since 2018. I believe the Bible and the local church are two of God's greatest gifts, means by which we come to know Him and experience lasting change. Serving and teaching are both a privilege and a weighty calling, and I want to take them up with humility and gratitude as I help others know their Bibles, trust the Lord, and love His church."

REDEMPTION REVEALED

JANUARY 15 | WEEK 1 | JOHN 12:12-19

Our study this semester focuses on the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry as witnessed by the disciple John. His narrative is uniquely devoted to Jesus' final days beginning in chapter 12.

Read John 12:12-19

1. These verses describe Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before His crucifixion. How did the crowds express their hope and enthusiasm for Jesus as He arrived?

- 2a. Read Zechariah 9:9. "Daughter of Zion" refers to the people of Jerusalem. How did Jesus' triumphal entry fulfill the prophecy written by Zechariah more than 500 years earlier?

- b. When the disciples later looked back and realized the prophecy had been fulfilled, how might this have strengthened their faith and deepened their understanding that Jesus is the Son of God and Redeemer?

Read John 12:17-19

4. Jesus performed a miracle by raising Lazarus from the dead. Contrast the response of the crowd with the response of the Pharisees.

5. For a time, the crowds eagerly followed Jesus and focused their attention on Him. As we begin a new year, how do you want to turn your attention toward your Savior and follow Him more closely?

Personal Prayer Request

Group Prayer Requests

REDEMPTION REVEALED

JANUARY 22 | WEEK 2 | JOHN 12:20-50

Before beginning your study questions, prayerfully read John 12:20-50.

Read John 12:20-28

1a. What idea is repeated in verses 23 and 27?

b. Jesus' "hour" refers to His crucifixion and resurrection. Read the following verses. What was promised that would come to pass in this "hour"?

Isaiah 53:3-7

Isaiah 59:20

2a. What word appears in both verses 23 and 28 to describe what Jesus and the Father will receive?

b. Look up definitions for "glory." What definition best fits the use of this word in this text, and why?

c. As you reflect on the cross and resurrection, how do you see the glory of Jesus and the glory of the Father displayed?

3a. Verses 25-26 describe a form of self-denial. What other phrases or words would you use to describe the type of commitment Jesus asks of His followers?

b. What blessings or results does He promise to those who follow Him with such wholehearted devotion?

Read John 12:27-36

4. In verses 31-32, what does Jesus say will soon take place?

5. Summarize Jesus' instructions to those who are listening in verses 35-36.

Read John 12:37-43

- 6a. God has always loved and pursued His people, the Jews. According to verses 37 and 38, how did many Jews respond to Jesus?
- b. John quotes Isaiah 6:10, which refers to God's judicious hardening of hearts because of persistent unbelief. In light of the Jews' unbelief, what will happen in Acts 28:28?
- c. Read John 12:20. Who were the people seeking Jesus at the beginning of this passage?

7. Do you believe in Jesus and have eternal life? (This is a question for your personal reflection, but please reach out to your table leader if you have questions about faith in Jesus.)

Read John 12:44-50

8. Read also John 3:16-21. Although Jesus will one day return as judge, what was his primary emphasis during this time on earth?

9a. Reflect on our entire passage for this week. In what ways do you see darkness and light?

Darkness	Light
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b. How has your life been different when you have walked in the darkness and when you have walked in the light?

10a. Read verses 45, 49, and 50. What do these verses tell us about the connection between Jesus and the Father?

b. Considering the whole passage, what do you “see” about the glory and character of God the Father and God the Son? Record your answers below in the shaded box about the character of God.

11a. As a response to seeing God’s glory in the cross and resurrection, we are called to faith and sacrificial commitment (v. 24-25). Spend some time asking the Lord how you need the truths in this passage to influence how you think, feel, and act.

b. In what ways is God asking you to “lose your life” in order to follow Him?

c. What aspects of God’s character and glory motivate your obedience?

What does this passage reveal about God’s character?

Include insights from the text, no matter which member of the Trinity is highlighted.

Summarize this week’s passage.

Write a brief recap of the main events or key ideas to help remember the story as we continue the study next week.

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JANUARY 29 | WEEK 3 | JOHN 13

Before beginning your study questions, prayerfully read John 13.

Read John 13:1-5

1. As chapter 13 begins, Jesus knows what is about to happen. In His final hours, with whom does He choose to spend His time?

- 2a. Describe what Jesus does in verses 4-5.

- b. Since this task was usually done by the lowest servant, what thoughts or emotions might the disciples have had when they saw Jesus doing this?

Read verses 6-11

- 3a. How does Peter initially react to Jesus washing his feet?

- b. How does Peter change his response in verse 9?

- c. Share a time when you've found it difficult to accept Jesus' love and care.

Read John 13:12-20

- 4a. Look again at verses 14-17. What example does Jesus give His disciples in verse 14?
- b. What reason does He give them to follow His example in verse 15?
- c. Share a time when someone served you well. How did you respond?
- d. How is humble service to others a regular part of your life?
- e. How has that provided opportunities to talk about Jesus?
- f. How can your small group pray for you in this?

Read John 13:21-30

- 6a. Why is Jesus troubled in His spirit in verse 21?
- b. According to verse 27, what happened to Judas?

Read John 13:31-35

7. In verses 31-32, what does Jesus connect His glorification to?

- 8a. What standard does Jesus give the disciples for how they are to love one another in verse 34?
- b. How do you see Jesus' love for His disciples in this passage?

9. According to verse 35, what will this love accomplish? Why is this important, not only for the disciples but for us?

Read John 13:36-38

10. What do you learn about Jesus in these verses?
11. Look back over chapter 13. Why is it encouraging that Jesus served and loved His disciples even though He knew how they would fall short?

What does this passage reveal about God's character?

Summarize this week's passage.

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REDEMPTION REVEALED

FEBRUARY 5 | WEEK 4 | JOHN 14

Before beginning your study questions, prayerfully read John 14.

Read John 14:1

- 1a. Jesus and His disciples were still gathered to celebrate the Passover supper. Read the words Jesus spoke earlier in this room from John 13:21-22, 13:33, and 13:36-38. Explain why the disciples' hearts were troubled.

Read John 14:2-3

- 2a. Jesus shared these promises to encourage the men He loved. These same promises encourage believers today. What fears of your future diminish in light of Jesus' words?

- b. What can we learn in Philippians 1:6 that summarizes Jesus' future promises to us?

Read John 14:4-6

- 3a. The disciples' questions and comments reveal their confusion. What is troubling Thomas' heart?

- b. How would you explain to an unbeliever that all roads do not lead to heaven? Also read 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

Read John 14:7-11

- 4a. What is troubling Philip's heart?

b. What one action does Jesus ask Philip to do in verses 10 and 11 to dispel his doubts?

c. According to Jesus in verses 10 and 11, what are two reasons Philip should believe Jesus and the Father are one?

Read John 14:12-14

5a. Christians have successfully expanded the outreach work Jesus did while He walked this earth. Explain how these “greater works” have spread in the following areas.

Geographically:

Ethnically:

Numerically:

b. In what ways have you witnessed or participated in these “greater works”?

Read John 14:18-20 (Note: We will return to 14:15-17)

6a. Jesus promised the disciples that He would not abandon them. Read the following references and explain how this would be true.

John 20:19-20

Acts 2:1-4, 32-33

Read John 14:15-17 and John 14:21-24

7a. Complete this sentence:

Love for Christ is inseparable from _____.

b. What are the blessings Jesus brings to those who obey Him according to these verses?

- c. In what ways does the Holy Spirit keep us on an obedient path?

- d. What specific blessings came your way when you obediently set aside your agenda for God's agenda?

Read John 14:25-31

- 8a. In verse 31, Jesus rises to face the sufferings of the cross. Even so, what has been His main concern in the upper room?

- b. What gifts did Jesus promise for those who loved Him then and for you who love Him today?

- 9. Read 14:1 again. Think about the current state of your own heart. In what specific ways will your belief in Christ and His promises in this chapter overcome the troubles that may be dwelling there?

What does this passage reveal about God's character?

Summarize this week's passage.

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REDEMPTION REVEALED

FEBRUARY 12 | WEEK 5 | JOHN 15:1-17

Before beginning your study questions, prayerfully read John 15:1-17.

Read John 15:1-2

- 1a. In the Old Testament, Israel is described as a vineyard or vine. Jesus calls Himself the “true vine” because unlike Israel, He was fully obedient to the Father and always produced good fruit. Look up the definition of vinedresser. What does a vinedresser do?

- b. What do you learn about how God prunes us from the following verses? 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 12:5-6, and James 1:2-4.

- c. In what ways do you see God as a vinedresser in your life?

2. Knowing that God the Father is the vinedresser and Jesus is the true vine, who are the branches Jesus refers to in verse 15:2?

Read John 15:3-6

- 3a. John uses the word “abide” four times in these verses. Look up the meaning of “abide” and list some synonyms that help clarify what it means to abide in Jesus.

- b. According to 15:5, what is the result of abiding in Jesus?

- c. What does abiding in Jesus look like in your daily life?
- 4. A common misconception is that fruit refers only to outward, worldly success. God's Word describes fruit differently. Read Galatians 5:22-23 and Colossians 3:12-14 and record the fruitful attitudes and behaviors that characterize a life of abiding in Christ.

Read John 15:7-11

- 5a. Jesus tells us not only to abide in Him, but also to let His Word abide in us. What happens when we allow God's Word to abide in us? Read Psalm 119:11,105 and Hebrews 4:12.
- b. According to verse 15:8, what is the result of abiding in Jesus and His Word?
- 6a. Look back at John 15:1-11. What benefits and blessings are we promised as we abide in Jesus, the true vine?
- b. Why do you think abiding would allow you to experience the full joy of Jesus in your life?
- c. What tends to hinder you from abiding in Jesus?
- d. What practical and specific steps can you take to guard against these obstacles?

Read John 15:12-17

6a. In verse 12, Jesus commands us to love one other, specifically other believers. Scripture calls this brotherly love, a deep commitment to care for other Christians as brothers and sisters. Why is loving other believers in this way so important? Also read John 13:34-35.

6b. What makes it challenging to love other believers the way Jesus loves you?

7. In John 15:14-15, Jesus calls the disciples His friends. Considering what you know about Jesus' life and His relationships with His disciples, how does Jesus demonstrate love and friendship toward them and toward us?

What does this passage reveal about God's character?

Summarize this week's passage.

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REDEMPTION REVEALED

FEBRUARY 19 | WEEK 6 | JOHN 15:18-16:15

Before beginning your study questions, prayerfully read John 15:18-16:15.

1. In last week's passage, Jesus tells the disciples to abide in Him and bear fruit. What is the command Jesus gives the disciples and us in John 15:17?

Read John 15:18-25

- 2a. Jesus seems to take an abrupt turn with His sobering words to the disciples. What does He share with them about the world's treatment of His followers?

- b. How many times do you read the word "hates" or "hated"?

- c. What emotions might the disciples have felt when hearing Jesus' warning?

- 3a. In this context, the "world" refers to the system of organized society hostile toward God and under Satan's power. What are some examples of the world's priorities today?

- b. According to verse 19, why do followers of Jesus not belong to the world?

- c. As you consider your previous answer, in what ways might this encourage or motivate you?

4a. Read 15:19-25 again. What are some reasons Jesus says the world will hate His followers? (The sin in verse 22 refers to rejecting Jesus.)

b. What examples of this kind of hostility have you personally heard or experienced?

c. What actions are you inclined to take when you experience the world's rejection or hostility because of your faith in Jesus?

Read John 15:26-27

5a. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do in verse 27?

b. Who is Jesus sending to help them do this?

Read John 16:1-4

6a. According to verse 1, why does Jesus warn the disciples about the world's hatred?

b. In what ways can His words be helpful to the disciples and for us today?

c. In light of Jesus' warning, why do you think remembering John 15:17 is important to us as Christians? Also read John 13:34-35.

Read John 16:5-15

7. The disciples are sorrowful because Jesus is leaving, but He tells them in verse 7 His departure will be to their advantage. Why is this?

8a. What names or titles does Jesus use for the Holy Spirit in verses 7 and 13?

b. Describe the work of the Holy Spirit with regard to:

The world (verses 8-11)

Christians (verses 12-13)

Jesus (verses 14-15)

c. Share some ways the Holy Spirit guides you into truth. Also read 1 Corinthians 2:9-13, 2 Peter 1:20-21, and Psalm 119:105.

9a. Think back over this week's passage. What insights challenged, excited, or surprised you?

b. Share a way you will apply one of the truths from this lesson to your life this week.

What does this passage reveal about God's character?

Summarize this week's passage.

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REDEMPTION REVEALED

FEBRUARY 26 | WEEK 7 | JOHN 16:16-33

Before beginning your study questions, prayerfully read John 16:16-33.

Read John 16:16-19

- 1a. Jesus is sharing His final words with the disciples before His arrest. How do the disciples respond to what He says?

- b. Picture yourself in this scene and describe the disciples' reaction to Jesus' words.

- c. Since Jesus knows that the cross and resurrection are imminent, what truths does He want the disciples to understand?

Read John 16:20-24

- 2a. In verse 20, what does Jesus say the disciples will experience while the world rejoices?

- b. How does the analogy of childbirth help the disciples understand what they are about to experience?

- c. Describe the joy Jesus speaks of in verses 22 and 24. Also read Romans 6:9-11 and John 14:16-20.

- 3a. Jesus prayed for His disciples throughout their time together. In verses 23-24, He teaches them a new way to approach the Father. How does Jesus instruct them to pray now?

- b. Where have you seen God work in your life through prayer?

Read John 16:25-33

- 4a. What made it difficult for the disciples to understand everything Jesus taught them?

- b. In verse 28, what do the disciples finally understand about Jesus?

- c. In verses 27 and 31, what does Jesus desire from the disciples?

- 5a. According to verse 32, what does Jesus know about how the disciples will respond to His upcoming arrest?

- b. What does Jesus know that will comfort Him when this happens?

- c. Read the following verses. Record how God's presence has upheld you when you've been fearful or lonely.

Romans 8:38-39

Isaiah 41:10

Psalm 73:23-24

Psalm 121:1-3

d. Which of these verses is most meaningful to you? Why?

6. What specific fears might the disciples face about being associated with Jesus in the coming hours?

7a. Describe the kind of peace that Jesus provides. In addition to this passage, read Romans 5:1-2 and Philippians 4:6-7.

b. Jesus reminds His disciples that He has overcome the world. Share an example of a time when you experienced Jesus' peace during a challenging situation.

What does this passage reveal about God's character?

Summarize this week's passage.

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