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# How To Use Our Study Journal

A basic guide to having a quality quiet time with God.

#### Introduction

Christianity isn't about church attendance or charitable service. It's about being impacted by the love of God so that we come to share in His character and thereby make known His greatness. However, since people struggle to truly experience the love of God, they often try to live the Christian life without having the power to do so. This results in dead church attendance, attempts to settle a guilty conscience, or trying to fill emptiness by doing good to others. God never intended for us to live without His power moving us to obey Him and this is why we have created our study journal.

Our study journal is a guide to help you connect with God each day so that you can get charged to go out into the world and live the life you have been called to in Jesus. We have harnessed what many believers have learned over centuries and compiled it into our journal. Each day our journal will guide you to God's throne of grace where you can receive the wisdom and strength that produces the reflection of God's nature in you.

#### Pursuit

In James 4:7-8 we are instructed on how to approach God's throne: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you..." James explains that we must yield our hearts to God and turn away from the lies of the Devil. Then we are to pursue God and He will

come to meet with us. Jeremiah prophesies about the type of pursuit God desires from us when God speaks through him saying, "And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). There is no better place to whole-heartedly search for God than in every word of the Bible. Our study journal will guide your pursuit of God through the whole Bible over the course of two years and each day God will come to reveal what He is speaking to you through its words.

# Pondering

Paul tells us, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Nothing fits this description more than the words of the Bible. Thinking and meditating on truth from the Bible brings our perspective of the world in line with the way God sees it. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2). When we change our minds and start thinking like God, we begin to respond to the world the same way as Him. Each day our study journal will provide you with open-ended questions that will cause you to think about what God is speaking to you. As you ponder what God is teaching you, our journal helps you to solidify what you are learning by giving you space to write it down.

### Prayer

Jesus tells us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8). Each day we encourage you to pray about what is going on in your life and the things you are reading in the Bible. James tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" (James 1:5). Prayer is a two way conversation with God and Paul encourages us to pay attention while we pray (Colossians 4:2). As you immerse yourself in the Bible, God will bring back its words to answer the questions you ask Him (John 15:7). Each day we encourage you to write down notes about your time in prayer so you can see God's faithfulness as you ask and receive from Him.

#### Practice

All too often people want Jesus to follow them and ask God to be with them while they build their own kingdom. However, God is calling each of us to "deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him" (Luke 9:23). As you learn the heart of God by reading, meditating, and praying you will begin to see what God is doing around you personally and in your community. Our journal encourages you to consider what God is already doing and write down how you plan to join in and follow Him.

# Honor and Thanksgiving

No discussion about walking with God can be complete without pointing out the need to honor Him and give Him thanks. Paul teaches

us, "For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21). Nothing will blind our eyes to the truth and shut up the heavens faster than neglecting these two things. Honoring God as God means we recognize His position and respond to it appropriately. Thankfulness toward God is the union of humility and faith. To be thankful, we must often humbly acknowledge that what we want is not the best that God has for us. We must yield in faith, trusting that God knows what is best. In this place of confidence in Him, we can "give thanks in every circumstance" (Ephesians 5:20). Without approaching God in honor and thanksgiving, any attempt to pursue God will be a hopeless endeavor.

#### Conclusion

If you only read the Bible, its impact on your life will likely be minimal. In fact, you will probably get busy with other things and eventually stop. Nevertheless, if you take the time to consider the Bible's words and pray about what God is teaching you, your life will be radically altered forever. Using our study journal will help you digest the word of God and from it receive the sustaining life that will empower you to reflect the nature of God to a dark world. We encourage you to do this study with at least one other person. Please take some time and invite people to join your journey through the Bible.

Genesis 1:1-2:4

- 1. What is the image of God, and what does it mean to be created in His image?
- **2.** How does Genesis explaining that God created plants before He created the sun affect your understanding of creation?
- **3.** How does the knowledge that God created both men and women in His image impact your perspective of the opposite sex?
- 4. In what ways did God call us to rest today?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 8:1-36

- **1.** In what ways does the Proverbs 8 description of wisdom differ from our culture's definition of wisdom?
- 2. How is God's wisdom expressed in creation?
- 3. What areas of your life do you lack wisdom, and how will you get this wisdom?
- 4. How did wisdom exist before everything was made?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 20:1-30, 1 John 1:1-2:6

- **1.** Proverbs 20:9 asks, "Who can say, 'I have made my heart pure; I am clean from sin?" How would you respond to this question in light of what John wrote?
- 2. How has God's love been perfected in your heart recently?
- **3.** According to 1 John, how do Christians have fellowship with each other, and what does it look like?
- 4. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 2:5-25, Proverbs 4:14-27, 1 John 2:7-29

- **1.** Paul writes in Ephesians 5 that the two becoming one flesh is a symbol of Christ and the Church. How is the marriage of a man and woman similar to Christ and the Church?
- 2. Why do Proverbs and 1 John associate righteousness with light and darkness with wickedness?
- **3.** What are some attributes of being in the light and of being in the darkness?
- 4. In what ways do you live in the light or the dark?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 3:1-24, 1 John 3:1-10

- 1. What excuses do you make for your shortcomings?
- 2. What are the characteristics of a child of God as described in 1 John 3?
- 3. What are the characteristics of a child of Devil as described in 1 John 3?
- 4. Why can't a child of God keep sinning, and how does he or she stop?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 4:1-26, 1 John 3:11-24

- 1. Why did God say that the one who hates his brother is a murderer?
- 2. Why do people hate other people, or why don't people love each other all the time?
- 3. How do we love in deed and in truth?
- 4. What are the things you can do every day to lay down your life as Jesus did?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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### Daily Reading:

Genesis 5:1-32, 1 John 4:1-6

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Do you go to scripture or to the world when looking for answers to life's questions? Why?
- 2. What is the significance of Seth being born in the likeness of Adam?
- 3. How do we "test the spirits"?
- **4.** How does it affect your walk / life knowing that He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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### **Together Challenge:**

Make a list of people you know that listen to God and use that list next time you are seeking answers instead of asking the world.

Genesis 6:1-22, 1 Chronicles 1:1-4

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How have you grieved the heart of God?
- 2. What does it mean to find favor in the eyes of the Lord?
- **3.** God gave Noah specific instructions to guide him in building the ark. How does God guide you?
- 4. In what ways did God provide for Noah physically, emotionally, and spiritually?
- 5. In what ways does God provide for you?
- **6.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Take the opportunity to meet someone's needs with something God has provided for you.

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# **Daily Reading:**

Genesis 7:1-8:22

- **1.** What should your response be toward those who are figuratively outside of the Ark today?
- 2. Why did God send the flood, and what does it show about His view of sin?
- 3. Why did God vow not to destroy every living creature with a flood again?
- **4.** What can we learn from Noah's obedience in building the ark?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|     | Consider your relationships and choose someone to intentionally pull toward the Ark. |

Genesis 9:1-10:1, 1 John 4:7-21

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What is symbolized in the covenant of the rainbow?
- 2. What can you learn from Ham's poor choice?
- 3. What does it mean to abide in God?
- **4.** What should our response be to the love of God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Think of someone who is difficult to love, and purpose to show them love today.

Genesis 10:2-20, 1 Chronicles 1:5-7, 1 John 5:1-21

- 1. What can we learn about the origin of nations from this genealogy?
- 2. Why are God's commands not burdensome or grievous?
- 3. What did John write to inform people that they have eternal life?
- **4.** How do people overcome the world?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Pray with someone who has committed a sin that doesn't lead to death. |  |  |

Genesis 10:21-30, 1 Chronicles 1:8-23, John 1:1-18, Luke 1:1-4

- **1.** How does the grace and truth that came through Jesus differ from the law that came through Moses?
- 2. Describe who God gave the right to become children of God?
- **3.** What is the Gospel of Luke?
- **4.** Who is the Word, and how is it described?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 10:31-11:26, Matthew 1:1-17

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What can we observe about God's faithfulness to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the genealogies?
- 2. James 4 reads, "God opposes the proud." How is this illustrated in Genesis 11?
- 3. What is the meaning of the name Babel? What is the significance of the meaning?
- 4. Later in history what does Babel become known as, and what is significant about it?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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ask God if it is pleasing to Him.

Genesis 11:27-12:20, 1 Chronicles 1:24-27, Luke 3:23-38

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What is the summation or completions of all the genealogy records from the Bible that are pulled together in Luke?
- 2. What promises did God make to Abraham?
- 3. How does God protect Sarai despite her husband's weakness?
- 4. What can we learn from God's timing in fulfilling His promises to Abraham?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Abraham's father and nephew supported him in his calling. Find someone you can

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encourage in their God-given calling.

Genesis 13:1-14:16

- 1. What can we learn from Abraham's way of dealing with conflict?
- 2. In what ways did Abraham trust God in dealing with Lot?
- **3.** Why did Lot choose the Jordan Valley? Should he have considered other factors as well?
- **4.** How can you trust God when facing conflict?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 14:17-15:21

- 1. In Genesis 15:6, what did it mean for Abraham to believe?
- **2.** What can we learn about God's character in that He didn't give Abraham the land immediately?
- 3. Why did Abraham not want to be made rich by the king of Sodom?
- 4. How does Hebrews 7 describe the significance of Abraham's interactions with Melchizedek?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|   | Encourage someone to believe a promise God has made to us. |

Genesis 16:1-17:27, Luke 1:5-25

- **1.** What are the similarities between Abraham and Zechariah's responses to their wives bearing a child?
- 2. What was Abraham's part, and what was God's part in the covenant that was established?
- **3.** What is the significance of the names that God chose for people?
- 4. How do you respond when God calls you to do something?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 18:1-33, Luke 1:26-38

- **1.** How did Abraham respond when he saw the Lord approaching and how should we walk knowing God is always with us?
- **2.** What can we learn about God's mercy and patience from Abraham's conversation with the Lord regarding Sodom and Gomorrah?
- 3. In what ways were Elizabeth's and Mary's reactions similar?
- **4.** How have you lacked in the belief that all things are possible with God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 19:1-29, Luke 1:39-56

- 1. What did the angels find when they went to the city?
- 2. Why did God save Lot and his family from the city?
- 3. What can we learn from God choosing Mary to bear the Christ?
- **4.** When God leads you, do you respond more like Mary or Lot's wife? Give an example.
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Give someone the courage to flee from wickedness today. |  |

Genesis 19:30-20:18, Proverbs 4:1-13, James 1:1-18

- 1. How did God help Abraham when he lacked faith, and how has God helped you when you lacked faith?
- 2. Why is wisdom valuable, and how do you get it?
- 3. How does temptation lead to death?
- 4. Why are trials an important part of our Christian life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 17:1-28, James 1:19-27

- **1.** What do Proverbs and James both communicate about being careful concerning what we say?
- 2. What does it look like in your life to be a doer of the word?
- 3. What is the effect of reproof or rebuke on a wise person and how do these affect you? Why?
- 4. How does a joyful heart impact everyone around it?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 21:1-34

- 1. How did God accomplish His purposes with Sarah's jealousy?
- 2. Ishmael's name means God hears. How do we see this fulfilled in the scriptures?
- 3. What can we learn from Abraham's interaction with Abimelech and Phicol?
- 4. How has God used you despite your weaknesses?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 15:1-33

- 1. What are the characteristics of the wicked?
- 2. How does Proverbs describe the speach of the wise?
- **3.** How does God respond to the wicked?
- 4. What does it mean for the fear of the Lord to be the instruction of wisdom?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 22:1-24, James 2:1-26

- 1. How is 'Abraham offering Isaac on an altar' an example of both faith and works?
- 2. How does God respond to Abraham's faith?
- 3. Why is faith without works dead?
- 4. How do you treat people who have a different financial status than you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 10:1-32, James 3:1-18

- 1. How does the way of the Lord bring protection to the righteous and destroy the evil doer?
- 2. How can you tell if your wisdom is from above?
- **3.** What can we discern about our character and heart from the words that come out of our mouths?
- 4. How have your words changed the course of your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 23:1-20, Psalm 138:1-8, James 4:1-17

- 1. How does God respond to humility and pride?
- **2.** How would it affect the way you plan for the future if you did it saying, "if the Lord wills"?
- **3.** Why don't people get what they want?
- **4.** How do we overcome the Devil?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|    | Life is but a vapor. Comfort someone who has lost a loved one. |  |

Proverbs 13:1-25, James 5:1-12

- 1. How is our waiting for the coming of the Lord similar to a farmer waiting?
- 2. How have you experienced God's compassion and mercy?
- **3.** How is discipline an act of love?
- **4.** How are we affected by our companions and the people we talk with?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| If you owe someone and have the money, pay them today.  |  |

Psalm 107:1-43, James 5:13-20

- 1. How does God respond to our prayers and cries to Him when we are in trouble?
- 2. How has God specifically helped you in difficult situations?
- 3. What does it look like to give thanks and praise to the Lord?
- **4.** Why is it important for us to turn sinners from their wanderings? How are you living this out?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 24:1-28

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did God lead Abraham's servant, and how does God direct you?
- 2. How did Rebeka's response to the servant reflect her character?
- 3. Why did Abraham tell his servant not to bring his son back to the land of his kindred?
- 4. When it comes to finding a spouse, how does our culture differ from Isaac's?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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When at work or at home and someone asks you to do something, go the extra mile

in serving them.

Genesis 24:29-67

- 1. How did Bethuel's household treat Abraham's servant?
- 2. How did Rebeka's family respond to Abraham's servant's request?
- 3. What was the purpose of all the gifts that Abraham's servant gave?
- **4.** In what ways can you pray like Abraham's servant?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Show hospitality to a servant of the Lord today.        |  |

Genesis 25:1-26, 1 Chronicles 1:28-34, Luke 1:57-66

- 1. Why did Abraham give Isaac all that he had?
- 2. Have you ever prayed for something like Issac? What did God do?
- 3. Why were Rebekah's children struggling within her?
- 4. Why was Zachariah's mouth opened and his tongue loosed?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| R   | ejoice with someone who has received a blessing from God. |

Genesis 25:27-26:35, Luke 1:67-80

- 1. What did Esau give up for a bowl of stew?
- 2. How did Abimelech's past experiences with Abraham affect his response to Isaac's lie?
- 3. How did Abraham's faithfulness to God impact Issac's life and future?
- 4. What did Zachariah prophesy about John's purpose?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Find a way to make peace in a difficult relationship by being selfless. |  |

Genesis 27:1-40, Matthew 1:18-25

- 1. Why did Jacob and Rebekah deceive Isaac?
- 2. How was Esau's reaction to losing his blessing different from losing his birthright?
- 3. How does the meaning of the names Jesus and Immanuel define who He is?
- 4. What is the difference in Joseph's response before and after his dream?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Contact someone today and pronounce a blessing over them. |  |

Genesis 27:41-28:22, Luke 2:1-7

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Why did Rebeka send Jacob away?
- 2. Why did God choose Jacob to fulfill His promise to Abraham?
- **3.** What did God promise Jacob?
- **4.** Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Jacob set up a pillar after God made a promise to his family. Set up a reminder for your family to help them remember God's promises.

Genesis 29:1-30, Luke 2:8-20

- 1. What character qualities did Laban and his sister Rebeka have in common?
- 2. How did Laban treat his daughters?
- 3. What was communicated to the shepherds?
- **4.** How did Mary respond to the shepherds?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Glorify and praise God with someone else today.         |  |  |

Genesis 29:31-30:24

- 1. What was it like for Jacob to have more than one wife?
- 2. What value did Jacob's family place on having children?
- 3. What was Rachel and Leah's relationship like?
- 4. Have you ever been jealous of someone? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Deal with i                               | ealousy toward others by recognizing that you don't deserve anything |

Genesis 30:25-31:21

- 1. How did God protect Jacob from Laban?
- 2. What was Leah and Rachel's reaction to Jacob's proposal to leave?
- 3. How did Laban treat Jacob?
- 4. In your relationships, are you more like Laban or Jacob?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Don't cheat anyone who does work for you, but pay them what they are due. |  |

Genesis 31:22-55, Luke 2:21-40

- 1. Why didn't Laban hurt Jacob?
- 2. Why were Jacob and Laban mad at each other?
- **3.** Jacob and Laban came to peaceful terms. How can you make peace with someone who has done you wrong?
- 4. What was Simeon and Anna's response to seeing Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 32:1-32, Matthew 2:1-12

- 1. Why didn't Jacob run away from Esau?
- 2. What is the meaning of Jacob and Israel?
- **3.** What does it look like for you to wrestle with God?
- **4.** What is the significance of the wise men coming?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 33:1-20, Matthew 2:13-23

- 1. How did Jacob and Esau respond to each other?
- 2. Why didn't Jacob go with Esau?
- 3. How were the prophecies about Jesus fulfilled?
- **4.** How have you forgiven someone who has wronged you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 34:1-31, Luke 2:41-52

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did Jacob respond differently than his son's to Shechem?
- 2. How did Jacob's sons deceive Shechem and his people?
- 3. Why wasn't justice accomplished by Simeon and Levi's revenge?
- 4. How was Jesus different from most 12-year-olds?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Engage other Christians in conversation where you are both listening and asking

questions about spiritual truths.

Genesis 35:1-29, Mark 1:1-8

- 1. What did God promise Jacob?
- 2. How and where did Rachel die?
- 3. What would it mean for you to put away foreign Gods?
- 4. What was John the Baptist's message?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 36:1-30, 1 Chronicles 1:35-37

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Why did Esau move to Seir instead of Jacob?
- 2. Why are genealogies in the Bible?
- 3. How can you relate to Jacob's weaknesses that we read about this last week?
- 4. What have you learned about Jacob and Esau's character this last week?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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them too.

Genesis 36:31-43, 1 Chronicles 1:38-2:2

- 1. What is the most profound thing you have learned since you started this study?
- **2.** Who can you ask to join you in reading the Bible?
- 3. What opportunities do you have to share with others what you are learning?
- 4. How can you be a Christian influence in your circle of relationships?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Initiate a spiritual conversation with someone by asking them a question. |  |

Genesis 37:1-36, Luke 3:1-18

- 1. How does a father favoring one child create conflict among siblings?
- 2. How did Reuben's intent for Joseph differ from Judah's?
- 3. How has jealousy affected relationships in your family?
- 4. How did John the Baptist teach others to live?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 38:1-30, 1 Chronicles 2:3-8, Matthew 3:1-12

- 1. What can we learn about who God uses knowing that Judah and Tamar were part of the genealogy of Christ?
- 2. How has God used your sins to accomplish His purposes?
- 3. What were the hearts of the people like that went to hear John the Baptist?
- 4. What did John say would happen to those who repented but didn't bear fruit?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 39:1-23, Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11

- 1. Why did those around Joseph find favor in him?
- 2. How did Joseph respond to temptation? How do you respond to temptation?
- 3. What skills did Joseph learn while a slave and in prison?
- 4. What did God declare about Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 40:1-23, Luke 3:21-22, Mark 1:12-13

- 1. How does it feel to be forgotten or rejected?
- 2. Who led Jesus into the wilderness?
- 3. How did God use Joseph while in prison?
- **4.** What is the significance that God now calls us beloved?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 41:1-24, Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 91:1-16

- 1. What evidence is there that Joseph still trusted God?
- **2.** How long did it take for the cupbearer to remember Joseph? What can we learn about God's timing from this?
- **3.** How did Satan use the truth to tempt Jesus?
- 4. What can we learn from Jesus' example about how to apply Psalm 91 to our lives?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 41:25-57

- 1. What did Pharaoh's dream mean?
- 2. How did God prepare Joseph to be qualified to be an overseer?
- 3. How has God prepared you for where you are at right now?
- 4. What can we infer about Joseph's heart in naming his son Manasseh?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 42:1-38

- **1.** How was Benjamin's relationship with his father different from the rest of his brothers'?
- 2. How did Joseph try to reveal his brothers' hearts?
- 3. How did Joseph's dreams from the past unfold?
- 4. How would you respond if you were in Joseph's position?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 43:1-34, Luke 4:1-15

- 1. How did Jacob's sons feel about going back to face Joseph?
- 2. How did Joseph react to his brothers' return?
- 3. How did Jesus use scripture in His interactions with the devil?
- 4. How can you prepare your heart to fight temptation like Jesus did?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 44:1-34, John 1:19-34

- **1.** How was Judah's response toward Benjamin different from how he treated Joseph as a young man?
- **2.** Why did Joseph have the silver cup placed in Benjamin's sack? What did it reveal about his brothers' hearts?
- 3. What did John say about Jesus?
- 4. How has God revealed who Jesus is to you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Show honor to your father in spite of his mistakes.     |  |

Genesis 45:1-28, John 1:35-51

- 1. How did Joseph view what his brothers did to him?
- 2. What did Joseph offer his father and brothers?
- 3. How did Jesus meet the men that would become His disciples?
- 4. What was your first encounter with Jesus like?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Introduce a friend to Jesus.                            |  |  |

Genesis 46:1-34, John 2:1-12

- 1. How did God remind Jacob of His promise to him?
- 2. How did Israel and Joseph respond to seeing each other?
- 3. Who witnessed Jesus' miracle, and what was their reaction?
- 4. What miracles has God performed in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Reach or  | ut to a friend or family member with whom connection has been broken. |

Genesis 47:1-31, John 2:13-25

- 1. What did Joseph accomplish for Pharaoh?
- 2. How did God provide for Jacob and his family?
- 3. How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy, "zeal for your house will consume me"?
- **4.** How has scripture that you have read come alive at a later time in your walk with the Lord?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 48:1-22

- 1. What is unique about Joseph's sons compared to his brother's children?
- 2. Why did Joseph bring his sons to their grandfather?
- **3.** What are the similarities between the blessing Jacob received from God and the blessing Jacob gave to Manasseh and Ephraim?
- **4.** How have you experienced the blessing of God in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Genesis 49:1-28

- 1. How did Jacob's sons' past actions affect the blessing they received?
- 2. What is unique about Judah's blessing compared to his brothers'?
- 3. How was Joseph's blessing a reflection of his life?
- 4. Based on the life you live right now, what kind of blessing would you receive?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Write a letter to inspire someone to live out God's calling for their life. |  |

Genesis 49:29-50:26, John 3:1-22

- 1. How did God use Jesus and Joseph to save people?
- 2. What is the difference between the life Jesus gives and the life preserved through Joseph?
- **3.** What does it mean to be born again?
- **4.** How do you know if you live in the light or the darkness?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| En       | npathize with someone who is experiencing a loss.    |  |

Psalm 101:1-8, Job 1:1-22, John 3:23-36

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How is Job's character reflected in Psalm 101?
- 2. Why did bad things happen to Job?
- 3. What did Job lose, and how did he respond?
- 4. When John lost his followers to Jesus, how did he respond?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Talk with someone about how you both have responded to a loss in your past.

Job 2:1-3:26, John 4:1-26

- 1. What authority does Satan have?
- 2. How can you relate to Job's wife and his friend?
- **3.** What is living water?
- 4. How does the way you worship compare to the way Jesus described worship?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 4:1-21, John 4:27-45, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 3:19-20

- 1. How did Eliphaz respond to Job and his situation? How would you respond?
- 2. In what ways did Jesus touch the Samaritan woman's heart?
- **3.** What can you learn about the character of Jesus through His interactions with the Samaritan people?
- 4. What was more valuable to Jesus than food?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 5:1-27, Matthew 4:12-17, John 4:46-54

- 1. Why did Eliphaz think bad things were happening to Job?
- 2. Why did Jesus heal the official's son?
- 3. Where did Isaiah prophesy Jesus would come from?
- **4.** Do you live like the kingdom of Heaven is at hand?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                   |      |
| Share with someone in your household why you believe. |      |

Job 6:1-7:5

- 1. In what ways was Job suffering?
- 2. How has physical suffering affected your spirituality?
- 3. What was Job's request of God?
- 4. What did Job ask of his friend?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 7:6-8:22

- 1. In what ways can you relate to Job's feelings?
- **2.** How did Bildad respond to Job?
- **3.** How did Job question God?
- **4.** How does Job feel about his relationship with God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Spend time with someone who is suffering.               |  |

Job 9:1-35, Luke 4:16-30

- 1. How does Job view God's justice?
- 2. When you feel like you haven't been treated fairly, how do you deal with it?
- 3. Why did the people want to kill Jesus after He had given a gracious message to them?
- 4. How can we see both Jesus' compassion and blunt honesty in today's reading?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 10:1-11:20, Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20

- 1. What was Zophar's advice to Job?
- 2. How did the men respond when Jesus called them?
- 3. How do you respond when God calls you?
- 4. What does it mean to be a "fisher of men"? Are you a "fisher of men"?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 12:1-25, Mark 1:21-28

- 1. How does Job view God's relationship with man?
- **2.** What did it mean for Jesus to teach with authority?
- **3.** How is the authority of God over Satan in the book of Job similar to the authority Jesus displayed over the unclean spirit?
- 4. How do you view God's authority?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 13:1-28, Luke 4:31-37, Mark 1:29-34

- 1. What did Job think of his friends' responses, and what did he ask them?
- 2. What did the demons recognize about Jesus?
- 3. How did the news of Jesus spread?
- 4. How have you experienced the healing power of Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 14:1-22, Luke 4:38-41, Matthew 8:14-17

- 1. What did Job believe will happen to people after they die?
- 2. How did Simon Peter's mother-in-law respond after being healed?
- 3. What did Jesus do to heal Simon Peter's mother-in-law?
- 4. How have you approached healing the sick?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 15:1-35

- 1. What did Eliphaz think would happen to bad people?
- 2. What did Eliphaz think about what Job said?
- 3. How is Eliphaz wrong in his accusations against Job?
- 4. What statements spoken by Eliphaz are true?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Use something besides words to encourage a friend.      |   |

Job 16:1-17:16

- 1. How are people treating Job in today's reading?
- 2. How does Job describe his physical appearance after enduring such suffering?
- 3. How would you describe a time in your life when you lost hope?
- 4. How does Job elude to having an advocate in heaven?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Give the hopeless a reason to hope.                     |  |

Job 18:1-21, Luke 4:42-44, Mark 1:35-39, Matthew 4:23-25

- 1. What is Bildad's understanding of what happens to the wicked?
- 2. Why did Jesus get away from all the people?
- 3. Why didn't Jesus preach in only one town?
- 4. How do you spread the good news of the kingdom wherever you go?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 19:1-29, Luke 5:1-11

- 1. How did Job hope in the resurrection in the midst of his difficulties?
- 2. In what ways did Simon display both faith and doubt?
- 3. How did Jesus prove to the fishermen that they could leave their boats and follow him?
- 4. What have you left to follow Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 20:1-29, Luke 5:12-16, Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45

- 1. What does Zophar think the heritage of the wicked is?
- 2. How did the leper express his faith in Jesus?
- **3.** How did Jesus respond to the leper?
- **4.** How do you respond when your request to God is answered?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Tell someone | about the healing God has done in your life. |

Job 21:1-34, Mark 2:1-12

- 1. What has Job observed about the wicked?
- **2.** How does Jesus' ability to perceive what is in people's hearts affect your relationship with God?
- **3.** How did Jesus show He could forgive sins?
- **4.** Is your heart like the scribes and pharisees, or like the paralytic's friends? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 22:1-30, Matthew 9:1-8

- 1. What did Eliphaz accuse Job of doing?
- 2. What did Jesus do for the paralytic man?
- 3. How would you respond if you saw Jesus heal someone?
- **4.** What moved Jesus to forgive the sins of the paralytic?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Choose to forgive those who have offended you.          |  |

Job 23:1-24:25

- 1. In what ways can you relate to Job wanting to plead his case with God?
- 2. How does Job describe those that hide from the light?
- 3. When have you seen the wicked not get what they deserve?
- 4. How do you respond when you don't see justice served here on earth?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 25:1-27:23

- 1. How do you respond when people falsely accuse you?
- 2. As long as Job was alive, what did he declare that he would do?
- 3. How does Job describe the portion of the wicked man?
- **4.** How would you respond to Bildad's question, "How can man be right before God?"
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 28:1-28, Psalm 111:1-10, Luke 5:17-32

- 1. How does Job and Psalm 111 describe wisdom?
- 2. How does Psalm 111 describe the works of the Lord?
- **3.** Why does Jesus associate with sinners?
- 4. Would you be found among the tax collectors or Pharisees? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 1:1-33, Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17

- 1. What happens to those who do not fear the Lord?
- 2. Why is wisdom valuable?
- 3. Why did Jesus say He desired mercy and not sacrifice?
- **4.** How have you responded to Jesus' call to follow Him?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Visit with someone you respect and ask them for words of wisdom. |  |

Job 29:1-25, Mark 2:18-22, Matthew 9:14-17, Luke 5:33-39

- 1. What was Job's life like before his trials?
- 2. Why didn't Jesus' disciples fast?
- 3. What was Jesus teaching in His parable?
- 4. Are you in a season of eating and drinking or fasting? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| (       | Celebrate or fast with someone today.                 |

Job 30:1-31, John 5:1-15

- 1. How did people treat Job after he lost everything?
- 2. What are the three instructions Jesus gave the invalid?
- **3.** How would you describe the faith of the invalid?
- 4. When Jesus asks you if you want to be healed, how do you respond?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Encourage someone to turn away from sin.               |    |  |

Psalm 9:1-20, Psalm 75:1-10, John 5:16-47

- 1. How does God judge the world?
- 2. How does the resurrection affect your understanding of God's justice?
- **3.** How does Jesus describe the purpose of the scriptures?
- **4.** Do you act like your judge is God or people? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 31:1-40

- 1. How can you follow Job's example of sexual purity?
- 2. Job referred to the good works in his life. What kind of works do you do?
- 3. How does Job condemn putting confidence in wealth?
- **4.** From the list Job provides, what areas are you weak in, and what can you do to improve?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Talk with  | someone about where you are falling short.    |  |

Job 32:1-22

- 1. Why was Elihu angry?
- 2. How did Elihu respect those who were older than him?
- 3. Who does Elihu identify as wise? Why?
- **4.** Which of the 5 people who have spoken in the book of Job do you relate to the most? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 33:1-33, Matthew 12:1-8

- 1. What does Elihu indicate that God uses to motivate people to repent?
- 2. What did Elihu say that Job had done wrong?
- 3. Why were the Pharisees upset?
- 4. How has your ignorance caused you to condemn the guiltless?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Listen to people first before judging their actions.    |  |

Job 34:1-37, Luke 6:1-5, Mark 2:23-28

- 1. What does Elihu accuse Job of today?
- 2. How does Elihu defend God?
- 3. Why was the Sabbath given?
- 4. How does Jesus being Lord of the Sabbath affect us today?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Stand up for what is true among those who have believed a lie. |  |

Job 35:1-36:21, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11

- 1. According to Elihu, at what point does God not hear a man's cry?
- **2.** How have you missed what God was doing in your life because you were expecting something else?
- 3. Why didn't the Pharisees believe Jesus?
- **4.** How did Jesus silence the Pharisees?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 36:22-37:24, Matthew 12:9-21

- 1. How is God's power revealed through nature?
- 2. What is the significance of Isaiah referring to the Gentiles?
- 3. How did Jesus show the Pharisees they were hypocrites through His analogy?
- 4. How have you felt God's presence and power in His creation?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 38:1-41, Mark 3:7-19

- 1. What was God's accusation against Job?
- 2. How does God explain that His knowledge and understanding is superior to man?
- **3.** What were the twelve given the authority to do?
- 4. How can acknowledging God's power in creation keep you from complaining in life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 39:1-30

- 1. How is God's wisdom made known through the animals?
- **2.** How is God's power made known through the animals?
- 3. What was God's purpose in creating animals?
- **4.** What can you learn about God from the animals He created?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Job 40:1-24

- 1. Which of Job's friends accused Job of the same thing that God did?
- 2. How did Job respond to God?
- **3.** What is God trying to help Job recognize?
- 4. What does the behemoth look like?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Draw and share a picture of a behemoth with someone.    |   |

Job 41:1-34, Psalm 42:1-11, Luke 6:12-26

- 1. What does it look like to thirst for God and His righteousness?
- 2. What can you learn from the psalmist about dealing with turmoil?
- 3. If you fear the leviathan, how much more should you fear God?
- 4. What was Jesus doing before He chose the Twelve?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Spend time in prayer with someone who is making a big d | ecision.    |

Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 37:1-40

- 1. What does the psalmist say will happen to the wicked?
- 2. What are the qualities of those who will inherit the land/earth?
- **3.** How do we become righteous and obtain the desires of our heart?
- 4. Why would Jesus say that those who are persecuted are blessed?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Bless someone for something unexpected.                 |  |

Job 42:1-17, Matthew 5:13-26, Proverbs 6:1-5

- 1. If what Job said throughout this book was not perfect, what did he say that was right that his friends did not say?
- 2. What can we learn about the way God works in our lives through the story of Job?
- 3. How are you salt and light in the world around you?
- 4. How does your righteousness exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 1:1-2:10, Matthew 5:27-48

- 1. Why did Pharaoh fear the Israelites and order the midwives to kill the baby boys?
- 2. How did God save Moses?
- 3. Which of the topics from Matthew is most challenging to you?
- 4. How does God view lust?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Do something loving toward an enemy or someone who treats you poorly. |

Exodus 2:11-3:22, Luke 6:27-36, Matthew 6:1-4

- 1. Why did Moses kill the Egyptian?
- 2. What is the significance of the name God designated for himself?
- 3. What does it mean to be merciful even as your Father in heaven is merciful?
- **4.** What is in your heart when you give to the needy?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |
| Give to someone without expecting anything in return.   |

Exodus 4:1-31

- 1. What was Moses' response to God?
- **2.** How did God prepare Moses for the unbelief of the people?
- 3. How did Moses and Aaron work together to accomplish God's purposes?
- **4.** In what ways can you relate to Moses' struggle to follow God's command?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 5:1-6:13

- 1. How would you describe the faith of Moses?
- 2. Why are the Israelites angry at Moses and Aaron?
- 3. What was Pharaoh's perspective of God?
- **4.** Why do people doubt that God can use them in difficult situations?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 6:14-30, Matthew 6:5-34, Psalm 147:1-20

- 1. Why can we be confident that God will provide for us?
- 2. What is your motive for doing good?
- 3. How do people in the church try to impress others today?
- 4. What does it mean for you to seek first the kingdom of God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Lay up treasure in | heaven by secretly being a blessing to someone else. |  |

Exodus 7:1-25, Matthew 7:1-6, Luke 6:37-42

- 1. How did Pharaoh respond to the signs God had given to Moses?
- 2. What does it mean to have a hard heart?
- 3. Why is it important to remove the log out of your eye first?
- **4.** How do you fare when you measure yourself by the standards you use to judge others?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|              | Give to someone with the measure you like to receive.  |

Exodus 8:1-19, Psalm 20:1-9, Matthew 7:7-20, Luke 6:43-45

- 1. How did Pharaoh respond to the plagues?
- 2. How does God respond to those who make requests of Him?
- **3.** Based on the fruit in your life, what will happen to you in the end?
- **4.** What does it mean to enter by the narrow gate?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Encourage someone to not put their trust in the things of this world. |

Psalm 6:1-10, Proverbs 9:1-18, Exodus 8:20-32, Matthew 7:21-29

- 1. How is a person's wisdom determined by who they listen to?
- 2. Was Pharaoh building his house on the sand or the rock? Why?
- 3. How do wisdom and folly both cry out?
- 4. How can you do something in Jesus' name, but still reject the will of the Father?
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| Pray with someone that God would make His power known to the hard-hearted |           |   |

Psalm 50:1-23, Exodus 9:1-7, Luke 6:46-49, Matthew 8:5-13

- 1. Though God doesn't need anything, what does He want from us?
- 2. How did God make a distinction between the people of Israel and the Egyptians?
- **3.** What can we learn from the Psalm and Luke about how God regards those who don't listen to Him?
- 4. How would you describe your faith?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 9:8-35

- 1. Why did God exalt Pharaoh and not kill him?
- **2.** What can we learn about the way God accomplishes His will by the way He deals with Pharaoh?
- 3. What was Pharaoh's initial response after the thunder and hail?
- 4. How have you responded when God brought trials into your life? Can you relate to Pharaoh?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 10:1-11:10

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Why didn't Pharaoh want the Israelites to leave with everything?
- 2. How did Pharaoh's servants respond to the plagues?
- **3.** What happened in Moses and Pharaoh's last interaction?
- 4. How have you responded when someone persistently refused your request?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 12:1-30, Luke 7:1-17

- 1. What is the significance of the Passover, and why do Christians remember it today?
- 2. What would it be like if our nation experienced such a severe plague?
- 3. What made the centurion's faith great?
- 4. How have you experienced the Lord's compassion like the widow?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 12:31-51, Matthew 11:1-19

- 1. What was Pharaoh's reaction to the last plague?
- 2. What rule was established for the stranger who sojourns among the Israelites?
- 3. Who was John the Baptist, and what was his role?
- **4.** What can you do to become the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|              | Befriend someone who has been rejected by society.     |

Exodus 13:1-14:4, Luke 7:18-35

- **1.** What is similar about the way God led the Israelites and the way He leads you now?
- **2.** Why did God command the people to eat unleavened bread?
- 3. Why did John send his disciples to Jesus?
- 4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "wisdom is justified by all her children"?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 14:5-31, Matthew 11:20-30

- 1. How did Moses work great miracles?
- 2. How did God deliver the Israelites?
- **3.** How does Jesus being gentle and humble in heart change the way you see Him denouncing people?
- **4.** What can we learn about God's character from the way He interacted with the Israelites?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|              | Inspire someone who is doubting to follow God's leading. |

Exodus 15:1-27, Luke 7:36-50

- 1. How did the Israelites respond to God's deliverance?
- 2. What did God promise the Israelites if they kept His statutes?
- 3. How did Jesus' response to the woman differ from the Pharisees?
- 4. How has the way you have been forgiven affect the way you love God and others?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share                                     | with someone how you have been forgiven.        |

Exodus 16:1-36

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did God test the people of Israel?
- 2. Which actions of the Israelites indicate their level of faith?
- 3. How did the people treat Moses and Aaron?
- 4. In what ways are you daily dependent on God like the Israelites?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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an Israelite gathered for each day.

Exodus 17:1-18:27

- 1. How did the Israelites respond to difficulty?
- 2. Why will God war against the Amalekites?
- 3. What did Moses learn from his father-in-law?
- 4. What valuable life lesson have you learned from your parents?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 19:1-25, Luke 8:1-3, Mark 3:20-30

- 1. What was God's intent for the nation of Israel?
- 2. Why couldn't the people of Israel go up the mountain?
- 3. What was Jesus' defense against the accusation that he was possessed by Satan?
- **4.** What has changed about the way you are able to approach God compared to the people of Israel?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Го  | gether Challenge:                                       |
|   | Encourage those who are ill and broken to follow Jesus. |

Exodus 20:1-26, Matthew 12:22-45

- 1. How will you be judged based on your words?
- 2. How does God respond to those who speak against Him and use His name in vain?
- **3.** Why did God want the Israelites to fear Him?
- **4.** Why will the men of Nineveh and the queen of the South condemn people?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 21:1-36, Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35

- 1. What was God trying to teach the people by giving the laws found in today's reading?
- 2. Why do the laws have various levels of consequences?
- **3.** Why does Jesus consider those who do the will of God to be His family?
- **4.** Who do you consider to be your brother, sister, and mother?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 22:1-31, Luke 8:19-21, Mark 4:1-9

- 1. How does the law teach us to treat those who borrow from us?
- 2. What can we see about God's heart in the Law concerning the fatherless and widows?
- 3. What is the significance of hearing in Mark and Luke?
- **4.** What can you apply from the Law to your life about how to treat your neighbor?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 23:1-33, Luke 8:4-8, Matthew 13:1-9

- 1. What does the law teach us about honesty?
- 2. How did God plan to guide the Israelites into the land?
- **3.** How did the people respond to Jesus' Ministry?
- **4.** What area of your life produces the most fruit?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                       |                              |
| Treat a foreigner with kindness.          |                              |

Exodus 24:1-25:9

- 1. Why did Moses put blood on people and things?
- 2. How did the Israelites respond to the commands of God in today's reading?
- 3. What was God's instruction to Moses concerning the building of the Tabernacle?
- 4. How would you respond if you were one of the elders on the mountain?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Contribute something to collectively accomplish the work of the Lord. |  |

Exodus 25:10-40

- 1. What is the significance of the material used in building the Tabernacle furnishings?
- 2. Why was God so specific about how to build things?
- **3.** Where did God decide to meet with the people?
- **4.** How has God given you very specific instructions in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 26:1-37, Matthew 13:10-23

- 1. What was the quality of the materials used to make the Tabernacle?
- 2. Why did Jesus speak in parables?
- 3. Which soil describes the way you hear?
- **4.** Why were Jesus disciples able to see and hear?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Help someone to hear and underst          | and God's word.              |

Exodus 27:1-28:5, Mark 4:10-20

- 1. Who did God choose to be priests?
- 2. How is this parable the key to understanding other parables?
- 3. What rocks and thorns are in your life?
- 4. What do you need to make your soil good and able to receive the word of God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Talk with someone about the kind of soil your heart is made of. |  |

Exodus 28:6-43, Luke 8:9-18

- 1. Why did Jesus only explain the parable to His disciples?
- 2. What does the seed represent and how does the devil take it away?
- 3. What was the significance of engraving the names of tribes of Israel on the stones?
- 4. How can you prevent what you have from being taken away?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Help someone understand and receive the word of God.    |  |

Exodus 29:1-46, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

- 1. Why does God ask the people to sacrifice?
- 2. What purpose does the tent of meeting serve for the people of Israel?
- **3.** What is the purpose of suffering?
- 4. How have you been comforted?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 30:1-33, 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

- 1. What does it mean for the Tabernacle and its accessories to be holy?
- 2. What did God ask Moses to do along with the census?
- 3. What does it mean for the promises of God to find their "yes" in Jesus Christ?
- 4. Paul boasted about certain things. What do you boast about?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Write a letter to someone to express your care for them. |  |

Exodus 30:34-31:18

- 1. How did God equip the people to build the Tabernacle?
- 2. How has God equipped you to serve Him?
- 3. What sign did the Sabbath symbolize and to whom was it given?
- **4.** How was the blend of incense to be used?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 32:1-35

- 1. Why did the people worship a false god?
- **2.** How did Moses respond to the people's sin?
- 3. How did God respond to the people's sin?
- 4. Who can you pray for like Moses prayed for the Israelites?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Actively wait on God with your family and your church.  |  |

Exodus 33:1-23, 2 Corinthians 2:5-3:6

- 1. What is the purpose of the tent of meeting?
- 2. Why was Moses concerned about God's presence going with them?
- **3.** Why are Christians both the fragrance of life and death?
- **4.** How have you experienced both the effects of the letter and the spirit?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Reaffirm your love for someone who has caused you grief or pain. |    |

Exodus 34:1-35:3, 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

- 1. How does God describe himself?
- **2.** How does the Covenant that was given to Moses differ from the Covenant that came through Jesus Christ?
- 3. What does the veil on Moses' face symbolize?
- 4. How have you been transformed by having an unveiled face?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 35:4-29, 2 Corinthians 4:1-18, Psalm 116:1-19

- 1. What type of people contributed toward the Tabernacle?
- 2. How have you come to know the glory of God?
- 3. What does it mean to fix our eyes on what is unseen?
- **4.** Why does God put His treasure in jars of clay?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 35:30-36:7, 2 Corinthians 5:1-6:2, Psalm 130:1-8

- 1. What does it mean to wait for the Lord?
- 2. What does it mean to be a New Creation?
- 3. Why does Paul fear the Lord?
- **4.** How does the truth that Christ died for you impact the way you live?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 36:8-38, 2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- **1.** How are the people responding to God's specific instructions about how to build the Tabernacle?
- **2.** What is different about how God dwelt among the people of Israel versus how he dwells among us today?
- 3. What does it mean to be unequally yoked?
- **4.** How does Paul's ministry as a servant of God compare to the way you serve God?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Talk with someone about what it means to not touch the unclean things.

Exodus 37:1-29

- 1. Where did God instruct Moses to place the furnishings in today's reading?
- **2.** What was the purpose of the Ark of the Covenant?
- 3. How were the furnishings in today's reading supposed to be transported?
- **4.** Compare the quality and precision used in building the Tabernacle to the way that you build your spiritual life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| F    | ask a wise person how they build their relationship with God. |

Exodus 38:1-31

- 1. Who oversaw the building of the Tabernacle?
- 2. What was made out of bronze, and what was made out of silver?
- **3.** Why is there a specific description of what the people made?
- 4. How does God call you to work with others to accomplish His will?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Use your God-given gifts to bless your neighbor today.  |  |

Exodus 39:1-7, 2 Corinthians 7:2-16, Psalm 38:1-22

- 1. What is the difference between Godly grief and worldly grief?
- 2. How does today's Psalm describe Godly sorrow and grief?
- 3. What comforted Paul?
- 4. How has God comforted you through another person?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Make room in your heart for others.                     |  |

Exodus 39:8-43, Mark 4:21-29

- 1. Whose instruction did the people of Israel follow when they built the Tabernacle?
- 2. How did Moses respond when the Tabernacle was completed?
- **3.** What is growing in your life as a result of the seeds that have been scattered?
- 4. Why will God take things away from those who already lack?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Exodus 40:1-38, Mark 4:30-34, Matthew 13:24-30

- 1. What is the significance of the cloud?
- 2. How is the mustard seed like the kingdom of God?
- 3. What do the weeds symbolize, and how will the master get rid of them?
- **4.** If today was harvest day, would you be in the barn or in the bundles?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Explain the parable to someone who has ears to hear.    |   |

Psalm 78:1-39, Matthew 13:31-52

- 1. Why should you teach the next generation about the works of the Lord?
- 2. How did God respond to the Israelites when they were not faithful to His covenant?
- 3. What will ultimately happen to the evil and the lawbreakers?
- 4. What significance do parables have?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with someone a parable about the    | e kingdom of heaven.     |

Psalm 78:40-72, Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 8:23-27, Luke 8:22-25

- 1. Why did the psalmist write that the Israelites tested God again and again?
- 2. Why did the Disciples awake Jesus?
- 3. How would Jesus describe your faith?
- 4. How was God's power displayed to the disciples?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Numbers 7:1-35

- 1. Why did God give the Levites the wagons and the oxen?
- 2. Why were the sons of Kohath not given wagons?
- 3. Why were the Chiefs bringing offerings?
- **4.** What do you give as an offering to the Lord?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Numbers 7:36-59, Numbers 9:15-23

- 1. How did God command the Israelites to camp and set out?
- 2. What can you learn about God's leading from how long the Israelites camped at each location?
- 3. Which name of the leaders is the most fun to pronounce?
- 4. What is the cloud and fire in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 2:1-12, Psalm 45:1-17, Psalm 97:1-12, Hebrews 1:1-14

- 1. How is Jesus greater than the angels?
- 2. Why did God exalt Jesus?
- 3. How is God communicating with us throughout the ages?
- 4. How does God's righteousness rule and lay the foundation for your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Rejoice in the Lord with someone else that God has made righteous. |  |

Psalm 104:1-35, Hebrews 2:1-18

- 1. How is God's wisdom made known through His works?
- 2. Why does the psalmist bless the Lord?
- **3.** Why did Jesus have to be made like His brothers?
- **4.** What causes you to drift and slip away?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Sing God's praise in the midst of the congregation.     |  |

Numbers 7:60-77, Psalm 95:1-11, Hebrews 3:1-19

- 1. How are we instructed to learn from the Israelites in the wilderness?
- 2. How does the psalmist teach us to respond to God?
- **3.** Why couldn't the people enter God's rest?
- **4.** Why is it important for you to hold fast to your confidence and hope?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Exhort someone so the                     | ey don't get hardened by sin.        |

Psalm 29:1-11, Numbers 7:78-89, Hebrews 4:1-13

- 1. What is God's rest?
- 2. How do we enter rest?
- 3. What is God's voice like?
- 4. How has God's word impacted you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Help someone find rest in God.                          |  |

Leviticus 8:1-36, Hebrews 4:14-5:10

- 1. Why can we confidently draw near to the throne of grace?
- 2. What was needed to be done for Aaron and his sons to serve as priests?
- 3. How is Jesus' priesthood superior to Aaron's?
- 4. How can Jesus sympathize with your weaknesses?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with s                              | omeone why Jesus is the source of their salvation. |

Numbers 8:1-26

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Why were the Levites set apart?
- 2. What did the Levites need to do to serve?
- **3.** What special service did God appoint for the Levites?
- **4.** How have you been dedicated to the Lord?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |

Choose a particular service to perform for the Lord with your family members.

Leviticus 9:1-24, Numbers 9:1-14

- 1. What offerings were performed for Aaron and the people?
- 2. Why did Aaron offer sacrifices on behalf of himself?
- **3.** Who was supposed to keep the Passover?
- 4. How has God made provision for you when you are on a journey?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| rogetr                                    | ner Challenge:  |
| Share                                     | with someone how God has appeared to you in a mighty way. |

Leviticus 10:1-20, Leviticus 5:14-19, Hebrews 5:11-6:12

- 1. How did Nadab and Abihu taste the heavenly gift and yet end up being burned?
- 2. Why were Ithamar and Eleazar forgiven?
- 3. How do Christians become dull of hearing?
- 4. What kind of crop are you bearing? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Show your love for Christ through serving the saints.   |  |

Leviticus 2:1-16, Leviticus 5:1-13, Hebrews 6:13-20

- 1. Why is God's oath never rash?
- 2. Why do we not need to offer all the sacrifices the Israelites did for their sins?
- 3. What quality of offerings were the Israelites required to bring?
- **4.** How is your hope an anchor of the soul?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Numbers 18:1-32, Hebrews 7:1-14

- 1. How did God provide for the Levites and the priests?
- 2. What is the significance of Jesus being a priest after the order of Melchizedek?
- 3. How do tithes apply to you today?
- **4.** Why is there a change of the law for us today?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Jeremiah 30:1-24, Hebrews 7:15-28

- 1. How has God raised up David in the latter days?
- 2. How is Jesus different from other priests?
- 3. What gives you assurance that Jesus can completely save you?
- **4.** How is our hope superior to the commandments of the law?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Remind the hopeless of the hope that Jesus brought.     |  |

Jeremiah 31:1-40, Hebrews 8:1-13

- 1. What did God promise the nation of Israel?
- 2. What is the New Covenant?
- **3.** How is the Old Covenant affected by the New Covenant?
- 4. How has God shown you mercy and forgiveness?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Numbers 19:1-22

- 1. How do unclean people become clean?
- 2. What happens to an unclean person if they do not cleanse themself?
- 3. How can uncleanness be spread?
- 4. In what ways have you experienced the cleansing power of Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Encourage someone to stay morally pure.                 |  |

Leviticus 3:1-17, Leviticus 22:17-33

- 1. What was not acceptable to offer to the Lord?
- 2. What are the different kinds of sacrifices that the Israelites made?
- 3. What kind of sacrifices do you make to the Lord?
- 4. What were the Israelites commanded not to eat? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Grill some meat and smell a pleasing aroma with your friends. |  |

Leviticus 16:1-34, Hebrews 9:1-14

- 1. Why does Aaron need to make atonement for the Holy Place?
- **2.** What was represented by the goat that was let go of the wilderness?
- 3. How did Jesus fulfill the sacrifice described in Leviticus?
- **4.** How have you been impacted by what Jesus accomplished?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |  |
| Share with someone how Jesus' sacrifice many years ago affects them today. |  |

Leviticus 6:1-30, Hebrews 9:15-28

- 1. What is the significance of the shedding of blood?
- 2. What made Jesus' sacrifice superior to the levitical priests' sacrifice?
- 3. How do you know if you will be saved when Jesus appears the second time?
- 4. What was required of Aaron and his sons when working with the Holy sacrifices?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Leviticus 1:1-17, Hebrews 10:1-18, Psalm 40:1-17

- 1. Why does God no longer require animal sacrifices?
- 2. How was the law a shadow of things to come?
- 3. How has God brought you out of the pit?
- 4. What does it mean for God to write His law on our hearts?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Tell others about God's wondrous deeds.                 |  |

Leviticus 20:1-27, Deuteronomy 19:14-21, Hebrews 10:19-39

- 1. Why are we instructed to meet together?
- 2. What does Hebrews warn us about deliberate sin?
- 3. What is the importance of two or three witnesses?
- **4.** What does it mean for you to live by faith?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Provoke other believers to love and good works.         |  |

Psalm 102:1-28, Hebrews 11:1-22

- 1. How does the psalmist encouraged himself in the midst of trial?
- 2. How did the biblical examples help you define the meaning of faith?
- 3. Why do we need faith?
- 4. How has your faith been demonstrated?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Ask a believer how their faith has sustained them.      |  |

Leviticus 21:1-22:16

- 1. Why was it important for the priest to remain clean?
- 2. What was required to go through the veil and enter God's holy presence?
- **3.** What made the priests, the Tabernacle, and the sacrifices holy?
- 4. What does outward Holiness look like in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Leviticus 7:1-38

- 1. Why were Aaron and his sons given a portion of the offering?
- 2. What caused certain people to be cut off from among their nation?
- 3. What offerings were given for the priests to eat?
- 4. What do your sacrifices to the Lord look like?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 39:1-13, Leviticus 26:1-13, Hebrews 11:23-40

- 1. What things should we value in life considering how short it is?
- 2. What conditions did God give the Israelites to be blessed and mighty at war?
- 3. Why didn't the people in the Old Testament receive the things promised to them?
- **4.** How have you walked by faith in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Proverbs 3:1-35, Hebrews 12:1-13

- 1. Why does God discipline His children?
- 2. How does Hebrews teach us to endure?
- 3. How valuable is wisdom?
- 4. What wisdom have you gained through God's discipline?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Leviticus 26:14-46, Hebrews 12:14-29

- 1. How does God respond to those who don't listen to him?
- 2. How do you strive for both peace and holiness in your relationships?
- 3. What did God warn the Israelites, and what does He warn us today?
- **4.** Why is the New Covenant better than the Old Covenant?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| In reverence and awe, worship God with others.          |  |

Leviticus 4:1-35, Hebrews 13:1-25

- 1. How do the Old Testament sacrifices help us better understand what Jesus accomplished?
- **2.** Why does God give us leaders?
- 3. How does knowing that God will never leave you or forsake you help you overcome fear?
- **4.** What can we learn about God's perspective on unintentional sin, and what does this mean for us today?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|          | Show hospitality to a stranger.                        |

Leviticus 11:1-47, Mark 5:1-20

- 1. Why did God give the Israelites clean and unclean laws?
- 2. Why would Jesus allow the unclean spirits to go into the unclean pigs?
- 3. Why were the people of the Gerasenes afraid?
- 4. Do you seek to be holy as God is holy?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Go tell everyone how much Jesus has done for you.       |  |

Leviticus 13:1-28

- 1. What was the role of the priest over the people of Israel?
- 2. What was the process to find out if someone had leprosy?
- 3. Why was it important for the people to know who had leprosy?
- 4. Who has God given you to help discern your spiritual condition?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Leviticus 13:29-59

- 1. How was a leprous person required to live?
- 2. What was required to be done to a leprous (or moldy) garment?
- **3.** What judgment was the priest supposed to give concerning baldness?
- 4. How does leprosy represent a spiritual condition and how should you respond to it?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Leviticus 14:1-32, Matthew 8:28-34

- 1. What was required of a leprous person to be cleansed?
- 2. How does God show compassion on the poor?
- 3. What did the demons understand about Jesus?
- 4. How have you seen Jesus' power over spiritual forces?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Show compassion toward someone who is poor.             |  |

Leviticus 14:33-57, Luke 8:26-39

- 1. How does leprosy in a house resemble sin in a person's life?
- 2. How does removing sin in your life resemble removing leprosy from a house?
- **3.** Why did the demon identify himself as Legion?
- 4. How did the healed man respond to Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Ask someone to l | help make sure sin is not spreading in your life. |  |

Leviticus 15:1-33, Mark 5:21-43

- 1. How would you describe Jarius' faith?
- 2. How did Jesus demonstrate His power over unclean laws?
- 3. Is your faith more like Jarius or the people at his house? Why?
- **4.** How did Jesus respond to the peoples' unbelief?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Go to Jesus | is on behalf of someone else.                  |  |

Leviticus 17:1-16, Leviticus 24:1-9, Matthew 9:18-26

- 1. Why was God concerned about where a sacrifice was to be made?
- 2. What is the significance of a creature's blood?
- **3.** Why did the woman touch Jesus?
- 4. What can you learn from the woman who touched Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Provide some food to someone who ministers to you spiritually. |

Leviticus 24:10-25:7, Luke 8:40-56

- 1. What is the connection between faith and God's power?
- 2. If God's law about blasphemy were enforced today, how would it change our culture?
- 3. How did Jesus change the law concerning an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth?
- **4.** How would the healed woman and Jairus respond to the trials in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |  |
| Share with someone about God's punishment for blasphemy and cursing. |  |

Leviticus 25:8-34

- 1. What was God's plan to prevent generational poverty?
- 2. How did the Levites differ from the rest of the Israelites in the Year of Jubilee?
- 3. How often was the Year of Jubilee?
- **4.** How would you struggle if God commanded you not to make a living every 7 years?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |
| Help someone who is in poverty.                         |

Leviticus 27:1-34

- 1. What do people vow or dedicate to the Lord today?
- 2. What was required if someone wanted to redeem their gift to the Lord?
- 3. What types of vows did the Israelites give?
- **4.** How does your giving reflect what's in your heart?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Leviticus 25:35-55, Matthew 9:27-34

- 1. What was the difference between an Israelite slave and a foreign slave?
- 2. How can you apply God's instructions about the poor to your life?
- 3. How did the blind men display their faith?
- 4. How do people deny Jesus today?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Talk to someone about what it means to have faith.      |  |

Numbers 1:1-31, Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6

- 1. Who was counted in the census?
- **2.** What was the largest tribe listed today?
- **3.** Why wasn't Jesus respected in His hometown?
- 4. Would Jesus be able to perform mighty works in your church? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Numbers 1:32-54, Matthew 9:35-38, Mark 6:7-13

- 1. What is the responsibility of the Levites?
- 2. What did the disciples do when they were sent out?
- 3. Who do you know that is like a sheep without a shepherd?
- 4. What did Jesus instruct his disciples to bring on their journey?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |  |
| Join others in laboring for God's Harvest.              |  |  |

Numbers 2:1-34, Matthew 10:1-15

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did the 12 become able to work miracles?
- 2. What is the significance of describing the 12 as both apostles and disciples?
- 3. Where did Jesus send the twelve?
- 4. How would you respond if Jesus called you to go on a journey without provisions?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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# Draw the Israelite encampment around the Tabernacle based on the size of each tribe and show it to a friend.

Numbers 3:1-32, Matthew 10:16-42

- 1. What is the job of the Kohathites?
- 2. How does Jesus command us to fear differently from those in the world?
- **3.** Who will Jesus acknowledge before the Father?
- 4. How can you find your life by losing it?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Do something kind for a disciple of Jesus.              |  |

Numbers 3:33-51, Numbers 4:34-49

- 1. How old were the people who served in the tent of meeting?
- 2. How did God redeem the firstborn of Israel?
- 3. Where did Moses and Aaron camp? Why?
- **4.** What do you do in service toward the Lord?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Serve the people in your church.                        |  |

Numbers 4:1-33

- 1. Who covered the furnishings of the sanctuary and why were they covered?
- 2. What were the responsibilities of Eleazar and Ithamar?
- **3.** How were the items of the tabernacle transported?
- **4.** How do you submit to your leaders in the kingdom of God?

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| Together Challenge:                          |  |
| Help your leader set up a place for worship. |  |

Numbers 5:1-31, Galatians 1:1-10

- 1. How did God protect a woman from her husband's jealousy?
- 2. How does God respond to those who are deceitful?
- 3. How does your life reflect whom you want to please?
- **4.** How have you seen what happened in Galatia in your community?

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| Talk to someone about what it means to be a servant of Christ. |  |

Numbers 6:1-27, Galatians 1:11-24

- 1. What was required of a Nazarite?
- 2. How did Paul hear about the gospel?
- **3.** How is God glorified through your life?
- 4. How did Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Preach Jesus to those who don't know Him. |  |

Numbers 15:1-31, Galatians 2:1-10

- **1.** How did the consequences differ for those who sinned unintentionally versus those who did it on purpose?
- 2. What consequences do we face today for unintentional sin?
- 3. What is similar and different about Peter and Paul's Ministry?
- **4.** How are you actively preserving the truth of the Gospel?

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| Provide food for someone who is in need.  |  |

Psalm 143:1-12, Numbers 15:32-41, Galatians 2:11-21

- 1. What were the tassels to remind the people?
- 2. On what basis did the psalmist make requests to God?
- 3. What role does faith play in the Christian's life?
- **4.** How do you live by faith?

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| Together Challenge:                               |  |
| Make a stand against hypocrisy in your community. |  |

Galatians 3:1-14, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Leviticus 18:1-30

- 1. What is the significance of Jesus being hung on a tree?
- **2.** How does living by faith differ from living by the law?
- 3. How did God's rules pertaining to marriage differ between the time of Moses and Abraham?
- **4.** Do you seek to obtain the Spirit by works of law or by the hearing of faith?

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| Talk with another Christian about what it means to live by faith. |  |

Numbers 28:1-31

- 1. What were the priest required to daily offer?
- 2. How did the Passover differ from regular days?
- **3.** What do you daily offer to the Lord?
- **4.** How do you offer the Lord your best?

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| Offer yourself as a Living Sacrifice today. |  |

Numbers 29:1-31

- 1. What is a holy convocation?
- **2.** What animals were offered in the seventh month?
- 3. How do you worship God at different times of the year?
- 4. What priority does worship have in your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                      |
| Gather with others to worship God in a holy convocation? |

Numbers 29:32-30:16, Galatians 3:15-4:7

- 1. How was a wife or daughter's vow established?
- 2. How did our relationship with God change when Christ came?
- **3.** What is the purpose of the law?
- **4.** What does it mean for the Spirit to cry "Abba! Father!" in your heart?

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| Together Challenge:                         |
| Explain to someone the importance of faith. |

Leviticus 23:1-32, Galatians 4:8-31

- 1. Why are feasts and holy days important to the people of Israel?
- **2.** Why is it dangerous to try to obtain righteousness by observing days, months, and seasons?
- 3. What does it mean for the Galatians to cast out the slave women and her son?
- **4.** Are you a child of the slave woman or the free? Why?

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| Together Challenge:   |
| Talk with someone about what it means to be a slave to the law. |

Leviticus 23:33-44, Leviticus 12:1-8, Galatians 5:1-15

- 1. What is the yoke of slavery that Paul is referring to?
- 2. How do people try to be right with God through laws like circumcision?
- **3.** How is love an act of faith?
- 4. What makes you right with God?

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| Fulfill the law by loving others.         |   |

Leviticus 19:1-37, Galatians 5:16-26

- 1. How does Leviticus teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves?
- 2. How do you know if you are walking by the Spirit or gratifying the desires of your flesh?
- **3.** What will ultimately happen to us if we practice the works of the flesh?
- **4.** What does it look like in your life to crucify the flesh's passions and desires?

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| Together Challenge:                       |
| Show honor to someone with gray hair.     |

Proverbs 22:1-29, Galatians 6:1-18

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- **1.** How does Proverbs illustrate the principle of sowing and reaping?
- **2.** How is someone who is caught in a transgression supposed to be restored?
- 3. What will you reap based upon what you are sowing?
- **4.** How does Proverbs help us understand what it means to be crucified to the world as a new creation?

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Listen to the words of the wise and apply their knowledge to your heart.

Numbers 10:1-36

- 1. How long did the people camp in front of Mount Sinai?
- 2. How were the people signaled to break camp?
- **3.** What is similar about how God led the people in the wilderness and how God leads us today?
- 4. How did the Israelites move their camp in an orderly way?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |
| Work together with others to move where God is leading. |

Numbers 11:1-35

- 1. Why did the people of Israel complain and weep?
- 2. How did God respond to their complaining and weeping?
- 3. What can we learn from Moses's response to Joshua's demand?
- **4.** How does God feel about your complaining?

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| Together Challenge:                                |
| Help relieve the responsibilities of someone else. |

Numbers 12:1-13:24, Luke 9:1-9

- 1. What can you learn from Miriam and Aaron's lack of respect for Moses?
- **2.** What did the spies discover about the land?
- 3. Why was Herod puzzled?
- **4.** What has God sent you out to do?

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| Together Challenge:                                      |
| Demonstrate what respect looks like toward your leaders. |

Numbers 13:25-14:12, Mark 6:14-29

- 1. Why were the ten spies afraid?
- 2. Can you relate more to Joshua and Caleb or the other spies?
- 3. Why did Herod fear John?
- **4.** What can we learn from Herod making a rash oath?

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| Together Challenge:                               |
| Encourage someone to believe in the face of fear. |

Numbers 14:13-45, Matthew 14:1-21

- 1. How did Moses appeal to God on behalf of the people?
- **2.** How did God deal with the people who did not believe?
- **3.** How was Herod driven by fear?
- 4. How has God come through for you when your situation seems impossible?

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| Pray for someone using Moses as your example. |

Numbers 16:1-35, Jude 1:1-16

- 1. How did Korah seek to undermine Moses and Aaron's calling?
- 2. How do people like Korah pervert the grace of God?
- **3.** What are five qualities that Jude gives to help you know if you are perverting the grace of God?
- 4. What does Jude warn will happen to those who follow Korah's example?

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| Contend for the Faith by standing up for the truth. |  |

Numbers 16:36-17:13, Jude 1:17-25

- 1. How is Moses and Aaron a good example of servant leaders?
- 2. How did God protect Moses and Aaron from the people?
- 3. What should you be doing while you wait for Jesus's return?
- **4.** What did God do to end the grumbling about the leadership of the people?

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| Snatch someone out of the fire like Moses and Aaron. |  |

Numbers 20:1-29

- 1. How do you represent God to the people in your life?
- 2. Why couldn't Moses and Aaron lead the people into the promised land?
- 3. How does this passage show God's compassion toward the needs of His children?
- 4. How did the Israelites and Edomites treat each other?

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| Together Challenge:                            |          |
| Give a cup of water to someone who is thirsty. |          |

Numbers 21:1-35

- 1. What can you learn from the Israelites complaining?
- 2. How did the bronze serpent foreshadow Jesus dying on the cross?
- 3. How did God accomplish His purposes through Israel?
- 4. How did Moses gain confidence that they would defeat Og King of Bashan?

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| Sing a song with others about what God has done. |   |

Numbers 22:1-41, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17

- 1. Why did Balak send for Balaam?
- 2. Why did Balaam's donkey rebuke him?
- **3.** What does it mean to be a sheep without a shepherd?
- **4.** How has God blessed your pursuit of Him?

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| Sacrificially give to those around you today. |  |

Numbers 23:1-26, John 6:1-15, Mark 6:45-52

- 1. Why couldn't Balaam curse the people?
- 2. How did Balak respond to Balaam?
- 3. How has your lack of faith kept you from seeing what God is doing?
- 4. What was the people's response to Jesus's miracle?

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| Offer the little you have to see God work a miracle. |  |

Numbers 23:27-24:25, Matthew 14:22-33

- 1. Why was Balak angry at Balaam?
- 2. What did Balaam foretell about Israel?
- **3.** What caused Peter to sink?
- 4. In what circumstances do you accept fear over faith?

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| Help someone step out in faith.           |          |

Numbers 25:1-26:14, John 6:16-21, Mark 6:53-56, Matthew 14:34-36

- 1. How did the Israelites make God angry?
- **2.** How did Phineas appease God's Wrath?
- **3.** Why were so many people healed at Gennesaret?
- **4.** How does your faith compared to the people of Gennesaret?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Bring the sick to Jesus in prayer.        |  |

Proverbs 7:1-27, Numbers 26:15-18, John 6:22-59

- **1.** How is the warning in Proverbs 7 applicable to the Israelites' dealings with the Moabites?
- **2.** What happens to those who are seduced by the adulteress?
- 3. Why does Jesus refer to himself as the bread of life?
- **4.** How do you do the work of God?

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|         | Warn someone about the dangers of adultery. |

Numbers 26:19-56

- 1. How was the inheritance to be divided among the clans?
- **2.** How did the number of people entering the promised land compare with the amount who left Egypt?
- **3.** What was the largest clan in Israel?
- **4.** What is our inheritance in Christ?

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| Count your blessings and share them with someone else. |  |

Numbers 26:57-27:23

- 1. What blessings might you miss like Moses if you do not continue in obedience?
- **2.** Why was Joshua chosen to succeed Moses?
- 3. How did God honor Zelophehad's daughters?
- **4.** How was Moses's compassion for the people displayed after God told him he was going to die?

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| Humbly serve someone who has hurt you today. |

Numbers 31:1-24, John 6:60-71

- 1. Why did the Israelites destroy the Midianites?
- 2. Why was Balaam killed by the Israelites?
- **3.** Why did Jesus choose Judas to be one of the 12?
- **4.** How have you found Jesus' words to be spirit and life?

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| Ask someone to help you understand a difficult saying from Jesus. |  |

Numbers 31:25-54, Matthew 15:1-20

- 1. What did the officers and commanders report to Moses?
- **2.** When do traditions become dangerous?
- 3. What defiles a person?
- **4.** What traditions are in your life that might keep you from obeying God?

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| Together Challenge:                      |   |
| Help someone who is blind to see.        |   |

Numbers 32:1-42, Mark 7:1-23

- 1. Why was Moses angry with Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh?
- 2. How did Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh respond to Moses?
- **3.** How does someone's heart grow distant from God while they still honor Him with their lips?
- **4.** Why did Jesus reprove the Pharisees?

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| Discuss with someone the difference between a command from God and a tradition of men |  |

Numbers 33:1-28, Mark 7:24-30

- 1. What was it like in Egypt when the Israelites left?
- 2. Why did Jesus heal the woman's daughter?
- 3. What would you say if Jesus responded to you like He did to the woman?
- **4.** What can we learn about the places where the Israelites camped based on their general descriptions?

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| Help someone who is moving.               |  |

Numbers 33:29-56, Matthew 15:21-28

- 1. What were the Israelites supposed to do when they crossed over the Jordan?
- **2.** What are the similarities between leaving the inhabitants in the land and leaving sin in your life?
- **3.** Why did Jesus consider the woman to have great faith?
- 4. Why did the disciples try to send the woman away and how can you relate to them?

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|     | Respond to someone's call for help.     |

Numbers 34:1-29

- 1. What tribes inherited land on the east side of the Jordan?
- **2.** How did having the Great Sea on the western border make the land valuable?
- 3. What were the chiefs of each tribe supposed to do?
- **4.** What have you inherited in Christ?

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| Use your inheritance to bless others.     |  |

Numbers 35:1-34

- 1. Why did God create cities of refuge?
- **2.** What differed in the law pertaining to a murder out of hatred and an accidental death?
- 3. How did God provide a way for the Levites to spread out among the nation of Israel?
- 4. How are the implications of God dwelling in the land similar to God dwelling in you?

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| If hatred has taken root in your heart toward another ask God for help in | rolooging it |

Numbers 36:1-13, Deuteronomy 1:1-18, Romans 1:1-17

- 1. How did God keep the inheritance within each tribe?
- 2. Why did Paul receive grace and apostleship?
- 3. How do we mutually encourage and comfort each other?
- **4.** Why shouldn't you be ashamed of the Gospel?

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| Encourage someone who has encouraged you today. |  |

Deuteronomy 1:19-25, Psalm 81:1-16, Romans 1:18-32

- 1. How does God respond to those who reject Him?
- 2. Why are people who have never seen a Bible without excuse for their sin?
- 3. How does Romans describe what is at the root of homosexual behavior?
- **4.** What can you do to keep your mind from becoming debased and reprobate?

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| Confess and renounce any idolatry in your life to another person. |

Psalm 62:1-12, Psalm 28:1-9, Psalm 128:1-6, Romans 2:1-16

- 1. What role do works play in your eternal destiny?
- **2.** What is the purpose of God's kindness?
- 3. What does it mean for God to be your refuge?
- **4.** What is the evidence that the law is written on a person's heart?

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| Ask a Christian how God has become their refuge. |  |

Deuteronomy 1:26-46, Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Romans 2:17-29

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did the Lord carry the Israelites as a man carries his son?
- **2.** What is circumcision of the heart?
- 3. How do God's requirements of the Israelites apply to you today?
- **4.** What value does God place on things that are outward and physical versus matters of the heart?

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Encourage someone that God can bring them into their Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 2:1-37, Romans 3:1-8

- 1. How did God go before the Israelites in taking possession of the land?
- 2. Why didn't Israel attack the Edomites, the Moabites, and the Ammonites?
- 3. How does Paul explain that "the end doesn't justify the means"?
- 4. How has God provided for you through a wilderness?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Initiate a conversation with others about the faithfulness of God in your life. |  |

Deuteronomy 22:1-30

- 1. How did God teach the people to love each other?
- 2. How does God feel about sexual sin?
- 3. How is God's view of betrothal different from how people view engagement today?
- 4. How do you respond when you find something that someone else lost?

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| Together Challenge:                         |
| Stop to help someone who is facing a trial. |

Deuteronomy 24:6-25:19

- 1. How did the welfare system in the law differ from modern welfare systems?
- 2. How does remembering Israel's past help us today?
- **3.** How did God provide for widows?
- **4.** How have you seen dishonesty destroy a life?

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| Be generous to someone who asks you for help. |  |

Psalm 5:1-12, Psalm 10:1-18, Psalm 14:1-7, Psalm 36:1-12, Romans 3:9-20

- 1. What kind of people does God reject?
- 2. How does Psalm 36 describe the boundless measures of God's character?
- **3.** How do the Psalms describe the corruption that everyone is born with?
- 4. How has attempting to obey God helped you come to understand sin?

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| Share with someone what was revealed to you from dwelling in God's light. |

Psalm 53:1-6, Psalm 140:1-13, Deuteronomy 3:1-11, Romans 3:21-31

- 1. What is unique about Og King of Bashan?
- 2. How does the law and Prophets illustrate the righteousness that comes by faith?
- 3. Why can't people boast about being right with God?
- **4.** How have you fallen short of the glory of God?

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| Support someone who is being spiritually attacked. |

Psalm 32:1-11, Psalm 103:1-22, Romans 4:1-25

- 1. How do you bless the Lord?
- **2.** How does God treat those who fear Him?
- **3.** How did Abraham become righteous (right with God)?
- 4. What is the relationship between promises and faith?

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| Talk about all the Lord's benefits with someone else. |

Deuteronomy 3:12-4:14, Romans 5:1-21

- 1. What is the correlation between Adam and Jesus?
- 2. How did God make the Israelites unique among the nations?
- **3.** What is the significance of us being enemies of God when He reconciled us to Himself?
- **4.** How do you rejoice in the hope of the glory of God?

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| Together Challenge:                                       |
| Encourage someone who is suffering that it has a purpose. |

Deuteronomy 4:15-49, Romans 6:1-23

- 1. What idols have you worshipped?
- 2. How did God show the Israelites that He chose them to be His people?
- 3. What does baptism symbolize?
- **4.** What is the difference between the fruit of obeying righteousness versus obeying sin?

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| Talk with someone about what it means to be a slave of sin. |  |  |

Deuteronomy 19:1-13, Deuteronomy 21:1-21

- 1. How does the law teach people to highly regard human life?
- 2. In what ways did the law protect women and children?
- 3. How does our culture deal with sin differently than what was prescribed in the law?
- 4. How does your perspective about dealing with rebellion differ from your parents?

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| Together Challenge:                           |          |
| Honor your parents in some special way today. |          |

Deuteronomy 23:1-24:5

- 1. What can we learn from the sin of the Ammonites and the Moabites?
- **2.** What is similar between the Israelites keeping the camp holy and us keeping our bodies holy?
- 3. How does the law encourage sharing and yet, still protects against stealing?
- 4. What have you committed to do for the Lord that you have yet to follow through with?

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Deuteronomy 5:1-33, Romans 7:1-25

- 1. Which of the Ten Commandments do you struggle to follow the most?
- **2.** How did the command "you shall not covet (lust or desire)" reveal to Paul that he was corrupted by sin?
- 3. What was the struggle that Paul described in himself?
- **4.** What is the significance of dying to the law?

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| Share with someone how laws and rules have revealed what's in your heart. |  |

Deuteronomy 6:1-25, Romans 8:1-17

- 1. What does the law teach about obtaining righteousness and being right with God?
- 2. How has Jesus fulfilled the righteous requirements of the law in us?
- 3. How does the focus of a person's mind determine their outward behavior?
- **4.** In what ways does your life reflect living according to the flesh or the Spirit?

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| Share with someone the testimony that God has born witness to your Spirit |

Psalm 44:1-26, Romans 8:18-39

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Why is it valuable to suffer in your faithfulness to God?
- 2. What is your hope and longing in life?
- 3. How does the Spirit help us when we don't know how to pray?
- **4.** What are two things that Paul encourages us to remember when going through difficulties?

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Explain to someone how God giving up His son on their behalf shows how much He values them.

Psalm 131:1-3, Deuteronomy 7:1-26, Romans 9:1-29

- 1. What similarities does the wisdom of the psalmist share with Paul's understanding of election?
- **2.** How can you find encouragement to overcome trials like the Israelites we're encouraged that they could overcome their enemies?
- **3.** What are the idols of this age that turn people away from God?
- 4. Who are the true children and people of God?

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| Encourage people not to participate in the idolatry of this world. |  |  |

Psalm 19:1-14, Deuteronomy 9:1-22, Romans 9:30-10:21

- 1. Why did the Israelites inherit the land?
- 2. Why didn't Israel attain to righteousness?
- **3.** How is it evident that you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord?
- 4. What preaches the gospel to the ends of the world according to Paul's quote of Psalm 19?

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| Make the simple wise by sharing the testimony of the Lord. |  |

Deuteronomy 12:1-32

- 1. What is the significance of blood and how were the Israelites to treat it?
- 2. Where were the Israelites allowed to worship and sacrifice?
- **3.** How did God protect the Israelites by commanding them to destroy the nation's they were dispossessing?
- **4.** How have you seen people worship God in the same way unbelievers follow their idols?

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Deuteronomy 8:1-20, Deuteronomy 9:23-10:11

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How does God's relationship with Israel reveal His character?
- 2. How did the Israelites learn to not live by bread alone?
- 3. Why do people forget God when they are prosperous?
- **4.** How do you intercede for those around you?

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Encourage someone to continue with you on the journey to the promised land.

Psalm 69:1-36, Romans 11:1-36

- 1. What is more pleasing to God than sacrifices?
- 2. What is the difference between being chosen by grace or on the basis of works?
- 3. How do people remain grafted into the cultivated olive tree?
- **4.** How have you benefited from the nation of Israel?

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| Help someone who is sinking in meier and being swept over by a flood. |  |

Proverbs 25:1-28, Romans 12:1-21

- 1. How are we taught to treat our enemies?
- **2.** How do we keep from being conformed to this world?
- 3. What does it look like for you to be a member of Christ's body?
- 4. What ways do you still need to be transformed in following Paul's commands in Romans?

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| Contribute to the needs of the saints and show them hospitality. |  |

Deuteronomy 11:1-32, Romans 13:1-14

- 1. What role does love play in obeying the law?
- 2. What were the Israelites warned will happen to them if they reject God's commands?
- 3. How should we treat the governing authorities?
- **4.** What does it mean for you to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light?

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| Resolve to treat the governing authorities as ministers of God. |  |

Deuteronomy 14:1-21, Deuteronomy 16:1-8, Romans 14:1-23

- 1. How did laws about food and observing specific days make Israel a holy nation?
- **2.** How has the definition of what is clean and unclean changed from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant?
- 3. If the kingdom of God revealed in the New Testament is not about food and holy days what is it about?
- 4. What role does faith and conscience play in the way you interact with the people in your life?

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| Show love to someone who has an opinion different than yours. |  |

Psalm 117:1-2, Deuteronomy 16:9-17:13, Romans 15:1-22

- **1.** What did God require for the Israelites to live and inherit the land that He was giving them?
- 2. How can you follow Christ's example of not pleasing Himself?
- 3. How does Romans describe the purpose of the scriptures written long ago?
- **4.** What enables us to abound in Hope?

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| Remind a solid believer of a simple truth that they may have forgotten. |  |

Deuteronomy 17:14-18:8, Deuteronomy 20:1-20

- 1. What did God require of Kings to prevent them from going astray?
- 2. What special privileges did the Levites receive in their inheritance?
- 3. Would God choose you to fight His battles? Why?
- **4.** How were the Israelites to treat those in the land that they were to inherit different from those far away?

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|     | Find fearless people who trust God to fight alongside you. |

Deuteronomy 27:1-26

- 1. What does it mean to be cursed?
- 2. What was cursed?
- 3. How does claiming to be one of God's people affect your life?
- **4.** What do some of the sins that are associated with curses have in common?

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| Organize an event that reminds people about what God loves and hates. |  |

Deuteronomy 14:22-15:23, Romans 15:23-33

- 1. How could generosity change your relationships?
- **2.** How does slavery in the law differ from the slavery of the African people in the 1700s and 1800s?
- 3. What were people to do with the firstborn of the herds?
- **4.** What is the role of the church in ministering to the poor?

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| Together Challenge:                           |
| Take up a collection to help someone in need. |

Deuteronomy 18:9-22, Deuteronomy 26:1-19, Romans 16:1-16

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did Moses foretell Jesus' coming in Deuteronomy 18?
- **2.** What did the nations practice that motivated God to send the Israelites to destroy them?
- **3.** Who received the tithe of the produce?
- **4.** What makes you holy to the Lord?

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Send a special greeting to several Christians who you've not seen in awhile.

Deuteronomy 13:1-18, Deuteronomy 28:1-14, Romans 16:17-27

- 1. What happened to those who served other gods?
- 2. What would happen if the Israelites faithfully obey the voice of the Lord?
- **3.** How does God view those who cause division and lead others astray?
- **4.** How should you respond to those who are divisive and lead others astray?

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| Strengthen someone by preaching Jesus Christ and sharing the gospel. |

Deuteronomy 28:15-48, Matthew 15:29-31, Mark 7:31-37

- 1. What did the Israelites need to do to keep from being destroyed?
- 2. How did Jesus demonstrate that He was the son of God?
- 3. How did the people respond to Jesus's healings?
- 4. How has Jesus pulled you aside privately to meet your needs?

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| Pray for someone who is in need of healing. |

Deuteronomy 28:49-68, Mark 8:1-10

- 1. How severe did God intend on discipling the Israelites if they disobeyed?
- 2. How do severe consequences keep us from sinning?
- 3. How do you underestimate what God can do?
- **4.** How would you describe the faith of the disciples?

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| Together Challenge:                       |
| Show compassion to the needs of others.   |

Deuteronomy 29:1-29

- 1. How did God supernaturally provide for the Israelites in the wilderness?
- **2.** Why is it dangerous for people to think they are safe when they are walking in the stubbornness of their own heart?
- 3. Why does God hide certain things from us and reveal other things to us?
- **4.** Why is it important that God has made a covenant with you?

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| Warn someone about the dangers of s | serving another God. |

Deuteronomy 30:1-31:13

- 1. What makes God rejoice and delight over the Israelites?
- 2. Why could the Israelites be strong and courageous when they entered the land?
- 3. When God sets life and death before you what do you choose?
- **4.** What did God establish so that everyone would know and not forget the law?

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| Talk with someone about what it m | neans to love the Lord with all your heart and soul. |

Deuteronomy 31:14-32:18, Matthew 15:32-16:4

- 1. When did God say the Israelites would rebel against Him?
- 2. What makes God's faithfulness to the Israelites' forefathers so amazing?
- 3. What songs has God used in your life to remind you of His truth?
- **4.** Why did Jesus refuse to give signs to the Sadducees and the Pharisees?

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| Teach a younger generation God's truth through a song. |

Deuteronomy 32:19-52, Mark 8:11-21

- 1. What was going to happen to the Israelites when they rebelled?
- 2. What made Moses's words life to the people?
- 3. How important is it for us to treat God as holy in the midst of His people?
- **4.** How have you failed to see that God can provide for you like the disciples?

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| Remember with someone how God has provided for you. |

Deuteronomy 33:1-29, Matthew 16:5-12, Mark 8:22-30

- **1.** Despite all the difficulties that Moses faced on account of the Israelites, how did he end his time as their leader?
- 2. What does it mean for God to be your eternal dwelling place and that He has everlasting arms?
- 3. What did Jesus warn His disciples about?
- **4.** Why did Jesus lead the blind man out of the village?

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| Bless someone who has hurt you.           |  |

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Joshua 1:1-18, Matthew 16:13-20, Luke 9:18-20

- 1. What did God require of Joshua to receive the blessing that Moses missed?
- 2. What reason do you have to be strong and courageous?
- 3. How was Jesus a prophet that people could confuse with Moses?
- 4. What is significant about Peter's proclamation?

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| Ask someone who they think Jesus is.      |  |

Joshua 2:1-24, Luke 9:21-27

- 1. What did the people of Jericho think of the Israelites?
- 2. How is Rahab an example of faith for us today?
- 3. How did the spies in Joshua's time differ from those in Moses's time?
- **4.** How have you tried to save your life and what does it mean for you to lose your life for Jesus's sake?

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| Ask a fellow Christian what it means for them to take up their cross daily? |  |

Joshua 3:1-4:24

- **1.** How did God prove that He supported Joshua as the leader of Israel?
- **2.** What did the Israelites do to create a reminder for future generations of what God had done for them?
- 3. What was amazing about how God parted the waters?
- 4. How has God demonstrated that His presence is with you?

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| Create a reminder for future generations of what God has done for you. |  |

Psalm 114:1-8, Joshua 5:1-15

- 1. How did the Israelites entering the promised land differ from their forefathers?
- 2. What kind of example are you setting for your children?
- 3. What can we learn from how God provided food for the Israelites?
- 4. Whose side was the commander of the Lord on?

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| Write and share a poem or song about what God has done for you. |

Psalm 49:1-20, Joshua 6:1-14, Matthew 16:21-28

- 1. How do people forfeit their soul by trusting in the riches?
- 2. What did God command the Israelites to do?
- 3. How did the Israelites exercise faith when they attack Jericho?
- **4.** How have you set your mind on the things of man instead of the things of God?

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| Encourage someone that God can tear down their strongholds of sin. |  |

Joshua 6:15-27, Psalm 66:1-20, Mark 8:31-9:1

- **1.** How were the Israelites to treat the valuable metals of Jericho and the things devoted to destruction?
- **2.** Who did God protect in the city of Jericho and why?
- **3.** How do you praise God when He gives you victory?
- 4. How does our culture teach us to mind the things of man?

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| Gather with others to magnify and exalt God. |        |

Joshua 7:1-26, Psalm 108:1-13, Mark 9:2-13

- **1.** How did the Israelites become devoted to destruction like the nations they were driving out?
- 2. How did God reveal Achan's sin?
- 3. What consequences have you experienced for sin in your life?
- **4.** How does the voice that came out of the cloud impact your relationship with Jesus?

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| Consider how sin may be affecting your marriage, family, and church. |  |

Joshua 8:1-35, Matthew 17:1-13

- 1. Why were the Israelites victorious when they attacked Ai the second time?
- 2. How is Joshua an example for us to zealously obey God's voice?
- 3. What role did John the Baptist play in Jesus is coming?
- **4.** How is God telling you not to be afraid?

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| Team up to set an ambush for the spiritual realm of darkness. |   |

Joshua 9:1-27, Luke 9:28-36

- 1. What motivated the Gibeonites to deceive the Israelite leaders?
- 2. How has lack of prayer caused you to make a bad decision?
- 3. How did Jesus' approach to prayer impact His experiences while praying?
- **4.** How did the experience on the mountain help to strengthen Jesus to fulfill His ministry?

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| Pray with someone about a decision they are making. |

Joshua 10:1-27

- 1. How did God make the Israelites successful in battle against the kings of the Amorites?
- 2. How has God made you successful in battle against sin in your life?
- 3. Why could the leaders of Israel be courageous and confident?
- **4.** How would people approach sin differently if they recognized that God is fighting for them like He did the Israelites?

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| Come to the aid of someone being attacked. |

Joshua 10:28-11:23

- 1. How was Joshua faithful to obey all that Moses commanded him?
- 2. What are some examples of how the Israelites were strong and courageous?
- 3. Why didn't the inhabitants of the land make peace with Israel?
- **4.** Is there any area of your life that should be devoted to destruction? If yes, how can you follow Israel's example to destroy it?

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| Team up with other believers to drive out pride and selfishness from each of your own | hoorts |

Joshua 12:1-13:7, Mark 9:14-29

- 1. What did God command Joshua to do before he died?
- 2. Why couldn't the disciples cast out the demon?
- 3. How can you relate to the struggle of the demon possessed boy's father?
- **4.** How did the disciples failure present them with the opportunity to learn something new?

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| Pray for someone's children.              |  |

Joshua 13:8-14:5, Matthew 17:14-21

- 1. How is the inheritance of the Levites different from the other tribes?
- 2. Based on Matthew's account how would you describe a twisted and faithless generation?
- **3.** How does today's account work together with yesterday's account to give us insight on how to work miracles?
- 4. How have you seen faith and prayer accomplish mighty things in your life?

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Joshua 14:6-15:19, Luke 9:37-45

- 1. How did God keep His promises to Caleb?
- 2. How is Caleb an example of faith for us today?
- 3. How has God helped you when you have approached Him in desperation?
- **4.** Why is it necessary for God to hide and conceal things from us for a season?

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| Marvel with others about the things that God has done. |  |

Joshua 15:20-63, Mark 9:30-32, Matthew 17:22-23

- 1. How has fear kept you from understanding of the truth?
- 2. Why were the disciples distressed about what Jesus said?
- **3.** What is the advantage of having such specific descriptions of the land that the Israelites were to inherit?
- 4. Why didn't Jesus want everyone to know what he was teaching his disciples?

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| Help someone gain understanding of a hard saying. |          |

Joshua 16:1-17:18, Matthew 17:24-27, Mark 9:33-37

- **1.** How do we make excuses about driving sin out of our lives in the same way that the Ephraimites made excuses about driving out the Canaanites from their inheritance?
- 2. How did Jesus seek to walk peaceably among those who did not understand who He was?
- 3. Why did Jesus say it's valuable to receive even the least important people in His name?
- **4.** Who is God calling you to receive?

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| Receive someone in Jesus name.            |  |

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# Daily Reading:

Joshua 18:1-28

- 1. Why did Joshua send people out to write a description of the land?
- 2. How did Joshua determine the inheritance of the remaining tribes?
- 3. What have you been putting off that you know you should do?
- 4. Which tribes did not put off taking possession of their inheritance?

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| Encourage someone to not put off till tomorrow what they can do today. |

Joshua 19:1-31

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What promise to Abraham was fulfilled in today's reading?
- 2. What has God entrusted to you?
- **3.** How can you use what God has entrusted to you to serve Him?
- **4.** How can you be a shining light in the place that God has given you to live?

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Talk to someone about the spiritual boundaries that God has put in place for you.

Joshua 19:32-20:9, Matthew 18:1-6, Luke 9:46-48

- 1. What is the purpose of the cities of refuge?
- **2.** How does your understanding of greatness contrast with Jesus' description of greatness?
- 3. How do people cause others to sin and how can you avoid it?
- **4.** What practical steps can you take to become least in the kingdom of Heaven?

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| Learn a spiritual lesson from watching a child. |

Joshua 21:1-33, Luke 9:49-50, Mark 9:38-41

- 1. What is significant about the city of Hebron?
- 2. How is the kingdom of God bigger than what fit into John's understanding?
- **3.** Who is for you and who is against you?
- 4. What kind of deeds will God reward?

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| Provide a need for someone who is serving Christ in a different way than you. |  |  |

Joshua 21:34-45, 1 Chronicles 6:54-81, Mark 9:42-50, Matthew 18:7-14

- **1.** How is God faithful to keep the promises that He made to the Israelites' forefathers?
- 2. How has God been faithful to keep His promises to you?
- 3. How important is it to deal with sin in your life according to Jesus?
- **4.** How does Jesus describe hell?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. |

Joshua 22:1-34, Matthew 18:15-35

- **1.** Why was the congregation of Israel concerned with the actions of Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh?
- 2. Why is communication important in dealing with relationships and sin?
- 3. How do mercy and forgiveness work together?
- 4. How does your life model the master or the servant from Jesus' parable?

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| Come together in agreement with two or three others in Jesus name. |  |

Joshua 23:1-24:28, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

- 1. What reasons did the Israelites have for serving the Lord?
- **2.** What warnings were the Israelites given if they turn from serving the one true God?
- 3. What measures do you take to keep a fellow believer from stumbling?
- 4. How does knowledge become dangerous without love?

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Psalm 136:1-26, Joshua 24:29-33

- 1. How did Psalm 136 help the people of Israel remain faithful to the Lord?
- 2. How would you testify that God's steadfast love endures forever?
- **3.** How are people influenced by devoted Godly leaders?
- 4. How was Joshua's generation faithful to obey Joseph command?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Write a psalm about God's steadfast love and share it with others. |

Judges 1:1-36

- 1. Which tribes successfully took over their inheritance?
- 2. Why were some tribes successful in taking over the land while others were not?
- **3.** What are some reasons that the tribes chose to dwell alongside the Canaanites instead of destroying them?
- **4.** Why might you choose to dwell with sin instead of driving it out?

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| Work with other Christians to take down a spiritual stronghold. |

Psalm 124:1-8, Judges 2:1-23, 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

- **1.** What were the consequences for the people of Israel failing to run according to their race?
- 2. How does Judges explain that Israel would escape from the snare of their enemies?
- 3. What was Paul's right as a servant of God and why didn't he make use of it?
- **4.** What does it look like for you to run in such a way to get the incorruptible prize?

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| Go out of your comfort zone to win someone for Christ. |

Psalm 106:1-48, 1 Corinthians 10:1-22

- 1. How are the Israelites an example for us?
- **2.** What has God done for us to provide a way out of Temptation?
- 3. How did Paul warn the Corinthians not to partake of the table of demons?
- **4.** How have you provoked God to jealousy?

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| Encourage someone to flee temptation.     |  |

Psalm 24:1-10, Judges 3:1-11, 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

- **1.** How does the description of those who seek God in the psalm differ from how Judges' described the nation of Israel?
- 2. How did God respond to the Israelites when they cried out?
- **3.** What role does conscience play in guiding our decisions?
- 4. What does it look like for you to follow Paul's example?

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| Go beyond what is lawful and do something that benefits your neighbor. |  |

Judges 3:12-31, Luke 9:51-62, Matthew 8:18-22

- 1. How did Ehud deliver the Israelites?
- 2. Who did James and John want to destroy and why?
- 3. How does Jesus describe the commitment required to follow Him?
- 4. What does your pursuit of Jesus look like?

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| Encourage someone to wholeheartedly follow Jesus. |  |

Judges 4:1-24, John 7:1-9

- 1. Why were the people of Israel cruelly oppressed for 20 years?
- 2. How does judges illustrate that God uses people to accomplish His purposes?
- **3.** Why does the world hate Jesus?
- 4. How do you respond to Jesus when He exposes your works?

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| Show love to someone who hates Jesus.     |  |

Judges 5:1-31

- 1. Which tribes of Israel fought against Sisera?
- 2. Why was Jael most blessed?
- 3. How did Deborah and Barak poetically describe that God was fighting with them?
- **4.** How do you remember and declare the mighty works of God?

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| Together Challenge:                                  |  |
| Share a poem or song that declares victory in Jesus. |  |

Judges 6:1-40

- 1. What are some examples of Gideon's lack of faith?
- 2. How did God respond to Gideon's lack of faith?
- **3.** How was Gideon impacted by His interactions with God?
- **4.** How can you relate to Gideon struggles to believe?

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| Encourage someone who is fearful.         |  |

Judges 7:1-25, Psalm 146:1-10, Titus 1:1-16

- 1. Why did God tell Gideon that there was too many people with him?
- **2.** What was the outcome in the story of Gideon for those whose trust was in princes and those whose trust was in the God of Jacob?
- 3. What has God removed from your life to cause you to rely upon Him?
- **4.** How did the Cretans who profess to know God deny Him by their works?

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Judges 8:1-35, Titus 2:1-15

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did Gideon defeat 135,000 men with only 300 people?
- 2. Why did those who follow Gideon fail to follow God?
- 3. How was Titus to teach people in your position in life?
- **4.** How does the grace of God teach us things?

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Encourage people to live according to the sound doctrine in Titus 2:2-10.

Judges 9:1-21, Titus 3:1-15

- 1. How did Abimelech become king?
- 2. What were we saved from and how were we saved?
- 3. How is Abimelech an example of why we need to deal with divisive people quickly?
- **4.** Is your Christian life centered on what is profitable or unprofitable according to Paul? Why?

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| Share th                                  | e loving kindness of God with someone and our hope for eternal life. |

Judges 9:22-57, John 7:10-24

- 1. What can we learn from the flaws in Abimelech's character?
- 2. How was the curse of Jotham fulfilled?
- **3.** Why do people fail to recognize that Jesus' teaching is from God?
- **4.** How have you made the mistake of judging by appearance?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Encourage someone to do God's will.       |  |

Judges 10:1-18, John 7:25-39

- 1. What can we learn about God's character from today's reading in judges?
- 2. Why were people confused about Jesus being the Christ?
- **3.** Why do you believe Jesus is the Christ?
- **4.** How can people who are thirsty gain access to streams of living water?

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| Explain to someone why you believe in Jesus Christ. |  |

Judges 11:1-28

- **1.** Why was Jephthah in the land of Tob?
- 2. How did Jephthah become ruler over Gilead?
- 3. What was Jephthah's response to the Ammonites claim on the Israelite's land?
- **4.** How can you recognize the value of a specific person that you know who has been rejected?

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Judges 11:29-12:15

- 1. Why did Jephthah tear his clothes after he won the battle?
- 2. How was Jephthah's ignorance of the Law in Leviticus 5:4-13 illustrated in todays reading?
- 3. What can we learn about the nation of Israel from the Ephraimites fighting against the Gileadite?
- **4.** How can you avoid making rash promises?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Help others settle a dispute peaceably.   |  |

Psalm 89:1-52, John 7:40-53

- 1. How has God established David's seed or offspring and build his throne for all generations?
- 2. How does Psalm 89 illustrate God's faithfulness and justice working together?
- 3. What did the Pharisees overlook from Isaiah 9:1-7?
- **4.** How have you been blinded from the truth because of your lack of knowledge and understanding?

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| Together Challenge:                           |
| Encourage someone who feels distant from God. |

Judges 13:1-25, John 8:1-11

- 1. How does Numbers 6:1-21 describe a Nazarite?
- 2. What did the angel of the Lord tell Manoah and his wife?
- **3.** How have you hypocritically condemned someone?
- **4.** How did Jesus respond to the woman's sin?

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| Together Challenge:                                   |
| Call someone to repentance while offering them mercy. |

Judges 14:1-20, John 8:12-30

- 1. How did Samson disregard the law given to the Israelites?
- 2. How did God use Samson's sinful desires and choices to accomplish His purposes?
- 3. How did Jesus make choices and form His perception of the world?
- 4. How can you follow Jesus example?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Bear witness of who Jesus is to someone.  |  |

Judges 15:1-16:3, John 8:31-59

- 1. What can we learn about God from the people He chooses to work through?
- **2.** How does God set people free from sin?
- 3. Who did Jesus claim to be?
- **4.** From what Jesus said, is your father God or the devil? Why?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Talk to someone about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. |

Judges 16:4-31, Luke 10:1-24

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. Why was Samson seduced by Delilah?
- **2.** What advice would you give Samson?
- 3. What is needed when God sends someone out?
- **4.** Why is it greater to have our names written in heaven compared to seeing God's power move on the Earth?

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Pray with others earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

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#### **Daily Reading:**

Judges 17:1-18:31

- 1. How well did Micah know and understand the law of Moses?
- 2. How did the Danites do whatever was right in their own eyes?
- 3. Why did the Danites attack the people of Laish?
- 4. How do you keep from living your life based on what is right in your own eyes?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |
| Pray and reach out to someone who has strayed from God. |

Judges 19:1-30

- 1. Why was the Levite from Ephraim traveling around the country?
- 2. What is similar about the Benjaminites and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah?
- **3.** How did Israel get into the state it was currently in?
- **4.** How have you seen someone's disregard for God lead them to greater and greater depravity?

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| Ask someone to keep you accountable to God's word so that you do not become like the Benjamites. |   |

Judges 20:1-48, Luke 10:25-37

- 1. Why did the people of Israel attack the Benjaminites?
- 2. What does Jesus say we must do to inherit eternal life?
- 3. Will the priest and Levite in the parable inherit eternal life according to Jesus?
- **4.** What does it mean for you to love your neighbors as yourself?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Love your neighbor as yourself.           |  |

Judges 21:1-25, Ruth 1:1-5, Luke 10:38-11:13

- 1. What was the result of having no king in Israel during the time of the judges?
- 2. What was the difference in the choices of Mary and Martha?
- 3. How did Jesus teach His disciples to pray and receive things from God?
- **4.** What can you do to be more persistent in prayer?

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| Together Challenge:                                |
| Pray with someone like Jesus taught His disciples. |

Ruth 1:6-2:23, Luke 11:14-32

- 1. Why did Ruth find favor with Boaz?
- 2. What was proven by Jesus casting out demons?
- **3.** What is the danger of a person not being guarded by Jesus when an unclean Spirit goes out from them?
- 4. How has doubt caused you to seek for a sign?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Treat someone with kindness who has suffered a great loss. |

Ruth 3:1-4:12, Luke 11:33-54

- 1. Why does Naomi tell Ruth to lay at Boaz's feet?
- 2. Why did Elimelech's closest relative refuse to redeem Naomi's property?
- 3. What can we learn about Jesus from the way He spoke to the lawyers and the pharisees?
- **4.** In what ways have you been like the Pharisees and only cleaned the outside of your cup?

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| Put your light on a stand so that those who enter may see. |

Ruth 4:13-22, 1 Chronicles 2:9-41, Luke 12:1-12

- 1. How was the whole world impacted by the death of Naomi's sons?
- **2.** What role does fear play in a Christian's life?
- 3. What is the difference between speaking against the Holy Spirit and Son of Man?
- 4. How are you actively acknowledging Jesus before men?

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| Openly acknowledge Jesus before those who you see everyday. |

1 Chronicles 2:42-55, 1 Chronicles 4:1-23

- 1. What does the name Jabez mean?
- 2. What did Jabez ask God?
- **3.** What can we learn from the prayer of Jabez?
- **4.** When should you pray like Jabez?

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| Pray that God would bless someone else.   |        |

1 Samuel 1:1-28

- 1. Why was Hannah troubled?
- 2. How was Hannah more honorable than Peninnah?
- **3.** What can we learn from Hannah's example?
- **4.** How have you responded when God has answered your prayers?

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| Pray with someone who is anxious and troubled. |  |

1 Samuel 2:1-36, Luke 12:13-34

- 1. What did Eli's sons and the rich man from the parable have in common?
- **2.** What can we learn about God from the way He dealt with Eli's sons and the rich man from the parable?
- 3. What are you doing to keep the anxieties of life from pulling you away from the love of God?
- 4. How does knowing that God intends to give His people the kingdom impact your life?

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| Don't be selfish, but rather use what God has given you to bless others. |

1 Samuel 3:1-4:11, Luke 12:35-59

- 1. What did Samuels first encounter with God reveal?
- 2. How were the prophecies against Eli's house fulfilled?
- 3. How is God going to judge people when Jesus returns?
- 4. How are you daily making yourself ready for the coming of the son of man?

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| Share with someone how you are preparing for Jesus' return. |  |  |

1 Samuel 4:12-5:12, Luke 13:1-21

- 1. How did the people of Israel respond to the news about the ark?
- 2. How did the God of Israel show His power over the god of the Philistines?
- **3.** How is the compassion and patience of Jesus illustrated in today's reading?
- **4.** What causes you to overlook your need for repentance?

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| Follow Jesus' example by warning others of their need for repentance. |

1 Samuel 6:1-7:2, John 9:1-41

- 1. How did the Lords of the Philistines send the ark back?
- **2.** How have people in our culture sent God away from them like the men of Bethshemesh?
- 3. Why was the man born blind that Jesus healed?
- **4.** When have you felt like the parents of the man who was born blind?

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| Stand up for someone who is being persecuted for the sake of Jesus. |  |  |

1 Samuel 7:3-8:22, John 10:1-21

- 1. Why did the people of Israel want a king?
- 2. Why didn't Samuel want a king in Israel?
- **3.** Why did Jesus refer to Himself as the good shepherd?
- 4. What does it mean for Jesus to be your shepherd and king?

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| Encourage someone to leave their gods and follow the good shepherd. |

1 Samuel 9:1-27

- 1. What was Samuel's relationship with God like?
- 2. How did God bring Saul to Samuel?
- **3.** Why did Saul say that His tribe was the least in Israel?
- 4. How does God lead and direct you?

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| Ask someone to pray with you about direction for your life. |  |

1 Samuel 10:1-27

- 1. What is revealed about Saul's character in today's reading?
- 2. How did God confirm that He had chosen Saul to be king?
- 3. How do people in your church reject God and put something in His place?
- **4.** How do you respond to God's personal direction for your life?

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| Be honest with someone who has rejected God and tell them the truth. |          |

Psalm 82:1-8, Psalm 121:1-8, 1 Samuel 11:1-15, John 10:22-42

- 1. How did God help and keep the men of Jabesh-gilead safe?
- 2. How did Saul respond to his victory over the Ammonites?
- 3. How do you know if you are a part of Jesus' flock?
- **4.** Why did the people want to stone Jesus?

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| Rally other believers to stop a spiritual oppression. |  |  |

1 Samuel 12:1-25, 1 Timothy 1:1-11

- **1.** How is Samuel an example for us today?
- 2. How did Samuel describe Israel's relationship with God after they sinned?
- **3.** What will keep you from developing love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith?
- 4. Who is the law for and why is it given to them?

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| Pray for someone who has sinned.          |  |

1 Chronicles 9:35-39, 1 Samuel 13:1-14:15, 1 Timothy 1:12-20

- 1. What have you lost as a result of not waiting on God?
- 2. How was Jonathan's actions impacted by his faith?
- 3. What is revealed about Jesus through Paul's life?
- **4.** What is the difference in the way that Timothy and Jonathan waged war?

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| Encourage someone to wait upon the Lord.  |  |

1 Samuel 14:16-52, 1 Timothy 2:1-15

- 1. Why did Saul make a rash oath and how did the people respond to it?
- 2. Why did Saul build an altar to the Lord?
- 3. What is God's will and desire for all people?
- **4.** How does Paul instruct you to walk as a believer?

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| Pray with another believer for those who are in high positions. |  |

1 Samuel 15:1-35, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

- 1. Why did God regret making Saul King?
- 2. How did Samuel respond to God rejecting Saul?
- 3. How have you seen people do things for God and yet fail to obey Him?
- **4.** How has God organized authority in families and among His people?

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| Together Challenge:                                   |
| Show honor to someone who has authority in your life. |

1 Samuel 16:1-23, Psalm 23:1-6

- 1. What insights did David gain about God from being a shepherd?
- 2. What did Samuel learn about the way God judges people?
- 3. How did David end up in Saul's service?
- **4.** Where do you find your comfort to overcome your fears when in a valley?

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| Encourage someone who is troubled in spirit. |

Psalm 119:1-32

- **1.** In what ways do you share the psalmist's view of God's commands, laws, and word?
- 2. Why does the psalmist value God's commands, laws, and word?
- 3. How does the psalmist keep from sinning against God and maintain purity?
- **4.** Who can you surround yourself with to help you love God's word?

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| Share with someone how you feel about God's word. |

1 Samuel 17:1-31, 1 Timothy 3:1-16

- 1. How does the Bible describe Goliath?
- 2. How did David's perspective of Goliath differ from the other men of Israel?
- 3. What kind of Giants do you face in your life?
- **4.** Who does God choose to oversee and serve His people?

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| Together Challenge:                                       |
| Write a letter to someone about the mystery of godliness. |

1 Samuel 17:32-58, 1 Timothy 4:1-16

- 1. Where did David's confidence come from?
- **2.** How was David an example of someone who didn't let others despise and belittle him in his youth?
- **3.** How have the youth in your life been an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity?
- **4.** How does Paul instruct Timothy to save both himself and his hearers?

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| Support the youth around you to courageously trust God. |  |

1 Samuel 18:1-30, 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2

- 1. Why did Saul fear David?
- 2. How did David esteem Saul as worthy of all honor?
- **3.** How is God calling you to serve your family?
- **4.** How does Paul teach people to treat their elders?

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| Partner with a widow to pray for a specific need. |

1 Samuel 19:1-24, Psalm 11:1-7, 1 Timothy 6:3-10

- 1. How did Saul's children treat David differently than their father?
- 2. How did God protect David while he was at Naioth in Ramah?
- **3.** How does Paul describe those who don't agree with Jesus and godly teaching?
- **4.** How are you tempted to love money?

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| Talk with someone about what it means to be content. |

Psalm 59:1-17, 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 1 Timothy 6:11-21

- 1. How has God answered David's cry to deliver him from his enemies?
- 2. How has God used a close friend to help you get through a difficult season of life?
- 3. What does Paul reveal about God in today's reading from 1 Timothy?
- **4.** How can the rich please God in this present age?

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| Together Challenge:   |
| Comfort and support a friend going through a difficult trial. |

1 Samuel 20:24-21:15

- 1. How was Saul's heart toward David revealed to Jonathan?
- **2.** What can we learn about God from David eating the holy bread (see Matthew 12:1-8)?
- 3. How did fear effect David's choices, words, and actions?
- **4.** How do you respond when you are afraid?

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| Provide for someone in need.              |  |

Psalm 56:1-13, Psalm 34:1-22

- 1. How did David overcome his fears?
- 2. Who does the Lord answer when they cry out to him?
- **3.** What does it look like to pursue peace?
- **4.** How have you tasted the goodness of the Lord?

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| Magnify the Lord and exalt His name together with other believers! |          |

1 Chronicles 12:8-18, 1 Samuel 22:1-23, Luke 13:22-35

- 1. What can we learn about Saul's charcter from the way he interacted with others?
- 2. What type of people gathered around David?
- 3. How did David respond to Abiathar after the death of his family?
- **4.** What does it mean for you to enter by the narrow door?

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| Together Challenge:  |  |
| Take responsibility for the difficulties you have caused others. |  |

Psalm 52:1-9, Psalm 70:1-5, Psalm 86:1-17, Luke 14:1-24

- 1. How does God respond to the poor and needy?
- 2. What does it look like to not sit in the seat of honor today?
- 3. In what ways do you invite the poor and needy in?
- 4. What excuses do people make today for not accepting Jesus' invitation?

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| Together Challenge:                                 |
| Do something good for someone who cannot repay you. |

1 Samuel 23:1-29, Luke 14:25-35

- 1. How did God protect and provide for David?
- 2. How did Saul's relationship with God differ from David's?
- 3. What does it cost you personally to become Jesus' disciple?
- **4.** What does Jesus require of His disciples?

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| Together Challenge:                                 |
| Stand up for someone who's being unjustly attacked. |

Psalm 63:1-1, Psalm 54:1-7, Psalm 119:169-176, Luke 15:1-10

- 1. What role did praise play in David's relationship with God?
- **2.** How did David demonstrate his faith in the face of persecution?
- 3. How does God's heart towards the lost impact your life?
- **4.** What is repentance and why is it important?

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| Go and rescue lost sheep.                 |  |

Psalm 119:129-160, 2 John 1:1-13

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How are you moved when you see people ignoring God's word?
- 2. How does the psalmist value God's commands, precepts, and laws?
- 3. What is love?
- **4.** What role does truth play in a believer's life?

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| Together Challenge:   |
| Remind your fellow believers why it is important to continue in the teaching of |

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1 Samuel 24:1-22, Psalm 57:1-11, Psalm 142:1-7

- 1. Why didn't David harm Saul?
- **2.** How did God answer David's prayers while in the cave that are recorded in today Psalms?
- 3. What did David promise Saul?
- 4. How do you deal with those who are trying to attack you?

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| Together Challenge:                          |
| Forgive someone who has or is attacking you. |

1 Samuel 25:1-38

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What did it mean for David's young men to "speak in his name"?
- 2. What sin did Abigail prevent David from committing?
- 3. In what ways does today's reading show us how anger can influence our choices?
- 4. How does Abigail's example inspire you to become wise and discerning?

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Ask someone for advice who is wise and discerning on how to deal with a situation that provokes you to anger.

1 Samuel 25:39-26:25, Luke 15:11-32

- 1. How was David sparing Saul an act of his faith toward God?
- 2. How can you exercise your faith like David to change the heart of your enemies?
- **3.** Why did the son from the parable return to his father?
- **4.** How is the father from the parable an example of God's love toward us?

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| Together Challenge:                                   |
| Share with someone how God has had compassion on you. |

1 Samuel 27:1-12, 1 Chronicles 12:1-7, Luke 16:1-18

- 1. Why did David flee to the Philistines and how did he win their favor?
- 2. Why did David raid the inhabitants of the land from of old?
- 3. Why can't someone serve both God and money?
- **4.** How have you tried to serve both God and money?

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| Together Challenge:                             |   |
| Use the money entrusted to you to win the lost. |   |

Psalm 73:1-28, Luke 16:19-31

## **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What will the end be for those who are wicked and prosper?
- 2. Why is it worth it to serve God when our circumstances are difficult and our bodies fail?
- 3. Why doesn't God display miracles to those who are rich, arrogant, and selfish?
- **4.** Will you be with Abraham or in a place of torment? Why?

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| Together Challenge:                       |

Put your trust in God and make Him your refuge so that you can declare all His works to others.

1 Samuel 28:1-25, Luke 17:1-10

- 1. Why did Saul inquire of the medium at Endor?
- **2.** Why is it significant that Saul had been trying to cut off the mediums and necromancers from the land?
- 3. How does Jesus teach us to deal with those who sin against us?
- **4.** How does your attitude about life reflect being an unworthy servant?

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| Together Challenge:                       |
| Forgive someone who has repented to you.  |

1 Chronicles 12:19, 1 Samuel 29:1-11, John 11:1-37

- 1. How did the Lords of the Philistines feel about David?
- 2. How did Jesus respond when He found out that Lazarus was ill?
- **3.** Why did Jesus weep?
- **4.** How has God's timing tested your faith?

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| Together Challenge:                       |  |
| Mourn with those who are sad.             |  |

1 Samuel 30:1-31

- 1. How was David's response different from his men's when they found their city burned?
- 2. Why did David pursue and attack the Amalekites?
- 3. How did God enable David to win the favor of those who would soon make him King?
- **4.** How has God taken a challenging situation and turned it around in your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Share what God has blessed you with even if they don't deserve it. |

1 Chronicles 10:1-14, 1 Chronicles 12:20-22, 1 Samuel 31:1-13

- 1. How did Saul die?
- 2. Why did Saul die?
- 3. What life lessons have you learned from Saul's example?
- **4.** How did the men of Jabesh-Gilead honor Saul for rescuing them early in his reign?

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| Together Challenge:                                   |
| Show honor to someone who has helped you in the past. |

1 Chronicles 9:40-44, 2 Samuel 1:1-27, John 11:38-57

- 1. How did David respond to Saul and Jonathan's death?
- 2. How do you respond when you see your enemies fall?
- 3. Why did Jesus let Lazarus die?
- **4.** Why did the Pharisees and Sadducees want to kill Jesus?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Share a testimony with others that inspires them to believe. |

2 Samuel 2:1-3:1, Luke 17:11-37

- 1. Why did David treat Ish-bosheth differently than Saul?
- 2. Why did Abner kill Asahel?
- 3. How do you respond when God brings healing in your life?
- 4. What will it be like when the Son of Man returns?

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| Together Challenge:   |
| Talk with someone about where they can find the kingdom of God. |

2 Samuel 3:2-5, 1 Chronicles 3:1-4, 1 Chronicles 11:10-19, Luke 18:1-14

- 1. Why wouldn't David drink the water from the well at Bethlehem?
- 2. Why should we always pray and not lose heart?
- 3. What does it look like to trust in your own righteousness?
- **4.** Who does God exalt?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |
| Choose someone to pray for regularly for the next year. |

1 Chronicles 11:20-47, Matthew 19:1-12

- 1. How would you describe David's Mighty Men?
- 2. How does Jesus define marriage?
- 3. What does Jesus teach about divorce and remarriage?
- 4. How does Jesus' teaching about marriage and divorce impact your life?

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| Encourage someone who is struggling in their marriage with Jesus' words. |  |

2 Samuel 23:8-39, Mark 10:1-12

- 1. What is the difference between the three mighty men and the rest of the thirty?
- 2. Where else is Uriah the Hittite mentioned in the Bible?
- 3. What does it mean for a man and a wife to become one flesh?
- 4. What can you do to honor God's institution of marriage?

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| Together Challenge:                                 |
| Follow Jesus' example by speaking the truth openly. |

2 Samuel 3:6-39

- 1. How did Abner's heart turn to David?
- 2. How did David win the hearts of the people?
- 3. How would you compare the character of Joab and Abner?
- 4. How has bitterness impacted your relationships?

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| Together Challenge:                          |
| Do something to honor a person who has died. |

2 Samuel 4:1-5:3, 1 Chronicles 11:1-3, 1 Chronicles 12:23-40

- 1. Why did David put Baanah and Rechab to death?
- 2. Why did the people of Israel support David becoming their king?
- 3. How did the people of Israel show their support of David becoming their king?
- 4. How has God's word been fulfilled in your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Support someone who is fulfilling God's calling on their life. |

- 2 Samuel 5:17-25, 1 Chronicles 14:8-17, 1 Chronicles 11:4-9,
- 2 Samuel 5:4-13, Mark 10:13-16

- 1. How did David rely on God when fighting a battle?
- 2. How do you rely on God when you are fighting a battle?
- 3. How did Jerusalem become called the City of David?
- 4. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a child?

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| Show a child you value them.              |  |

1 Chronicles 14:1-2, 2 Samuel 6:1-11, 1 Chronicles 13:1-14, Luke 18:15-17

- 1. Why did David decide to bring the ark to Jerusalem?
- 2. Why did God strike down Uzzah?
- **3.** How has fear crippled your relationship with God?
- 4. How did the disciples' response to the little children differ from Jesus' response?

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| Together Challenge:                                    |
| Celebrate with others before the presence of the Lord. |

1 Chronicles 15:1-29, 2 Samuel 6:12-16, Matthew 19:13-15

- 1. Why did David decide to bring the ark back to Jerusalem?
- 2. Why did they transport the ark to Jerusalem differently the second time?
- 3. Why was David rejoicing and dancing?
- 4. How do you rejoice, praise, and celebrate before the Lord?

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| Pray for the children in your life.       |  |

2 Samuel 6:17-19, 1 Chronicles 16:1-36, Matthew 19:16-30

- 1. What stood out to you in the song that Asaph and his brother sang?
- 2. Why did the young man go away sad?
- 3. Who will receive treasure in heaven and inherit eternal life?
- **4.** How can you use your money and possessions to enhance your pursuit of God instead of holding you back?

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| Pick something to give up with others to free you to serve God. |  |

1 Chronicles 16:37-43, 2 Samuel 6:20-7:17, Psalm 76:1-12, Mark 10:17-31

- 1. How did David respond to Michal?
- 2. What did God promise David?
- **3.** Why do you fear God?
- **4.** How do riches hinder people from entering the kingdom of God?

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| Together Challenge:                       |
| Sing praises to the Lord with others.     |

2 Samuel 7:18-29, 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

- 1. How did God communicate with David?
- 2. How did the prophecy about David point to the coming of Jesus?
- 3. How did David respond to the prophecy spoken about him?
- 4. How do you respond when God blesses you?

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| Pray with others thanking God for all His promises. |  |  |

1 Chronicles 17:16-27, 2 Samuel 8:1-14

- 1. What was unique about the nation of Israel?
- **2.** How did David acquire wealth and land?
- 3. Why was David able to defeat his enemies?
- **4.** What spiritual enemies have attacked you and how has God enabled you to get victory?

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| Join with others using love and truth to fight a spiritual battle. |  |  |

2 Samuel 8:15-18, Psalm 60:1-12, 1 Chronicles 18:1-17, Luke 18:18-30

- 1. How did David honor God with the spoil from his battles?
- 2. How did David treat his subjects?
- 3. How do you seek for help and salvation from man rather than God?
- 4. What did the rich ruler want?

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| Give your riches to the poor.             |  |  |

1 Chronicles 6:16-53, Matthew 20:1-16

- 1. Who did David put in charge of the service of the Tabernacle and the Ark?
- 2. Why did those who got hired first in Jesus parable get upset?
- 3. How did the owner of the vineyard respond to those who were upset?
- **4.** How do you respond when you don't get what you think you deserve?

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| Be generous to those who serve you.       |  |  |

2 Samuel 9:1-10:19, Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34

- 1. Why did David honor Mephibosheth?
- 2. How would you describe David's relationships with other nations?
- 3. Why didn't the disciples understand what Jesus foretold would come to pass?
- 4. How can you relate to the disciples misunderstanding God?

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| Together Challenge:  |  |  |
| Show someone who has experienced a loss that you care about them |  |  |

1 Chronicles 19:1-20:1, 1 Corinthians 4:18-5:13

- 1. What can we learn from Joab's example of fighting battles for the Lord?
- 2. How should we view and deal with sin in the church?
- 3. How should we view and deal with sin outside the church?
- **4.** As a member of the church, how are you actively dealing with sin in your own life?

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| Redirect your attention to help someone who is struggling in their fight against | sin. |

2 Samuel 11:1-27, 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

- 1. How did David and Bathsheba fall into sin?
- 2. How did Uriah respond to David's attempt to cover up his sin?
- 3. How does 1 Corinthians describe sexual immorality?
- **4.** What can you do to keep from falling into sexual immorality?

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| Forgive whatever grievances you have against another in the church. |   |  |

Proverbs 5:1-23, Proverbs 6:20-35

- **1.** What are the consequences of adultery?
- 2. What wise advice is given to those who are married in today's reading?
- 3. How did David neglect the wisdom in today's reading?
- **4.** How have you or the people you know been impacted by adultery?

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| Talk to someone about what you read in Proverbs today. |  |  |

2 Samuel 12:1-25, 1 Chronicles 3:5-9, 2 Samuel 5:14-16

# **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did God confront David with his sin?
- 2. How did David respond to Nathan?
- 3. What were the consequences for David's sin?
- **4.** How has God confronted your sin?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Share with someone how you have experienced both forgiveness and consequences

for your sin.

Psalm 51:1-19, 1 Chronicles 14:3-7, 2 Samuel 12:26-31, 1 Chronicles 20:2-3, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

- 1. What does Psalm 51 tell us about David's heart after Nathan rebuked him?
- 2. What sacrifice pleased God when David sinned?
- 3. What does Paul teach concerning marriage and divorce?
- 4. How are you putting into practice what God has called you to do?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 13:1-39, 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

- 1. How are Nathan's words to David after he sinned with Bathsheba fulfilled in today's reading?
- 2. How did David respond to his children's sin and what was the result of his response?
- **3.** How does Paul encourage those who aren't married?
- 4. How have you seen a failure to deal with sin affect future generations?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 14:1-33, Mark 10:35-45

- 1. Why did David bring Absalom back?
- 2. What can we learn about Absalom's character?
- 3. What does it look like to be esteemed and considered great in God's kingdom?
- **4.** What can you do to become great in God's kingdom?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 15:1-37, Matthew 20:20-34

- 1. How did David's friends respond to Absalom taking over the kingdom?
- 2. How did David respond to Absalom taking over the kingdom?
- **3.** Who do you know that is a servant in God's Kingdom and what can you learn from their example?
- **4.** What can we learn from the example of the blind men?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 71:1-24, 2 Samuel 16:1-14, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43

- 1. How does the psalmist find hope in the face of trouble?
- 2. What did Shimei do and how did David respond to him?
- 3. How can you apply David's response to Shimei to your life?
- 4. What was the significance of Bartimaeus calling Jesus the son of David?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with someone why you can respond in hope when life is difficult. |  |

2 Samuel 16:15-17:29

- 1. How did Hushai help David?
- 2. How can we see that God's hand was with David to keep him safe?
- **3.** Why did the Ahithophel kill himself?
- 4. From whom do you seek counsel when faced with major questions in life? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Pick five people who are trustworthy whom you can seek council. |  |

2 Samuel 18:1-33

- 1. What was David's heart toward Absalom?
- 2. How did Absalom die?
- 3. What can we learn about Joab's character from today's reading?
- **4.** How do you respond to your enemy when you see them in trouble? Is Joab a good example?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 26:1-12, Luke 19:1-27

- 1. How did David describe his own character?
- 2. Why didn't the people approve of Jesus going to Zacchaeus's house?
- **3.** How did Zacchaeus demonstrate his heart of repentance?
- 4. How are you investing what God has entrusted to you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 19:1-30, Mark 14:3-9, Matthew 26:6-13

- 1. What can we learn about Joab's relationship with David from today's reading?
- 2. How did David treat those who cursed him and committed treason?
- **3.** How do you use your money to honor God?
- 4. Who does Jesus choose to honor?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 3:1-8, Psalm 64:1-10, 2 Samuel 19:31-43, John 12:1-11

- 1. In what ways does David trust God?
- 2. How did David reward those who helped him?
- 3. How do you reward those who help you?
- **4.** What did Judas's words reveal about his relationship with Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Write and share a poem about your trust in God.         |  |

2 Samuel 20:1-26, Mark 11:1-11

- 1. Why did Joab kill Amasa?
- 2. What can we learn from the woman who saved Abel of Beth-maacah?
- 3. How do you respond when Jesus calls you to do something?
- 4. What did it mean for the people to shout the word Hosanna?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 21:1-22, 1 Chronicles 20:4-8, Matthew 21:1-11

- 1. Why was there a famine in Israel and how was the famine stopped?
- 2. Why did David's men want him to stop going out into battle?
- 3. What kind of giants do you face in life?
- 4. How did people respond to Jesus entering the city?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 7:1-17, Psalm 61:1-8, Psalm 144:1-15

- 1. What does it mean for God to be a righteous judge?
- 2. How does God deal with those who don't repent?
- **3.** How is God your refuge?
- 4. How did the psalmists worship God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Sing praise and bless the Lord with others.             |  |

2 Samuel 22:1-25, Psalm 18:1-24

- 1. Why did David call to the Lord?
- 2. How zealous was God to respond to David's cries?
- 3. What was the result of David crying out to the Lord?
- 4. What can you learn from the way that David walked and talked with God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 22:26-51, Psalm 18:25-50, Luke 19:28-40

- 1. Why does God reveal Himself differently to people?
- 2. How did God equip David?
- 3. How has God equipped you to live for Him?
- **4.** What is the significance of how Jesus responded to the Pharisees?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Chronicles 21:1-17, 2 Samuel 24:1-17, Luke 19:41-44, John 12:12-19

- 1. How did God provoke David to number the people?
- 2. What can you learn from David's response when he sinned?
- 3. How did Jesus feel about the people of Jerusalem?
- 4. Why did people go after Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 24:18-25, 1 Chronicles 21:18-22:1, 2 Corinthians 8:1-24

- 1. How did David respond when given the opportunity to offer something free to the Lord?
- 2. How did Paul describe the Corinthians' desire to give?
- **3.** What is God calling you to give?
- **4.** Why is it important to give to those who have needs?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|   | Generously meet a specific need of someone in your life. |

1 Chronicles 22:2-19, Psalm 99:1-9, John 12:20-36

- 1. How did David give to the Lord and prepare his son to take his place?
- 2. In what ways are you preparing the way for the next generation?
- **3.** How do you respond to the holiness of God?
- 4. What does it mean to serve Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Chronicles 23:1-32, John 12:37-50

- 1. What role did the Levites play in the house that David was preparing to build for the Lord?
- **2.** How has seeking the glory that comes from men hindered your ability to openly speak the truth?
- 3. What can we learn about being children of God from Jesus' relationship with the Father?
- **4.** What does Jesus' motive for coming to the world reveal about Him? How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| -   | Talk with others about what role you can play in serving God's Church. |

1 Chronicles 24:1-31

- 1. Why weren't there any descendants of Nadab and Abihu?
- 2. How did they organize and divide the sacred officers and governors?
- 3. Why did the Levites serve as priests?
- **4.** What has God appointed you to do?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Support someone to fulfill their calling.               |  |

1 Chronicles 25:1-31

- 1. What was the service the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun?
- **2.** How did they decide who would serve in the various positions?
- 3. What is significant about appointing 288 trained singers?
- **4.** How can you encourage someone who is serving God musically?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Worship God with those who serve musically.             |   |

1 Chronicles 26:1-32, Mark 11:12-14, Matthew 21:18-22

- 1. What kind of people did David appoint as gatekeepers, officers, and judges?
- 2. What does it look like to have the faith that Jesus refers to?
- 3. How do authority and answered prayers relate to faith?
- 4. What does your faith look like?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Discuss with others what it means to have faith. |               |

Psalm 8:1-9, 1 Chronicles 27:1-24, Matthew 21:12-17, Luke 19:45-48, Mark 11:15-19

- 1. How does Jesus fulfill the deeper meaning of Psalm 8?
- 2. Why did Jesus disrupt the temple activities?
- **3.** How do you treat places and times of worship?
- **4.** How does God use "the mouth of babies"?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|             | Share a personal testimony of God's majesty.          |

1 Chronicles 27:25-34, 1 Chronicles 28:1-21, Mark 11:20-33, Matthew 21:23-27

- 1. What can we learn from David's transparency before the leaders of Israel?
- 2. What was David's advice to Solomon?
- 3. What did Jesus question to the Pharisees reveal about their hearts?
- 4. How might forgiveness affect your prayers?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|              | Help someone younger than yourself learn how to serve God. |  |

1 Chronicles 29:1-22, Psalm 112:1-10, 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

- 1. What was significant about the way people gave in today's reading?
- 2. What is the difference between giving willingly and under compulsion?
- **3.** What is the benefit of giving to the Lord?
- **4.** How do you give to the Lord?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 1:1-27, Luke 20:1-8, Matthew 21:28-32

- 1. What kind of relationship did David have with his son's?
- 2. Why did Bathsheba and Nathan talk to David?
- **3.** Why did the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before the Pharisees?
- **4.** What can you learn from the response of the two sons in Jesus' parable?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Song of Songs 1:1-2:17

- **1.** How does the couple's symbolism for one another communicate their passion for each other?
- 2. Why should we be cautious to awaken love?
- 3. What can we learn about love from Song of Songs?
- 4. In what ways does the words in today's reading reflect your relationship with Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|            | Love others with purity and passion today.             |

Song of Songs 3:1-5:1

- 1. What can we learn about pursuing God from the way the lovers search for each other?
- 2. How does love affect the way we see another person?
- 3. How does your passion for God affect your thoughts about Him?
- **4.** What does it look like to be captivated with God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Explain your love for God to others.                    |  |

Psalm 80:1-19, Matthew 21:33-46

- 1. How does the psalmist understand God's sovereignty?
- **2.** Why did the master entrust the vineyard to the tenants?
- 3. Why has Jesus entrusted things to you?
- 4. What did the Pharisees fear?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Take special care of what ot | thers have entrusted to you.      |

Psalm 118:1-29, Mark 12:1-12

- 1. How have you experienced God steadfast love and mercy?
- 2. What did Jesus imply by quoting Psalm 118?
- 3. What does it mean to have the Lord on your side?
- 4. How should we respond to the Lord's creation of this day?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Talk with someone about Jesus being your cornerstone.   |

1 Kings 1:28-2:9, Luke 20:9-19

- 1. How did the people of Israel respond to Solomon becoming King?
- 2. Why did Adonijah fear Solomon?
- 3. Why did David tell Solomon to deal with Shimei and Joab?
- 4. What has Jesus entrusted to you and how can you give Him what He deserves?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Samuel 23:1-7, 1 Chronicles 29:23-30, 1 Kings 2:10-12, Matthew 22:1-14

- 1. What impact can someone have when they rule justly and in the fear of the Lord?
- 2. Who supported Solomon when he became king?
- 3. How do people refuse God's invitation to His wedding feast today?
- 4. What does it mean for you to wear a wedding garment?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|         | Honor those whom God has put over you.                 |

1 Kings 2:13-46, 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

- 1. How did Solomon use wisdom in his transition into kingship?
- 2. How did Paul address the division at Corinth?
- 3. What can you do to apply Paul's words about division in your church?
- **4.** Why doesn't the message of the cross require eloquent words?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |
| Share the message of the cross with someone who doesn't understand it. |

Song of Songs 5:2-6:13

- 1. How can you kindle a longing for Jesus?
- 2. What role does pursuit play in relationships?
- 3. How did the couple describe their love for one another in today's reading?
- 4. In what ways have you experienced God's pursuing love in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with someone how Jesus searched and found you.    |  |

Song of Songs 7:1-8:14

- **1.** What can we deduce that God thinks about sexuality by including today's reading in the Bible?
- **2.** How has society distored the beauty of sexuality?
- **3.** How valuable and strong is love?
- **4.** What do you love most in life and how does it impact the way you live?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 1:1-13, 1 Kings 3:1-15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

- 1. What do you ask God for?
- 2. Why did God give Solomon riches and honor?
- 3. How has God made the world's wisdom foolish?
- **4.** Where can you find true wisdom?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Preach God's wisdom to those outside the church.        |  |

1 Kings 3:16-28, 1 Kings 5:1-18, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- 1. How did Solomon use the wisdom of God?
- 2. How many people did Solomon have working on the Temple of the Lord?
- **3.** What does it mean for your faith to not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God?
- **4.** Why do we need the Spirit of God in order to understand Paul's teachings?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|   | Demonstrate to those in your life that you believe what speak about Jesus. |

Psalm 94:1-23, 2 Chronicles 2:1-18, 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How can we trust God to give justice to those who have offended us?
- 2. How is God's temple different in the new covenant from the old covenant?
- **3.** What role do you play in helping others grow?
- **4.** When everything is tested by fire how can you be sure what you built will last?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 3:1-14, 1 Kings 6:1-13, 1 Corinthians 4:1-17

- **1.** What was significant about the building location for the temple and how did they honor it?
- 2. What does Paul teach us about making judgments concerning ourselves and others?
- 3. How does Paul describe himself and his ministry?
- 4. How have you seen people go beyond what is written in the scriptures?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 6:14-7:12, Matthew 22:15-22, Mark 12:13-17

- 1. How long did it take to build the temple and Solomon's house?
- **2.** Why did the Pharisees come to Jesus?
- 3. How does Jesus view paying taxes?
- 4. How can you apply Jesus' perspective about taxes to your own life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |  |
| Work together with others to build something for the Lord. |  |

1 Kings 7:13-51

- 1. What kind of people did Solomon enlist to build the temple?
- 2. How much precious metals did they use to build the temple and it's furnishings?
- 3. How can you use your skills to serve the Lord?
- **4.** How did Solomon and his workers decorate the Temple of the Lord?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 8:1-11, 2 Chronicles 3:15-4:22

- 1. How did the people celebrate the Ark of the Covenant coming into the temple?
- 2. What do you do to celebrate and honor the Lord?
- 3. How did the Lord show His approval of all Israel had done with the temple?
- **4.** How did the furnishings of the temple differ from the tabernacle?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                       |
| Use the gifts that God has given you to serve His people. |

2 Chronicles 5:1-6:11, 1 Kings 8:12-21, Luke 20:20-26, Mark 12:18-27

- 1. How did Solomon see God's promises fulfilled?
- 2. What did Jesus explain to the Sadducees about marriage?
- 3. How did Jesus prove the resurrection from the scriptures?
- 4. How have you seen people try to outsmart God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with someone how you have been amazed by the wisdom of God. |  |

1 Kings 8:22-53, Luke 20:27-40

- 1. Why was it important for Solomon to emphasize where God dwells in his prayer?
- 2. How would you sum up Solomon's prayer?
- **3.** How do you pray for your nation?
- 4. What does Solomon believe about prayer and repentance?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 6:12-42, Psalm 48:1-14, Matthew 22:23-33

- 1. What can you learn from the way that Solomon prayed for his people?
- 2. How did Solomon reflect on the steadfast love of God in the midst of the Temple?
- **3.** What was significant about Solomon's prayer for the foreigners?
- **4.** What insights can we gain from today story in the variations from each of the Gospels?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Make Go                                   | d greatly praised among the people in your city. |

1 Kings 8:54-9:9, 2 Chronicles 7:1-10, Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34

- **1.** What parallels do you see between the dedication of the Tabernacle and of Solomon's Temple?
- 2. What condition did God place on His perpetual blessing of the Temple?
- 3. Why does all the law and the prophets depend on the two greatest commandments?
- 4. How does your life reflect the two greatest commandments?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:               |                       |
| Love your neighbor as yourself.   |                       |

2 Chronicles 7:11-8:18, 1 Kings 9:10-14, Psalm 110:1-7, Mark 12:35-37, Matthew 22:41-46

- 1. What must people do to receive forgiveness and healing from God?
- **2.** How did Jesus demonstrate from the scriptures that the Christ (Messiah) would be more than just a man?
- 3. Why did people stop asking Jesus questions?
- 4. What kind of gifts do you give to those who labor alongside you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                 |                             |
| Talk to someone about who Jesus is. |                             |

1 Kings 9:15-28, 1 Kings 4:1-19

- 1. Who did Solomon enlist for slave labor?
- 2. Who did Solomon make officers and chiefs?
- 3. Aside from building the Temple, what else did Solomon do?
- **4.** What do you invest your time and resources in?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Гоgether Challenge:   |
| Use what God has given you to serve others and build his kingdom. |

- 1 Kings 4:20-34, 2 Chronicles 1:14-17, 1 Kings 10:1-13,
- 2 Chronicles 9:1-12

- 1. What riches did God give Solomon?
- 2. What kind of wisdom did God give Solomon?
- **3.** How did the foreigners respond to Solomon's wisdom?
- 4. How are you using the things the Lord has given to you?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Ask advice from someone who is wise.                    |  |

Psalm 72:1-20, 2 Chronicles 9:13-28, Luke 20:41-44, Mark 12:38-40

- 1. How was David's prayer for Solomon in Psalm 72 fulfilled?
- 2. How large was Solomon's kingdom?
- 3. Why were the scribes to receive a greater condemnation?
- 4. How does your spiritual and eternal riches compared to Solomon's wealth?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Allow someone who has an abundance to bless you.       |    |

1 Kings 10:14-11:13, Psalm 127:1-5, Luke 20:45-47, Matthew 23:1-12

#### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did Solomon's passions overcome his wisdom?
- 2. How did Solomon build his house in vain?
- 3. What does Jesus teach about those who are exalted in the eyes of men?
- 4. How can you keep from falling into the scribes and Pharisees' sin?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |
| Warn someone who has neglected the wisdom of God and is pursuing their pas- |

sions.

1 Kings 11:14-43, Matthew 23:13-39

- 1. What condition did God give Jeroboam to establish his kingdom?
- 2. Why did Jesus call the Pharisees blind hypocrites?
- **3.** What did Jesus long to do for Jerusalem?
- 4. How have you neglected what God values by focusing on outward things?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Help someone you love to see their sin.           |           |

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:11, Luke 21:1-4, Mark 12:41-44

- 1. What did the preacher, the king of Jerusalem, experience in life?
- 2. What value did the preacher find in all his experiences in life?
- 3. Why did Jesus say that the poor widow gave more than the rich?
- **4.** How do you measure the value of riches?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:  |   |
| Go beyond what you have in time, skill, and money to serve the Lord. |   |

Ecclesiastes 2:12-3:22, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

- 1. Why should everyone eat, drink, and take pleasure in all their toil?
- 2. What does it mean for there to be a season for every time under heaven?
- **3.** How did Paul know that the Thessalonians were chosen by God?
- **4.** Who are you imitating? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |  |
| Talk to someone about what season you are in.           |  |  |

Ecclesiastes 4:1-5:7

- 1. Why is family valuable?
- 2. Why are two better than one, and how do you partner with others?
- 3. How do you listen to God, and why is it important?
- 4. How can a vow lead you to sin?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

- 1. What does striving for all the things of this world produce?
- 2. What is worse than being a stillborn child according to Ecclesiastes?
- 3. What is the result of taking your portion and accepting your lot in life?
- **4.** Why isn't happiness connected to wealth?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

- 1. What is the benefit of sadness and the house of mourning?
- 2. How has wisdom given you strength?
- 3. What does it mean to be overly righteous or overly wicked?
- **4.** How did Paul minister to the Thessalonians?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Mourn with someone who has lost a loved one.            |  |

Ecclesiastes 8:2-9:12, 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

- 1. How can you make the most of each day recognizing that time and chance are ultimately not on your side?
- 2. What was Paul's hope, glory, joy, and crown of boasting?
- 3. Why did Paul send Timothy to the Thessalonians?
- 4. How was Paul comforted in all his distress and affliction?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|          | Pray blessings over someone like Paul does the Thessalonians. |  |

Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

- 1. How have you seen "one sinner destroy much good"?
- 2. Why is folly bad?
- 3. How do people reject and disregard God?
- 4. Why can Christians have hope?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Be an example of holiness for someone today.            |  |

Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- 1. How does knowing that God will judge you impact your life?
- 2. What is the "whole duty of man"?
- 3. How are you preparing for the coming of the Lord?
- 4. What is the difference between a child of the day and a child of the night?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Encourage   | and build one another up with Paul's words to the Thessalonians |  |

Proverbs 24:1-35, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

- 1. How should we respond when our enemies fall?
- 2. Why should we warn an idle sluggard?
- **3.** What is God's will for you in Christ Jesus?
- 4. Who has God placed over you, and how do you honor them?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:                                       |  |
| Affectionately greet your brothers and sisters in Christ! |  |

2 Chronicles 9:29-10:19, 1 Kings 12:1-20

- 1. Why did Rehoboam answer the people harshly?
- 2. How did God use Rehoboam's pride to fulfill a prophecy?
- 3. What can we learn from Rehoboam's choices?
- 4. Who has given good and bad advice to you in the past?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Seek counsel from those who have a good track record of being wise. |  |

1 Kings 12:21-33, 2 Chronicles 11:1-23

- 1. Why didn't Rehoboam fight Jeroboam?
- 2. Why did Jeroboam turn the people of Israel away from God?
- 3. How did Jeroboam turn the people of Israel away from God?
- **4.** How have you seen someone turn another person's heart away from God?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|   | y to continue serving the Lord even when you face difficulties from others |

1 Kings 13:1-34, Mark 13:1-23

- 1. What did the man of God predict?
- 2. Why did the man of God die?
- 3. What signs did Jesus describe to the disciples?
- 4. How does Jesus' words help you prepare for the end times?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Share with someone why it's important for them to persevere to the end. |  |

1 Kings 14:1-24, Luke 21:5-24

- 1. Why was it prophesied in both the OT and NT that the nation of Israel would be destroyed?
- 2. How was Jeroboam's hypocrisy shown in today's reading?
- **3.** What advice did Jesus give to His disciples while warning them about the persecutions that they would face?
- 4. How have you seen a leader's sin impact many people?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 12:1-16, 1 Kings 14:25-15:5, Matthew 24:1-25

- 1. How did God respond to Judas' rejection of Him?
- 2. Why wasn't Jerusalem destroyed with the other fortified cities?
- 3. Why will many people be deceived and turn away from God in the last days?
- 4. How have you seen God respond to your humility?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 15:6-8, 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:8, Matthew 24:26-35, Mark 13:24-31

- 1. Why did God protect Abijah and his people?
- 2. What did Asa do that was good and right in the eyes of the Lord?
- 3. How does Matthew and Mark describe the coming of the Lord?
- 4. How can you apply Jesus' lesson about the fig tree?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Follow Asa's example in your personal life, family, and church. |  |

1 Kings 15:9-15, 2 Chronicles 14:9-15, 1 Kings 15:25-34, Luke 21:25-33, Mark 13:32-37

- 1. What can we learn from Asa's prayer when the Ethiopians came up against him?
- 2. Why was the whole house of jeroboam destroyed?
- 3. Why did Jesus tell people to watch and stay awake?
- **4.** How can you watch for the coming of the Lord and keep from falling asleep?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 15:1-16:10, 1 Kings 15:16-22

- **1.** How did Asa's response to being attacked differ from when the Ethiopians came against him?
- **2.** How does prosperity hinder people from relying upon God?
- 3. How did Asa respond to Hanani's prophecy?
- 4. How do you deal with difficult situations in life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|              | Share with someone the lesson Asa learned in today's reading. |

1 Kings 16:1-34

- 1. What was the result of the Kings of Israel not following after God?
- 2. How would you like to be remembered at the end of your life?
- **3.** What did the kings of Israel have in common?
- **4.** What can we learn from the Kings of Israel?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Warn someone about the danger of idols.                 |   |

2 Chronicles 16:11-14, 1 Kings 15:23-24, 2 Chronicles 17:1-19, Matthew 24:36-51

- 1. How did Asa come to the place of only seeking help from men?
- 2. What ways have you relied upon men rather than God?
- 3. How did Jehoshaphat empower his people to follow God?
- 4. How will God deal with His servants who do not obey Him?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with someone  | what the Bible teaches about the return of Jesus. |  |

1 Kings 17:1-18:15, Luke 21:34-38

- 1. How was God able to use the poverty of the widow?
- 2. How was God able to use the position Obadiah had with the King?
- 3. How can God make use of your position in life?
- 4. Why was Obadiah afraid to announce Elijah's coming?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Use your position in life                 | to help God's people.               |

1 Kings 18:16-40, Matthew 25:1-30

- **1.** How do we see from today's reading that the number of people believing something does not make it right?
- 2. Why did the people who were following the Baals turn on their own prophets?
- **3.** What happens to those who are not prepared for the Lord's coming?
- 4. How can you invest what God has given you to produce an increase in His kingdom?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 18:41-19:21, Matthew 25:31-46, Mark 14:1-2

- 1. How did Elijah struggle to trust God?
- 2. How did God reveal Himself to Elijah?
- 3. What can we learn from Elisha about following God's call?
- 4. How do you know that you are a sheep and not a goat?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Pray for someone like Elijah sought God for rain.       |  |

1 Kings 20:1-34, Matthew 26:1-5, Luke 22:1-2

- 1. Why did the Syrians believe that Israel had power to defeat them?
- 2. Why did God deliver a wicked king like Ahab?
- 3. What overwhelming odds do you face that God can deliver you from?
- 4. Why did the chief priests, elders, and scribes want to quietly arrest and kill Jesus?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 20:35-21:29

- 1. What was revealed about Jezebel's character in today's reading?
- 2. What was prophesied about Ahab and his house?
- **3.** How was God moved by Ahab's response to the prophecy?
- 4. How have you seen someone's life profoundly impacted by repentance?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Psalm 119:33-64

- 1. How can you learn to pray from the things that the psalmist asked God?
- 2. How does the psalmist view God's statutes, laws, and precepts?
- 3. How do you view God's statutes, laws, and precepts?
- **4.** Why is the psalmist determined to follow God's law?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share with someone why God's law is valuable.           |  |

1 Kings 22:1-28, 2 Chronicles 18:1-8, 3 John 1:1-15

- 1. What can we learn from the way that God motivates people through Micaiah's prophecy?
- **2.** Can you relate more to Jehoshaphat or Ahab when seeking wisdom from the Lord? Why?
- **3.** Why do people reject those who speak the truth from God?
- 4. How does John teach us to discern those who are from God and have seen Him?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 18:9-34, 1 Kings 22:29-35, Mark 14:10-11, Matthew 26:14-16, Luke 22:3-6

- 1. How does God use His foreknowledge to accomplish His will?
- 2. What can we infer about Ahab because he attacked Ramoth Gilead despite Micaiah's prophecy?
- 3. Why shouldn't you partner with someone like Ahab?
- **4.** How do spiritual forces influence people's choices?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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1 Kings 22:36-40, 2 Chronicles 19:1-11, 1 Kings 22:51-53, Luke 22:7-13, Mark 14:12-16, Matthew 26:17-19

- 1. How was the prophecy about Ahab fulfilled?
- 2. Why did Ahab die and Jehoshaphat was spared?
- 3. How did Jehoshaphat lead his nation to follow after God?
- 4. What did it look like for the disciples to follow Jesus, and what does it look like for you today?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 20:1-30, John 13:1-17

- 1. What can we learn about Jehoshaphat from his prayer?
- 2. How did God respond to Jehoshaphat's prayer?
- 3. What did it mean for Jesus to wash the feet of His disciples?
- 4. How can you follow Jesus' example to His disciples?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Pray with someone who is in a difficult situation and doesn't know what to do? |   |   |

Psalm 83:1-18, Psalm 27:1-14, Mark 14:17-26

- 1. How has God demonstrated to the nations that He is the most high over all the Earth?
- 2. How does the words of Psalm 27 reflect the heart of Jehoshaphat from yesterday's reading?
- 3. How has the Lord responded to you when you cried aloud to Him?
- **4.** How does Jesus' conversation with the disciples reveal that nothing caught Him by surprise?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Encourage someone to wait on the Lord |                          |

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## **Daily Reading:**

2 Kings 1:1-2:18

- 1. How did God protect Elijah from Jezebel and the king of Israel?
- 2. How would you describe Elijah's relationship with God from today's reading?
- 3. What can you learn from Elisha's seeking and asking for the blessing of God?
- 4. What was the result of Ahaziah seeking after other gods?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Kings 2:19-3:3, Psalm 119:161-168

- 1. Where did Elijah get his authority to work miracles, and how can you see this in today's reading?
- 2. How does today's reading reveal that God hates when people mock others?
- 3. Why do those who love God's law have great peace?
- **4.** What words of God have caused you to stand in awe?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|             | Share with someone why you keep the Lord's commandments. |

2 Kings 3:4-27, 1 Kings 22:41-50, Matthew 26:20-30

- 1. How is the power of God revealed through Elisha's prophecy?
- **2.** What were the differences between the king of Judah, the king of Israel, the king of Edom, and the king of Moab?
- 3. How does God respond to those who reject him?
- 4. How have you seen God deliver people out of trials?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 20:31-21:7, 2 Kings 8:16-22, 2 Kings 4:1-7, Luke 22:14-30

- 1. How did Ahab's family influence Jehoshaphat's family?
- 2. What consequences have you faced as a result of bad influences in your life?
- **3.** What role did obedience play in the widow receiving a blessing?
- **4.** What was the significance that Jesus was among His disciples as one who serves?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Stick with someone through the trials that they are facing. |  |

2 Kings 4:8-44, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- 1. How can we apply the example of the Shunammite woman to our own lives?
- 2. What can we learn about walking with God from Elisha?
- 3. What does Jesus call us to remember, and how do you keep it fresh in your mind?
- 4. In what ways do people today partake of the Lord's table in an unworthy manner?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |
| Look for an opportunity to show hospitality to one of God's people. |  |

2 Kings 5:1-27, Psalm 41:1-13, John 13:18-30

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How have your own expectations hindered you from experiencing God's power?
- **2.** How was Naaman impacted by his healing?
- 3. What can we learn from Gehazi's lie?
- 4. How did Judas fulfill today's psalm?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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them that God can use them too.

2 Kings 6:1-7:2, John 13:31-38, Mark 14:27-31

- 1. What was significant about prayer in Elisha's relationship with God?
- **2.** How can you relate to the servant of Elisha whose eyes were opened?
- **3.** How does stress and exreme circumstances affect a person's judgment and choices?
- 4. How does Jesus describe love and what role does it play in your life?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Share  | e with someone how God has answered your prayers. |

2 Kings 7:3-8:15

- 1. What can we learn from today's reading about life's circumstances and how quickly they change?
- 2. Why did the lepers hesitate to share the good news with those who were in the city?
- **3.** Why do people today hesitate to share the good news of Jesus Christ?
- 4. Who in your circle of influence needs to hear the good news and be set free?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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|    | Don't hold back from sharing the gospel with those who need to hear it. |

2 Kings 8:23-29, 2 Chronicles 21:8-22:7

- 1. What other name was Ahaziah king of Judah known by, and what other name was Joram king of Israel known by?
- 2. What consequences did Jehoram king of Judah face on account of his sin?
- **3.** How was Jehoram king of Judah honored at his death, and how do you want to be honored at your death?
- 4. How did Jehoshaphat's relationship with the wicked king Ahab affect his family for generations?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Choose you                                | r close friends wisely knowing that bad company corrupts good character. |

2 Kings 9:1-37, Matthew 26:31-35, Luke 22:31-38

- 1. Why did Jehu kill Joram?
- 2. What can we learn from the life and death of Jezebel?
- 3. How have you seen people face the consequences of their sinful choices?
- 4. Why did Jesus pray for Peter?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Kings 10:1-33, 2 Chronicles 22:8-9, John 14:1-14

- 1. How was the prophecy against Ahab's family fulfilled?
- 2. How did Jehu express his zeal for God and yet still fall short?
- 3. How does Jesus describe Himself?
- 4. Why should you believe in Jesus according to today's reading?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Inspire others to carry out God's will.                 |  |

2 Chronicles 22:10-12, 2 Kings 11:1-12, Psalm 25:1-22, John 14:15-31

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. How did God preserve David's descendent among wicked leadership?
- 2. How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit?
- **3.** How do you know if you love God?
- **4.** To whom does God befriend, reveal Himself, and guide?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Share with someone how Jesus gives peace to His people in a way that the world

cannot.

2 Kings 11:13-16, 2 Chronicles 23:1-11, Psalm 1:1-6, Psalm 92:1-15, John 15:1-17

- 1. Why haven't the leaders of Israel and Judah matched the description of Psalm 1?
- 2. What does fruit symbolize in today's reading?
- 3. How do people bear good fruit?
- 4. How do you follow Jesus' commandment to love one another?
- **5.** How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Show love to s | someone in the same way that you have experienced Jesus' love. |

Psalm 35:1-28, John 15:18-16:4

- 1. How did Jesus fulfill Psalm 35?
- 2. Why do people hate Jesus?
- 3. Why do people hate you or why don't they hate you?
- 4. Who did Jesus say would bear witness and testify to who He is?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Bear witness                              | s about Jesus today.                          |  |

2 Chronicles 23:12-21, 2 Kings 11:17-12:16

- 1. How is Jehoash influenced to walk uprightly?
- 2. How was money raised to repair the temple?
- 3. How was the money used to repair the temple?
- 4. What can you learn from Jehoash's heart for the temple?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 24:1-22, 2 Kings 10:34-36

- 1. What impact did Jehoiada's life have on the people of Israel?
- 2. Why did the Temple of the Lord need repairs?
- 3. Why did the people stone Zechariah?
- **4.** What has God been trying to communicate to you recently? Have you been listening?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Kings 13:1-11, 2 Kings 12:17-21, 2 Kings 13:14-25, John 16:5-15

- 1. How has God responded to you when you sought Him in your distress?
- 2. How did Joash's zeal affect his fight with the Syrians?
- 3. Why was it beneficial for Jesus to go away?
- **4.** How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit in today's reading?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Glorify Iesus by testifying to the truth that the Holy Spirit has revealed to us. |  |

2 Kings 14:1-14, Chronicles 24:23-27, Psalm 12:1-8, John 16:16-33

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What can we learn from the outcome of Amaziah provoking the king of Israel?
- 2. How do the words of the Lord compared to the words of men?
- **3.** What did Jesus teach His disciples about making requests to God?
- **4.** How are you impacted by Jesus overcoming the world?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Encourage a believer who has sorrow that one day they will have joy which no one

can take away.

2 Chronicles 25:1-24, 2 Kings 13:12-13, 2 Kings 14:15-16, Psalm 67:1-7, John 17:1-26

- 1. Why did God determine to destroy Amaziah?
- 2. How has God made Himself known on the earth and among the nations?
- **3.** How does Jesus' definition of eternal life shape your view of Christianity?
- 4. How do God's people become united as one?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Kings 14:17-28, 2 Chronicles 25:25-26:10, 2 Kings 15:1-5, John 18:1-2, Mark 14:32-42

- 1. Why did God have mercy on Israel in Jeroboam's day?
- 2. How has the Lord saved you out of your afflictions?
- 3. Why did Uzziah (Azariah) prosper?
- 4. What can we learn from Jesus' prayer?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| What is God doing around you, and how can you join Him? |  |
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| Together Challenge:                                     |  |
| Watch and pray with someone.                            |  |

Jonah 1:1-3:10, Matthew 26:36-46

### **Study Journal Question:**

- 1. What has happened in your life when you have not obeyed God?
- **2.** How did God have mercy on Jonah despite his disobedience?
- 3. What can we learn about repentance from the people of Nineveh?
- **4.** Why did Jesus encourage the disciples to be alert in prayer?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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reject Him.

Jonah 4:1-4:11, Amos 1:1-2:3

- 1. How did Jonah respond to God's mercy toward Nineveh?
- **2.** What did God teach Jonah about his attitude and what is God teaching you about your attitude?
- 3. What can we learn about the kind of people that God chooses to use from the story of Jonah?
- 4. Why did God determine to judge the Nations surrounding Israel?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| I       | Help someone work through a bad attitude.             |

Amos 2:4-3:15

- 1. What great things did God do for Israel and Judah?
- 2. How did Israel and Judah respond to God's kindness?
- 3. How have you responded to God's kindness?
- 4. How did God plan to respond to Israel and Judah's sin?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Sha                                       | re with someone how dangerous it is to reject God. |

Amos 4:1-5:17, Luke 22:39-46, Mark 14:43-52

- 1. How did God turn the people of Israel to repentance?
- 2. How does God try to sway your heart toward repentance?
- 3. How did Amos teach people to find grace and mercy from God?
- 4. Why did the religious come to seize Jesus at night?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together                                  | · Challenge:   |  |
| Share with                                | h someone how God is speaking to you through your life circumstances |  |

Amos 5:18-7:6, Matthew 26:47-56

- 1. How did Amos describe the day of the Lord?
- 2. How did Amos influence God's choices through his prayers?
- 3. What can we learn from Jesus' response to being betrayed?
- 4. Have you ever wanted to run away from Jesus? Why?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Amos 7:7-8:14, Luke 22:47-53, John 18:3-11

- 1. How did Amos' description of Israel show that the people despised God's law?
- 2. What can we learn from who God calls as His messengers from Amos?
- 3. How can you embrace what God is calling you to do?
- 4. Why didn't Jesus resist those who came to take Him captive?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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Amos 9:1-15, 2 Kings 14:29, 2 Kings 15:8-22, 1 Peter 1:1-12

- 1. What did Amos prophecy concerning Jesus' coming?
- 2. What can we learn about betrayal from the kings of Israel?
- **3.** How can salvation be something that will be revealed in the future and something that we are obtaining right now?
- 4. What is the purpose of your trials?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Kings 15:23-29, 2 Chronicles 26:11-23, Isaiah 6:1-13, 2 Kings 15:6-7, 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

- 1. What can we learn from Uzziah's (Azariah's) pride?
- 2. How have you seen people hear, but not understand and seeing, but never perceive?
- 3. What does it mean to be holy as God is holy and how do we live this out?
- 4. How does the Word of God work throughout the process of salvation?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Kings 15:32-38, Micah 1:1-16, 2 Chronicles 27:1-9

- 1. What did Micah foretell was coming?
- 2. Why did Jotham prosper as king of Judah?
- 3. Why were the people of Israel and Judah accountable for their sins before God?
- 4. How has God warned you when you were going astray?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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2 Chronicles 28:1-15, 2 Kings 16:1-9, Isaiah 7:1-9

- 1. Why did God Hand Ahaz into the hands of the kings of Assyria and Israel?
- 2. Why did the Chiefs of Israel have mercy on the people of Judah?
- 3. Who can you show mercy to today?
- **4.** Why is faith or belief important according to Isaiah?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Together Challenge:   |  |  |
| Share with someone why belief is important in your walk with God. |  |  |

Isaiah 7:10-8:22, 1 Peter 2:4-25

- 1. What does Isaiah prophesy Assyria will do?
- **2.** What is the significance of Peter's quote from Isaiah concerning the stumbling stone?
- 3. How does Peter teach you to live as one of God's people?
- **4.** What example did Jesus give for us to follow?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| E    | ncourage others to honor God through their actions.   |

Proverbs 31:1-31, 1 Peter 3:1-12

- 1. What are some attributes of a holy woman of God?
- **2.** Where should a woman's beauty come from?
- **3.** How does Peter instruct married couples to walk with each other?
- **4.** What can enable you to love life and see good days?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Obtain a blessing by blessing others.                   |  |  |

Isaiah 9:1-10:4, 1 Peter 3:13-22

- 1. How does Isaiah describe the Christ and His coming?
- 2. Why was God's wrath unrelenting against Israel?
- 3. How do you represent God when you face challenges in life?
- **4.** What is the purpose of baptism?
- 5. How is God revealed in today's reading, and what does this mean for your life?

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| Explain to someone why you have hope.                   |   |  |