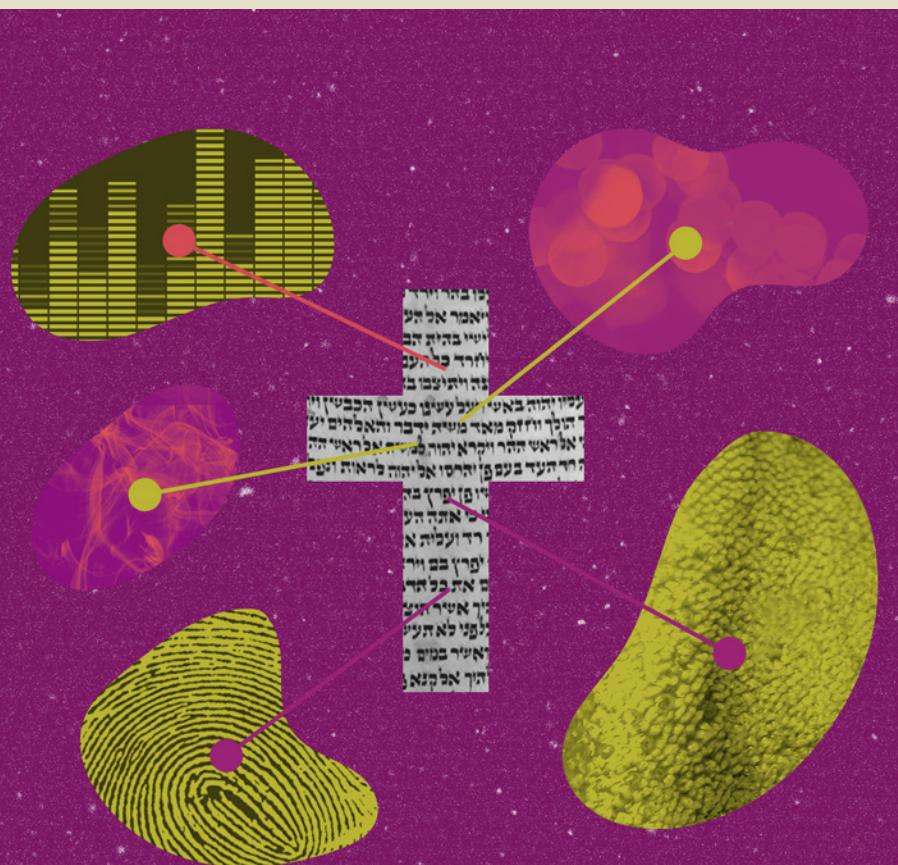




# Making Sense of God



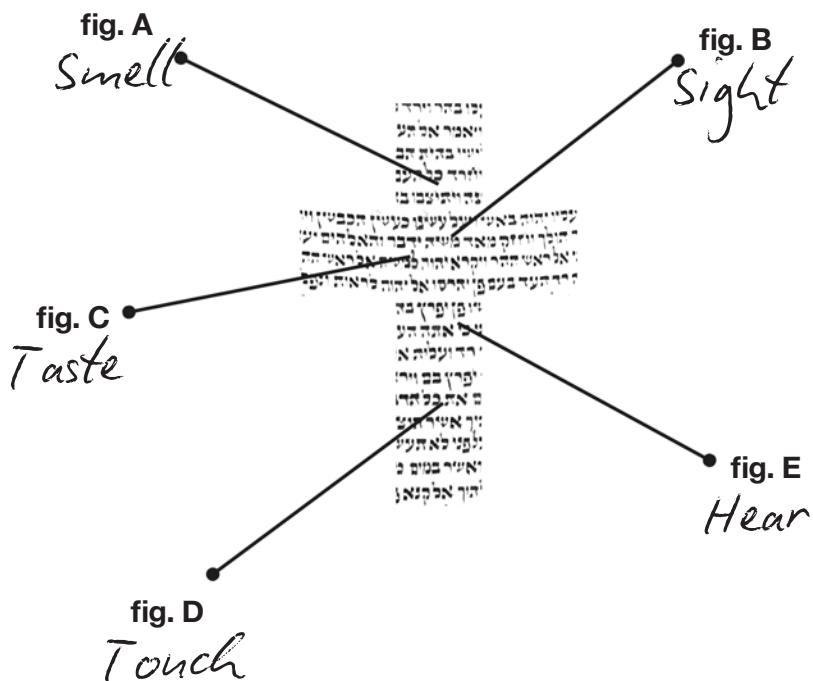


# Experiencing God

*in a World That Wants Our Attention*

## John 17:3

And this is eternal life that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.





Every day, our senses help us engage with the world around us. The irresistible smell of fresh-baked cookies, the breathtaking beauty of a sunset, or the way a favorite song makes us want to get up and dance—these experiences help us understand and enjoy life.

Our ability to taste, see, hear, smell, and touch allows us to navigate the world—but how do we experience a God who isn't physically in front of us? In a world full of distractions, can we truly know the God who made us, loves us, and desires a relationship with us?

The answer? Yes and no.

No, because God is far greater than anything we can fully comprehend. He isn't limited to a single place or by what our human senses can understand—He is all-powerful, ever-present, and beyond our imagination.

*“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.”* Isaiah 40:28

And yet, yes, because this same God—who placed the stars in the sky, holds the universe together, and rules over all things—chooses to know us personally. He desires to comfort, guide, and walk with us as a loving Father and faithful friend. We can truly experience the living God!

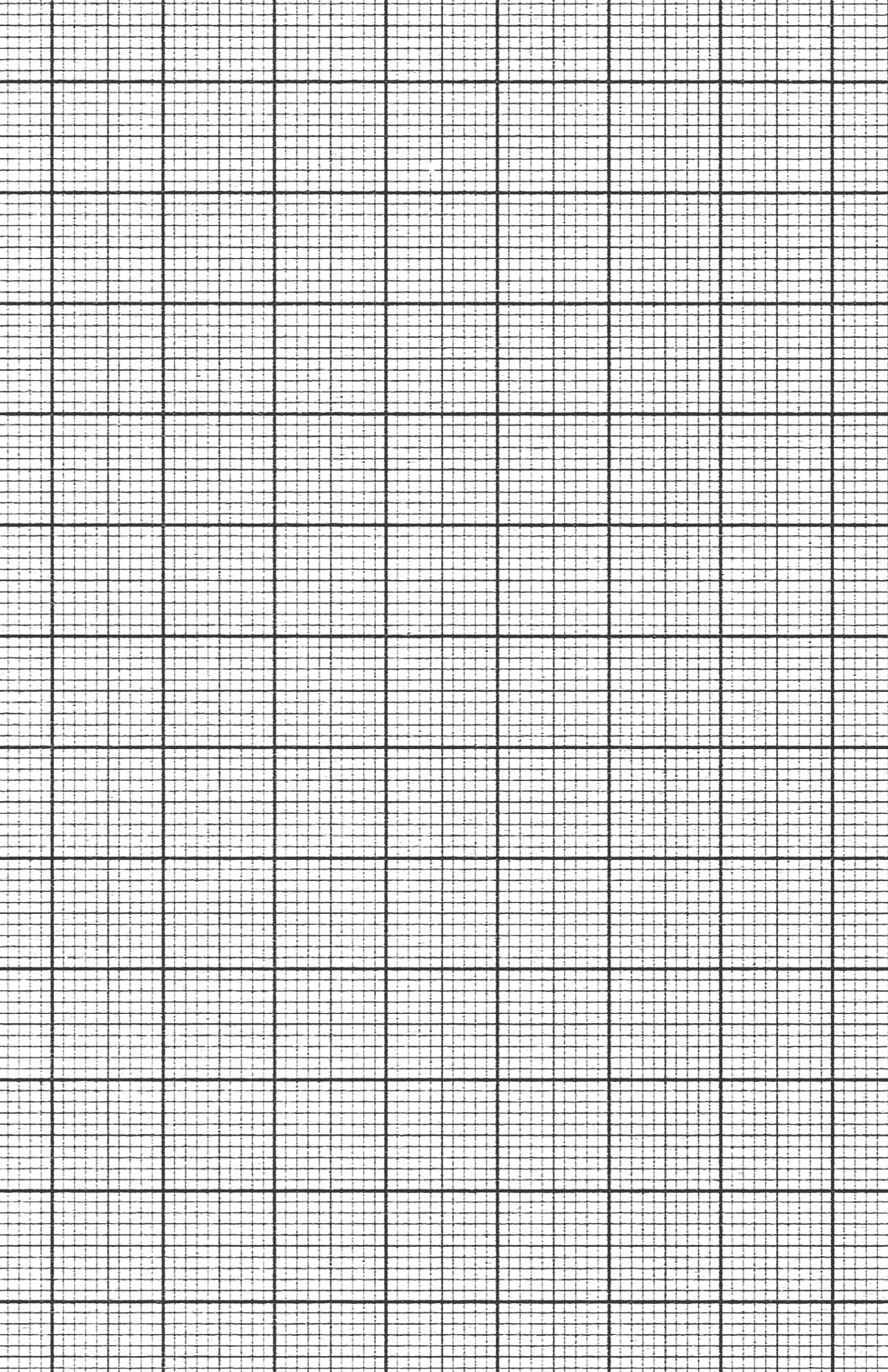
*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”* 1 John 3:1

This week, we'll use our five senses—Taste, See, Hear, Smell, and Touch—as a guide to explore how we can experience and know the God who created us, loves us, and saves us.

We can't wait to grow together, friends!

In Him and the strength He supplies,

*Digs*  
Springs Camp Director



# This Week

## Monday

### *Taste*

We were created to KNOW God!

### **Psalm 34:8**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

## Tuesday

### *Sight*

What we look to is what we believe in. Where do you look for life?

### **Colossians 3:1**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

## Wednesday

### *Hear*

The voice we follow is who we trust.

### **John 10:27**

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

## Thursday

### *Smell*

The fragrance of Jesus. What is the evidence in our life of Jesus' love and work?

### **2 Corinthians 2:15**

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing

## Friday

### *Touch*

To touch is to encounter. How can we encounter the world once we have encountered Jesus?

### **Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

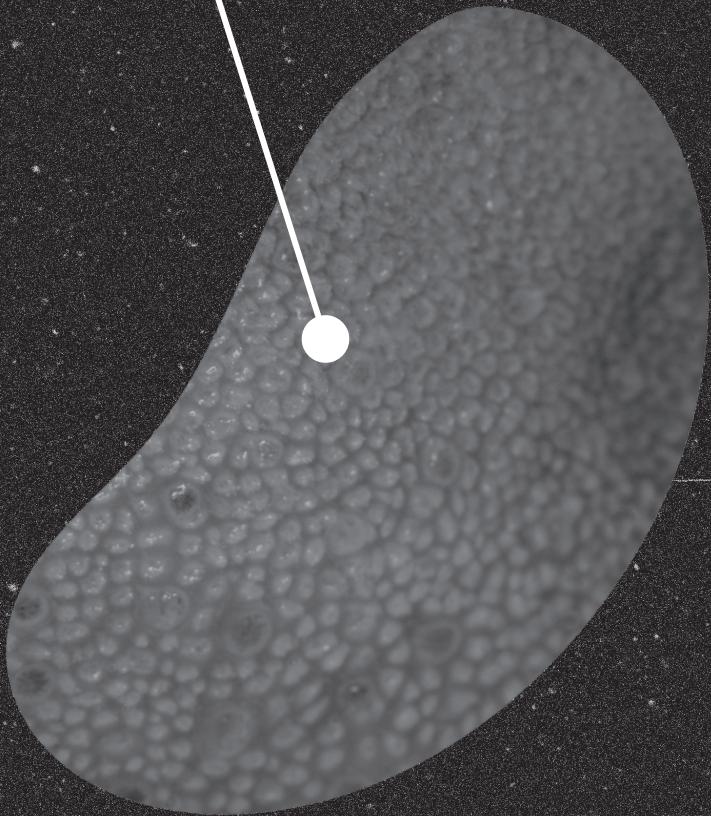




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# Taste

*We were made to KNOW God!*



## Memory Verse

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Psalm 34:8

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

## Quiet Time

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This week, our Quiet Times will focus on diving into our daily Memory Verse and reflecting on its deeper meaning. Take this time to slow down, be present, and allow God to speak to you.

### *Prepare Your Heart*

Before you begin, take a few deep breaths. Close your eyes and quiet your mind. Remember that God is with you, eager to reveal more of Himself to you today.

### *Read and Reflect*

Open your Bible and read Psalm 34:1-8 slowly.  
What words or phrases stand out to you? Write them down below.

According to these verses, how does the Lord respond to those who seek Him and experience His presence?

To be blessed means to fully know and experience the goodness of God—both now and forever.

According to these verses, what does it take to receive this blessing?

### *Respond in Prayer*

Take a moment to pray, thanking God for His goodness and asking Him to help you live in the fullness of His blessing today.

## **Bible Study Guide**

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### *Key Verse*

Psalm 34:8

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

### *Overview*

Howdy friends!

This week, we're diving deep into a big question: How can we make sense of God?

The world is filled with noise, distractions, and endless things competing for our attention. But in the midst of it all, is there a way to truly know God—not just know about Him, but experience Him personally?

Many people wrestle with this: How can I trust a God I can't physically see? The reality is, whatever captures our attention also captures our heart. The things we focus on, spend time with, and think about most often shape who we become. So, where does God fit into that?

Here's the good news: God is not distant. He wants to be known! Jesus made this clear when He prayed in John 17:3:

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”*

God came to us in human form through Jesus Christ so that we might truly know Him. We will be looking at the 5 senses we possess (taste, sight, hearing, smell, and touch) to learn how we can know God personally. We can't wait!

## *One Big Thing*

We were created to KNOW God!

## *The Good Stuff*

What Does It Mean to “Taste and See” God?

Psalm 34:8 invites us to taste and see that the Lord is good. But what does that mean?

### **1. To Taste – To Experience Firsthand**

Think about your favorite dessert. The first time you tried it, you didn't just hear about how good it was—you experienced it. You tasted it, and it made you want more!

Knowing God is the same way. He invites us not just to hear about Him but to personally experience His goodness.

### **2. To See – To Understand Deeply**

Imagine someone who is colorblind putting on special glasses and seeing color for the first time. Their eyes are opened, and they finally understand what they've been missing.

When we see God, our spiritual eyes are opened, and we begin to understand who He truly is.

Psalm 34:8 is an invitation: Don't just take someone else's word for it—come and experience God's goodness for yourself!

## God Knows You and Wants You to Know Him

Knowing God has been His plan for us from the very beginning. Let's look at what Scripture says:

Psalm 139:13-14 – God created you on purpose and with love.

*"For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

Psalm 149:4 – God delights in you!

*"For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation."*

Even when we doubt our worth, God never does. He made you, loves you, and takes joy in you!

## God's Creation Points to Him

God has left evidence of Himself all around us:

Psalm 19:1 – *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork."*

*Romans 1:19-20 – Everything in creation points to the reality of God's eternal power.*

But is God distant and impersonal? No! He is personal and invites us into a relationship with Him.

## Jesus: The God We Can Know

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He came so we could know and experience God personally.

But how do we experience Him when we can't physically see Him?

## The Holy Spirit – Our Guide to Knowing God

When we put our trust in Jesus—believing in His perfect life, sacrificial death, and resurrection—God gives us His Spirit to be with us.

John 14:16-17

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth... You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

The Holy Spirit isn’t just an idea or force—He is God’s presence living within us, guiding, comforting, and leading us into a deeper relationship with Him. The Spirit is fully God and a Person, who really does live in us once we trust in Jesus for new life.

### **A Future Celebration – Knowing God Forever!**

One day, those who know and follow God will experience Him fully in an eternal celebration.

Revelation 19:6-7, 10 describes this moment as a wedding feast—a grand celebration where God and His people will be together forever!

*“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”*

The greatest feast ever awaits those who know and trust in God. There will be no more pain, sorrow, or distance—only joy and the fullness of God’s presence forever!

Do you want to know God? He wants you to know Him! Do you already know Him but long for more? He wants you to experience Him even deeper!

## **Reflection Questions**

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1. What does it mean to taste and see God in your life?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit, and what role does He play in helping us know God?
3. Have you ever experienced God’s presence? Do you want to experience Him more?

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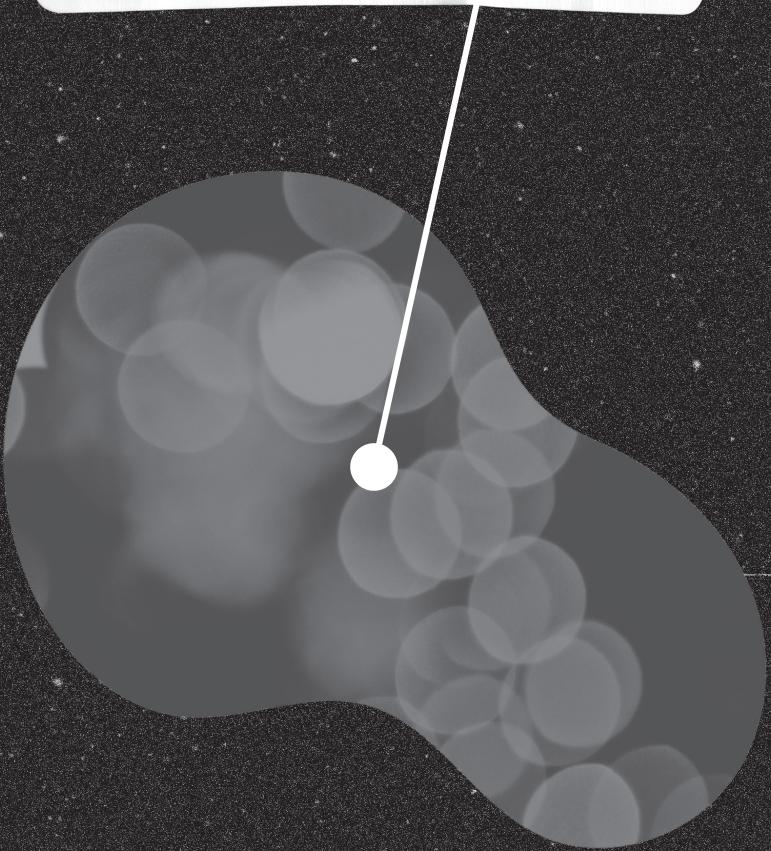






# Sight

*Where do you look for life?*



## Memory Verse

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Colossians 3:1

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

## Quiet Time

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### *Prepare Your Heart*

Before you begin, take a few deep breaths. Close your eyes and quiet your mind. Recognize that God is with you—He is eager to reveal more of Himself to you this morning.

Ask God to open your eyes and help you see Him more clearly through this Quiet Time.

### *Read and Reflect*

Open your Bible and read Colossians 3:1-4 carefully. Verses 1-4 tell us to “seek things above, where Christ is.” What do you think this means in your everyday life?

The passage says that believers are “hidden in Christ.” This means our identity—our truest self—is found in Him. What does that mean for you personally?

## Respond in Prayer

Take a moment to thank God for His incredible love and mercy. Though we've all gone our own way, He did what we never could—taking our punishment so that we could be completely free in Him. Remember, He is with you and loves you deeply today!

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## Bible Study Guide

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### Key Verse

Colossians 3:1

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

### Overview

Welcome back!

Yesterday, we talked about how God knows us, and through trusting in Jesus, we can really know and experience God for ourselves in this life through the Holy Spirit!

Today, we are going to consider how our vision (what we look to) has so much to do with what we trust in for life. Not just our physical sight, but what we look to for guidance, for answers, and when we're afraid says so much about where we believe life is found!

Imagine walking through a forest with only a small flashlight to guide your way. The direction you shine that light determines what you see, where you step, and ultimately, the path you take. If you keep your eyes on the dark, unknown spaces, fear will creep in. But if you focus on the light and the path ahead, you move forward with confidence.

Our spiritual sight works the same way. What we choose to look at—where we set our focus—shapes what we believe and how we live. If we constantly fix our eyes on the world, its distractions, and fleeting promises, we'll find ourselves lost and discouraged. But if we look to Christ, seeking what is above, we'll find true life, purpose, and direction!

Our memory verse for the day captures this idea well.

Colossians 3:1

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*One Big Thing*

What we look to is what we believe in. Where do you look for life?

*The Good Stuff*

Where Are You Looking?

**Where we turn** when we need to be saved from danger reveals what we trust the most.

Imagine a moment of fear—being stuck high in a tree, unsure how to get down. You wouldn’t call just anyone; you’d call the fire department because you believe they have the ability and the desire to rescue you. You trust that they will lead you from danger to safety. In the same way, God’s promises and presence offer the ultimate safety. When life feels overwhelming, where we fix our spiritual sight determines whether we find the help we need. Looking to Jesus—the One who conquered sin and death—leads us to real life, peace, and security that cannot be shaken.

**Even though we can’t physically see Jesus**, when we trust and look to Him, eternal life (heavenly life that lasts) is found!

2 Corinthians 4:18 – “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

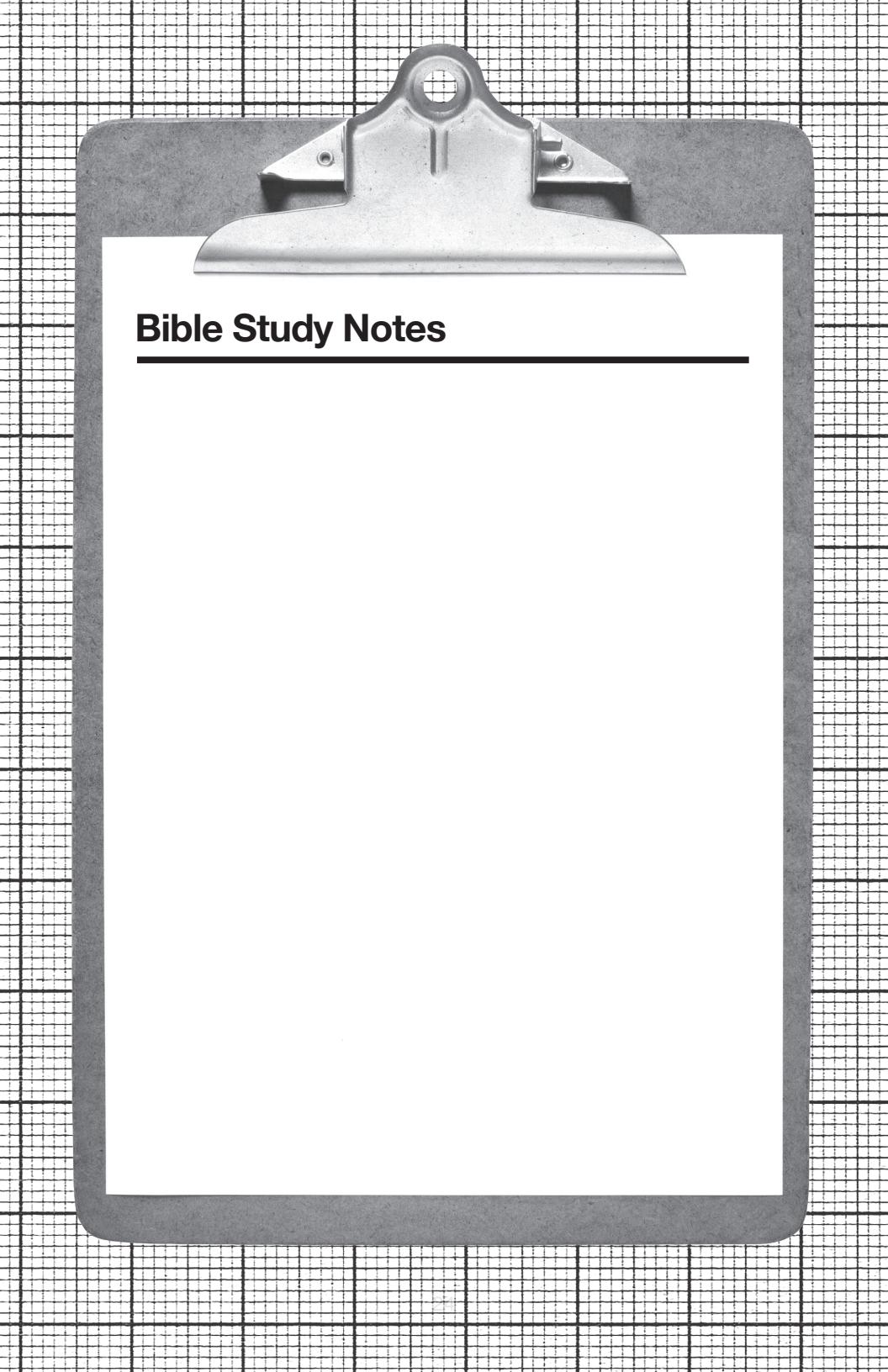
**This verse reminds us to focus on Jesus** and the things that last forever, rather than the temporary. The world around us—its struggles, successes, pain, and pleasures—is fleeting, but the unseen reality of God’s kingdom lasts forever. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we find true life because He is the source of eternal hope, peace, and purpose. The temporary things of this world may distract

or discourage us, but Christ remains constant. By looking to Him, we align our hearts with what truly matters, finding life not in what fades but in the everlasting love and promises of God.

## Reflection Questions

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1. What are some things in your life that you tend to look to for guidance, security, or purpose? How do they compare to looking to Christ?
2. Colossians 3:1 encourages us to “seek the things that are above.” What are some practical ways you can shift your focus toward Christ in your daily life?
3. When you face fear or uncertainty, where do you typically turn first? How can you intentionally fix your eyes on Jesus in those moments?



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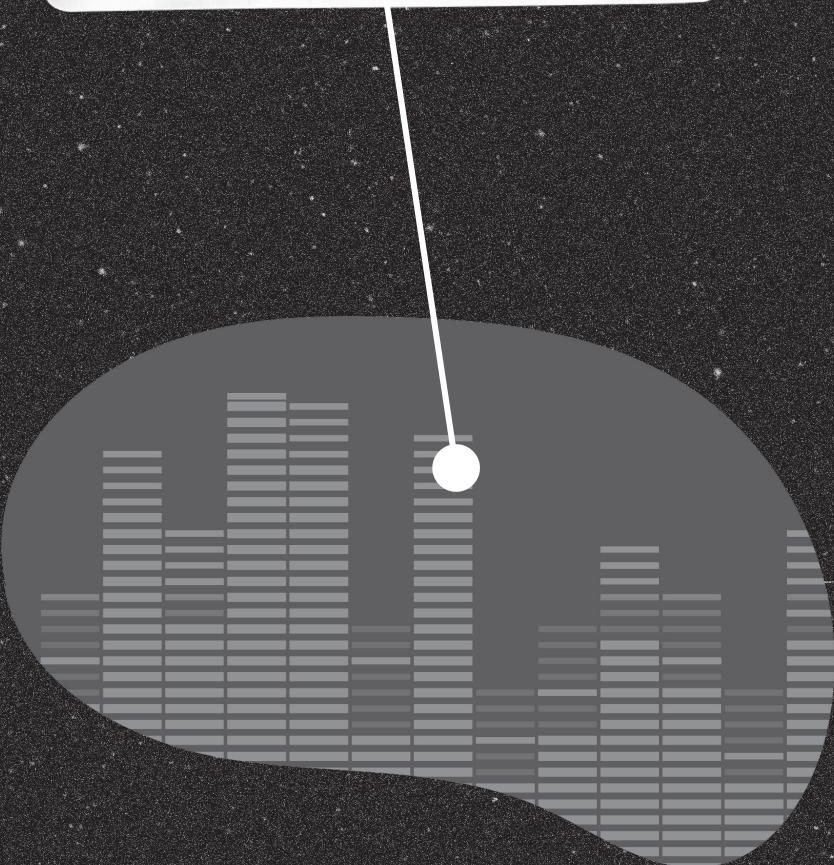
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# Hear

*The voice we follow is who we trust.*



## Memory Verse

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John 10:27

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

## Quiet Time

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Before you begin, take a moment to slow down. Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths, and settle your mind. Recognize that God is with you, and He's excited to reveal Himself to you today.

### *Prepare Your Heart*

Ask Him to open your eyes and help you see Him more clearly through this Quiet Time.

### *Read and Reflect*

Open your Bible and read John 10:1-30 slowly.

In this passage, Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, and us to His sheep. What do you think it means that, when we put our faith in Jesus, we are made His sheep?

What do you think it means that Jesus freely gave His life for us?

## Respond in Prayer

1. Pray for your counselor, asking God to bless and guide them today.
2. Ask Jesus to show you how to look more like Him today, since both you and your counselor are His sheep!

## Bible Study Guide

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### Key Verse

John 10:27

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

### Overview

Hearing God: Learning to Follow His Voice

Today, we're exploring what it means to truly hear and experience God. How do we trust and follow someone we can't hear with our ears—like a friend or a parent? The reality is, whether we realize it or not, we all follow a voice in our lives. The question is: whose voice are we listening to?

Think about your favorite musician, athlete, or celebrity. When they speak, we hang on every word, eager to hear and respond. Why? Because we believe they have something valuable to say. When we admire someone, we don't just listen—we listen with the intent to respond.

To hear isn't just about receiving sound; it's about receiving what is true and trusting it. Jesus desires for us to hear from Him. Yet, the Bible reminds us that we have all gone astray, listening to voices that lead to pain, confusion, and ultimately, spiritual death.

Isaiah 53:6 – “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.”

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Throughout Scripture, people are often compared to sheep. What comes to mind when you think of sheep? Maybe rolling hills, green pastures, or the fact that sheep aren't exactly known for their intelligence. But one thing is certain: sheep need a shepherd. Without a shepherd to lead, guide, and protect them, sheep are vulnerable and defenseless. In the same way, without Jesus—our Good Shepherd—we are lost.

*John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”*

Jesus calls us His sheep, and He promises that we can hear His voice. The challenge for us is this: Are we truly listening? And if we are, are we willing to follow?

## *One Big Thing*

The voice we follow is who we trust!

## *The Good Stuff*

Hearing and Responding to God

**God has always wanted for His people to listen** to His voice and respond with trust and obedience. His leadership and care are constant, but throughout history, people have struggled to follow Him wholeheartedly.

Long before Jesus walked the earth, God was calling His people to hear and obey Him. The book of Deuteronomy captures this call through the words of Moses, the leader whom God used to rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and guide them toward the land He had promised.

However, the Israelites often forgot God's faithfulness. They grew impatient, doubted His leadership, and disobeyed His commands. As a result, an entire generation wandered in the wilderness for 40 years instead of stepping immediately into the blessings God had prepared for them.

Before they finally entered the promised land, Moses reminded them of the most important command:

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”**

This passage is known as the Shema, a Hebrew word meaning to hear in a way that leads to action. God didn't just want His people to listen to His words—He wanted them to trust Him completely and live in obedience.

### **The same invitation extends to us today.**

After centuries of spiritual wandering—when God was silent for 400 years between the final book of the Old Testament and the arrival of Jesus—God spoke again. This time, through His Son.

When Jesus began His public ministry, His message was clear:

**Matthew 4:17 – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**

The word repent means to turn away from one path and choose another. Jesus was calling people to leave behind their old ways and follow Him into a life of true purpose and fulfillment.

He didn't just offer a way—He declared that He is the way:

**John 14:6 – “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

**To truly experience the life God offers**, we must surrender our own plans and fully trust in Him. Jesus put it this way:

**Luke 9:23-25 – “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”**

### **God's call remains the same as it was in Moses' day:**

Will we truly hear Him—not just with our ears, but with hearts willing to follow?

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Jesus invites us to turn from our own way and trust in Him completely. When we do, we find true life—the kind that is secure, eternal, and full of purpose.

Are you listening? More importantly—how will you respond?

## Reflection Questions:

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1. Whose voice are you listening to the most in your daily life? How can you be more intentional about listening to Jesus?
2. What does it mean to you personally to “hear” and “follow” Jesus as described in John 10:27?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to respond to God’s voice with trust and obedience?

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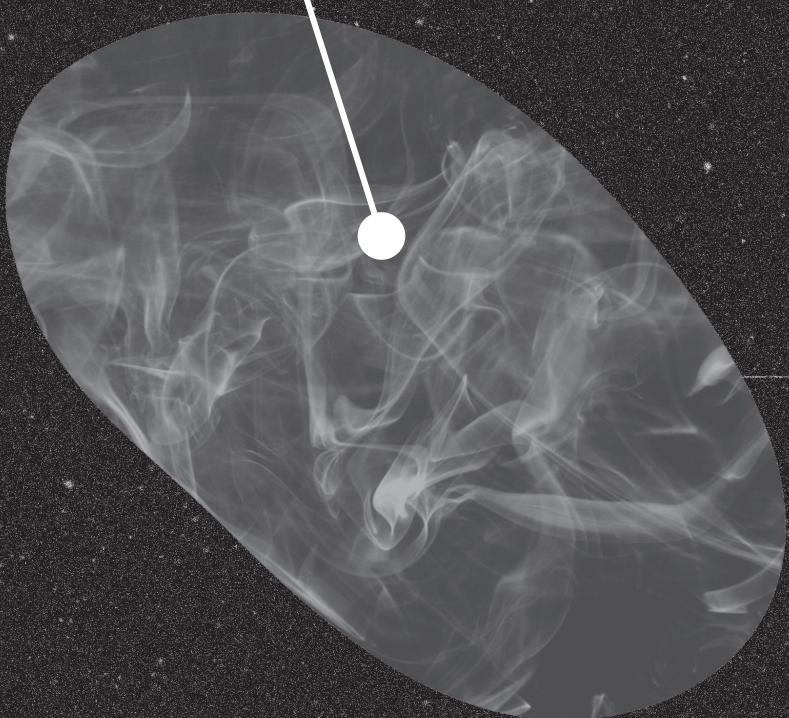
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# Smell

*What is the evidence in our life of  
Jesus' love and work?*



## Memory Verse

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2 Corinthians 2:15

*For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,*

## Quiet Time

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### *Prepare Your Heart*

Before you begin, take a moment to pause and breathe. Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and slow your mind. Recognize that God is with you right now, and He's eager to reveal Himself to you today.

### *Read and Reflect*

Now, turn to 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 in your Bible and read it slowly, letting the words sink in.

As you read, notice any words or phrases that stand out to you. Write them down below.

Paul is speaking to his friends in Corinth, teaching them how to live in a way that reflects God to the world. He talks about the importance of forgiving others, because we have been forgiven so much!

Are you quick to forgive others when they wrong you? Why or why not?

Paul also describes being the aroma of Christ—leaving an impression on others of who Jesus is.

How do you think we can reflect Jesus to the world, even though we can't physically see Him?

## Bible Study Guide

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### *Key Verse*

2 Corinthians 2:15

*For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

### *Overview*

There's something powerful about good smells. Think about the scent of your favorite bath and body works fragrance, the smell of your favorite fast food meal, or, for me, the scent of gasoline, which brings back memories of summers at the lake. Isn't it amazing how a simple scent can instantly lift your spirits and bring joy to your soul?

The way something smells often gives us a clue about its quality. If something smells fresh and pleasant, we trust that it's good—whether it's food, flowers, or something else.

But if something smells bad—like trash or sour milk—we quickly know it's not safe or good to be around.

In the same way, we are called to be an aroma, or good smell, of Christ.

Jesus makes us new once we put our trust in Him! As it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*”

But it's not just about our personal transformation. We are also ambassadors for God's Kingdom—which means we are chosen to represent Him in the world. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:18, we have been given with the message of reconciliation—to help others be made right with God.

We bring glory and honor to God through our good works, the very good works that God has prepared for us to do. As Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Just like a pleasant smell, we are called to be people who leave a lasting impact of goodness on others. Our lives are meant to reflect Jesus to the world in such a way that others experience Christ in us.

## *One Big Thing*

The fragrance of Jesus. What is the evidence in our life of Jesus' love and work?

## *The Good Stuff*

We Belong to God

When we choose to follow Jesus, we're not just making a personal decision—we're stepping into something much bigger. We become part of God's family, also called God's Kingdom. This means we don't live for ourselves anymore; we now represent Him!

But this isn't a bad thing—it's actually amazing. It's not like being controlled by a strict boss or being stuck in a boring contract. Instead, it's like having the most loving Father and the most powerful and good King leading our lives. He wants the best for us and for the people around us.

### **What Does It Mean to Be an Ambassador?**

Paul describes this idea in 2 Corinthians 5:17-21: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come... We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.”

### **So, what's an ambassador?**

An ambassador is a person sent to represent someone important—usually a king or a country.

If you were the U.S. Ambassador to another country, your job would be to represent America and its values.

As Christians, we are ambassadors for Jesus—we represent His Kingdom everywhere we go.

That means how we act, speak, and treat others matters because people will see Jesus through us.

### **Why Does This Matter?**

Our relationship with God isn't just about us. It's about helping others see and experience God's love through our lives.

Before Jesus, sin separated us from God. But when Jesus died on the cross, He took our place and made it possible for us to be reconciled (made right) with God. Now, our job is to share this message with the world—not just with words, but through our actions, attitudes, and love.

### **A Good Smell for God?**

In another part of the Bible, Paul says that we should be like a fragrant aroma for God's Kingdom. (2 Corinthians 2:15)

Think about it—when you walk into a bakery, the smell of fresh cookies or bread draws you in. In the same way, when we live like Jesus, our lives should be so full of kindness, joy, and love that people are drawn to God through us.

### **The Challenge: Who Are You Representing?**

Every day, we are representing something—whether we realize it or not. Some people live to represent themselves, their school, their brand, or what's trending. But as followers of Jesus, we are called to represent Christ.

So, here's the question: When people look at your life, do they see Jesus?

Being an ambassador for Christ is more than just saying you're a Christian—it's about living it out. And the good news? We don't have to do it alone. God gives us His Spirit to guide, strengthen, and help us every step of the way.

Let's go out and be bold ambassadors for Jesus!

## Reflection Questions

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1. What kind of “aroma” does your life give off?
2. In what areas of your life do you struggle to represent Jesus well?
3. Who in your life needs to experience the “fragrance” of Christ’s love?

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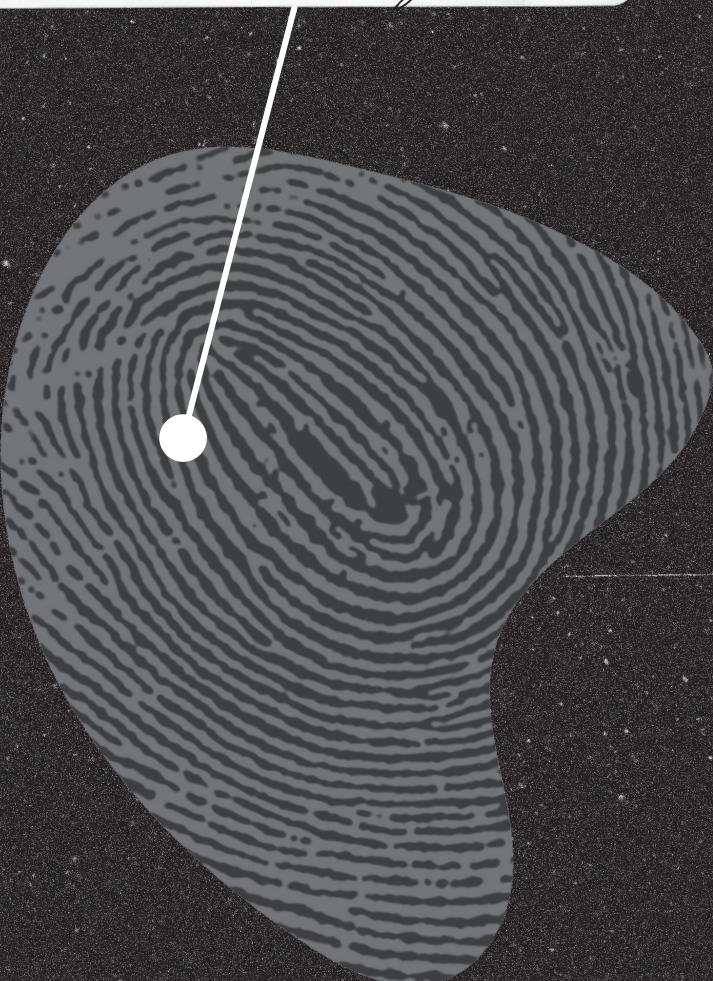
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# Touch

*How can we touch the world once  
we have encountered Jesus?*



## Memory Verse

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Matthew 28:19

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

## Quiet Time

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### *Prepare Your Heart*

Before you begin, take a moment to pause and breathe. Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths, and slow your mind. God is with you, and He is eager to reveal Himself to you this morning.

### *Read and Reflect*

Turn to Matthew 28:1-10 in your Bible and read it slowly, letting the words sink in.

When the people in this passage realized who Jesus truly was, their natural response was to worship.

Who do you say Jesus is?

Now, read Matthew 28:16-20 carefully.

Jesus promises that He will be with us always. How does this bring you comfort today?

## *Respond in Prayer*

As you wrap up your Quiet Time, take a moment to pray:

1. Ask God to show you how deeply He loves you today.
2. Ask Him to help you love others the way He does.

## **Bible Study Guide**

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### *Key Verse*

Matthew 28:19

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

### *Overview*

Imagine the impact of a simple touch: a high-five between friends, a comforting hug from a family member, or the grip of an athlete on their gear. Touch connects us, making experiences real and personal.

In our journey with God, even though we can't physically touch Him, we experience His presence in real ways. Once we've felt this connection, what's next?

The Bible tells us we're now "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20). This means we're representatives of God's kingdom, showing His love and truth to the world. God reaches out to others through us, inviting them to know Him.

Think about it: your actions, words, and choices reflect God to those around you. Just as a touch can convey warmth and connection, your life can demonstrate the reality of God's love.

So, as you go about your day—whether at school, with friends, or at home—remember you're carrying the message of God's kingdom. Through you, others can experience the "touch" of God's love and be drawn closer to Him.

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Embrace this role with confidence, knowing that your life makes a difference. You're not just living for yourself; you're a vital part of God's plan to reach the world.

## *One Big Thing*

How we can encounter the world once we have encountered Jesus?

## *The Good Stuff*

Our final memory verse comes from the book of Matthew, where we see Jesus give his final instructions to his first followers.

*Matthew 28:19 – Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Jesus calls His followers—including us today—to make disciples. To be a disciple means to follow and learn from someone, and as His disciples, we are called to help others follow Him.

In this passage, known as the Great Commission, we see the heart of God. He desires for all people to know Him and be saved.

*“[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” – 1 Timothy 2:4*

This truth should stir our hearts and compel us to share the good news until everyone has heard!

We do this by telling others what God has done in our lives and by loving others the way Jesus has loved us. Love requires closeness—you can't reach someone from a distance. God wants to use you to reveal His love to a world desperately in need of Him.

As Jesus said in John 13:35:

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

It is our love for one another that demonstrates we have been loved and forgiven by God. So, what does it look like for you to love and serve others where you are? How can you reflect God's love in your daily encounters, knowing that you have already been deeply loved by Him?

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5 how we, as His followers, are meant to touch the world with His love and truth:

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* — Matthew 5:14-16

The light within you is the hope of Christ—the unshakable truth that you are secure, loved, and chosen by a good God. And Jesus is clear: don't hide this hope! Just as a lamp is meant to shine, your life should radiate God's love for all to see.

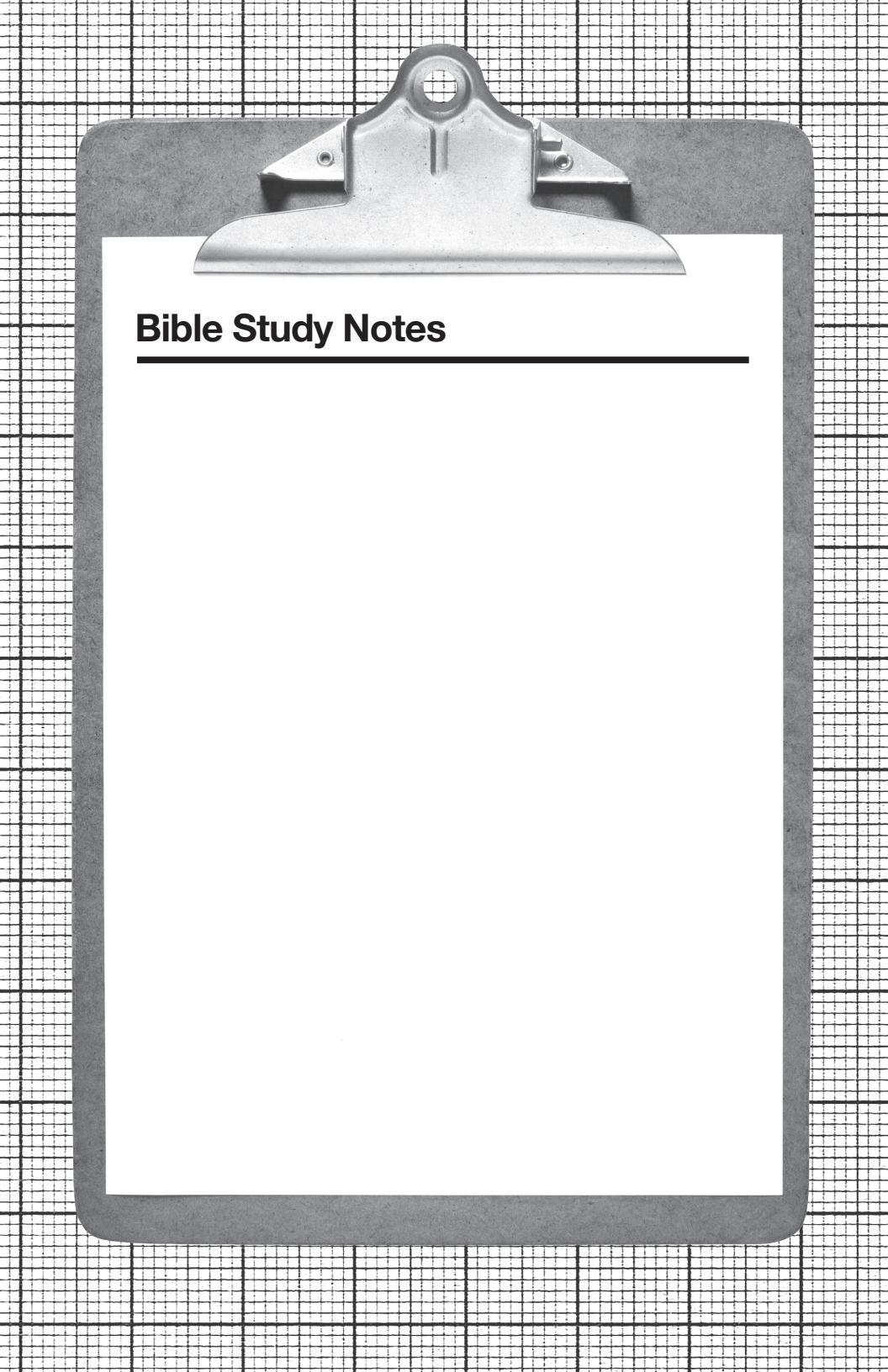
But how will the world see this light? Through the way we live—by loving, serving, and extending the touch of Jesus to those around us. We don't serve to earn His love; we serve because we have already received it. And as we pour out love from a heart of gratitude, the world will encounter Jesus—not just in words, but through the tangible ways we care for and serve them.

We have encountered the living God, let's go tell the world about who He is!

## Reflection Questions

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1. Who in your life needs to experience God's love, and how can you be intentional in showing them His love?
2. What fears or obstacles keep you from sharing your faith, and how can you overcome them with God's help?
3. In what ways can you grow as a follower of Jesus while also helping others grow in their faith?



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