



# NEXT **STEP**

DISCIPLESHIP

PERSON-TO-PERSON DISCIPLESHIP

## **BIBLICAL TRUTH**

Four Talk Sheets Designed to Help You Have a Conversation About Biblical Truth

# USING P2P TALK-SHEETS

The idea of being a disciple-maker can be intimidating; but it doesn't have to be. Person-to-Person (P2P) Talk-Sheets are designed to help you have a conversation with another person about key faith topics. These pages are designed to be used anywhere, whether you're sitting in your home or meeting in a coffee shop. In addition, you can move through this conversation at whatever pace you think is best, spending as much time as you need on developing the associated habit.

Each P2P sheet is packed with resources that help you move from conversation to action: key scripture to read, discussion questions, and application activities.

A brief introduction to the conversation that this P2P Talk-Sheet will be guiding you through.

A key verse that you and your conversation partner can memorize together. Memorization of Scripture is a valuable way to carry God's Word with you at all times.

Two to three passages of Scripture to read together. Don't just sum it up - read the passages out loud together.

Several questions to begin the discussion. Don't hesitate to dig further in and ask some of your own.

If your conversation partner has a family, check out the Family Time activity. It includes some simple ideas on how you can carry this conversation into your home.

Each P2P sheet includes one or two Live It application activities. It's critical to move beyond words to developing life-changing habits in your life. When you next get together, take time to talk over the Live It action items from the previous conversation. Be a source of encouragement and accountability to one another.

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**MEMORIZE**

**Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

**FAMILY TIME**

Look up Jerusalem and Ethiopia on a map. Trace the Ethiopian eunuch's route back home from Jerusalem. How long was the journey? (1,593 miles) What other countries did he pass through on his way home? (Egypt, Sudan) What percentage of Ethiopia is Christian? (The majority - over 60%) Do you think this may have begun when the Eunuch returned home and shared his newfound faith?

**READ IT**

- Acts 1:1-11
- The Witnesses
- Acts 8:26-39
- The Ethiopian Eunuch
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- Becoming All Things

**DISCUSS IT**

1. What is our primary purpose while on this earth?
2. How can understanding your role as a missionary help you be more effective in Christ's kingdom?
3. According to Acts 1:8, in whose power do we witness to others? What is the cost of being a witness for Christ?
4. What do you think the Ethiopian Eunuch did after he returned home?
5. Who has been a witness of Christ to you? Who can you be a witness to?

**LIVE IT**


Make a map of your personal mission field starting from your closest sphere of influence and working your way out. It may begin in your home (if your spouse is not saved) and then with your neighbors, co-workers etc.

This week, be intentional about praying for discernment regarding someone with whom you can enter into a discipleship relationship.

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This particular packet is designed to introduce your conversation partner to the Core Value of Biblical Truth. Through conversation, you'll discover the life-giving words of the Bible and how you can begin to read it on your own.

## MEMORIZE

## Psalm 119:11

*I have hidden your word in  
my heart  
that I might not sin  
against you.*

## FAMILY TIME

As a family, choose a verse  
to memorize this week.  
Some great verses to start  
with are:

Psalm 119:105  
1 Timothy 4:12  
Colossians 3:23  
Ephesians 4:32

There is a whole book full  
of spectacular words  
straight from God to make  
a part of your families  
rhythm.

The Bible is much more than 'The Good Book'. It is God's Holy Word written down for His people. Within its pages are both the greatest love story and the greatest rescue story ever told. God's Word is many things:

It is **living and active**, which means it speaks just as clearly to our lives as it did to the lives of Christ followers who lived thousands of years ago.

It is **purposed**. In Isaiah 55:11 God promises that His Word will never come back void.

God's Word is **powerful**. In Ephesians 6 the Word of God is referred to as the sword of the Spirit. Satan, the father of lies, can only be defeated by the truth of God's Word.

Only by studying, memorizing and applying God's Word will we know God's will and realize His plan for our lives. Don't let this direct communication from God sit on your shelf unread!

## READ IT

- Matthew 7:24-27 - Wise and Foolish Builders
- Psalm 19:7-11 - Wonders of the Word
- Psalm 119:9-16 - Seeking God's Word

## DISCUSS IT

1. When you think of the title 'Bible,' what words come to mind?
2. How often do you spend time in God's Word?
3. What portion of the Word is your favorite? What areas of the Bible do you find the most difficult to read?
4. What stops you from spending more time in the Word?
5. According to the Psalms, what are some of the benefits of reading the Bible?
6. What are you building your house on? God's Word or something else?

## LIVE IT

If you do not already do so, commit to spending time in God's Word daily. Find a time when you can be focused. Approach His Word in prayer and begin to grow in your relationship to the Creator.

Choose a Bible Reading Plan online that will challenge the amount of time you spend in God's Word or take you through some of the areas that you have not read before.

Or commit to reading through the entire Bible in a set amount of time - a year or two.

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## MEMORIZE

**Hebrews 4:12**

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

## FAMILY TIME

Is the TV on every day in your house? Is the word of God opened every day?

Purpose to share God's word with your family every day. What your children learn at home will echo in their hearts and develop into an authentic relationship with God. If you have little children, buy a good Children's Bible and read it with them every day.

God gave us three amazing avenues to building a relationship with Him - the Holy Spirit, prayer and the Word. Truly knowing God requires reading the Bible. In it God is revealed, His character is understood and His will for us is known. Through the Words of the Bible, we discover who God is: that He has a sense of humor (Job 38-39), that He is desperately in love with you, that He is tender (Zephaniah 3:17), compassionate, merciful - and the list goes on!

The Bible is living and active and used to achieve God's desires and purposes. Because of that, we need to approach it as an extension of God in this world and let it shape us in a very real and personal way.

## READ IT

- John 1:1-14 - The Word in Flesh
- John 15:13-17 - Friendship with Christ
- Hebrews 4:12-13 - Living and Active

## DISCUSS IT

1. Why does Hebrews describe the Bible as living and active? How does this make the words found here different than any other book?
2. According to John, what is the relationship between Jesus and the Word?
3. God reveals Himself through His Word. How has your understanding of God changed as you have read His Word?
4. Because God's Word is living and active, it can speak to you in different ways at different times. How has the same verse or book of the Bible meant something different to you at different points in your life?
5. In John 15, how does Jesus say we have a friendship with Him?

## LIVE IT

Choose one chapter of Scripture this week and make it part of your regular daily rhythm. Spend some time each day reading the same passage. Incorporate it into your prayer relationship with God.

For more on this practice, search for *Divine Lectura* online.

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Many people have never read everything God has written. If the person you loved most was suddenly taken away and you found a special journal they'd been keeping for you would you read it cover to cover or just read a few sentences here and there?

This week, approach the Bible as just that, a journal from God on how He planned to save the world.

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## MEMORIZE

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

## FAMILY TIME

Help your family understand how God's Word works in your life using the 'Soil and Seeds' parable from Luke.

Prepare four cups, one with each type of soil from the story. Spend some time discussing with your family about what makes some soil good for growth and what makes some bad. Encourage them to live their lives in such a way that God's Word can take root.

Once we accept Christ as Lord of our life the Holy Spirit begins to prompt us to make changes to our lives. Some of these changes are immediate and others happen over time as a result of reading God's Word and putting it into practice. Once we know what is right - what God would have of us - we are responsible for making any necessary changes. The apostle James compares the person who hears the Word but does not do what it says to someone who forgets what they look like as soon as they look away from the mirror. The opposite side of that picture is the person who hears the Word and lives it out in their life. God's laws are perfect and are not meant to bind us but to free us. They give us the freedom to become the people we were meant to be.

## READ IT

- Deuteronomy 30:11-14 - The Word is Near
- James 25:21-25 - Hearing and Doing
- Luke 7:24-27 - Soils and Seeds

## DISCUSS IT

1. Discuss the ways God's Word has blessed you and given you freedom.
2. To what type of soil do you most compare to? What are some ways in which you can personally become more responsive to God's Word?
3. Why does James compare ignoring the Word to forgetfulness?
4. How are we deceiving ourselves if we listen to the Word but do not do what it says?
5. Is there anything you have been convicted by in God's Word but ignored?

## LIVE IT

This week, slow down while you're reading the Bible. Before you start reading, pray that God will give you the wisdom to see how this passage applies to your life. Read the passage over several times. After you are finished, find some practical ways to apply that passage in your life this very day.

Whether you have a green thumb or not, try growing a couple of plants from seed to serve as reminders to strive towards being fertile soil for God's Word.

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## MEMORIZE

**Joshua 1:8**

*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

## FAMILY TIME

Make sure everyone in your family has their own Bible appropriate to their age. Spend some time with your children showing them how to use their Bible's and discuss the importance of reading God's word daily.

Memorize the books of the Bible as a family if you have not already done so.

The Bible is God's great love story to us. Within it are 66 books spanning over 1,700 years. These books record our creation, fall and redemption. As a result, navigating the Bible is no easy task. There are some tools found in most Bibles to make this simpler:

- Table of Contents: Lists the books found in the Bible.
- Chapters & Verses: Help to locate specific Scriptures.
- Concordance: Find verses on specific topics.
- Maps: Locate where events took place.

These tools just fill a space in your Bible until you learn to use them. These, as well as a host of other Bible tools, are waiting to help you navigate and better understand God's Word. The ability to use these tools only comes through repeated practice. Practice, study and grow!

## READ IT

- Psalms 1:1-3 - Time in the Word
- Deuteronomy 6:6-9 - Relationship with the Word

## DISCUSS IT

1. What is the significance of the Old and New Testament? Are there any areas of the Bible that you find especially difficult to navigate?
2. How confident do you feel navigating your Bible?
3. Does your comfort level in regards to using your Bible impact how often you study your Bible? What would it take to change that comfort level?
4. Why might it be important to learn how to use a variety of Bible tools?
5. What Bible tools have you used before? What would you like to learn to use?

## LIVE IT

Commit to memorizing the titles of the books of the Bible in order.

Try memorizing the Old Testament list and New Testament list separately in order to simplify the process.

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Learn how to use one new Bible tool this week:

- Table of Contents
- Concordance
- Biblical Maps

The next two you may find online or in a bookstore:

- Analytical Concordance
- Bible Commentary

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## DISCIPLESHIP

Each of us is on a journey towards becoming like Jesus. Along that journey, we will encounter key milestones that will lead us to new growth. Discover your Next Step today!

### KNOW JESUS

Discover a life-giving relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Know Jesus* conversation guide at the Next Step Station.

### SERVE LIKE JESUS

Explore your natural gifting by serving like Jesus. We can help you discover the Ministry Team that's right for you.

### LEARN THE BASICS

Learn the basics that you'll need (how to read the Bible, pray, and share your faith with others) during this 12-week study.

### BECOME A STEWARD

Learn how to manage your resources in a way that honors God. We offer Financial Peace University multiple times each year.

### PARTNER WITH THE CHURCH

Gain an idea of who CCW is and how you can become a team member in our two part Foundations series (offered quarterly).

### GROW AS A LEADER

Make an impact by starting down the path of leadership in our Servant Leadership Training (offered quarterly).

### JOIN A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Discover authentic community by joining a Discipleship Group, an environment where you will grow in relationship with God and others.

Whatever your Next Step is, let us help you. Stop by the **Next Step Station** (located in the Foyer) to discover the people and resources that you need to keep growing.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### RIGHTNOW MEDIA

### ONLINE//APPS

*The YouVersion Bible App*  
*Basics Study (ccw.church)*

### BOOKS