

D-Group Bible Reading Plan and Study Guides
Spring 2025
FBC Benbrook

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SESSION SNAPSHOT

WALKING IN VICTORY

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Galatians 5:16-26

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Galatians 5:22-23

TAKEAWAYS:

- Live a Spirit-filled life
- Shorten the time between when God speaks to you and when you act

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Acts 15-16
- Galatians 1-3
- Galatians 4-6
- Acts 17 - 18:17
- 1 Thessalonians 1-2

STUDY THE WORD

What is the most essential part of your morning routine?

In verse 16, Paul tells believers to “walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” What does this mean?

Do you think that many Christians take this command seriously? Why or why not?

Paul wrote about the war between the flesh and the Spirit. How have you experienced this war yourself?

When does it feel harder to fight in this battle than at other times?

What can we do that makes these battles easier?

What kinds of desires do you think the Spirit gives us?

What are the obvious acts of our sinful nature?

How do we see these acts in our lives and in those around us today?

How do they affect us and our communities?

The fruit in verses 22 and 23 are bookended by “love” and “self-control.” How do these two things sum up everything listed?

What does it mean to love someone?

What does it mean to have self-control?

Tell about somebody that you know who exhibits these qualities.

What fruit from verses 22-23 do you struggle with naturally, which only comes through the help of the Spirit?

APPLY THE WORD

The fruit in verses 22-23 are not a list of things to practice; they are what the Spirit produces in us. We don't get to pick and choose which we want because the Spirit gives them freely, as a package deal.

As we practice walking by the Spirit, we will find that the fruit He grows will come naturally, as a byproduct of spending time with and rooting ourselves in Him.

What desires of the flesh do you currently struggle with and need to stop in order to turn completely toward Christ?

What is a step you can take this week toward letting the Spirit be the one who guides you?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Thessalonians 3-5***
- ***2 Thessalonians 1-3***
- ***Acts 18:18-28; 19***
- ***1 Corinthians 1-2***
- ***1 Corinthians 3-4***



SESSION SNAPSHOT

THE CROSS: GOD'S WISDOM AND POWER

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Acts 16:31

TAKEAWAYS:

- Boast only in the cross.
- Don't be discouraged when people don't receive your message.

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Thessalonians 3-5
- 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- Acts 18:18-28; 19
- 1 Corinthians 1-2
- 1 Corinthians 3-4

STUDY THE WORD

When you were in school (or if you are now), what was the thing you had the most trouble understanding?

The Jews stumbled over the message of the Gospel because they had misconceptions about what the Messiah would do. What are some misconceptions that people have about Jesus today?

The Greeks stumbled over the message of the Gospel because they tried to reconcile it with human wisdom. Share about a time when you've seen Godly wisdom working in your life even if it didn't make sense by the world's standards.

People say all the time that they would trust God "if He would only give them a sign." What are signs that He has already given us?

Why have you decided to believe in, rather than reject, the Gospel?

Why do you need a Savior?

How has the Gospel affected you, personally?

How does it affect your relationship with the people around you?

How does the truth of the Gospel influence our urgency for sharing it?

What are some things that make sharing the Gospel difficult?

Why is it comforting to know that we are not responsible for how people receive it?

APPLY THE WORD

Jesus told His disciples that they were not responsible for how the message of the Gospel was received in Matthew 10:14. It is our job only to share what the Lord has done in our lives; it is not our job to win souls--only God can do that.

As you prepare to take the story of how Jesus changed you to someone who needs it, let's take a little bit of time to figure out how to tell it. On your own, work through the answers to these questions:

When you examine your life before the Gospel and after, what are the differences?

How did you come to meet Jesus?

What are the markers in your life of the transformative power of the Gospel?

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Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Corinthians 5-6***
- ***1 Corinthians 7-8***
- ***1 Corinthians 9-10***
- ***1 Corinthians 11-12***
- ***1 Corinthians 13-14***



SESSION SNAPSHOT

ARE YOU IN IT TO WIN IT?

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Galatians 3:28

TAKEAWAYS:

- There is a specific reward for those who partner and participate in sharing the Gospel with lost people

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Corinthians 5-6
- 1 Corinthians 7-8
- 1 Corinthians 9-10
- 1 Corinthians 11-12
- 1 Corinthians 13-14

STUDY THE WORD

If you had a whole day to kill, what would be your go-to activity?

Based on this passage, what do you think a believer's main focus should be?

What are some things that distract us?

Why does Paul compare living a Christian life with that of an athlete?

What is the purpose of an athlete's self-denial?

How should self-denial (or self-control) look in a Christian's life?

How is discipline different from legalism?

How, specifically, can we discipline ourselves to be better co-laborers for the Gospel?

The Corinthians craved honor and fame from the athletic competitions, and proved it by training themselves day and night to receive that prize.

How do you think you can tell what prize people are running for?

What prize do you think the people around you are running for?

What are some ways you can leverage your freedom in Christ to reach the people around you with the Gospel?

APPLY THE WORD

On your own, look back at what Paul wrote in verses 22 and 23.

As you think about the groups of people you are usually around, consider how you can use this freedom that Jesus has given you in order to reach them better. What are some of the things that you need to “become” that would make them more receptive to what you have to say?

What are you running for, something temporary or something eternal?

What is something you need to trim out of your life this week so that you can be a better servant of others, that you “might win more of them” to Christ?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Corinthians 15-16***
- ***2 Corinthians 1-2***
- ***2 Corinthians 3-4***
- ***2 Corinthians 5-6***
- ***2 Corinthians 7-8***



SESSION SNAPSHOT

YOU CAN'T OUT-GIVE GOD

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

GOSPEL FOCUS:

2 Corinthians 9:13

TAKEAWAYS:

- Giving is our response to a generous God
- God has blessed you to be a blessing

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Corinthians 15-16
- 2 Corinthians 1-2
- 2 Corinthians 3-4
- 2 Corinthians 5-6
- 2 Corinthians 7-8

STUDY THE WORD

What is the best gift you remember receiving from someone?

What do you think generosity is?

Tell about a time when you have either received or witnessed an act of generosity.

How did that act of generosity affect the people involved?

How does God bless people who give generously?

Why do you think God will “enrich” (v.11) generous givers?

What gift does this passage say we have been given that should motivate us to be givers ourselves?

Why do you think this gift we’ve received should encourage us to give?

What are things that keep us from giving generously?

What do you think the difference is between giving out of obligation and giving out of the overflow of your heart?

Think about your own life. What are some ways in which you’ve been blessed?

Take stock of the blessings and gifts you have received. How can you, personally, can give generously?

APPLY THE WORD

As people who have been immeasurably blessed, we should be able to turn around and be an immeasurable blessing to others--and here's the tricky part: to everybody. Whether we consider them "deserving" of our generosity or not. We certainly didn't deserve the generosity God showed us, so if we are walking by His Spirit, we can practice the same generosity that He showed us to those whom we encounter on a daily basis.

Spend a few minutes in prayer thanking God for the blessings He's given you.

Pray about a specific way you can exercise generous giving this week.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***2 Corinthians 9-10***
- ***2 Corinthians 11-13***
- ***Romans 1-2; Acts 20:1-3***
- ***Romans 3-4***
- ***Romans 5-6***



SESSION SNAPSHOT

I'M NOT WHO I ONCE WAS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Romans 6:4-11

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Romans 6:8

TAKEAWAYS:

- Recognize who you are and who you are becoming
- Preach the truth to yourself every day

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 2 Corinthians 9-10
- 2 Corinthians 11-13
- Romans 1-2; Acts 20:1-3
- Romans 3-4
- Romans 5-6

STUDY THE WORD

When is a time you have felt most unified with the people around you?

What did it feel like to have that kind of unity?

How does baptism paint a picture of someone who has been born again?

Why is (or isn't) baptism important?

Romans describes believers as having been crucified with Christ and joined in the "likeness of His resurrection."

If you have experienced this—when you once were dead, but are now alive—describe that moment for us.

How does having a new life affect how you live, think, and interact with people?

How does it affect how you interact with God?

If we are no longer enslaved to sin, why do we still sin?

What is the difference between sinning and being a slave to it?

How do you put the desires of your flesh to death?

What are things you need to do to entirely submit your new life to Christ?

How does considering yourself dead to the power of sin (v.11) affect the way that you live your daily life?

How does it change the way you face temptation?

APPLY THE WORD

Fortunately, for those who count themselves dead with Christ and raised into a new kind of life through Him, they have a new purpose, a new motivation, and a new community that shares a common point of unity: the resurrected King of the world.

Because Jesus has broken sin's power, we can live in the freedom of the new life He gives us. For each of us, the specifics of that life will look different, but the theme will be the same. We live to serve and glorify our Savior.

Take a moment to self-reflect. How do you think people see you?

What are aspects of your life that speak to a life that has been made new?

What are actions of the flesh that you need to put to death?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Romans 7-8***
- ***Romans 9-10***
- ***Romans 11-12***
- ***Romans 13-14***
- ***Romans 15-16***



SESSION SNAPSHOT

AN OUTLINE FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Romans 10:9-17

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Romans 10:9-10

TAKEAWAYS:

- Every Christian is called to take the Gospel to the nations
- Your “nations” might look different than the person sitting next to you

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Romans 7-8
- Romans 9-10
- Romans 11-12
- Romans 13-14
- Romans 15-16

STUDY THE WORD

Where is the farthest you've ever been from home?

What were you doing there? What did you take away from that trip?

Describe your day-to-day context.

Who are the people you interact with?

What kinds of conversations come up?

What does it look like to engage the people around you for the sake of the Gospel?

What does living on mission in your context look like?

What is the Gospel that must be preached?

What information must be included?

Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone?

How was it received?

Sometimes it's hard to share the Gospel because it seems like so few respond to it. What kinds of responses will people have to the Gospel?

How do you think that we should respond when someone rejects it?

APPLY THE WORD

Before we think about heading to the ends of the earth with the Gospel, we should consider whether we are preaching it already in our own context. You know where you are, who the people around you are, and what makes them tick better than anybody. Try cultivating a relationship with someone who needs to hear the Gospel, but not a relationship based on moving them toward some goal or crossing “Share the Gospel” off of your list. Instead, build a genuine friendship based around trust and then, when the time is right, share the Gospel in a way that will make sense to them.

Think of one or two people you can pray to have an intentional Gospel encounter with this week.

Take a few minutes to pray for an opportunity to share Christ with that person and for your life to match up with the message you deliver.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Acts 20-21***
- ***Acts 22-23***
- ***Acts 24-25***
- ***Acts 26-27***
- ***Acts 28***



SESSION SNAPSHOT

SPEAKING UP WHEN OTHERS SHUT YOU DOWN

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Acts 22:1-21

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Acts 22:16

TAKEAWAYS:

- Share your testimony with one person this week
- Speak up for Jesus

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Acts 20-21
- Acts 22-23
- Acts 24-25
- Acts 26-27
- Acts 28

STUDY THE WORD

If someone asked you to tell a joke right now, would you have a go-to? Tell us the joke!

What are things about Paul's testimony that you think the Jewish people objected to most strongly?

What are things about your own testimony that you think people around you would object to?

Why do you think it is hard for an unbelieving world to believe in Jesus?

Paul demonstrated his preparedness for sharing the Gospel through his own personal story with this specific group of people by making it work in their context without watering down the content. We, too, live in an unbelieving world, also, but perhaps for different reasons.

What can we do to make people more receptive to our testimony?

How do you think we can share the Gospel in our contexts without watering down the message?

When you think of people in your life who do not follow Christ, how do you feel?

How can we balance wanting to tell them the good news of Jesus while not treating them like a "project"?

Take a few minutes to talk about God's call on your lives.

Where has He gifted you?

Where has He placed you right now?

How can you be faithful where you are with what you have, so that God may be glorified?

APPLY THE WORD

The best way to share our testimony with someone when the time is right for it is to be prepared to tell it in a clear and concise way.

Before you close your time together, take a few minutes to look back through Paul's testimony and then write a brief version of your own. Try to answer these questions:

What was your life like before you met Jesus?

How did you meet Jesus?

How has your life changed as a result?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Colossians 1-2***
- ***Colossians 3-4***
- ***Ephesians 1-2***
- ***Ephesians 3-4***
- ***Ephesians 5-6***

ALL THINGS NEW



SESSION SNAPSHOT

DEAD MADE ALIVE

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Ephesians 2:4

TAKEAWAYS:

- We were all born with the same sin condition
- Our lives should reflect those of someone who is God's workmanship

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Colossians 1-2
- Colossians 3-4
- Ephesians 1-2
- Ephesians 3-4
- Ephesians 5-6

STUDY THE WORD

Tell us about the family you were born into.

What kinds of things were important to them?

How do you still see your upbringing impacting you?

How do you see the same “world” described in verses 2-3 today?

How does “the way of the world” oppose the way of God?

According to this passage, are Christians more holy than non-believers?

What is the difference between a believer and a non-believer?

How do you think Christians should behave around non-believers?

What does Paul argue is God’s purpose in raising us from the dead?

How does seeing our salvation this way change how we view ourselves and those around us?

Read verse 10.

What role do you think works play in a believer’s life?

What reaction do you think an unbelieving world would have to a Church full of people behaving as “His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works”?

In your own words, how do you see today’s passage communicating the Gospel?

How does the Gospel change the way you view yourself?

The people around you?

People you haven’t even met yet?

APPLY THE WORD

Seeing ourselves in light of what God did for us changes everything. It affects the view we have of ourselves. It affects the way we see strangers, friends, family. It levels the playing field between believers and unbelievers, and between “super-Christians” and brand new ones. We are all in the same boat: we were dead, but Christ made us alive.

Examine the actions of your life. Are they the actions of someone who is God's workmanship?

What can you do this week to act as someone who displays the immeasurable riches of God's grace?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Philippians 1-2***
- ***Philippians 3-4***
- ***Hebrews 1-2***
- ***Hebrews 3-4***
- ***Hebrews 5-6***

ALL THINGS NEW



SESSION SNAPSHOT

FROM THE CRADLE, TO THE CROSS, TO THE CROWN

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Philippians 2:1-11

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Philippians 2:6-7

TAKEAWAYS:

- The Gospel is a mindset to adopt, an example to follow, and a reason to worship
- Humble yourself before a humble God

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Philippians 1-2
- Philippians 3-4
- Hebrews 1-2
- Hebrews 3-4
- Hebrews 5-6

STUDY THE WORD

When was the first time you remember being responsible for looking out for someone else's interests before your own?

Read verse 3 again. When have you seen someone act in true humility?

What would doing something out of "rivalry" or "conceit" look like?

Why do you think that it's so easy to do things this way?

What does it mean to consider others as more important than yourself?

How do you see this statement as counter-cultural?

What would it look like if a whole church full of believers cared for each other more than they cared for themselves?

If someone were going to serve you in a way that really helped you out, what would they do?

According to this passage, how did Jesus demonstrate humility?

How can we imitate this kind of humility?

When have you seen humility reconcile a split between two people or groups?

Where is there disunity today that humility could reconcile, whether in your personal life or in the world at large?

What do you think adopting the attitude of Christ would look like in the following situations?

A pressing need arises in the community around you, but you find out that they aren't involved with you or your church at all.

You are no longer allowed to practice your faith in public.

Someone wrongs you in an intentional, painful way.

APPLY THE WORD

As we focus on adopting Christ's attitude--one of humility--we will learn some painful lessons about just how selfish we are. The more we exalt ourselves, the less we are exalting the one who truly deserves it, and we may be hurting those around us in the process.

Who is one person in your life that you can go out of your way to care for this week more than you care for yourself?

What is a game plan you can put together to do that effectively?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Hebrews 7***
- ***Hebrews 8-9***
- ***Hebrews 10***
- ***Hebrews 11***
- ***Hebrews 12***

ALL THINGS NEW



SESSION SNAPSHOT

A VOICE IN THE DARKNESS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

John 1:1-18

GOSPEL FOCUS:

John 1:14

TAKEAWAYS:

- God works best in what seems like the worst situations
- Jesus is the best, and only, only hope that we have

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Hebrews 7
- Hebrews 8-9
- Hebrews 10
- Hebrews 11
- Hebrews 12

STUDY THE WORD

Where is the most beautiful place you've ever been?

What did it make you feel to be there?

Twice in this section, and 60 times in the whole book, John speaks of "belief." What is belief?

How does reading these verses strengthen your belief in Jesus?

After 400 years, God's silence was broken by a solitary man in the desert and a baby in a manger.

When has God ever seemed silent or distant to you?

How was that silence broken?

How does John 1:1-18 argue that just because God was "silent," He wasn't missing?

How has He revealed Himself through Creation?

How has He revealed Himself to you?

Look at the world around us.

Why might people say that God is distant?

How do you think we should respond to this?

APPLY THE WORD

Jesus' birth is the most miraculous thing that has ever happened to humanity, and not only because of the extraordinary circumstances. It is miraculous because of what it means. It means we serve a coming-down God who wants to dwell among His people, who wants to draw them close and have them truly understand what it means to be His children.

What does Jesus mean to you?

Have you experienced God's voice before? If not, what can you do to create an atmosphere for Him to speak to you?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Timothy 1-3***
- ***1 Timothy 4-6***
- ***2 Timothy 1-2***
- ***2 Timothy 3-4***
- ***1 Peter 1-2***

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SESSION SNAPSHOT

IT'S NOT HOW YOU START, IT'S HOW YOU FINISH

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 4:9-18

GOSPEL FOCUS:

2 Timothy 2:2

TAKEAWAYS:

- If you have fallen away, turn back to the Lord
- If you are faithful, keep the faith

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Timothy 1-3
- 1 Timothy 4-6
- 2 Timothy 1-2
- 2 Timothy 3-4
- 1 Peter 1-2

STUDY THE WORD

When you're feeling down, what do you generally tend to do to feel better?

Read over today's passage. Describe Paul's tone.

How do you think he's feeling? Why?

Share about a time when you have felt deserted or lonely and how you dealt with it.

Turn to and read Acts 13:13 and 15:36-41.

How do you think Paul was feeling about Mark in the Acts 15 passage?

If Paul had written this same letter then, what do you think he might have said?

Share about when you've seen someone (maybe it was you) who returned after getting off track or who fixed a rift with someone.

Paul's situation may have looked bad, but he retained his hope because he knew what he was working for.

When things looked bad for Paul, what things did he ask for?

How do you "recharge" when you're drained or going through difficult times?

Turn to and read Psalm 22. What parallels do you notice between these two passages?

What can we do to make sure we're staying the course on the path set before us?

What can we do to make sure we are remembered the way Mark is in this passage?

How can we help or encourage those who are on the same journey we are?

Have you ever had someone to pour your life into as they poured into yours as well?

What benefits did you see of your time with those people?

APPLY THE WORD

Paul was undoubtedly doing some reflecting during this time. He was melancholy, yes, but he was ultimately hopeful: he knew that his race was almost over, and that from the moment he started running it, he was running it well.

If we want to do the same thing, we need to evaluate where our eyes are fixed, as well as the people we're investing in. Just like Paul had Timothy to invest in, we should search out people to pour ourselves into so that the legacy we leave is one of growth in the ways of God.

Be honest with yourself: what are your eyes fixed on?

What priorities do you need to realign this week?

Who is someone you can talk to about getting together to invest in, strengthen, and empower each other?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Peter 3-4***
- ***1 Peter 5; 2 Peter 1***
- ***2 Peter 2-3***
- ***1 John 1-3***
- ***1 John 4-5***

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SESSION SNAPSHOT

THE KIND OF LOVE THAT COUNTS

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

1 John 4:7-12

GOSPEL FOCUS:

1 John 4:10

TAKEAWAYS:

- You are deeply loved by God.
- We are commanded to love one another.

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Peter 3-4
- 1 Peter 5; 2 Peter 1
- 2 Peter 2-3
- 1 John 1-3
- 1 John 4-5

STUDY THE WORD

Words of Affirmation:	Expressing affection through spoken affection, praise, or appreciation.
Acts of Service:	Actions, rather than words, are used to show and receive love.
Receiving Gifts:	Gifting is symbolic of love and affection.
Quality Time:	Expressing affection with undivided, undistracted attention.
Physical Touch:	With this love language, the speaker feels affection through physical touch.

What would you say your love language is?

When did you first encounter God's love for you?

How has God shown you love?

What does loving your neighbor look like? What does loving your enemy look like?

Just like the Gospel came to you because it was headed to someone else, the same is true of God's love. How can you, personally, be better at loving the people around you?

John describes love as a self-sacrificing action in verse 10. What do you think it looks like to love those around you sacrificially?

Do you think that anybody is exempt from this command? Is there anybody we should not love sacrificially?

Why is that sometimes a difficult thing to do?

When is a time you've experienced true, genuine, sacrificial love before?

How did it make you feel?

How do you think true, genuine, sacrificial love could help communicate the Gospel to someone who needs to hear it?

APPLY THE WORD

Loving our neighbors is difficult. Loving our enemies is even harder. But God commanded us to do both of these things. There may be a little bit of a process as we learn to show people the same kind of sacrificial love that God has for them, but we can take our first steps now.

What is one thing you can do this week to demonstrate God's love to some one else—even if it is something small like paying for a stranger's lunch?

Many times, it's something small and purely selfless like this that gives you an opportunity to share your faith with someone.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Revelation 1***
- ***Revelation 2-3***
- ***Revelation 4-5***
- ***Revelation 18-19***
- ***Revelation 20-22***

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THE
WORD

SESSION SNAPSHOT

THE GIFT OF GRACE

STUDY PASSAGES:

Genesis 1:1, 3:1-7; Romans 3:23, 10:9-13; 1 Corinthians 15:12-22; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Mark 1:15; Revelation 4:11

GOSPEL FOCUS:

John 3:16

TAKEAWAYS:

- If you decide to follow your way, you will be condemned by God.
- If you decide to follow God's way, you will be forgiven by God.

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Revelation 1
- Revelation 2-3
- Revelation 4-5
- Revelation 18-19
- Revelation 20-22

STUDY THE WORD

Why do you think a Gospel presentation should begin by talking about God?

What do you think is the difference between being a “good person” and being a sinner?

How can we say that “all have sinned”? What does it mean to be a sinner?

“Fall” in Romans 3:23 is in the present tense--it’s something that we do all the time. What are ways that we constantly fall?

Why is preaching the resurrection so crucial?

How do you think you would explain what Jesus’ sacrifice means to someone who doesn’t understand?

What must somebody do to be saved?

How does this decision affect your day-to-day life?

Take a few minutes to share your testimonies about making the decision to follow Jesus.

A testimony is more than “They told me to stand up if I prayed the prayer.” It is the story of your encounter with Jesus and how He changed you. Sharing your testimony has three basic parts:

1. This is what I was like before I met Christ
2. This is how I met Christ
3. This is how I’m different because of it.

APPLY THE WORD

Your response to the Gospel is personal, but it doesn't stay that way. If you've had your life changed by Jesus, then you have received a Gospel on its way to somebody else. We can prepare for sharing that right now by practicing writing out a short version of our testimony.

Using the outline for sharing your testimony, write out a one-minute version of yours.

Think of one person in your life who needs to hear it. Pray for an opportunity to share it with them.