

**A Helpful Study Tool to Facilitate Learning
At a Deeper Level**

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BIBLE STUDY METHOD

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Pray, asking God for guidance through His Word and to get rid of other distractions.

Read the passage / chapter and find the one thing that you ponder on or jumps off the page as you read.
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S: SCRIPTURE: *Which scripture(s) stuck out to you most? Write it down. Feel free to make it a work of art.*

O: OBSERVATION: *What you think about the verse? What does God seem to be revealing through it? Do any words stand out? Look them up in original Greek or Hebrew. Cross reference scriptures of similar topic to get an overview of the passage. Who is the author addressing? What is the cultural context? Who is the passage about?*

A: APPLICATION: *How do you apply this little truth to your life? Are there any areas in your life that do not align with the scripture and need to change? Have you seen growth in any areas?*

P: PRAYER: *Write a prayer asking how to implement this verse in your life. Pray for others who may be dealing with a similar issue. Praise God for his blessings and opening your eyes to his truths.*

Deep Roots



***Establishing Deep Roots
in
Jesus Christ, Faith and Practice***

Lenten Devotion Guide - Gospel of John

February 22 - April 9, 2023

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10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Introduction

Five years ago I began putting together devotion guides to help the church be in unity around common scripture reading and common themes. As we are in the early stages of beginning a new season of mission and ministry in the life cycle of First Methodist Church, I want to return to where we began the devotion guides, in the Gospel of John. I want to again focus our attention on deep roots.

There are many thieves in the world, including those seeking to take away our biblical roots. Jesus came to give us good gifts, including life and life more abundantly. This devotion guide and our reading of the Gospel of John is intended to help us establish deep roots in Jesus Christ, faith and practice.

As I have done each Lenten season, I want to encourage you to practice some type of fasting during the season. Fasting takes on different forms for every person but allows us to become humble before God and seek him intently. There is a short guide to biblical fasting included in this guide.

Make prayer a significant part of this journey. It's easy to read and move on with life. Pause and pray.

John will teach us so much if we will listen. If you don't already, sign up for the email daily devotion.

Hope to see you along our journey,

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Guide to Biblical Fasting

1. Fasting is denying the natural to focus on the Supernatural.
2. In the Bible, fasting always involved food, still the most common type of fast today. Why? Eating is the most natural thing we do and requires the most discipline to deny our bodies nutrition. It also requires supernatural intervention to keep in its proper perspective. Many other types of fasts have become popular including social media, TV, etc. Fast whichever requires more discipline.
3. First things first. Seek God's guidance on whether you should fast. Get clarity there.
4. If God says yes, ask Him to guide you in a specific type and purpose or purposes for fasting. Not generic, like to be more spiritual, but specific, like overcoming a habit. Write them down. Pray about those purposes every day.
5. Whenever you would be actively engaged in whatever you are fasting, spend that time with God. It does no good just to fast without focusing that time on spiritual matters. Example, fast a meal. Spend the meal time or equivalent at some point in study and prayer.
6. Fasting should not be easy. It wasn't in the biblical days and shouldn't be now. The point is focusing on the supernatural to help with natural desires.
7. The ultimate purpose of fasting is to become closer to God and deeper in faith.

Day 1 - Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Scripture - John 1:1-18

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 2 - Thursday, February 23, 2023

Scripture - John 1:19-34

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 3 - Friday, February 24, 2023

Scripture - John 1:35-51

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 4 - Saturday, February 25, 2023

Scripture - John 2:1-12

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Reflect - *on what you have learned from God's Word*

Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*

Rest - *your mind, body and spirit*

Day 5 - Monday, February 27, 2023

Scripture - John 2:13-25

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 6 - Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Scripture - John 3:1-36

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 7 - Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Scripture - John 4:1-42

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 8 - Thursday, March 2, 2023

Scripture - John 4:43-54

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 9 - Friday, March 3, 2023

Scripture - John 5:1-17

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 10 - Saturday, March 4, 2023

Scripture - John 5:18-47

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*

Rest - *your mind, body and spirit*

Day 11 - Monday, March 6, 2023

Scripture - John 6:1-15

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 12, Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Scripture - John 6:16-21

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 13, Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Scripture - John 6:22-59

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 14, Thursday, March 9, 2023

Scripture - John 6:60-71

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 15, Friday, March 10, 2023

Scripture - John 7:1-52

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 16, Saturday, March 11, 2023

Scripture - John 7:53-8:11

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Sunday, March 12, 2023

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Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*

Rest - *your mind, body and spirit*

Day 17, Monday, March 13, 2023

Scripture - John 8:12-59

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 18, Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Scripture - John 9:1-41

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 19, Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Scripture - John 10:1-42

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 20, Thursday, March 16, 2023

Scripture - John 11:1-44

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 21, Friday, March 17, 2023

Scripture - John 11:45-57

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 22, Saturday, March 18, 2023

Scripture - John 12:1-50

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*

Rest - *your mind, body and spirit*

Day 23, Monday, March 20, 2023

Scripture - John 13:1-20

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 24, Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Scripture - John 13:21-38

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 25, Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Scripture - John 14:1-31

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 26, Thursday, March 23, 2023

Scripture - John 15:1-17

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 27, Friday, March 24, 2023

Scripture - John 15:18-25

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 28, Saturday, March 25, 2023

Scripture - John 15:26-16:15

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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Rest - *your mind, body and spirit*

Day 29, Monday, March 27, 2023

Scripture - John 16:16-33

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 30, Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Scripture - John 17:1-8

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 31, Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Scripture - John 17:9-19

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 32, Thursday, March 30, 2023

Scripture - John 17:20-26

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 33, Friday, March 31, 2023

Scripture - John 18:1-12

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 34, Saturday, April 1, 2023

Scripture - John 18:13-27

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Sunday, April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday

Reflect - *on what you have learned from God's Word*

Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*

Rest - *your mind, body and spirit*

Day 35, Monday, April 3, 2023

Scripture - John 18:28-19:16

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

Day 36, Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Scripture - John 19:17-42

Pray - God's blessing and favor related to this passage

