



EPIPHANY

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Riversiders,

We have just finished the season of Advent culminating in Christmas. The season that we are in now, sandwiched between Christmas and Lent, is called **Epiphany**. The season of discovery.

Epiphany: a festival on January 6th that celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men who came to visit Jesus.

Epiphany: a moment of sudden insight or understanding.

Epiphany: a moment when you suddenly feel that you understand, or become conscious of something.

Epiphany: an appearance or manifestation of a divine being.

We are going to take time these next eight weeks to *discover* Jesus through the eyes of those around Him. Each day we will read the story of a different person and their encounter with the living God as manifest through Jesus Christ.

Surprise. Doubt. Disappointment. Adoration. Confusion.

All these emotions erupt from the pages of the gospels as normal people, people just like you and I, get a chance to interact with the God of the universe.

Throughout the weeks, you will see words in *italics* - they are synonyms for the word epiphany or discovery! Try to keep track or highlight them.

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Each day as we read the stories of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus' life, imagine yourself there, meeting Jesus, looking into His eyes, experiencing Him, discovering who He is.

You'll see some similar questions throughout the weeks. But focus on the discovery of Jesus.

To help make things easier, we've added QR codes when we reference websites or online videos. Use the QR reader on your phone to quickly access the video by scanning the code (you can try it out below). If you are unsure how to use a QR reader, find a techie friend and ask for their help.

During the first week of this devotional we will read stories of those involved in and around the birth of Jesus.

You can check out this video from **The Bible Project** for an overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OLezoUvOEQ



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Love you all!

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WEEK 1

SUNDAY (1/5/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (1/6/20)

 Read Luke 1:26-56 and 2:41-52

Try to not let any familiarity with the story cause you to skim these verses. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach and guide you.

 Who is Mary? As you read these stories, describe how you see Mary:

① What do you think Mary is “treasuring in her heart” after being scared that Jesus was lost?

② What does she discover about Jesus in these interactions with Him (albeit - one is an interaction where Jesus is only a couple cells large in her uterus!)

🔍 Are there any new *discoveries* about Jesus that you notice?



TUESDAY (1/7/20)

 **Read Matthew 1:18-25 and 2:13-23**

Joseph was completely within his rights according to the Law to publicly separate from Mary once she was pregnant and the child was not his. His decisions reveal a lot about the character in him.

 Who is Joseph? What do you see in his character?

 Jesus is a baby in these interactions, so not actually talking to Joseph. But how do you see Joseph impacted by his part of the story?

 What stands out to you in these two passages? Any *discoveries* or *realizations*?

WEDNESDAY (1/8/20)

 Read Luke 1: 5-25 and 1: 39-80

Now Elizabeth also never actually talks to Jesus, and neither does Zechariah. But they certainly encounter the Holy Spirit.

② As you read about this incredible older couple, what do you learn about them? Who are they?

② We don't really get any insight from the scriptures why this couple is chosen to be the parents of John the Baptist. But what would be your speculation about that?

We are all born into an existing story line. Parents who have a story, family, relatives. The same is true of Jesus. We are impacted by the stories we are born into, and Jesus was as well.

② What traits do you admire as you read the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah?



THURSDAY (1/9/20)

Read Luke 2:21-35

As we think about the life of Jesus and who we are discovering Him to be, it is really necessary to see His story intertwining with the significant people around Him. Simeon and Anna are two of the people that I can't wait to meet in heaven!

- ② What do we *discover* about Simeon from this passage? What kind of man is he?

- ② Picture yourself being a young Mary and Joseph. How are you impacted by this meeting at the Temple?

- ② How do you think Simeon's story of faithful waiting would impact their faith?

- ② What do you think Simeon *realizes* afresh about the God that he has served?

- ② Is there some *insight* that you see in this passage about who God is? Who He is *revealing* Jesus to be?

FRIDAY (1/10/20)

Read Luke 2:36-40

In just these few short verses, we meet a remarkable woman named Anna. As you read, imagine yourself in Anna's shoes - widowed for MANY years, serving God.

② What about God, in your relationship with Him, would compel you to serve Him so devotedly?

② What does it tell you about her listening to the Spirit that she recognizes Jesus?

② How do you think her meeting Jesus in the temple (their stories collide) impacts her life?

② What do you think Joseph and Mary *find* out about God during this meeting with Anna?



SATURDAY (1/11/20)

 **Read Matthew 3 and Luke 3:1-23**

② As you read, what do you *discover* about John the Baptist? What surprises you?

② This is purely speculation, but when do you think John realized who Jesus actually was (since they were cousins)?

② As John's life and Jesus' life intersect during this baptism, what do you think gets *revealed* to John as he participates in the baptism?

SUNDAY (1/12/20)

Look back through the days this week.

 Write out the things that you *uncovered* about Jesus:

② Is there something that you were grateful for as you read this week?

② Does anything stand out to you as “actionable”? Something the Holy Spirit would prompt you to imitate or change in your own life?

The things that we pay attention to eventually shape our thoughts, and as our thoughts are shaped, we produce actions. On Sundays, we want to PAY ATTENTION to who Jesus is as we’ve discovered throughout the week. That way we can begin to train our minds to pay attention to His character and thereby shape our own characters.



WEEK 2

SUNDAY (1/12/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (1/13/20)

This week we are going to learn about the story of Peter and how his life is changed as his life intersects with the life and story of Jesus. Jesus calls him to see that he is living inside a much larger story and to be an active follower and participant in the story God is writing.

I believe that He is doing the same with each of us.

 **Read Matthew 4:18-22 and Luke 5:1-11**

In John chapter 1 we learn that Peter's brother, Andrew, was a disciple of John the Baptist. So Peter was also a disciple of John's or at least was probably fairly familiar with his teachings and ministry.

 What strikes you about who Peter is from these passages?

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MONDAY CONTINUED... (1/13/20)

-  Spend some time writing out the first encounter you remember having with Jesus? Who was involved in your story at that time? What drew you to Him? Describe it in as many details as you can:

If knowing Jesus personally isn't a part of your story right now but you would like it to be, you can stop and pray and ask Him to be your Lord (the boss of your life) and to pay the penalty for your sin through His death and resurrection. If you'd like to talk to someone about this process, email Keith at: keith@riversidecommunity.org and you can either talk to him or he can connect you to someone who would love to walk alongside you.

TUESDAY (1/14/20)

 Read Matthew 14: 22-36

② Oh man, to be Peter in this scene! Imagine yourself there in the boat. What is *revealed* about Peter in this passage?

② As Peter obeys Jesus, what does he *discover* about Jesus?

② What do you think makes the “*aha moment*” for the others in the boat when they start to worship Jesus?

 Think of a time when obeying Jesus was scary. Describe this story in as much detail as you remember:

② What did you *learn* about yourself and about Jesus in the process of obedience?

 Spend a few moments, like the disciples, offering worship to Jesus.

WEDNESDAY (1/15/20)

Read Matthew 16:13-28

Peter experiences quite the emotional swing in these two stories told back to back. Though it does not seem like they immediately follow each other in one day, it is interesting to think about why the gospel writer Matthew paired them together.

 Describe new parts of Peter's character/person that you notice as you read this passage:

 Imagine you are Peter speaking to Jesus. How are you feeling in both of these situations? What do you think Peter is learning about Jesus?

 If you had only this passage to go on, who is Jesus here? Paint of picture of Him with words:

 In verses 24-28, Jesus lists some heavy demands on us who want to follow Him. In your life right now, what has made following Jesus "worth it"?

THURSDAY (1/16/20)

 **Read Matthew 17:1-13** (also recorded in Mark 9 and Luke 9)

Again, try to put yourself in Peter's shoes as he experiences this story. Describe Peter and his responses. I personally love that Mark's account of this story tells us that Peter just didn't know what to say - but that doesn't mean he kept quiet 😊.

② What new elements of Jesus are *disclosed* to Peter during this encounter?

② Is there anything that you *learn* from this passage that surprises or amazed you about Jesus?

 Has there been a time in your life when you were stopped speechless by something that God did in or around you? Write out this story with as much detail as you remember:

 Spend some time praying and asking God to make Himself known to you.

FRIDAY (1/17/20)

 **Read Matthew 26:17-35** (also told in Mark 14 and Luke 22)

② What are the things that Jesus communicates to Peter (and others) in this scene?

② Who does Jesus reveal Himself to be? What do we uncover about His character?

② How do you respond when someone tells you something about yourself that you don't want to hear? What if that person is Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

② Imagine that you are Jesus here. How are you feeling knowing that He would be struck down, and all of those with Him right them would scatter?

 Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a tender heart to listen to his voice.

SATURDAY (1/18/20)

Read Matthew 26:36-46

This had to be a hard night for Peter. Peter learns that one of his closest people (the disciples had lived together for the past three years) would betray Jesus, he hears Jesus explain that His body and blood will be broken and poured out, and that Jesus believed he (Peter) would disown his beloved Jesus.

② Look back over this week at the various things that you learned about Peter. How would you describe him now that you've spent a week reading about him?

② Do the same thing with your answers about Jesus. How has He been revealed to you?

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SUNDAY (1/19/20)

We won't have a chance to really dig into the lives of each of the Apostles. Today, follow the link (or scan the QR code) and read about the men who walked with Jesus. History would say that all but one of them died as a martyr. They obviously believed that Jesus was indeed the son of God, that He died and that He rose again from the dead.

<https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/who-were-twelve-disciples>



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② As you read about each of these men, what stood out to you?

🙏 Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart for the worship service this morning.

Remember to be paying attention to what your attention is focused on.

WEEK 3

SUNDAY (1/19/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (1/20/20)

We will continue through the life of Peter to see how his relationship with Jesus continues to grow and unfold. You may have wondered why we have only read from the first three gospels- Matthew, Mark and Luke. We have not read anything from the gospel of John. No deep reason, except that just prior to Easter, we are doing to go verse by verse through the book of John and it seemed good to wait until then to dig out those verses!

 **Read Luke 22:54-62**

 Who is Jesus to Peter in this passage?

 **Read Luke 24:36-53**

 Having read the earlier passage, how do you think Peter is feeling amongst this group at the end of Luke?

 In your life, how have you seen Jesus redeem (buy back) mistakes, character flaws, past pain, and/or wounds from others?

TUESDAY (1/21/20)

We are going to spend the rest of this week working through the **Know, Be, Do** method of study in the books of **1 and 2 Peter**.

We've seen him in the gospels, the good, the bad, and definitely some ugly. These two letters were written near the end of his life (he was martyred), and we get a glimpse into:

- The man that He has grown into
- How he has come to see the Father and the Son as he has matured.

If you want to preview the Bible Project videos on these two books, here are the links:

1 Peter

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhP7AZQlzCg>



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2 Peter

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWLV_ITyKYc



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WEDNESDAY (1/22/20)

Read 1 Peter 1

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

② If you had to sum up in one sentence who Jesus is from this reading- how would you describe Him?

THURSDAY (1/23/20)

 Read 1 Peter 2 & 3

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 Again, what is *revealed* to you about Jesus from this reading?

FRIDAY (1/24/20)

 Read 1 Peter 4 & 5

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today? Describe Him 

SATURDAY (1/25/20)

Today, a special treat!

Since these books were written as letters, I thought it would be cool to read this aloud, or listen to it read aloud.

Here is a link where you can listen (the version is The Message).

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfcUsW_JUfY



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 What stood out to you as you listened or read aloud?

 Sit quietly for a few minutes. What do you hear the Holy Spirit saying to your spirit?

SUNDAY (1/26/20)

Let's take some time to reflect and pray before we head to worship together.

Look back through the past couple weeks. Choose one or two character qualities of Jesus that you can spend some time praising Him for right now.

Remember: pay attention!



WEEK 4

SUNDAY (1/26/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (1/27/20)

This week we will examine the discovery (or epiphany) of Jesus through the eyes of the women around Jesus - particularly the women in the gospel of Luke.

Luke has an amazing way of highlighting women all throughout his gospel. Very counter to the society of his day, Luke tells story after story of Jesus interacting, esteeming, and bestowing value on the women around Him. In the beginning of Luke, chapter 8, you'll also notice that Luke records the names of several women that traveled with Jesus and the disciples and helped to support the ministry.

You'll notice this week that we will not include some famous stories (the Woman at the Well and the Woman caught in Adultery) that are in John's gospel only because we will be working through John's gospel during Lent.

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THURSDAY (1/30/20)

 **Read Luke 10:38-42**

Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus and quite a study in themselves. They lived in Bethany and, it seems, became really good friends of Jesus. Much of their story is told in the book of John so you'll have to wait to read a fuller description!

I picture Mary sitting in the midst of a group of men, at Jesus' feet, listening intently to what He was teaching. This in itself is so cool. To think of Jesus valuing her, teaching the men around Him why and how to value women, and leaving us this sweet picture.

② Then we have Martha. As you look through her eyes, what is going on in this scene?

② Who is Jesus to her, based on their interaction?

② What does she discover?



FRIDAY (1/31/20)

✚ Read Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30

Here we see Jesus approached by a pagan woman (not surprising since He had ventured into the cities of Tyre and Sidon).

💡 TYRE AND SIDON

Jesus makes a unique excursion into the pagan and semi-pagan districts of Tyre and Sidon. Located North of Galilee. Although he was called to reach out to “the lost sheep of Israel” the public attention in Galilee was intense. Even here, His presence becomes public. And this woman, obviously, understand some of the Jewish teaching (*excerpt from the NIV Study Bible*).



- ② This woman approaches Jesus and is desperate. What do you think (speculation) she believes about Jesus prior to this encounter?
- ② What is your take on her? What is she like?
- ② Who does she *find* Jesus to be?
- ② Jesus seems delighted by her and tells her that she has great faith. How has she demonstrated this faith?
- ② What do you *glean* about Jesus from this interaction?

SATURDAY (2/1/20)

Read Matthew 27:54-28:10

We read in Peter's story, that Jesus had told the men that all of them would be scattered. Apparently this was not true of the women 😊.

❓ Imagining yourself in these scene with these women, what do you find remarkable about them?

❓ What do they *learn* about who Jesus is during these couple days?

It seems cool that in a world where men were esteemed so highly and women not as often, that the angel announces the resurrection to these women.

❓ What are you *discovering* today about how God sees women?

SUNDAY (2/2/20)

Let's take some time to reflect and pray before we head to worship together. Remember, we are wanting to train our attention!

② Look back through the past week. What have you *learned* about Jesus that you appreciate?

② What causes you to stop and praise Him?

 Spend some time in quiet prayer and praise to the Lord.

WEEK 5

SUNDAY (2/2/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (2/3/20)

Similar to last week, we are going to look at people's sometimes random encounters with Jesus. We will look through the eyes of men this week. It would seem that many of these men had this one face to face encounter with Jesus. Some probably heard His teaching and were perhaps exposed through being a part of the crowd. Let's start with the stories of two men named Simon.

 **Read Luke 7:36-50**



PHARISEES

The Pharisee (“separatist”) party emerged largely out of the group of scribes and sages. Their name comes from the Hebrew and Aramaic parush or parushi, which means “one who is separated.” From whom did the Pharisees separate? From those, especially priests or clerics, who interpreted the Law differently than they. From the common people of the land. From Gentiles or Jews who embraced the Hellenistic culture. From certain political groups. Actually, from all these groups of people the Pharisees would have been determined to avoid in their resolution to separate themselves from any type of impurity proscribed by the Levitical law — or, more specifically, their strict interpretation of it.

They believed in a strict interpretation of the Law, a twofold Law—consisting of both the written scriptures and the oral law (teachings of the Prophets and the oral tradition of the Jewish people). They were not a political party, but a society of scholars and rule followers.

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MONDAY CONTINUED... (2/3/20)

Imagining yourself in the shoes of the house owner that had invited Jesus to dinner and a man respected in the community.

Really, close your eyes after you read and imagine the scene through his eyes.

- ② Who is Jesus to him? What is he discovering about Jesus?

- ② What could he be discovering about women through this dialogue?

- ② What stands out to you today as you are seeking to know Jesus more fully?

 Spends some time praying humbly asking the Lord to show you your debt to Him, so that as you interact with others you become less offended by the sinners around you (who are debtors just like you and me).

TUESDAY (2/4/20)

Read Matthew 26:6-13

I thought these stories were interesting being so close in details. But the two men named Simon seem to be different people - at least in the notes in my Bible 😊.

- ② Always imagining ourselves in the scene, what do you think Simon discovers about who Jesus is based on this interaction?

- ② How do you think being known as “Simon the leper” might impact him daily?

- ② What might the disciples be gleaning about Jesus’ character?

- ② What are the implications in Jesus saying that whenever the gospel is preached, this story would be told? What’s He mean?

WEDNESDAY (2/5/20)

Read Luke 5:12-16

I love this story. But have to be honest, whenever I read it I find it sobering that this man asks if He (Jesus) is willing to heal him. It has shaped my prayer life to ask that same question. I know that Jesus can do anything, but there are many things He says 'no' to.

② Spend some time pondering - what do you think life is like for this man who approaches Jesus?

② When the man asks Jesus to be willing he exposes his own vulnerability (he could remain unhealed). Jesus may not be willing and refuse him. Why is it good (I would maintain that it is good), to allow ourselves to be vulnerable with Jesus?

② Seeing this encounter through his eyes, what do you think that he discovers about Jesus?

② What is revealed to you about Jesus in this encounter?

② What about yourself? Is it hard for you to be vulnerable out loud with the Lord? We exist as vulnerable creatures that cannot even cause ourselves to continue breathing to sustain our lives. But vulnerability out loud requires trust.

② How have you seen your trust for God grow through this season?



THURSDAY (2/6/20)

 **Read Luke 5:17-26**

 What do you think verse 17 seems to imply?

 Imagine yourself as a bystander in this story. Describe the friends:

 Describe the Pharisees and Teachers:

 Describe the paralyzed man:

 What insight do you gain about Jesus from this scene?

 Is there anything interesting or perplexing here for you?

FRIDAY (2/7/20)

 Read Luke 6: 1-11

② What traits about Jesus are disclosed in this passage?

② Jesus seems intent on exposing the hearts of the Pharisees and Teachers. Why do you think that He does this?

 Sit for a bit and quietly ask the Holy Spirit to show you aspects of yourself that He wants to expose to the light.



SATURDAY (2/8/20)

 Read Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10

② What do we learn about this Centurion? What's he like?

② Why do you think Jesus finds his faith so amazing?

② What, in your life, would you like to ask Jesus to heal?

② What are you discovering about Jesus from this interchange?

SUNDAY (2/9/20)

PAY ATTENTION 😊

Let's take some time to reflect and pray before we head to worship together.

🙏 Look back through the past week. What have you learned about Jesus that you appreciate?

🙏 What causes you to stop and praise Him?

🙏 Spend some time in quiet prayer and praise to the Lord



WEEK 6

SUNDAY (2/9/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (2/10/20)

We are going to continue looking at interactions Jesus has with men in the gospels. Today we will start with a couple of the disciples of John the Baptist.

 **Read Luke 7:18-35**

- ② It is obvious that Jesus has a great amount of esteem for John the Baptist. How do you think Jesus feels about John's questions?

- ② What do you think John's disciples expected from Jesus as they approached?

- ② What do you think that they discovered about Jesus' character?

- ② What do you appreciate about Jesus here?

TUESDAY (2/11/20)

 Read Luke 10:25-37

② The expert in the Law comes to questions Jesus. Why do you think that he comes?

② What do you think he *learns* in this discussion with Jesus?

② Are there ways that you try to justify yourself and not own up to sin in your life?

Jesus chooses a Samaritan to star in His teaching here. The Samaritans were hated by the Jews, and I'm sure it was shocking that Jesus implies that care for this hated person was part of loving neighbors.

② Who is it in your life that Jesus would have you actively show love for?

② What does this story teach you about Jesus?

WEDNESDAY (2/12/20)

 Read Luke 11:37-54

Today a Pharisee invites Jesus over to his house. Hmm. Interesting. Then Jesus begins to “tell him about himself”, as well as others there!

② What do these listeners hear about themselves?

② What is Jesus trying to help them understand about themselves?

② What is revealed about Jesus in this section?



THURSDAY (2/13/20)

 Read Luke 19:1-10

② Based on this passage, what do we learn about Zacchaeus? Who is he? What's he like?

② What do you think Zacchaeus learns about Jesus from his encounter?

② Zacchaeus is so obviously moved by his interaction with Jesus, that he boldly declares his sin and his work to make things right. I know this is speculation - but what do you think about Jesus could have provoked this response?

② Who is Jesus to you in this story?

FRIDAY (2/14/20)

 Read Matthew 20:29-34

② Try right now to navigate to your car with your eyes completely closed - no peeking. How does blindness feel?

② Why do you think that they ask for mercy and not their sight?

② Why do you think Jesus makes them be specific?

 As you sit and imagine yourself sitting alongside these men on the road - what do you uncover about who Jesus is?

 Spend some time quietly praying right now about a specific request that you have for Jesus.



SATURDAY (2/15/20)

Read Matthew 26:14-30

Judas had been walking, living, and learning from Jesus for three years. Imagine the closeness of their relationship. Really think about the intimacy that develops from shared lives. From the highs and lows of ministry, conflict, and countless meals. Jesus knows that Judas has betrayed Him, and yet still invites him to the table, involves him in this 'family' time.

- ② What does this reveal about Jesus (and the Father's) heart?

- ② Think of a person in your own life that has hurt or betrayed you. Have you had the opportunity to extend physical grace like Jesus did in this story? What has that cost you?

- ② What do you see in Jesus' response that you would like to be in your responses?

 Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to show you people that need to be extended grace from you?

SUNDAY (2/16/20)

Let's take some time to reflect and pray before we head to worship together. Take time to pay attention to what you are paying attention to- this shapes our thoughts and eventually our actions.

- ① Look back through the past week. What have you *learned* about Jesus that you appreciate? Really look at everyday and reflect back through the week.

- ② What causes you to stop and praise Him?

 Spend some time in quiet prayer and praise to the Lord.

WEEK 7

SUNDAY (2/16/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (2/17/20)

We have looked through a lot of eyes in the past 6 weeks. Watching people meet Jesus, see afresh His love, marvel at His ability to heal, be confused, and offer praise. I hope this has been a time of epiphany and discovery, or seeing through different eyes how Jesus manifests and reveals the Father to those around Him.

The next two weeks, before we start into the book of John during Lent, we are going to work through the Sermon on the Mount. I picture Jesus standing up to talk and share His vision for life done right. To share principles and values that reflect His kingdom, a very different kingdom than the one we inhabit here on earth.

We are going to use the Know, Be, Do method of study to work through these verses. I want to encourage you to really sit in these verses, soak them in and imagine life lived differently.

And because Jesus is teaching about His kingdom, where His will happens - we learn a lot about Him, who He is, and what He values. Be on the lookout for more epiphany 😊.

 **Read Matthew 5:1-12**

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

KNOW:

BE:

DO:

🔍 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today? Describe Him 😊

TUESDAY (2/18/20)

 Read Matthew 5:13-20

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

WEDNESDAY (2/19/20)

 Read Matthew 5:21-26

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

THURSDAY (2/20/20)

 Read Matthew 5:27-37

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

FRIDAY (2/21/20)

 Read 5:38-48

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

SATURDAY (2/22/20)

 **Read Matthew 6:1-18**

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 **KNOW:**

 **BE:**

 **DO:**

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

SUNDAY (2/23/20)

Everyday this week, you've "described Him". What has stood out to you. Look back through the days and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you.

Spend some time quietly reflecting, praying and worshiping. Pay attention.

Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart for our corporate time together.



WEEK 8

SUNDAY (2/23/20) - SERMON NOTES

MONDAY (2/24/19)

 Read Matthew 6:19-24

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?



TUESDAY (2/25/20)

 Read Matthew 6:25-34

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

ASH WEDNESDAY (2/26/20)

Today is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. The use of ashes reminds of the repentance of sin. Starting on Monday, our study in Lent will be through the book of John.

 **Read Matthew 7:1-6**

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

THURSDAY (2/27/20)

 **Read Matthew 7:7-14**

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 **KNOW:**

 **BE:**

 **DO:**

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?

FRIDAY (2/28/20)

 Read Matthew 7:15-29

KNOW (what does the text say about God?)

BE (What does the text say about us?)

DO (what is the text calling me to do?)

Take time today to think through those questions from this passage.

 KNOW:

 BE:

 DO:

 What has *surprised* you about Jesus today?



SATURDAY (2/29/20)

As we transition from the season of Epiphany to the season of Lent, let's really mine these past weeks for what we've learned about Jesus. What have you been paying attention to?

Look back at every Sunday of review.

Write out the words that stood out to you, the words that you want to stay stuck in your mind.

 Words:

 Descriptions of Jesus:

 Aspects of Jesus' character that I want absorbed into my character:

SUNDAY (3/1/20)

Spend some time this morning just praising God for the ways that you saw His character revealed these past weeks. Enjoy Him. He is enjoying you!





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