



My dear fellow Disciplers,

Psalm 119 begins with these words:



***How blessed are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.***

***How blessed are those who observe His testimonies;
Who seek Him with all their heart.***

Take a moment to think about those words. I hope they resonate with the desires of your heart. As you read and study God's Word, discuss it with others and apply it to your life, as Disciplers studies encourage us to do. These words should reflect more and more your heart's desire and your everyday actions.

I pray that studying and fellowshiping in God's Word is drawing you closer to Him and has brought you to love and cherish His Word more and more every week. But there's something else you can do as well, that will add depth and detail to your study. You can commit to read ALL of God's Word. Reading your Bible from cover to cover is a wonderful blessing. You may face challenges along the way. It takes commitment and prayer. But what a joy it is when you close your Bible after reading that last chapter in Revelation. **You'll want to do it again!**

For many years, my husband and I read the Bible together every night. Starting in Genesis, we read aloud, alternating nights, just one chapter each night. We made God's Word the last word every night, the perfect way to end the day. After my husband passed away, I began reading through the Bible every year. I counted the pages in my Bible, divided by 365, and read that number of pages every day. I did that for over 10 years.

At the beginning of this year, a friend and I decided to read through the Bible together, three chapters a day. **It has been a daily joy in my life.** My friend and I live on opposite sides of the USA, but we keep in touch with text messages daily, sharing precious insights we've gleaned, passages that brought us to our knees, or whatever the Holy Spirit has laid on our hearts. It's okay if we need to skip a day now and then, but it's important to stick with it!

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It's wonderful to be in a Bible study and concentrate on one portion of Scripture, but it's even better when you also **read the big picture, the whole of God's Word.** The Bible is deep and wide and full of the knowledge of God, His Law, His promises, His ways, His works, His power, His mercy, grace and love. When you start reading through from beginning to end, you will be amazingly blessed, I promise!

Whether you read on your own or along with someone else, you can make the guidelines for your journey. (*Hint: start in the summer when you're not involved in a group study*). Make it a habit that you'll never want to quit. I'll be praying for you!

With love in the Lord,



Director of Disciplers Bible Studies

3 Classes at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Knightdale, NC

Kay Schrum's Tuesday Morning Ladies



Tuesday morning womens' class (Kay is seated on the floor, second from right)

Kay writes: I use Disciplers for a morning Bible Study at our church. **I really appreciate the encouragement to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through God's Word and using only our Bibles** before reading commentary. We are thankful for your continued guidance and are certainly blessed by Disciplers!

Kent Reaves' Sunday School Class "Men in Faith"

Kent has been using Disciplers studies at Bethlehem Baptist Church for almost 20 years and for the past five years he's been using Disciplers to teach a men's Sunday School Class, **Men in Faith**. Class members include men from 15 to 83 y.o., and in addition to those in the picture, many older **men who are unable to attend church, Zoom in for this class**. One of the older class members recently told Kent that he has learned more about his Bible in the last five years than he did in his previous sixty 😊.



(Kent is the tall man in the middle)

Michelle Woodard's Tuesday Evening Ladies



(Michelle is far right in the photo)

Michelle writes: Kay and I have been using Disciplers at Bethlehem Baptist for many years. Now she is offering a morning Disciplers study while I continue to offer one in the evening. Our sweet Bible group ranges in age from 40-80. **God has put us together to encourage one another and to grow us in His Word**. Even though there are many trials and struggles in our lives, our time together is positive, uplifting and encouraging. God truly supplies all our needs!!

His Word does change us and there is freedom in obedience.

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP



Susan Laney and her “Better Together” group, Rocky Mount, NC

We are “Better Together” we thought... so that is what we named our group of 12 ladies studying Galatians this past summer. God provided wonderful learning and fellowship. The “icing on the cake” was the weekly video lecture by Sarah Knott who leads the Saltshakers class at Christ Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. Our “Better Together” ladies continue to meet occasionally at a local restaurant to fellowship and of course eat! We even braved 28° weather 🌨️ to meet in January !! We are looking forward to what God has in store for us this summer, 2024.

🗣️ Here's what some of our ladies had to say.

“What an **honor** to study God’s Word with loving sisters in Christ...**loved** the fellowship and the Disciplers study.

“**I have been set free!** Having had a legalistic church background, I am beyond thankful for the Galatians truths.

“The Galatians study was **invigorating and refreshing...** always pointing us to Jesus. The fellowship is such a blessing.

“Studying Galatians with Christian women was a blessing from God... so **thankful to Him!**

“**God challenged and convicted,** but also **refreshed, and renewed** through His Word in Galatians.

“**Our study kept us in the Word** over the summer and provided great fellowship and prayer support.

SHEPHERD’S HEART PRISON MINISTRY



James 1:2-3:

Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Thank you, Disciplers, for your prayers for Shepherd’s Heart! We are in our 27th year of existence. We now have a new chaplain at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women, Chaplain Anthony, and **she is an answer to prayer.** She willingly gives out the Disciplers lessons to each inmate the week prior to their start in Bible study so they can come to class with a completed lesson.

There have been **223 ladies in Shepherd’s Heart during our study** of the books of James and Esther. All the leaders, many who have volunteered for 20+ years with Shepherd’s Heart, have stated how blessed their discussion groups are this year because the ladies coming are prepared and ready to share what they have learned. **Discussions are rich and meaningful. Life change is happening.** God is so good! I stand in awe of God’s faithfulness and the faithfulness of all our leaders.

It has been a long and hard battle but we waited on the Lord and He heard our cries and answered. To God Be The Glory Great Things He Has Done! Linda Horton, Group Leader (Pictured in the back row on the far left)

Finding Treasures in God's Word

Ruth Dykhouse and Arlyn Jansen lead the Disciplers Bible study at First Cutlerville Church CRC in Byron Center, Michigan

Ruth writes:

Our ladies' Bible study has been using Disciplers study materials for many years. We have been encouraged by and learned so much from our studies of Esther, Psalms, the Old Testament Prophets, Galatians, and, most recently, Luke, which we started last year and have continued this year.

***There are so many treasures to find as we study the Word of God.** We are thankful for Disciplers and for the questions that challenge us to search the Scriptures. We are also thankful for the Heart questions that prompt us to apply these truths to our personal lives.*

What a blessing it is to study God's Word.



(Arlyn and Ruth are the two ladies seated on the far right)

"The FAITHFUL 5"



In 2002, Debbie Dixon, Sara Patterson, and Marilyn Frazier, all from the Clifton Park, NY area, started to meet together weekly to do Bible study using the Disciplers studies. They met every week for years, through children growing up, becoming empty nesters, and then grandmothers, going through most of the available Disciplers studies and then repeating some! We have added new members through the years and lost one when Debbie moved away from Clifton Park. We five now continue to meet together weekly to study God's word, and **God has used this time together in God's word to help us grow and change, we hope to be more like Jesus!** We support and encourage each other in our individual life struggles, pray for each other and our families and friends. There are sometimes tears, but so much laughter and great joy in being able to study and pray together with dear friends who love Jesus. We have been blessed to have been able to use the Disciplers Bible Studies for the past 22 years!



Visit Hawaii?

Janene Nagel and her husband, Dave, visited Hawaii in January and stopped by to say hello and deliver donations from the Disciplers class Janene co-teaches at **Wooster Grace Brethren Church in Ohio**. It was a joy to meet them and spend some time chatting, getting to know them. They are a wonderful couple and I loved them right away. It's easy to feel comfortable with others who love the Lord.



Dave was gracious to take this picture of Janine & me.

I love meeting Disciplers leaders and students from all over the country, **so if you're planning to visit the island of Oahu, Hawaii, please get in touch.** You can find my contact information on our website, disciplersonline.org.