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ENCOUNTERING JESUS

A Small Group Bible Study Guide

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Foreword: Encounters with Jesus: The Path to Salvation

(*F.I.R.E. Format for Small Group Bible Study by: Rev. Ricardo H. Obida*)

Focus - Start with a key verse or question.
Investigate - Read the passage and discuss its meaning.
Relate - How does it apply to daily life?
Execute - Set an action step and pray for guidance.

In this series, we embark on a transformative journey through the Scriptures, focusing on key encounters with Jesus that reveal God's plan for salvation. From His words of compassion to His call for action, these encounters provide us with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and how His presence changes lives. Each lesson is framed using the **F.I.R.E. format**—Focus, Investigate, Relate, and Execute—designed to help you engage with the Word of God in a practical and impactful way.

Focus begins each lesson by highlighting a key verse or truth, allowing us to center our attention on the core message of salvation.

Investigate invites you to explore the deeper context of these biblical passages, offering insights into Jesus' mission and the transformative power of His love.

Relate connects these truths to your own experiences, helping you see how the encounters with Jesus in Scripture can speak to your life today.

Finally, **Execute** challenges you to take action, responding in faith to what God has revealed, whether by growing in your relationship with Him or by sharing His message with others.

Throughout this study, you will walk through significant encounters Jesus had with individuals, such as the Samaritan woman at the well, the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda, and Matthew the tax collector. Each story shows us how Jesus meets people where they are, offering healing, forgiveness, and a new life. These encounters illustrate the heart of Jesus' mission—to seek and save the lost—and offer a glimpse into the transformative power of encountering Him.

From understanding God's love and grace to the call to share the good news, these lessons reveal the core of salvation and how our lives are shaped by our encounter with Christ. Each encounter invites you to examine your own relationship with Jesus, to reflect on the changes He desires to bring into your life, and to respond in faith.

As you go through these lessons, may you deepen your understanding of Jesus' love and power, be encouraged by His willingness to heal and restore, and be inspired to share His message with the world. Let each encounter with Jesus in this study guide you into a deeper relationship with Him and a more vibrant expression of your faith.

Lesson 1: The Need for Salvation



Focus: Why do we need salvation?



Bible Verse: Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."



Investigate: Sin separates us from God, and we cannot save ourselves.

- **Q1: What is sin, and how does it affect our relationship with God?**
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- **Q2: Can human efforts or good works restore our broken relationship with God? Why or why not?**
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- **Q3: How does Romans 3:23 apply to every person, regardless of background or deeds?**
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- **Q4: What are some consequences of sin that we see in the world today?**
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- **Q5: What does our inability to save ourselves tell us about our need for a Savior?**
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Relate: Have you ever faced a situation where you needed rescue? Just as firefighters save lives, we need God to save us spiritually.

- **Discussion Prompt:** Think of a time when you were in a dangerous or helpless situation. How did it feel to be rescued, and how does that compare to God's act of saving us?



Execute: Reflect on areas where sin affects your life and pray for forgiveness.

- **Challenge:** Identify a habit or action in your life that reflects separation from God. Write a prayer asking God for forgiveness and help in overcoming it.

- **Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Thank You for revealing our need for salvation through Your Word. We acknowledge our sin and are grateful for the grace You offer through Jesus. Forgive us for the ways we've been separated from You, and help us trust in Jesus' sacrifice to restore our relationship. Strengthen our faith and empower us to overcome sin, knowing You are always ready to forgive and redeem. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 2: God's Love and Plan for Salvation

🔥 Focus: God's Plan for Our Redemption

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Ephesians 2:8-9*
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

🔍 Investigate: Salvation Is Not Our Doing; It Is God's Free Gift of Love

Q1: What does it mean that salvation is a "gift of God"?
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Q2: Why is it important to understand that salvation is "not by works"?
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Q3: What role does faith play in salvation according to this verse?
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Q4: How does this verse emphasize God's love in the context of salvation?
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Q5: How does understanding that salvation is a gift affect the way we live as Christians?
- **Answer**: _____
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🤝 Relate: Just as Firefighters Risk Their Lives to Save Others, Jesus Gave His Life to Save Us

Discussion Prompt:
Firefighters put themselves at risk to save others from danger, often sacrificing their own safety for the sake of others. In the same way, Jesus gave His life on the cross to save us from the consequences of sin. How does this analogy help you understand the depth of God's love for us?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on how Jesus' sacrifice motivates us to live for Him. How can we, as believers, demonstrate that same sacrificial love to others?

🚀 Execute: Accept God's Love and Commit to Trusting in His Plan

Challenge:
- Reflect on the incredible truth that your salvation is a free gift from God, given out of His love. Commit to living with gratitude, fully trusting in God's plan for your life and salvation.

- **Action Step**: This week, share this message of God's love with someone who may not yet understand it. Encourage them to accept God's free gift of salvation and to trust in His plan. Be a living example of what it means to live by grace.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation, which we do not deserve but freely receive because of Your great love for us. Help us to live in response to this incredible grace, trusting in Your plan and sharing Your love with others. May we continually reflect on the magnitude of Your sacrifice, just as Jesus gave His life for us. Empower us to live humbly and share the message of salvation with those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 3: Jesus, Our Only Savior

🔥 **Focus: Why is Jesus the only Savior?**

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Acts 4:12*

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

🔍 **Investigate: Understanding Jesus as the Only Savior**

Q1: What does Acts 4:12 mean when it says, "Salvation is found in no one else"?

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Q2: Why can't salvation be found in other religions or philosophies?

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Q3: What does this passage teach us about the exclusivity of Jesus in salvation?

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Q4: What role does the resurrection of Jesus play in making Him the only Savior?

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Q5: How does recognizing Jesus as the only Savior impact our view of other people and their needs for salvation?

- **Answer**:

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🤝 **Relate: Jesus' Role as the Only Savior in Our Daily Lives**

Discussion Prompt:

Think of a time when you encountered a situation where you needed someone to rescue you—perhaps physically, emotionally, or spiritually. How did it feel to be helped, and how does that relate to the rescue that Jesus offers to us spiritually?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on the exclusive role Jesus plays as the only Savior. How can this truth shape how you view the world and the people around you?

🚀 Execute: Applying the Truth of Jesus as the Only Savior

Challenge:

- Reflect on your own understanding of Jesus as the only Savior. How does this truth affect your actions and relationships?

- Pray for boldness and opportunities to share the exclusive truth of Jesus with those around you who do not yet know Him.

- **Action Step**: Identify one person in your life who may not know Jesus as their Savior. Pray for them by name, asking God to open their heart to the gospel, and consider how you can personally reach out to them with the good news.

Closing Prayer:
Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that You are the only Savior, and there is no other way to be reconciled to God except through You. Thank You for Your sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life through Your resurrection. Help us to live with the urgency of sharing this truth with others. Guide us in reflecting Your love and grace in all we do, so others may come to know You as their Savior. In Your name, we pray. Amen

Lesson 4: The Power of the Cross

🔥 Focus: Jesus' Sacrifice Paid for Our Sins

📖 **Bible Verse**: *1 Peter 2:24*
"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed."

🔍 Investigate: The Cross—Where Jesus Took Our Punishment

Q1: What does it mean that Jesus "bore our sins in His body on the cross"?

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Q2: Why was it necessary for Jesus to bear our sins, and why couldn't we pay for them ourselves?

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Q3: What does Peter mean by "by His wounds you have been healed"?

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Q4: How does Jesus' sacrifice on the cross show God's love for humanity?

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Q5: What changes in our lives because Jesus bore our sins?

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🤝 Relate: Jesus Took the Heat for Us, Just Like Firefighters Take the Heat for Others

Discussion Prompt:
Think about the way firefighters wear protective gear to endure the heat of a fire to save lives. How does this relate to the way Jesus took on the full weight of sin on the cross for our salvation?

- **Follow-up**: In what ways does Jesus' sacrifice change how we view His love for us? How should we respond to this ultimate act of love?

🚀 Execute: Meditate on Christ's Sacrifice and Express Gratitude in Prayer

Challenge:

- Reflect on the immense sacrifice Jesus made for you. Spend time considering the depth of His love as shown on the cross.

- Pray, expressing heartfelt gratitude for the forgiveness you have received through His sacrifice.

- **Action Step**: Identify one area in your life where sin has held you back, and ask God to help you live more fully in His righteousness. Take a step toward that change this week.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we are overwhelmed by the depth of Your sacrifice. Thank You for bearing our sins on the cross, for enduring the punishment we deserved, and for offering us healing and new life. Help us to live in gratitude for what You have done, and empower us to walk in righteousness. May we never forget the price You paid for our salvation, and may it compel us to love and serve You more. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 5: The Resurrection – Victory Over Sin and Death

🔥 Focus: Jesus Conquered Death, Giving Us Eternal Life

📖 **Bible Verse**: *1 Corinthians 15:57*
"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

🔍 Investigate: Christ's Resurrection Proves His Power to Save

Q1: What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection in relation to sin and death?

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Q2: How does Jesus' victory over death affect our lives today?

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Q3: How does the resurrection of Jesus demonstrate God's power?

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Q4: What does it mean to "have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"?

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Q5: Why is it important to give thanks to God for this victory?

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🤝 Relate: Like a Firefighter Emerging from a Burning Building, Jesus Emerged Victorious from Death

Discussion Prompt: Think of a firefighter who enters a burning building and emerges victorious after rescuing people from danger. How does this imagery relate to Jesus emerging from the grave victorious over sin and death?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on how Jesus' victory is personal for you. How does the fact that He conquered death impact the way you view your own struggles and fears?

🚀 Execute: Live with the Confidence That Christ Has Secured Your Salvation

Challenge:

- Reflect on the hope and victory you have because of Jesus' resurrection. How can you live with more confidence in the victory that Christ has secured for you?

- **Action Step**: This week, live in light of Christ's resurrection. When facing challenges, remind yourself that Jesus has already secured the victory. Share this truth with someone in your life who may need encouragement or hope.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your victory over sin and death. Thank You for the hope and eternal life that Your resurrection brings to us. We live in the confidence that death no longer holds power over us because of Your work on the cross and in the tomb. Help us to live as people of victory, sharing Your hope with the world. May Your resurrection empower us to live boldly, knowing that our salvation is secure in You. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 6: Salvation by Grace, Not Works

🔥 Focus: We Are Saved by Grace, Not Our Efforts

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Ephesians 2:8-9*

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

🔍 Investigate: No Good Deeds Can Earn Salvation – It Is a Gift from God

Q1: What does it mean to be saved by grace through faith?

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Q2: Why does Paul emphasize that salvation is not by works?

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Q3: How does the concept of grace contrast with the idea of works-based salvation?

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Q4: What role does faith play in salvation, according to Ephesians 2:8-9?

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Q5: How does understanding that salvation is a gift change the way we live as Christians?

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🤝 Relate: Firefighters Don't Ask for Payment Before Saving Lives; God Offers Salvation Freely

Discussion Prompt: Consider how firefighters risk their lives to save others without asking for payment beforehand. How is this similar to God offering us salvation freely, without expecting us to earn it?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on how knowing that God's salvation is a gift impacts your perspective on your relationship with Him. How does this affect your understanding of grace and your willingness to share it with others?

🚀 Execute: Rest in the Assurance that Salvation Is God's Work, Not Ours

Challenge:

- Rest in the assurance that you are saved by grace through faith and that this salvation is secure in Christ. Reflect on how this truth impacts your daily life and your sense of worth.

- **Action Step**: This week, practice living in the freedom that comes from knowing salvation is not based on your performance. Let go of any anxiety or striving to "earn" God's love and focus on gratitude for the gift of grace. Share this message with someone who might feel burdened by the need to prove their worth to God.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of grace—undeserved and freely given. Thank You for saving us through faith in Jesus Christ and for making salvation available to all who trust in Him. Help us to rest in the assurance that our salvation is secure in You and not based on our efforts. May this truth humble us, fill us with gratitude, and motivate us to share Your grace with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 7: Repentance and Faith

🔥 Focus: Turning Away from Sin and Trusting Jesus

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Acts 3:19*
"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

🔍 Investigate: True Salvation Involves Repentance and Faith

Q1: What does it mean to "repent and turn to God"?

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Q2: Why is repentance essential for salvation?

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Q3: How does repentance differ from mere regret or guilt?

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Q4: How does faith play a role in true repentance?

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Q5: What does Acts 3:19 mean when it says, "times of refreshing may come from the Lord"?

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🤝 Relate: Just as a Firefighter Must Commit to Their Duty, We Must Commit to Following Christ

Discussion Prompt:
Think about the commitment a firefighter makes to their duty, putting others' safety above their own, even in dangerous situations. How does this relate to our commitment to follow Christ—turning away from sin and trusting in Him, even when it requires personal sacrifice?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on what it means to "commit" to following Jesus. How can you demonstrate this commitment in your own life? What sacrifices might be necessary to live faithfully?

🚀 Execute: Identify Areas in Your Life That Need Repentance and Surrender Them to God

Challenge:

- Reflect on areas of your life where sin has had a stronghold. Ask God to show you any areas where you need to repent and turn to Him.

- **Action Step**: This week, identify at least one specific area where you need to practice repentance (e.g., a particular sin, attitude, or habit). Confess it to God, turn away from it, and seek His help to change. Trust that He will forgive and empower you to live differently.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of repentance and faith. We are so grateful that You offer us forgiveness through Jesus, no matter how far we've gone astray. Help us to turn away from sin and wholeheartedly follow You. Give us the strength to live lives that honor You, and refresh us with Your Holy Spirit. We trust in Your grace and power to transform us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 8: The Holy Spirit and New Life

🔥 Focus: The Holy Spirit Transforms and Empowers Believers

📖 **Bible Verse**: *2 Corinthians 5:17*
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

🔍 Investigate: Salvation Brings Spiritual Rebirth Through the Holy Spirit

Q1: What does it mean to be a "new creation" in Christ?

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Q2: How does the Holy Spirit play a role in making us new creations?

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Q3: What is the connection between salvation and spiritual rebirth?

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Q4: What are the practical signs of being a new creation in Christ?

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Q5: How does 2 Corinthians 5:17 give hope to believers who are struggling with sin or past failures?

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🤝 Relate: Like an Oxygen Mask that Helps Firefighters Breathe, the Holy Spirit Sustains and Strengthens Us

Discussion Prompt:
Firefighters rely on oxygen masks to sustain them in dangerous environments, enabling them to do their work. In the same way, the Holy Spirit sustains and empowers us as we live out our Christian walk. How does the Holy Spirit act as a source of strength and guidance for you in your daily life?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on a time when you felt the Holy Spirit's strength or guidance. How did He help you through a difficult situation?
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🚀 Execute: Seek the Holy Spirit's Guidance in Daily Life

Challenge:

- Reflect on areas of your life where you need the Holy Spirit's help to experience transformation. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in making Christ-like decisions and to empower you to live out your new identity in Christ.

- **Action Step**: This week, invite the Holy Spirit into your daily decisions. When facing challenges, pause to ask for His guidance. Reflect on how His presence can change your responses, actions, and attitudes throughout the day.

Closing Prayer:

Holy Spirit, thank You for making us new creations in Christ. Thank You for transforming our hearts and empowering us to live the life that reflects Christ's love and holiness. We invite You into every area of our lives, asking for Your guidance, strength, and wisdom. Help us to live out our new identity in You, and may we continually grow in the fruit of the Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 9: The Assurance of Salvation

🔥 Focus: Can We Be Sure of Our Salvation?

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Romans 8:38-39*

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

🔍 Investigate: Those Who Trust in Christ Can Have Full Confidence in Their Salvation

Q1: What does Romans 8:38-39 tell us about God's love for us?

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Q2: Why is it important to be convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love?

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Q3: How does this verse relate to the idea of assurance of salvation?

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Q4: What do "neither death nor life" signify in this context?

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Q5: How does understanding this truth impact our daily lives as believers?

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🤝 Relate: Firefighters Have Confidence in Their Training and Tools; We Have Confidence in Christ's Promises

Discussion Prompt:

Firefighters rely on their training, tools, and experience to carry out their duties with confidence, even in dangerous situations. In the same way, we can rely on Christ's promises to give us confidence in our

salvation, no matter the circumstances. How does this analogy help you understand the security of our salvation in Christ?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on a time when you faced uncertainty or fear. How did knowing God's promises help you stand firm in your faith?

🚀 Execute: Stand Firm in Faith and Encourage Others with God's Assurance

Challenge:

- Stand firm in the truth of Romans 8:38-39. Remind yourself daily that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let this assurance strengthen your walk with God and deepen your trust in His promises.

- **Action Step**: This week, encourage someone who may be struggling with doubts or fears about their salvation. Share Romans 8:38-39 with them and remind them of the unshakable love of God. Help them stand firm in the confidence that nothing can separate them from God's love.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for the assurance of salvation that we have in Christ. We are grateful that nothing in all creation can separate us from Your love. Help us to stand firm in this truth, trusting in Your promises and finding peace in Your unchanging love. May we live confidently, knowing that we are secure in You, and may we encourage others to find the same assurance in their relationship with You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 10: Sharing the Message of Salvation

🔥 Focus: Our Responsibility to Share Salvation with Others

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Matthew 28:19-20*

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

🔍 Investigate: Salvation Is Too Precious to Keep to Ourselves; We Are Called to Share It

Q1: What does it mean to "make disciples of all nations"?

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Q2: Why is it important for us to share the message of salvation with others?

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Q3: How do we make disciples in our daily lives?

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Q4: What is the significance of baptism in the Great Commission?

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Q5: How does Jesus promise to be with us as we go and make disciples?

- **Answer**:

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🤝 Relate: Just as Firefighters Educate Others on Fire Safety, Believers Must Share the Gospel

Discussion Prompt:

Firefighters not only respond to emergencies but also educate the public on fire safety to prevent harm. In the same way, we are called to educate others about the salvation found in Jesus Christ. How does this analogy challenge you to be more proactive in sharing the gospel with others?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on the importance of sharing the message of salvation. How can you take a more active role in making disciples, both through words and actions?

🚀 Execute: Commit to Sharing the Message of Salvation with at Least One Person This Week

Challenge:

- Commit to sharing the gospel with someone this week. Whether through a conversation, an invitation, or sharing your testimony, look for an opportunity to share the hope you have in Christ.

- **Action Step**: Pray for boldness and for God to open doors for you to share the message of salvation with others. Prepare to answer questions and share how Christ has changed your life. Also, consider following up with someone you share the gospel with, encouraging them in their next steps.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for the great commission to go and make disciples of all nations. We are grateful for the salvation we have received through Jesus Christ and the privilege of sharing this good news with others. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be bold witnesses for You. Help us to live out the gospel and teach others to follow You. May we remain faithful in fulfilling this mission, knowing that You are always with us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PART 2: Encounters With Jesus

Lesson 1: Finding Rest in Jesus

🔥 Focus: Finding Rest in Jesus

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Matthew 11:28*
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

🔍 Investigate: Understanding the Rest That Jesus Offers

Q1: Who is Jesus inviting to come to Him in this verse?

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Q2: What does it mean to be "weary and burdened"?

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Q3: What does Jesus mean by "I will give you rest"?

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Q4: How does coming to Jesus bring rest, and what role does faith play in this?

- **Answer**:

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Q5: How does this invitation relate to other aspects of life, such as our emotional, mental, and spiritual health?

- **Answer**:

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🤝 Relate: Just as Firefighters Offer Relief and Help to Those in Crisis, Jesus Offers Rest to the Weary

Discussion Prompt:

Firefighters offer help, safety, and relief to those in dangerous or overwhelming situations. In a similar way, Jesus offers rest and peace to those overwhelmed by life's pressures. How does this comparison help you understand the depth of what Jesus is offering in Matthew 11:28?

- **Follow-up**: Think of a time when you felt physically or emotionally exhausted. How did Jesus' invitation to rest speak to you in that moment?

🚀 Execute: Respond to Jesus' Invitation for Rest

Challenge:

- Take time this week to come to Jesus with your own burdens. Whether it's stress, worry, sin, or anything else weighing you down, give it to Him and trust in His promise to provide rest.

- **Action Step**: Reflect on areas of your life where you feel weary or burdened. Take a moment to pray and surrender those worries to Jesus, asking Him to give you His peace and rest. As you face challenges this week, remember that you can turn to Him for help.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your invitation to come to You with our burdens. We are grateful that You offer rest for our weary souls. Help us to trust You with the struggles we face and to rely on Your strength and peace. Give us the courage to surrender our worries to You and to live with the confidence that You are carrying our burdens. We receive Your rest and thank You for Your unending love. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 2: The Gift of Living Water

🔥 Focus: The Gift of God and Living Water

📖 **Bible Verse**: *John 4:10*
"Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'"

🔍 Investigate: Understanding the Gift of God and Living Water

Q1: What does Jesus mean by "the gift of God"?

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Q2: What is "living water," and why does Jesus offer it?

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Q3: Why does Jesus ask the Samaritan woman for a drink of water?

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Q4: What does this verse teach us about how we should approach Jesus?

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Q5: How does knowing the "gift of God" and the "living water" impact our daily lives?

- **Answer**:

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🤝 Relate: Just as a Thirsty Person Seeks Water, We Seek Fulfillment in Jesus

Discussion Prompt:
Think about how people often search for water when they are thirsty. In the same way, many people look for satisfaction in life through various things, but only Jesus can offer the true fulfillment we need. How does this analogy help you understand the importance of Jesus offering "living water"?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on areas in your life where you may have sought fulfillment elsewhere. How can you turn to Jesus, the true source of living water, to satisfy your soul's deepest desires?

🚀 Execute: Seek Jesus for Living Water and Share It with Others

Challenge:

- Spend time reflecting on the living water Jesus offers. Ask yourself how often you turn to Jesus for spiritual fulfillment rather than relying on temporary solutions.

- **Action Step**: This week, make a conscious effort to turn to Jesus in prayer, Bible reading, and worship, seeking His living water to fill you. Additionally, think about someone in your life who may be spiritually thirsty and pray for an opportunity to share the message of Jesus and the living water He offers.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for offering us the gift of living water. We are grateful that in You, we find eternal satisfaction, peace, and life. Help us to seek You daily for the fulfillment our souls long for. Give us the courage to share this gift with others, so they too can experience the life that comes from You alone. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 3: Finding Courage in Jesus

🔥 Focus: Finding Courage in the Midst of Fear

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Matthew 14:27*
"But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"

🔍 Investigate: Understanding Jesus' Words of Comfort

Q1: What situation were the disciples in when Jesus spoke these words?

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Q2: Why did Jesus say, "Take courage! It is I"?

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Q3: What does it mean for us to "take courage" in difficult times?

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Q4: How does knowing "It is I" help us overcome fear?

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Q5: How can we apply Jesus' command to "not be afraid" in our own lives?

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🤝 Relate: Just as Firefighters Calm People in Crisis, Jesus Brings Peace in Our Storms

Discussion Prompt:
Firefighters often provide comfort and calmness to those in distress during a crisis. In a similar way, Jesus brings peace and courage to us when we are facing life's storms. How does this analogy help you understand the role of Jesus in calming our fears and bringing us peace?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on a time when you felt afraid or overwhelmed. How did Jesus speak into that situation? How did His presence change your perspective or calm your fears?

🚀 Execute: Choose to Trust Jesus and Take Courage

Challenge:

- Reflect on the storms in your life where you feel overwhelmed or afraid. Choose to take courage by trusting that Jesus is with you, just as He was with the disciples in the storm.

- **Action Step**: This week, identify a fear or challenge in your life and bring it to Jesus in prayer. Ask for His courage and peace to replace your fear. Trust that He is with you and will guide you through the storm.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your words of comfort and assurance. In times of fear and uncertainty, help us to take courage and trust in Your presence. We know that You are with us, and that is all we need to face the storms of life. Calm our hearts, give us peace, and strengthen our faith in You. Help us to live without fear, knowing that You are in control. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 4: The Gift of Eternal Life

🔥 Focus: The Love of God and the Gift of Eternal Life

📖 **Bible Verse**: *John 3:16*
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

🔍 Investigate: Understanding God's Love and the Promise of Eternal Life

Q1: What does this verse tell us about God's love for the world?

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Q3: What does it mean to "believe in him" according to this verse?

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Q4: What is the difference between "perishing" and having "eternal life"?

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Q5: How does John 3:16 assure us of God's plan for our salvation?

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🤝 Relate: Just as a Lifeguard Saves Those Who Are Drowning, Jesus Offers Eternal Life to Those Who Believe

Discussion Prompt:
Think of a lifeguard who saves someone drowning in the ocean. The lifeguard offers help freely, but the person must accept the lifeguard's assistance to be saved. Similarly, Jesus offers eternal life, but we must accept the gift by believing in Him. How does this analogy help you understand the importance of accepting Jesus' sacrifice?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on the life-changing impact of believing in Jesus. How does this assurance of eternal life change the way you live and view the world?
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🚀 Execute: Accept and Share the Gift of Eternal Life

Challenge:

- Reflect on the incredible gift of eternal life that God has given us through Jesus. Take time to reaffirm your belief in Jesus and His sacrifice for you.

- **Action Step**: This week, share John 3:16 with someone who needs to hear the gospel. Pray for opportunities to share the love of God and the message of salvation with others. Consider inviting someone to church or a small group to hear more about God's plan for salvation.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for the incredible gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We are in awe of Your love, which led You to give Jesus for our salvation. Help us to believe in Him fully and trust in the promise of eternal life. Give us courage to share this message with others, so that they too can experience the life-changing power of Your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 5: The Mission of Jesus - Seeking and Saving the Lost

🔥 Focus: The Mission of Jesus to Seek and Save the Lost

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Luke 19:10*
"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

🔍 Investigate: Understanding Jesus' Mission to Seek and Save the Lost

Q1: What does it mean for Jesus to "seek and to save the lost"?

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Q2: Why does Jesus refer to Himself as the "Son of Man"?

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Q3: What does this verse reveal about Jesus' purpose on earth?

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Q4: How does this verse apply to the broader context of salvation?

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Q5: How does Luke 19:10 challenge us in our own role as followers of Christ?

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🤝 Relate: Just as a Rescue Team Goes After Those in Danger, Jesus Came to Rescue Us

Discussion Prompt:
Think about a rescue team going after those who are lost or in danger. They search tirelessly to save lives. In the same way, Jesus came to search for and rescue those who are spiritually lost. How does this analogy help you understand the urgency and importance of Jesus' mission?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on your own journey of being "found" by Jesus. How did He rescue you, and how can you help others experience the same?

🚀 Execute: Join Jesus in the Mission to Seek and Save the Lost

Challenge:

- Reflect on the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost. Think about those around you who may not know Christ and commit to praying for them.

- **Action Step**: This week, reach out to someone who may be spiritually "lost" or struggling. Share the message of hope in Jesus with them, offering to pray or walk alongside them in their faith journey. Look for opportunities to serve or invite others into the community of believers.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to seek and save the lost. We are grateful that You rescued us from sin and death, offering us eternal life. Help us to continue Your mission by seeking out those who are far from You and sharing the message of salvation. Give us hearts of compassion and boldness to reach others with Your love. We commit to being part of Your mission to seek and save the lost. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 6: Jesus, the Light of the World

🔥 Focus: Jesus as the Light of the World

📖 **Bible Verse**: *John 8:12*
"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

🔍 Investigate: Understanding Jesus as the Light of the World

Q1: What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the light of the world"?

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Q2: What does it mean to "follow" Jesus, according to this verse?

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Q3: How does Jesus' light contrast with darkness in the world?

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Q4: What does it mean to "never walk in darkness" if we follow Jesus?

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Q5: How does having the "light of life" impact our daily lives?

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🤝 Relate: Just as Light Guides Our Path, Jesus Guides Our Lives

Discussion Prompt:
Think about how we rely on light to find our way in the dark—whether it's a flashlight, street lamps, or the sun. In a similar way, Jesus, as the light of the world, provides direction and clarity for our lives. How does this analogy help you understand the significance of following Jesus?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on a time when you were uncertain or confused. How did Jesus bring light and clarity to that situation?

🚀 Execute: Follow Jesus and Live in His Light

Challenge:

- Take time to reflect on areas of your life where you may be walking in darkness or confusion. Turn to Jesus for His guidance and light.

- **Action Step**: This week, make a conscious decision to follow Jesus in a specific area of your life. Whether it's through prayer, Bible reading, or seeking His wisdom in a difficult decision, let His light guide your actions and choices. Share with someone how Jesus is guiding you to live in His light.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the light of the world. We are grateful that You have come to guide us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to follow You faithfully, trusting in Your truth and allowing Your light to illuminate our lives. May we reflect Your light to those around us and live as beacons of hope and truth in a world full of darkness. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 7: The Call to Follow Jesus

🔥 Focus: Jesus' Call to Follow Him

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Matthew 9:9*
"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him."

🔍 Investigate: Understanding Jesus' Call to Matthew

Q1: Why did Jesus choose Matthew, a tax collector, to follow Him?

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Q2: What does it mean for Matthew to "get up and follow" Jesus?

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Q3: What does Jesus' invitation to "follow me" mean for us today?

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Q4: How did Matthew's response exemplify true discipleship?

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Q5: How does Jesus' call to Matthew reflect His mission and heart for sinners?

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🤝 Relate: Just as Matthew Left His Tax Collector Booth to Follow Jesus, We Are Called to Leave Behind Our Old Ways and Follow Him

Discussion Prompt:
Matthew was sitting at his tax collector's booth, a place of worldly security and wealth, yet he left it all to follow Jesus. How does this analogy challenge us to leave behind things in our lives that may be holding us back from fully following Christ?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on areas of your life where you may be reluctant to fully follow Jesus. What are you holding onto that Jesus is calling you to leave behind?

🚀 Execute: Respond to Jesus' Call and Follow Him

Challenge:

- Reflect on Jesus' call to "follow me." Ask yourself: In what areas of your life is Jesus calling you to respond more fully, leaving behind things that may be hindering your walk with Him?

- **Action Step**: This week, commit to taking a step of obedience in following Jesus. Whether it's starting a new spiritual discipline, reaching out to someone in need, or letting go of a particular habit or attitude, make a concrete decision to follow Jesus more closely.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for calling us to follow You, just as You called Matthew. We are grateful for Your grace and the transformation You bring into our lives. Help us to respond to Your call with the same obedience and commitment that Matthew showed. Give us the courage to leave behind anything that stands in the way of fully following You, and empower us to live as Your true disciples. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 8: Faith and the Power of Salvation

🔥 Focus: Faith as the Key to Salvation

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Luke 7:50*
"Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"

🔍 Investigate: Understanding the Role of Faith in Salvation

Q1: Who is the woman in this story, and why is her faith significant?

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Q2: What does Jesus mean by "Your faith has saved you"?

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Q3: How does this verse highlight the relationship between faith and salvation?

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Q4: Why does Jesus say, "Go in peace"?

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Q5: How can this story encourage us today in our own faith journey?

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🤝 Relate: Just as the Woman Found Forgiveness and Peace in Jesus, We Can Experience the Same Through Faith

Discussion Prompt:
The woman's act of faith in Jesus led to her forgiveness and peace. In the same way, our faith in Jesus leads us to peace and reconciliation with God. How does this help you understand the significance of faith in your life?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on a time when you experienced peace in your life after trusting Jesus with a situation or your struggles. How did faith play a role in bringing that peace?

🚀 Execute: Cultivate and Strengthen Your Faith in Jesus

Challenge:

- Reflect on your own faith journey. Are there areas of your life where you need to trust Jesus more fully, or where you've been hesitant to place your faith in His ability to forgive and restore?

- **Action Step**: This week, take a step to deepen your trust in Jesus. Whether it's through prayer, surrendering a particular struggle to Him, or taking time to meditate on His promises, make a conscious effort to strengthen your faith. Share your experience with someone who might need encouragement in their own faith.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for the incredible gift of salvation that comes through faith in You. Just as You forgave the woman and gave her peace, we thank You that by faith, we can experience Your forgiveness and peace in our lives as well. Help us to trust You fully, knowing that You are always ready to forgive and restore us. Strengthen our faith, and guide us to live out that faith with confidence, sharing Your love and peace with others. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 9: Jesus Came to Call Sinners

🔥 Focus: Jesus Came for the Sinners, Not the Righteous

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Mark 2:17*
"On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

🔍 Investigate: Understanding Jesus' Mission to Call Sinners

Q1: Who was Jesus speaking to, and what was the context of His statement?

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Q2: What does Jesus mean by "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick"?

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Q3: What does this verse reveal about Jesus' heart and mission?

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Q4: How does this challenge our understanding of who Jesus came to save?

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Q5: What does this verse teach us about how we should interact with others, especially those who may be seen as "sinners" by society?

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🤝 Relate: Just as a Doctor Heals the Sick, Jesus Came to Heal the Broken

Discussion Prompt:
Imagine a doctor who specializes in healing the most severe illnesses. In the same way, Jesus came to heal the spiritually sick—those aware of their need for redemption. How does this analogy help you understand the depth of Jesus' love and His mission?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on a time when you recognized your need for Jesus' healing. How did that awareness shape your relationship with Him and your understanding of His grace?

🚀 Execute: Embrace Jesus' Call and Share His Love with the "Sick" Around Us

Challenge:

- Reflect on the people in your life who may feel rejected or forgotten by society. How can you be a source of Jesus' love to them, showing that no one is too far gone for God's grace?

- **Action Step**: This week, reach out to someone who may feel like an outcast or someone who is distant from God. Share the message of grace and forgiveness with them, reminding them that Jesus came for the sinners, not the righteous. Let your actions reflect the love of Jesus.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to seek and save the lost. We are grateful that You did not come for the righteous, but for those who recognize their need for healing. Help us to have a heart of compassion like Yours, reaching out to those who are spiritually lost. Empower us to share Your love and grace with others, so they can experience the healing power of Your forgiveness. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 10: Jesus' Willingness to Heal and Restore

🔥 Focus: Jesus' Compassion and Power to Heal

📖 **Bible Verse**: *Matthew 8:3*
"Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy."

🔍 Investigate: Understanding Jesus' Healing Touch

Q1: What is the significance of the man's condition—leprosy—during Jesus' time?

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Q2: What does it mean that Jesus "reached out his hand and touched the man"?

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Q3: Why is it important that Jesus said, "I am willing"?

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Q4: What does Jesus' healing power teach us about His authority and nature?

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Q5: What can we learn from this passage about how we should approach Jesus with our own struggles?

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🤝 Relate: Just as Jesus Touched and Healed the Leper, He Desires to Heal Us

Discussion Prompt:
Think about the isolation and rejection that the leper faced. Jesus not only healed him but restored his place in society. How does this reflect the way Jesus wants to heal and restore us, both physically and spiritually?

- **Follow-up**: Reflect on your own life. How have you experienced Jesus' willingness to heal and restore you, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually?

🚀 Execute: Step Forward in Faith, trusting in Jesus' Willingness to Heal

Challenge:

- Reflect on the areas of your life where you need healing—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. Approach Jesus with the confidence that He is both willing and able to heal you.

- **Action Step**: This week, bring your struggles and needs before Jesus in prayer, trusting that He will respond with His healing touch. If there's someone in your life who needs healing, consider praying with them, offering encouragement, and reminding them of Jesus' willingness to restore and heal.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for reaching out and touching the lives of those who are broken and in need of healing. We are grateful for Your willingness to heal and restore, and for the compassion You show us every day. Help us to bring our struggles before You with faith, trusting that You are willing and able to heal us. Give us the courage to reach out to others who need Your touch and offer them the same hope that You have given us. In Your name, we pray. Amen.