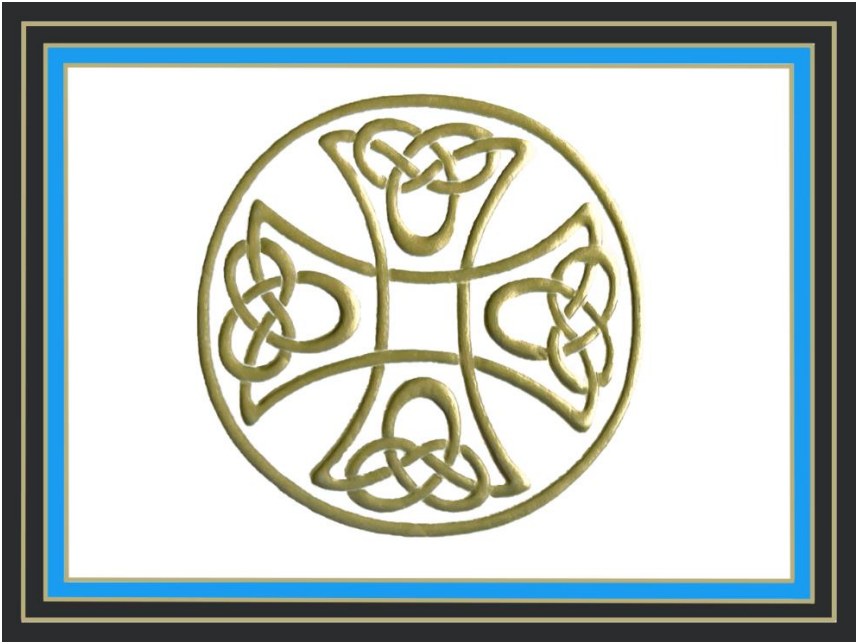


2025



Devotional Classics



Growing Disciples Who Grow Disciples

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2025 Calendar

	Bible Text	Devotional Classics
<i>Preparing for the Spiritual Life</i>		
January 1	Psalm 1	Page 5&7
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January 3	Psalm 3	Page 10-11
January 4	Luke 14:25-33	Page 11-12
January 5	Psalm 4	None
January 6	Psalm 5	Page 13
January 7	Psalm 6	Page 14
January 8	Psalm 7	Page 15
January 9	Matthew 28:16-20	Page 16
January 10	Psalm 8	Page 17
January 11	Psalm 9	Page 18
January 12	Psalm 10	None
January 13	Psalm 11	Page 19
January 14	Psalm 12	Page 20
January 15	Psalm 13	Page 21
January 16	Psalm 14	Page 22
January 17	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	Page 23
January 18	Psalm 15	Page 24-25
January 19	Psalm 16	None
January 20	Psalm 17	Page 26
January 21	Psalm 18	Page 27
January 22	Psalm 19	Page 28
January 23	Psalm 20	Page 29
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January 25	Romans 13:8-10	Page 31-32
January 26	Psalm 22	None
January 27	Psalm 23	Page 33
January 28	Psalm 24	Page 34
January 29	Psalm 25	Page 35
January 30	Psalm 26	Page 36
January 31	Psalm 42	Page 37-38
February 1	Psalm 27	Page 38-39
February 2	Psalm 28	None
February 3	Psalm 29	Page 41
February 4	Psalm 30	Page 42
February 5	Psalm 31	Page 43
February 6	Psalm 32	Page 44
February 7	1 John 4:7-21	Page 45
February 8	Psalm 33	Page 46-47
February 9	Psalm 34	None
February 10	Psalm 35	Page 48
February 11	Psalm 36	Page 49
February 12	Psalm 37	Page 50
February 13	Psalm 38	Page 51
February 14	1 Peter 4:1-6	Page 52
February 15	Psalm 39	Page 53-54
February 16	Psalm 40	None
February 17	Psalm 41	Page 55
February 18	Psalm 42	Page 56
February 19	Psalm 43	Page 57
February 20	Psalm 44	Page 58

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February 21	Romans 7:14-25	Page 59
February 22	Psalms 45	Page 60-61
February 23	Psalms 46	None
<i>The Prayer-Filled Life</i>		
February 24	Psalms 47	Page 63&65
February 25	Psalms 48	Page 66
February 26	Psalms 49	Page 67
February 27	Psalms 50	Page 68
February 28	Psalms 39	Page 69-70
March 1	Psalms 51	Page 70-71
March 2	Psalms 52	None
March 3	Psalms 53	Page 73
March 4	Psalms 54	Page 74
March 5	Psalms 55	Page 75
March 6	Psalms 56	Page 76
March 7	Psalms 8	Page 77-78
March 8	Psalms 57	Page 78-79
March 9	Psalms 58	None
March 10	Psalms 59	Page 80
March 11	Psalms 60	Page 81
March 12	Psalms 61	Page 82
March 13	Psalms 62	Page 83
March 14	1 Kings 19:9-13	Page 84
March 15	Psalms 63	Page 85
March 16	Psalms 64	None
March 17	Psalms 65	Page 87
March 18	Psalms 66	Page 88

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March 19	Psalms 67	Page 89
March 20	Psalms 68	Page 90
March 21	Luke 6:27-36	Page 91
March 22	Psalms 69	Page 92
March 23	Psalms 70	None
March 24	Psalms 71	Page 94
March 25	Psalms 72	Page 95
March 26	Psalms 73	Page 96
March 27	Psalms 74	Page 97
March 28	Acts 17:22-34	Page 98
March 29	Psalms 75	Page 99-100
March 30	Psalms 76	None
March 31	Psalms 77	Page 101
April 1	Psalms 78	Page 102
April 2	Psalms 79	Page 103
April 3	Psalms 80	Page 104
April 4	Psalms 139:1-10	Page 105-106
April 5	Psalms 81	Page 106-107
April 6	Psalms 82	None
April 7	Psalms 83	Page 108
April 8	Psalms 84	Page 109
April 9	Psalms 85	Page 110
April 10	Psalms 86	Page 111
April 11	Luke 12:22-31	Page 112
April 12	Psalms 87	Page 113
April 13	Psalms 88	None
April 14	Psalms 89	Page 115

	Bible Text	Devotional Classics
April 15	Psalms 90	Page 116
April 16	Psalms 91	Page 117
April 17	Psalms 92	Page 118
April 18	Mark 11:22-25	Page 119
April 19	Psalms 93	Page 120
April 20	Psalms 94	None
<i>The Virtuous Life</i>		
April 21	Psalms 95	Page 121&123
April 22	Psalms 96	Page 124
April 23	Psalms 97	Page 125
April 24	Psalms 98	Page 126
April 25	Philippians 3:12-21	Page 127
April 26	Psalms 99	Page 128
April 27	Psalms 100	None
April 28	Psalms 101	Page 129
April 29	Psalms 102	Page 130
April 30	Psalms 103	Page 131
May 1	Psalms 104	Page 132
May 2	Luke 11:33-36	Page 133
May 3	Psalms 105	Page 134
May 4	Psalms 106	None
May 5	Psalms 107	Page 136
May 6	Psalms 108	Page 137
May 7	Psalms 109	Page 138
May 8	Psalms 110	Page 139
May 9	Philippians 2:1-11	Page 140
May 10	Psalms 111	Page 141-142

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May 11	Psalm 112	None
May 12	Psalm 113	Page 143
May 13	Psalm 114	Page 144
May 14	Psalm 115	Page 145
May 15	Psalm 116	Page 146
May 16	John 20:24-31	Page 147
May 17	Psalm 117	Page 148-149
May 18	Psalm 118	None
May 19	Psalm 119	Page 150
May 20	Psalm 120	Page 151
May 21	Psalm 121	Page 152
May 22	Psalm 122	Page 153
May 23	1 Corinthians 10:12-13	Page 154
May 24	Psalm 123	Page 155
May 25	Psalm 124	None
May 26	Psalm 125	Page 157
May 27	Psalm 126	Page 158
May 28	Psalm 127	Page 159
May 29	Psalm 128	Page 160
May 30	James 2:14-26	Page 160-161
May 31	Psalm 129	Page 161-162
June 1	Psalm 130	None
June 2	Psalm 131	Page 163
June 3	Psalm 132	Page 164
June 4	Psalm 133	Page 165
June 5	Psalm 134	Page 166
June 6	Titus 3:1-8	Page 167

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June 7	Psalm 135	Page 168-169
June 8	Psalm 136	None
<i>The Spirit-Empowered Life</i>		
June 9	Psalm 137	Page 171&173
June 10	Psalm 138	Page 174
June 11	Psalm 139	Page 175
June 12	Psalm 140	Page 176
June 13	John 6:32-40	Page 177-178
June 14	Psalm 141	Page 178-179
June 15	Psalm 142	None
June 16	Psalm 143	Page 180
June 17	Psalm 144	Page 181
June 18	Psalm 145	Page 182
June 19	Luke 16:19-31	Page 183-184
June 20	Psalm 146	Page 184
June 21	Psalm 147	Page 184-185
June 22	Psalm 148	None
June 23	Psalm 149	Page 186
June 24	Psalm 150	Page 187
June 25	Psalm 1	Page 188
June 26	Isaiah 58:1-9	Page 189-190
June 27	Psalm 2	Page 191
June 28	Psalm 3	Page 191-192
June 29	Psalm 4	None
June 30	Psalm 5	Page 193
July 1	Psalm 6	Page 194
July 2	Psalm 7	Page 195
July 3	Psalm 8	Page 196

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July 4	1 Peter 5:6-11	Page 197
July 5	Psalm 9	Page 198
July 6	Psalm 10	None
July 7	Psalm 11	Page 200
July 8	Psalm 12	Page 201
July 9	Psalm 13	Page 202
July 10	Psalm 14	Page 203
July 11	Genesis 22:1-12	Page 204
July 12	Psalm 15	Page 204-206
July 13	Psalm 16	None
July 14	Psalm 17	Page 207
July 15	Psalm 18	Page 208
July 16	Psalm 19	Page 209
July 17	Psalm 20	Page 210-211
July 18	Psalm 21	Page 211
July 19	Psalm 22	Page 212
July 20	Psalm 23	None
July 21	Psalm 24	Page 213
July 22	Psalm 25	Page 214
July 23	Psalm 26	Page 215
July 24	Psalm 27	Page 216
July 25	1 Timothy 4:9-16	Page 217
July 26	Psalm 28	Page 218-219
July 27	Psalm 29	None
<i>The Compassionate Life</i>		
July 28	Psalm 30	Page 221&223
July 29	Psalm 31	Page 224

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July 30	Psalms 32	Page 225
July 31	Psalms 33	Page 226
August 1	Romans 13:1-7	Page 227
August 2	Psalms 34	Page 228
August 3	Psalms 35	None
August 4	Psalms 36	Page 230
August 5	Psalms 37	Page 231
August 6	Psalms 38	Page 232
August 7	Psalms 39	Page 233
August 8	Psalms 40	Page 234
August 9	Psalms 41	Page 235
August 10	Psalms 42	None
August 11	Psalms 43	Page 237
August 12	Psalms 44	Page 238
August 13	Psalms 45	Page 239
August 14	Psalms 46	Page 240
August 15	Hebrews 8:6-13	Page 241
August 16	Psalms 47	Page 242-243
August 17	Psalms 48	None
August 18	Psalms 49	Page 244
August 19	Psalms 50	Page 245
August 20	Psalms 51	Page 246
August 21	Psalms 52	Page 247
August 22	Luke 14:7-11	Page 248
August 23	Psalms 53	Page 249-250
August 24	Psalms 54	None
August 25	Psalms 55	Page 251

	Bible Text	Devotional Classics
August 26	Psalms 56	Page 252
August 27	Psalms 57	Page 253
August 28	Psalms 58	Page 254
August 29	Matthew 6:19-24	Page 255
August 30	Psalms 59	Page 256-257
August 31	Psalms 60	None
September 1	Psalms 61	Page 258
September 2	Psalms 62	Page 259
September 3	Psalms 63	Page 260-261
September 4	1 Corinthians 13:1-8	Page 261-262
September 5	Psalms 64	Page 262
September 6	Psalms 65	Page 262-263
September 7	Psalms 66	None
September 8	Psalms 67	Page 264
September 9	Psalms 68	Page 265
September 10	Psalms 69	Page 266
September 11	Psalms 70	Page 267
September 12	John 14:1-11	Page 268
September 13	Psalms 71	Page 269-270
September 14	Psalms 72	None
September 15	Psalms 73	Page 271
September 16	Psalms 74	Page 272
September 17	Psalms 75	Page 273
September 18	Psalms 76	Page 274
September 19	Ephesians 2:11-22	Page 275
September 20	Psalms 77	Page 276
September 21	Psalms 78	None

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<i>The Word-Centered Life</i>		
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September 23	Psalm 80	Page 282
September 24	Psalm 81	Page 283
September 25	Psalm 82	Page 284
September 26	Colossians 2:6-7	Page 285
September 27	Psalm 83	Page 286-287
September 28	Psalm 84	None
September 29	Psalm 85	Page 288
September 30	Psalm 86	Page 289
October 1	Psalm 87	Page 290
October 2	Psalm 88	Page 291
October 3	Acts 9:1-19	Page 292
October 4	Psalm 89	Page 292-293
October 5	Psalm 90	None
October 6	Psalm 91	Page 295
October 7	Psalm 92	Page 296
October 8	Psalm 93	Page 297
October 9	Psalm 94	Page 298-299
October 10	Luke 12:13-21	Page 299
October 11	Psalm 95	Page 299-300
October 12	Psalm 96	None
October 13	Psalm 97	Page 302
October 14	Psalm 98	Page 303
October 15	Psalm 99	Page 304
October 16	Psalm 100	Page 305
October 17	Genesis 28:10-19	Page 306

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October 18	Psalms 101	Page 306-307
October 19	Psalms 102	None
October 20	Psalms 103	Page 309
October 21	Psalms 104	Page 310
October 22	Psalms 105	Page 311
October 23	Psalms 106	Page 312
October 24	Luke 15:11-32	Page 313
October 25	Psalms 107	Page 314-315
October 26	Psalms 108	None
October 27	Psalms 109	Page 316
October 28	Psalms 110	Page 317
October 29	Psalms 111	Page 318
October 30	Psalms 112	Page 319-320
October 31	Habakkuk 3:1-6	Page 320-321
November 1	Psalms 113	Page 321-322
November 2	Psalms 114	None
November 3	Psalms 115	Page 323
November 4	Psalms 116	Page 324
November 5	Psalms 117	Page 325
November 6	Psalms 118	Page 326
November 7	Mark 5:25-34	Page 327
November 8	Psalms 119	Page 328
November 9	Psalms 120	None
<i>The Sacramental Life</i>		
November 10	Psalms 121	Page 331&333
November 11	Psalms 122	Page 334
November 12	Psalms 123	Page 335

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November 13	Psalms 104:1-13	Page 336-337
November 14	Psalms 124	Page 337
November 15	Psalms 125	Page 338
November 16	Psalms 126	None
November 17	Psalms 127	Page 339
November 18	Psalms 128	Page 340
November 19	Psalms 129	Page 341
November 20	Colossians 1:15-20	Page 342
November 21	Psalms 130	Page 342
November 22	Psalms 131	Page 343
November 23	Psalms 132	None
November 24	Psalms 133	Page 345
November 25	Psalms 134	Page 346
November 26	Psalms 135	Page 347
November 27	Mark 8:22-26	Page 348
November 28	Psalms 136	Page 348
November 29	Psalms 137	Page 349
November 30	Psalms 138	None
December 1	Psalms 139	Page 350
December 2	Psalms 140	Page 351
December 3	Psalms 141	Page 352
December 4	Psalms 142	Page 353
December 5	1 Samuel 5	Page 354
December 6	Psalms 143	Page 355
December 7	Psalms 144	None
December 8	Psalms 145	Page 357
December 9	Psalms 146	Page 358

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December 10	Psalms 147	Page 359
December 11	Ecclesiastes 12:9-14	Page 360
December 12	Psalms 148	Page 361
December 13	Psalms 149	Page 361-362
December 14	Psalms 150	None
December 15	John 1:1-5	Page 363
December 16	Matthew 1:1-17	Page 364
December 17	Luke 1:1-25	Page 365
December 18	Exodus 31:1-11	Page 366
December 19	Luke 1:26-38	Page 366-367
December 20	Luke 1:39-45	Page 367-368
December 21	Luke 1:46-56	None
December 22	Luke 1:57-80	Page 369
December 23	Matthew 1:18-25	Page 370
December 24	Luke 2:1-20	Page 371
December 25	Luke 2:21-35	Page 372
December 26	Psalms 108	Page 373-374
December 27	Luke 2:36-40	Page 374-375
December 28	Matthew 2:1-12	None
December 29	Matthew 2:13-23	None
December 30	John 1:6-28	None
December 31	John 1:29-34	None

Life Group Guidelines

A Life Group needs to be a place where people feel comfortable opening up and sharing with one another. Guidelines give boundaries for people to operate within, help with the flow and pace of the discussions, help us to value one another, and help people to be more comfortable sharing deep and meaningful things.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: Let's value one another during the discussions by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Allow a pause in conversation after someone shares. Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding. Silence in the group provides an opportunity for someone to share and for members in the group to process the topic or question being considered.

AVOID "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing – no side conversations.

AVOID RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause them to stop sharing. Resist the temptation to rescue people.

AVOID FIXING: Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you may share some advice.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally affecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

“I” STATEMENTS: During the discussion, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using “I” statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using such terms as “you”, “they”, “them”, “the church”, “us”, or “we”.

FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP: Relationships reach a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.

DISCUSS THE EMPTY CHAIR: While one purpose of the group is to grow in our relationship with God through relationship with one another, the other purpose is to invite new people into relational discipleship. Remind one another of the importance of inviting new people into the group with the goal of “branching” into two groups. Biblical discipleship has both an inward and an outward focus. Like the first century church, a healthy group is constantly inviting new people to “come and see”.

Meeting Outline – 1 hour 30 minutes

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (10 minutes) - As your group gathers, allow time for everyone to introduce themselves/share recent life news. (This makes everyone feel valued and welcomed. A warm welcome establishes a foundation for relationships, makes everyone aware of what is going on, and brings focus to the group.)

OPENING PRAYER (3 minutes) - Invite God’s Holy Spirit into your presence. (This prepares your hearts for what God has for you and shifts your attention from individual fellowship to the group.)

PURPOSE (1 minute) – Review the purpose for our gathering – “to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ as we grow in deeper relationships with one another”. (This helps prepare your hearts and minds for the discussion.)

GUIDELINES (2-6 minutes) – At the first meeting, read through the Life Group Guidelines line by line. At future meetings, briefly review the guidelines. (This provides Biblical guidance for healthy conflict resolution while establishing a safe environment where everyone can share openly and honestly.)

GROUP DISCUSSION (60 minutes) Discuss a few Reflection Questions from the relevant Devotional Classics readings. Discuss the Bible Texts.

CLOSING PRAYER (10 minutes) - Refocus your attention on God and His provision. (This is a time for God sighting related prayer, personal prayer requests, group needs, and to praise God.)

Serving Together

Joyfully serving in the church and the community, with the goal of making Christ known to others, is one tangible expression of our growth as disciples. These are some areas in which your group could serve together:

Sunday Morning at Union Park

Outdoor Clean Up at Union Park

Hope Packs at Midwest Food Bank

SOAR (Special Opportunities Available in Recreation)

Carriage Crossing Senior Living (1st Sunday and events)

Salt Church Meal

Young Adult Connection

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Faith Lutheran Church Life Groups

Life Groups are the primary method for us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. When Jesus first launched His ministry, He didn't begin with a big crowd; He began His ministry with a handful of ordinary, often-faithless people. As they were going about their daily lives (fishing!), "*Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!'*" – Matthew 4:19

Head (To Know)

"Come, follow me" – A disciple follows Jesus. To be His disciples, we must recognize and accept who Jesus is, and place our lives under His authority. Even as we have questions, He leads and we obediently follow His teachings. Therefore, we study and invite God's Word to penetrate deep into our thoughts.

Heart (To Grow)

"and I will show you" – A disciple is being changed by Jesus. God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us there. Jesus grew the disciples through His teachings (beliefs), yet the real work of life transformation happened through their change of hearts in authentic, transparent community. Therefore, we allow the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts through relationships rooted in Christian faith.

Hands (To Invite)

"how to fish for people" – A disciple is committed to the mission of Jesus. When we grow in Christ, we can't help but care about what Jesus cares about... people. While Jesus cares about you and the people in your group, He also cares about those who are far from Him. Jesus created the church – you and me – as the primary way to reach those people through relational connections. Therefore, we create space for new people to experience Jesus through our Life Group... and we invite them to sit in the empty chair.

Growing Disciples Who Grow Disciples