

DEVOTIONAL

for volunteers



During his time on earth, Jesus' message was clear—from now on, things will be different. Jesus spent his life showing people how God wanted to connect with them and help them connect with each other. Because of Jesus, our world can be forever changed—we just need to follow him. In this 4-week series from the Gospels, we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus and look at the life he invites us into. We'll see how we can **trust Jesus is with us**, how **Jesus gives us peace**, that we can trust **Jesus loves us**, and how **Jesus gives us a place to belong**.

To get ready for this teaching series, spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in and through us in the next few weeks, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 From now on, trust Jesus is with you.

John 1:9–14; Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 9:17–24

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for being with you through difficult experiences.

GROW

So what's your next step? Could you create a visual reminder that God is with you? Could you share with someone about a time God was with you? Could you ask others to share their stories with you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 From now on, let Jesus give you peace.

Mark 4:36–41; Psalm 29:1–4, 10–11; Philippians 4:6–7

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, ask God to help you bring peace to others.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to ask God for peace in your life? Can you spend time with people who make you feel at peace? Can you memorize a Bible verse for the times when you need peace? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 From now on, trust Jesus loves you.

John 15:9–15; Psalm 36:5–10; Ephesians 3:18–19

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for loving you.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to work through something keeping you from feeling God's love? Could you start a conversation about what God's love means to you? Could you do something to remind others of God's love? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 From now on, Jesus gives you a place to belong.

Mark 10:13–16; 1 Cor 12:12–31; 1 Corinthians 3:1–5, 21–23

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for creating a space for you.

GROW

So what's your next step? Can you help someone feel like they belong? Is there someone you could mentor? Could you ask someone to mentor you? Can you evaluate how well your spaces help others feel like they belong? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.