

DEVOTIONAL

for volunteers



Good movies capture our imaginations and transport us to other worlds. As we watch our favorite movies with popcorn in hand, we may not realize all of the work, edits, and rewrites that went into making the cinematic masterpiece. The same is true of our faith, too. We might expect our relationship with God to look like a finished product, but really, our faith and relationship with God are still in the making. In this 4-week series from the Gospels and Epistles, we'll explore what can happen when we invest in spiritual formation. We'll see how **spending time with God can make us more like Jesus** and how,

God, difficult moments can help our character grow and how **we grow when we make things right with God.**

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 Spending time with God can make us more like Jesus.

Exodus 34:29–31; Romans 12:12; Philippians 2:1–11

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, pray about a barrier that's keeping you from growing.

GROW

So what's your next step? What changes could you make to your schedule to spend more time with God? Can you spend time with God by doing something you enjoy? Are there any prayer practices you could try this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 When you face temptation, ask God for help.

Luke 4:1–13; Hebrews 2:18; 1 Corinthians 10:13

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, pray about a temptation you're facing this week.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need help with a temptation in your life? Can you ask someone to help you set boundaries? Is there a Bible verse you could memorize for the times you feel tempted? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

With God, difficult moments can help our character grow.

John 15:16–22; Psalm 27:7–14; Romans 8:28



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, pray and ask God to help you grow closer when life feels difficult.



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to ask someone to encourage you? Can you worship God in the middle of your difficult moments? Can someone encourage you to keep going when things are difficult? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

We grow when we make things right with God.

Luke 13:1–9; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:16–17



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 giving you chances to start over.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a change you need to make so you can start over? Are there parts of your life that make you feel like you can't make things right? Do you need to release something into God's hands to repair what's been broken? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.