

God's Call For You

A *Discovery Bible Study* through Sexual Purity Passages
Broken Strength Ministries

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:3-5

Week One - The Battle - Galatians 5:16-26

Week Two - Identity - Ephesians 5:1-11

Week Three - Purpose - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Week Four - On Mission - Colossians 3:1-11

Week Five - Body Impact - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Week Six - Church Impact - Acts 15:22-35

Week Seven - Heart Impact - Mark 7:14-23

Week Eight (optional) - Overview and celebration of answered prayer, plan for what's next, invite others into your journey.

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Week One - The Battle

Flesh vs. Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

Things to remember through the 7-weeks:

- Using the Discovery Bible Study method, you and your group will dive into 7 passages of Scripture that all use the Greek word *porneia* in some form in order to communicate a key discipleship principle.
- Plan on 90 minutes for good sharing and discussion time. The opening “Community” time is meant as a form of prayer time as you listen to one another, give thanks, and be led by the Holy Spirit to pray on the go as sharing happens.
- All participants should read through the passage at least three times before your time together. Have them underline/take notes on key phrases and words and concepts that they see directly in the passage (no need to expound on anything or interpret words or even cross-reference in the pre-read)
- Each group should have someone keep a record of week-by-week prayer requests, victories, challenges and “I will”s in order for group to see how God’s answering prayer in many ways (sometimes with a “No”).
- Plan a “Week 8” in order to celebrate, plan what’s next, have extended prayer time, invite others guys, start a new purity group, etc.
- Ideal group size is 3-5. If it gets larger than five, you could still meet together, pray together, even read Scripture together, then split up for discussion.

Today’s passage:

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Meeting

Community

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Prayer

Have one person pray.

Read Scripture

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Dive into Scripture

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Dive into Truth (always ask these three questions):

What would you say is a key discipleship principle from this passage surrounding the idea of the battle at hand?

What does this passage tell us about ourselves (mankind)?

What does this passage tell us about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit?

Bringin' it home

Write down an "I will . . ." statement regarding what you learned and want to put into practice.

Prayer

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Week Two - Identity

Being the person that you really are.

Ephesians 5:1-21

Today's passage:

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

*"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."*

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Dive into Truth (always ask these three questions):

As a group, come up with a key discipleship principle from this passage surrounding the idea of identity?

What does this passage tell us about ourselves (mankind)?

What does this passage tell us about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit?

Bringin' it home

Write down an "I will . . ." statement regarding what you learned and want to put into practice.

Prayer

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Week Three - Purpose

Dying to self, living to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Today's passage:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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Dive into Truth (always ask these three questions):

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Bringin' it home

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Week Four - Mission

Minds on things above

Colossians 3:1-11

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Dive into Truth (always ask these three questions):

What would you say is a key discipleship principle from this passage surrounding the idea of our mission?

What does this passage tell us about ourselves (mankind)?

What does this passage tell us about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit?

Bringin' it home

Write down an "I will . . ." statement regarding what you learned and want to put into practice.

Prayer

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Week Five - Body Impact

“Honor God with your body”

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Today's passage:

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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Week Six - Church Impact

The joy of sayings “No!” together

Acts 15:22-35

Today's passage:

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, ²³ with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. ²⁴ Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, ²⁵ it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: ²⁹ that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

³⁰ So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. ³¹ And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. ³² And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. ³³ And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. ³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

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Bringin' it home

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Prayer

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Week Seven - Heart Impact

How're your insides?

Mark 7:14-23

Today's passage:

And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him,¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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Bringin' it home

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Plan as a group what is next for your growth in Christ.