

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe we are in May already. There has been so much going on these last few months, I think, sometimes it is good to just bathe in the goodness of God.

This month, I reckon we should commit to something special: the purposeful engagement with God's Word. As the discipleship continues with over 70 people each week, we should ask God that He might use what is discussed and learned for the growth and maturity of His called people. This is a season into which the Holy Spirit wants to pour growth, transformation and a closer and deeper walk with the Father. That comes through prayer and a dedication to the Word of God.

For the Discipleship Course, let us pray that each week, every person attending would truly receive from the Lord, fresh insight, encouragement, conviction, and clarity. May hearts be open and receptive, and may the Holy Spirit guide each session so that truth is not only heard, but lived out. Pray that all who participate would be instructed in the ways of the Lord, growing in understanding, obedience, and maturity in their faith.

In addition, throughout May, I would like us to focus our prayers on increased Bible engagement across our church family. Let us ask God to stir in us a renewed hunger for His Word...a desire not just to read, but **to dwell** in Scripture, to meditate on it, and to allow it to shape our lives. Pray that the Bible would come alive in new ways, bringing wisdom, direction, and transformation.

May this be a month marked by spiritual attentiveness, deeper discipleship, and a strengthened foundation in God's Word.

Thank you for standing together in prayer.

With love, George.

Each day you commit to reading God's Word, I would invite you to pray: "Lord God, as I open Your Word, open my heart and mind to receive from You. Teach me Your ways, reveal Your truth, and help me to understand what You are saying. Shape my life through Your Word and lead me to walk in obedience. Speak, Lord, for I am listening. Amen."

Week 1

Reading focus: **Psalm 19:7-11**

These verses remind us that God's Word refreshes, gives wisdom, and brings joy. Do you truly see God's Word as something precious and life-giving, and how is that reflected in your daily habits?

Week 2

Reading focus: **James 1:19-25**

This passage encourages us not just to hear the Word, but to do what it says. Where is God asking you not just to listen, but to respond in obedience to what you've read?

Week 3

Reading focus: **Psalm 119:9-16**

The Psalmist provides a picture of 'storing' God's Word in our hearts and delighting in it. What would it look like for you to actively treasure Scripture this week, rather than treating it as a task?

Week 4

Reading focus: **Matthew 7:24-27**

Here we see Jesus teaching about building our lives on Him. His Words are an unshakable foundation. What area of my life needs to be more firmly built on God's Word right now?

"Lord, thank You for speaking to me through Your Word. Help me to carry it with me, to live it out, and to honour You in all I do. Let what I've received take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Amen."