

# Start a Bible Study Group

*A Companion Bible Study for Mondays With Mark*



## Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for calling us into Your kingdom and giving us a purpose here on earth. As we study today, help us understand the role You have given each believer in advancing Your kingdom.

Teach us to love You with our whole hearts, to love others as You have commanded, and to faithfully share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us. Give us courage and wisdom as we seek to help others grow in their faith.

Guide us through Your Word and through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Introduction: Our Role in God's Kingdom

Every believer eventually faces an important question: What is my role in God's kingdom here on earth?

The answer begins with salvation. When we accept Jesus Christ as Savior, we receive forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.

But salvation is not the end of the journey—it is the beginning.

Believers are called to grow spiritually and to make Jesus Lord of their lives.

## Making Jesus Lord

To make Jesus Lord means to follow His authority and obey His commands.

John 14:15

KJV: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

NIV: "If you love me, keep my commands."

Love for Christ is demonstrated through obedience.

Even though we are saved, we still struggle with sin. While we may never be sinless, we are called to strive to sin less through spiritual growth.

## **The Greatest Commandments**

Matthew 22:36–40

KJV: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

NIV: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart... Love your neighbor as yourself.”

These instructions reveal two priorities: love God completely and love others sincerely.

### **Pause & Reflect**

- How do you actively demonstrate your love for God in daily life?
- In what ways can you show Christ’s love to others?
- Are your actions aligned with these commandments?

## **The Mission of Every Believer**

Matthew 28:18–20

KJV: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”

NLT: “Go and make disciples of all the nations...”

This is known as the Great Commission and is given to all believers, not just pastors.

## **Biblical Insight: Making Disciples**

The Greek word for disciple is 'mathētēs', meaning a learner or follower.

Discipleship involves helping others learn God’s Word, grow in faith, and live it out daily.

## **A Simple Pattern for Discipleship**

1. Be One

2. Grow Some

3. Repeat

The Holy Spirit produces faith. Our role is to guide others in growth.

## **The Power of Bible Study**

Bible study helps believers understand truth, grow spiritually, and encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:24–25 encourages believers to meet together for growth and encouragement.

### **Pause & Reflect**

- Have you considered leading or hosting a Bible study?
- What fears might be holding you back?
- How could God use you to help others grow?

## **The Role of a Bible Study Leader**

You do not need to be an expert to lead. The Holy Spirit is the teacher.

You are simply the facilitator guiding others through God's Word.

### **Final Reflection**

Every believer has a role: love God, love others, and make disciples.

One of the most powerful ways to live this out is through Bible study and helping others grow in faith.

## **Closing Prayer**

Lord,

Thank You for calling us to be part of Your work. Help us love You fully and love others well.

Give us courage to share our faith and guide others. Remind us that the Holy Spirit is the true teacher.

Use us to help others grow in Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Sources**

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