

Journey...

is the life we were made for and have always wanted.

Who was Jesus? What was his mission? What can Jesus teach us about ourselves, the meaning of life, and our relationship with others? *Invitation*, the first of the Journey series of life group bible studies is an introduction into the life and mission of Jesus. It is a personal journey into the life God has in mind for all of us. The purpose of the *Journey Bible Study Series* is to learn about God together with a small group of friends through the life and ministry of Jesus and to embrace him fully. If you're ready for the ultimate adventure – then hold on tight and let's see where the living Christ and a journey with him will take us over the next few weeks together!

Titles and Topics Covered in Journey:

- 1. Come and See! *The Journey Begins***
- 2. Who Am I? *Journey to Self-discovery***
- 3. Jesus, Our Good Shepherd: *Guide for the Journey***
- 4. The Hound of Heaven: *Search and Rescue***
- 5. Jesus on Message: *Where Are We Going?***
- 6. The Stone Kingdom: *Jesus' Mission Rooted in History***
- 7. Heaven Now! *The Two-Phased Kingdom***
- 8. Kingdom Architecture: *Defining the Kingdom of God***
- 9. Dressed in Royalty: *New Clothes from the King***
- 10. Kingdom Transactions: *Passports to Freedom***
- 11. Giving Away the Kingdom: *Sharing the Good News***
- 12. The Main Thing Is Keeping the Main Thing, the Main Thing**

Journey Covenant:

I want to grow in my understanding of Jesus and the life he has for me. I want to participate in *Journey* to enhance my own relationship with God this year. I will commit to doing the weekly assignments and life group meetings.

The best times I am available: _____

Signed:

My e-mail address: _____

Cell phone: _____

Getting the Most out of *Journey*

Here's what you're going to need for the journey:

- Good soil - an open and receptive heart
- Working the soil - determination and diligence
- Hunger and thirst - desire for God

Best Practices: The five S's of hearing and discerning God's voice

- ***Seek*** – Pray for God to open up the passage for you. Is there a promise for you to claim, a sin to confess, a word for you to follow, an insight to share?
- ***Soak*** – Read the passage each day and write down any observations, thoughts, questions, connections, or anything God says to you about the passage.
- ***Seal*** – Seal God's word to you deep within your heart by taking some time to meditate on the most important truth to you this week. Ask God to open the deeper recesses of your heart to teach you what you need most for your life this week.
- ***Script*** – Journal or write, if even only a few lines, noting the ways that God spoke to you from the passage, your meditation, or group time together. This will help you keep track of God's voice and the way he is speaking through Scripture.
- ***Share*** – Share with someone what you are learning from your time with God in *Journey*. As you share what you are learning, it will help drive God's word home to you even more and you will notice how God will use what he has revealed to you to bless others.