



COME & SEE

Devotional Experience

8 weeks (September-October 2021)

5 days

15-30 mins a day



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Before you is an opportunity. An opportunity to COME & SEE who Jesus is and what He can do for you and through you. This opportunity involves coming before Jesus intentionally to be with Him. Nothing more, nothing less. Simply be with Jesus and experience the difference He can make in your life.

This devotional experience is different than others. It does not give you a daily devotional that you focus on for just one day. The concept behind this experience is to center in on one COME & SEE truth, unpack it and draw from it throughout the week. In essence you will experience eight COME & SEE MOMENTS, throughout this devotional experience.

Each day will have a method to help you center on the COME & SEE truth. You will experience Centering, Memorization, Study, Reflection, and Application as part of your devotional worship. Each week will be a centered journey between you and the Jesus that invites you to COME & SEE who He is and what He does.

My prayer for all of us is that we will dive in with intention and expectation for the Lord to move in a new and fresh way. Seek a fresh revelation from Him through this experience.

For His Glory,
Eric Christian



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Devotional Experience

Monday: THE CENTER...

One COME & SEE thought or concept will be shared in order, for you to center your thoughts on and unpack throughout the week. In essence this will be our center principle for the week. The idea is to keep our thoughts focused on one singular concept and to give space for this concept or principle to dig deep down within our hearts and minds. Meditation gives way to reflection.

Tuesday: MEMORIZE...

The focus on this day is to memorize the COME & SEE core scripture of the week and pray over it. Memorization is a great way to digest the word of God and allow the scriptures to become a part of you. As you work at memorizing the scripture, pray through the scripture. Pray over and through the different aspects of what you are memorizing. Over the course of this devotional experience, you will have the opportunity to memorize eight different scriptures. Memorization gives way to connection.

Wednesday: STUDY...

On this day you will have the opportunity to explore the main story or scripture that focuses on the concept of the week. Read the text and then read again. Make space to connect with what you read. Connect with the events, the people, and of course with Jesus Himself. Explore the treasures that are in the weekly COME & SEE story. Study gives way to wisdom.

Thursday: REFLECT...

On this day, you will read through supplementary scriptures that connect to the COME & SEE CENTER of the week and process personal COME & SEE questions regarding the CENTER of the week. Reflection gives way to application.

Friday: APPLY...

On this day you will have the opportunity to put into practice what has been CENTERED on all week. You will consider some ways to personally apply the principle that has been focused on all week. Live it out!



Week 1: September 13-17

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

One of the blessings I am most grateful for is my eyes. For me I consider the ability to see as a grace of God. Even though I need to have glasses and/or contacts to help make images clear, I have the privilege of seeing. I get to see colors and textures, people and animals, land and sea. All of this is possible because God the Creator designed me with eyes to see.

There is purpose in having eyes. We were designed to see. We were meant to see. But there are times, my eyes work just fine, but I do not see. I'm talking about the times when opportunity arises, and I neglect to look and therefore miss the opportunity to see. In these moments it is not about the physical ability of seeing but the state of the heart in seizing the opportunity to see. There are many times in my life when I do not want to see. Fear of the present or future, wounds of the past, doubts that have crept in, unconfessed sin, or even just being completely exhausted without hope can all rob us of the opportunity to see and see clearly.

Jesus came for such a reason. He came to open the eyes of mankind and give us the opportunity to see life more clearly. He came to enlighten our hearts and minds to the necessary grace and love of our Heavenly Father. In the Gospel of John chapter 1:39-41, Jesus has an encounter with two of John the Baptist's followers in which Jesus asks what they wanted, and they respond with a question about his housing plans. In vs.39 Jesus answers their question, "Come and see." He extends the invitation to come along. He extends an invitation to see firsthand. This moment wasn't just about Jesus showing them where He was staying for the night. There was a deeper significance to this invitation. Jesus was offering an opportunity for these men to truly see all that life could be. An opportunity to be a part of something bigger than themselves. He wanted these men to see clearer than they ever have. He wants us to see clearer than we ever have.

That same invitation is given to us each day. "COME & SEE." So, let's choose to come. Let's choose to see. Jesus came to help us see. Jesus came to rescue us. Jesus saw us worthy to be saved. The One who came from the glories of Heaven to the mess of earth, has considered you worthy. Now it's your turn to see Jesus as worthy!



Tuesday: Study

*Read the study scripture of the week. Allow yourself to connect with the text, the people, the places, the events. Do not rush through the reading. Make space for the Word of God to make its imprint on you. Look for the buried treasure. Take notes on what catches your attention such as people, places or principles that stand out. Center in on words or phrases that not just catch your attention, but also move you.

John 1:1-5 NLT:

In the beginning the Word already existed.

*The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

² He existed in the beginning with God.

*³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.*

*⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.*

*⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

Mark 1:1-3 NLT:

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began ² just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

*“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
and he will prepare your way.*

*³ He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!
Clear the road for him!’”*

Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

John 1:4-5: ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.



Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scripture and spend time reflecting on this scripture and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-Colossians 1:15-17: Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

-How does it make you feel to know Jesus came to earth for you? What impact does it make in your life, knowing He “holds all things together”?

-What do you think Jesus’ invitation of “come and see” means? What does this look like lived out?

-What is your role in “coming and seeing”? What difference will this make in your life?

Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with ways that you can practically live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Take a walk or drive in solitude. Pray or sing along the way. Take notice of your surroundings and spend time journaling what you saw, heard, experienced.

-Spend time in focused prayer concentrating on asking the Holy Spirit to open your heart, mind, soul to new things. Ask for a fresh perspective on the different areas of your life.

-Name someone who encourages you and bring you closer to Jesus. Schedule some time with them and make the focus of your time centered on Jesus talk.

Your ideas:

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Week 2: September 20-24

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

Many years have passed since Jesus' childhood and many things have changed. He is no longer the young child or even the adolescent teenager. His family has grown and moved on. Culture has even changed. Rulers have changed. Power has shifted. The scene at the time of Jesus leaving home to start His ministry, is one of political intensity, watered-down religion, and every family for themselves lifestyle. This is the climate that Jesus chooses to start His public ministry.

How does one start a ministry? I have started three in my time. Each one was different in its personality. People were the common ground in each of my beginnings. People were present with expectations, questions, and love for the me and my family. I started each ministry differently. Each one had its own needs and therefore a plan for how to meet those needs. I arrived at my ministry and got busy doing ministry.

Jesus does it different. Jesus doesn't jump right in doing "Jesus things". No, His approach is very different and better. Jesus arrives on the public scene and sets His focus on the One who called Him forth. Jesus goes to the Jordan River where John the Baptist is calling people to repentance and baptism. John was preparing people for the Coming One and His Coming Message. And now that One is here with His message. All sorts of people are there gathered at the river. Many different cultures are represented. They look different on the outside, but on the inside, they are all the same. Lost, confused, hungry, thirsty for something more than what life has been. Jesus shocks the people and John the Baptist with what happens next. He has come to be baptized. The Creator of the world who came to be King, is in this moment choosing to be baptized. It is a bit perplexing to human eyes. There is both a mystery and majesty to Jesus' baptism but notice the humility of God. At Jesus' birth, He stepped from Heaven to take on our flesh, but in this moment, Jesus steps in the water to take on our shame. He is preparing the way. John prepared the way for Jesus and now Jesus is preparing the way for us.

As Jesus comes up out of the water Father God declares His approval of Jesus. Why was Father God pleased? It was because Jesus, the Son was attentive to His Father's voice and submissive to His instructions. Jesus delighted in working with His Father. Jesus' baptism was the start of a new apprenticeship with His Father. Jesus' commitment to doing the work of the Father, with the Father, because of His love for His Father.

Come & See what Jesus' ministry was about. COME & SEE the true message of Jesus. It wasn't about getting busy doing ministry stuff or about agendas or even about pleasing people. COME & SEE is about aligning with God, being obedient to God and loving Him above all. From this, we can model a lifestyle that shows the love of God for all people. The humility of the Creator & King truly shows me how I can please the Father.



Tuesday: The Study

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Matthew 3:1-17:

In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, ² "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." ³ The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!'"

⁴ John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. ⁶ And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. "You brood of snakes!" he exclaimed. "Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?" ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. ⁹ Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ¹⁰ Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."

¹³ Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires!" So, John agreed to baptize him. ¹⁶ After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."



Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

Matthew 3:17: And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scriptures and spend time reflecting on these scriptures and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-Philippians 2:5-8: You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave^l and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

-Colossians 3:23: Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

-1 Peter 5:6: So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

Galatians 1:10: Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

-What are your thoughts about John's reaction to Jesus coming to be baptized?

-Through Jesus' baptism, what is the principle He is trying to display?

-What brings God joy in your life?



Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Take a few minutes and make a list of characteristics that you believe please God. Maybe even align a scripture with each of these characteristics.

-Choose one of the characteristics and plan how to live that out this coming week.

Your ideas:

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Week 3: September 27-October 1

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

I am no doubt a person who likes to do things my way. And I live in a culture who thinks their way is the only way. But life has taught me that's not true. Many times, I thought I was doing the right thing or doing it the right way only to find that there truly was a better way. Even in the areas of my life where I am skilled, I still have moments when listening to someone's advice would have saved me trouble and proved that another way exists. It is in those moments you must decide if you are going to be openminded enough to allow a better solution to be presented. Sometimes it is the solution that bothers me. Sometimes it is the one who presents the solution that bothers me. Just being real with you. Even if you have "tried everything", the notion of one more idea can send you over the edge.

There is a COME & SEE moment in the life of the Apostles, specifically Peter when everything he knew would be put to the test. This test would be like no other because it wouldn't involve math or science or English or even history. This test would involve faith. Faith in a person. Faith in a person he was just beginning to know. His way of doing things would be forever changed. A change that would take Peter from an aggressive impulsive fisherman to a confident visionary leader of the greatest revolution to ever happen.

Peter and the disciples struggled to find fish. This wasn't about catching them, but about simply finding them. They had worked hard, and things were not going well. Jesus shows up on the scene and offers another solution. He offers a better way. He stares down the skill and experience of the fisherman and tells them to go deep and try again. This time they find fish, catch fish, and the struggle is not the same anymore. In fact, the struggle has now gone from empty nets to ripping nets. The abundance of blessing that comes with an act of faith and obedience can be life changing. Imagine this scene! The excitement, the thrill, and the people's responses that were seeing this firsthand. Imagine what is going on inside the depths of Peter's heart. This man isn't just another man looking for attention. Could this be the One we have been waiting for? Then Peter, gets his question answered, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

At the shore, Peter leaves his career as a fisherman behind and focuses on the adventure with Jesus. All because Jesus challenged him to go deeper. What about you? COME & SEE what Jesus can do for you. COME & SEE where Jesus can take you.



Tuesday: Study

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Luke 5:1-11:

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So, he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

⁵ "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

Luke 5:5: "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."



Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scriptures and spend time reflecting on these scriptures and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-Ephesians 3:20: Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

-John 10:16: I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

-Isaiah 48:18: Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling over you like waves in the sea.

-Luke 11:28: Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice."

-Psalm 42:1-2, 5 7(NIV): As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?...Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior, and my God... Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

-Reflect on a time when you thought you had exhausted all efforts, only to have found one more solution. What did it take from you to be able to accomplish what was before you? Did you feel like quitting? What were your feelings and thoughts afterward?

-Have you been challenge by Jesus to try again? Have you even been challenged by Jesus to go deeper?

-What does it take for you to have the faith and obedience in Jesus to try one more time and try it deeper?

-What blessings have you received when you went deeper?

-What does this Come and See moment in Peter's life teach you about what is possible?



Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Do something in the next week that requires an extra effort at going deeper than before. You define what deeper is and what the area of life it is going to be.

Your ideas:

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Week 4: October 4-8

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

Have you ever felt so embarrassed and ashamed you were unable to function? Has there ever been a time when you just wanted to hide from what you did? Ever feel like you don't like who you are?

I know, I know, these are hard and personal questions to start with. But sometimes life can go this way. Sometimes life takes turns that surprises us, and we find ourselves dealing with the darkest parts of life. These times can come and go, or they can come and stay. In these moments, the choices presented to us can make all the difference in whether we stay in the darkness, embarrassment, humiliation, or we look forward, overcome, and become stronger and better people. In fact, there is a woman in the bible that had a COME & SEE moment with Jesus that is exactly what we are focusing on this week.

Let's create the scene...

She is a prostitute. Her skill is seduction and alluring those who would want her services. Her office is a combination of the street corner and a bedroom. Her nights are spent soliciting and her mornings are spent recovering. She drinks to get through the day. It is a painkiller to survive the pain she invests in each night. It makes her numb. Numb is the best she can hope for. There is an investment she makes in convincing herself that this all she can be. How many times has she lain there with someone, pretending her enjoyment only to know deep down she is wanted for just a night and not loved at all?

She sighs, gets up after another night of the same ol' thing. She gets ready for the whole cycle to start again. She prepares as she has every day, for every night. Clothes, makeup, hair, and a necklace upon which a small alabaster jar of perfume all become part of her story. She goes to her corner. Known to be there faithfully each night because this is what she is. She has met all kinds of people, who want to stay the night and be gone by morning. Yet, she continues this journey.

But one-night changes everything. She has heard of One who is different than other people. This Jesus helps people. Could it be He sees people differently? Could He have answers to why she feels this way and does these things? Is there a possibility to be loved for real? Miracles, radical teaching, meeting people where they are, real care for real people all of which she has heard is His way. She is overpowered by the potential in the moment. She finds out where Jesus is located and leaves the corner that has kept her captive for so long.

She gets to a home of a religious leader of which means nothing to her. Etiquette is thrown in the trash. She breaks many Jewish customs all in one moment. So many things are going on at this dinner party that she is hardly noticed. What she does next is raw, authentic, extreme, and demands the attention of everyone in this guarded home. The hair that was used to allure people to her is now used to wash the dirty feet of Jesus. In fact, by Jewish custom, His feet should have already been washed by this religious leader. She did what His



people should have already done. After the hair and tears, comes the perfume. All her skill and resources that were used to satisfy sexual desires are now being used for godly purposes. The scent fills not just the room, but the house and surrounding properties.

The religious leader is offended and calls out this behavior. This woman of the night, stays in the lowly position of one who has come to repent, serve, and hopefully seek an acceptance of love she has never experienced before. And Jesus turns this moment from a religious judgmental spectacle to a grace-filled, forgiveness-offered second chance opportunity.

From her corner to His feet. From His feet to her heart. This is who Jesus is. This is what Jesus does. When you leave your corners of life and COME & SEE, Jesus reaches to the depths of your darkness and empties the humiliation, embarrassment, guilt, and shame. He changes your narrative. He makes your story about cleansing and new purpose.

What guilt and shame has you held captive? What embarrassment has stopped you in your tracks? Do you see yourself through your own mirrors or how Jesus sees you? What is the “corner” of your life that you need to leave, so you can go find Jesus? There is transformation waiting for you.

Tuesday: Study

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Luke 7:36-50:

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat.

³⁷ When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. ³⁸ Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus answered his thoughts. “Simon,” he said to the Pharisee, “I have something to say to you.”

“Go ahead, Teacher,” Simon replied.

⁴¹ Then Jesus told him this story: “A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. ⁴² But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?”



⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.”

“That’s right,” Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.

⁴⁷ “I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.” ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The men at the table said among themselves, “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?”

⁵⁰ And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Jesus is anointed by a prostitute (pg. 139)

Wednesday: Memorize

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Luke 7:48-50: ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ The men at the table said among themselves, “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?” ⁵⁰ And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”



Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scriptures and spend time reflecting on these scriptures and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-Hebrews 8:12: "And I will forgive their wrongdoings, and I will never again remember their sins."

-2 Chronicles 7:14: "Then if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."

-Romans 5:22: "So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

-2 Corinthians 5:17: "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

-Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

-Do you have a street "corner" in your life that has captured you? How did this come about?

-Why is it so hard to break the strangle hold of guilt and shame? How do you overcome guilt and shame?

-Does this woman inspire you? How so? How could she give us hope?

-What is the difference between the heart of Simon and the heart of this women?



Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Identify and make a list of all the “street corners” in your life. Pray over each one calling upon the name of Jesus to break any strong hold it they have on you. Share these with someone you trust and have them join you as a prayer partner

-Draw a picture or even paint a picture of how Jesus has transformed shame and guilt in your life. Show how Jesus is the transformative power. Give detail to this picture. Show the transformation that has happened. Maybe consider giving this picture to someone who is enslaved by shame and guilt to give them hope Jesus can turn things around. Remember this isn't about skill in drawing or painting; it's about being vulnerable and willing to share your story.

Your ideas:

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Week 5: October 11-15

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

Battlegrounds are sacred. I remember when I was a kid visiting Gettysburg being completely overwhelmed and moved. There were times during that trip that I was forced silent by the realization of what had happened at that battlefield. Much was at stake, and much was lost. The battle was real.

Today it isn't much different. There is a real battle you and I are a part of every day. It is the battle between good and evil. The battleground is the heart and mind of God's people. War has been waged and now the choice is to rise up and fight or to run and cower. Part of the struggle is that we make the battle between flesh and blood, but we are told in Ephesians 6, the battle is between the forces of good and evil. Satan once us to think it is between humanity, but it is between God and our dark enemy.

How does the image of God in us become so marred and defaced? How did we get so far from God's original design? How did we move from original community to exile? How did we allow our lives to become about dark conflict and pain, instead of the victory and purpose of our godly design? THE. BATTLE. IS. REAL. Somehow, somewhere, in our past, the forces of darkness gathered a foothold in our life. When darkness and the attempts of our enemy prevail, there is only one answer to this conflict and that is in Jesus Christ.

There is a Come and See moment in Mark when Jesus encounters a demon-possessed man. Good confronts evil. This man's battle is also real. In fact, the battle has defeated him or so it seems. He has been taken over by the ungodly. The demons within this man will ask Jesus a direct question. They know who they are encountering. In fact, they honor Him with one of His Godly titles. There is no confusion who Jesus is. If demons fear this man, this King, this Lord, then who are we to fear the forces behind our battles? It is within this showdown where we see how much is at stake, how far our enemy will go to exclude us, and to what extremes Jesus will go to rescue us. In this Come and See moment we experience Jesus battling on behalf of us. There is strength and purpose in the one who calls Jesus, Lord. No outcasts here. No exile needed. Jesus is our victory. He can and will turn the tide in the battle for the heart and mind of His people. And when the battle is over, we will be seen as more than conquerors and Jesus will be known as the One who has overcome the world.



Tuesday: Study

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Mark 5:1-20:

So, they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him.³ This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain.⁴ Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

⁶ When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. ⁷ With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” ⁸ For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

⁹ Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?”

And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” ¹⁰ Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

¹¹ There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. ¹² “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.”

¹³ So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. ¹⁶ Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. ¹⁷ And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” ²⁰ So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.



Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

Ephesians 6:12: "For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of this unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms."

Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scriptures and spend time reflecting on these scriptures and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-James 4:7: So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

-1 John 4:4: But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

-2 Corinthians 10:3-5: We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴[\[a\]](#)We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

-Isaiah 54:17: But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!

-2 Thessalonians 3:3: But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

-John 16:33: I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart because I have overcome the world."

-Think about a time when you knew you were under attack spiritually. What brought it on? How did God bring you through it?

-How do the above scriptures give you hope during spiritual battles?

-What does the encounter between Jesus and the demon-possessed man teach you about facing spiritual battles?



Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Make a list of the areas of your life that you believe are under spiritual attack. Get some paper, a marker and write each one of them on a separate piece of paper. Lay them out in front of you. Pray the name of Jesus over each one and claim His name King over each one. Believe in the power of prayer and in the power of His name and take these areas of your life back!

-Take a praise walk. Go for a walk by yourself and God. Use a device of your choosing and put on some praise songs. Maybe it's a drive by yourself with praise music on in the car. It's not necessarily about the how, but the intention. Spend time adoring God through Solitude and praise. Let the truth of the music speak louder than the spiritual battles. Let His presence be your refuge.

Your ideas:

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Week 6: October 18-22

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

Food is good. Food is great. Food is of God. In fact, for many food has been used to bring God's people together. A good meal and an open home and you have the making of a potentially life-changing opportunity. Our centering this week is focused on a COME & SEE moment between Jesus, Martha, & Mary. In this special moment, we see the longing in the hearts of all three. We see how chaotic life can become and how fast it can become chaotic. When life gets this way, we have a choice to make.

Jesus has been traveling. He is getting closer to Jerusalem. He knows what is waiting for Him there. That is why He came. Resolute to do what His Father planned; Jesus continues forward. He stops at the village Bethany seeking shelter, rest, and the warmth of those who love Him. Home is something he has not experienced since He left heaven. Nowhere to call home, except in the presence of His Father. To have a place to call home would be a special blessing, especially a home such as the one He encounters.

Martha, the older sister, eager to serve and full of never-ending energy. Up early and the last one to leave. You don't leave until all things are in place. Once Jesus arrives her passion kicks in. She rolls up her sleeves and starts getting to work, especially with this special guest. Martha's attention is drawn to the kitchen. Watching her to do her thing in the kitchen would have been a sight to see. Lots to do and excellence is the standard of the day. Nothing but the best for Jesus.

Mary, the younger sister, slower to the scenes of life and often, is less driven to the stuff of life. She is perceptive, reflective, a good listener, sensitive, and the calmer of the two sisters. When Jesus arrives, she welcomes Him with the customary foot washing and hospitality that a Jew would offer. The next place we see Mary isn't in the kitchen but at the feet of Jesus listening to Way the Truth and the life. In fact, the three times you encounter Mary in the scriptures, you find her at the feet of Jesus (this moment, death of her brother, and anointing his feet). This is a place familiar to her.

Something eternal is in the making, but it is not happening in the kitchen. What is cooking in the kitchen will be gone as soon as the meal is eaten. But what is being prepared in the other room will last forever. In the other room hearts and minds are being prepared in such a way as to fully satisfy life's hungers. In Martha's busyness, she hears less and less of the conversation in the other room. As this scene unfolds, Martha becomes concerned with the preparations, as well as the reality that she is doing all the work. This prompts a conversation between her and Jesus that points fingers at both Jesus and Mary. This conversation becomes a COME & SEE moment for all of us to learn from.

Jesus was not wanting a meal; He was wanting fellowship. Choices were made by both women, but Jesus points out that Mary chose what was better and it would not be taken from her. Jesus is showing us that this an issue of priorities. It's a matter of choice. It's the better part of the meal that life has to offer. He is the main course. Get out of the kitchen and go sit at His feet. Trust that He will fill your hunger.



Tuesday: Study

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Luke 10:38-42:

³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

Luke 10:41-42: ⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scripture and spend time reflecting on this scripture and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-John 4:6: Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

-John 6:35: Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

-Matthew 6:33: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

-Joshua 24:15: "But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

-Do you think Martha did anything wrong in this moment? Is there a conflict of priorities?

-What "room" in your life is a barrier to prioritizing Jesus? If not the Kitchen, then what?

-What is it that Mary discovers that will not be taken away from her? Does this challenge you in any way?

-What do you do in your life to ensure you choose Jesus over other life details?

Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Plan a day of Sabbath. Choose to take a day with Jesus. Put the schedule on hold, details away, and clear the space for you and Jesus. Put the toys away, get your bible, and sit at the feet of Jesus. Schedule it. Do it. It doesn't matter how or where or when, but what is important is the why. You're choosing to sit at His feet for a while. Allow Jesus to fill you. Choose to be filled.

Your ideas:

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Week 7: October 25-29

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

How did you get the attention of Deity? A man named Bartimaeus can shed some light on that question.

Our COME & SEE moment this week centers on an encounter between Jesus and a blind man along the road to Jericho. This encounter is intriguing to me and has many details that catch my attention. This encounter happens as Jesus is making His way to Jericho. The city known for its complete destruction at the hands of Almighty God, while He led His people out of captivity in Egypt to the promised land. This encounter happens along the roadside where people travel each day. And all this time no one sees the need to help. Bartimaeus is blind, yet he can hear. And what he hears changes the context of his situation. When he cries out, people tell him to be quiet. All these simple details create a narrative that is bound to be epic.

Bartimaeus is blind. His place is beside the road. He is known for not being able to see and for being a nuisance. Really. He sits there day in and day out. Searching for anything or anyone willing to help and care for him. People are bothered by his high maintenance and basically leave him to his roadside needs. He has a story to tell, but no one wants to hear it. The world just continues to pass by on the way to somewhere else. This is life for Bartimaeus.

Living on the roadside, he takes what he can get. A coin, a cup, a brush by, a slap on the hand, a curse. But in this COME & SEE moment everything changes. He is blind, but he can still hear. In fact, his blindness has accentuated and improved his hearing. He hears whispers which soon becomes scattered conversations about the One who heals people coming near. Jesus is passing by this way. Bartimaeus knows the name. He has heard of this man Jesus. Could this be his chance to be healed?

Bartimaeus seizes his moment. He shouts and is told to be quiet, so he shouts louder. Love the tenacity in him. Desperation will do that to a person. His cry of mercy isn't just heard by Jesus but is answered by Jesus directing Bartimaeus to be brought to Him. One thing to hear this blind man, another to be attentive to the blind man's needs. Unbelievable scene here as a blind man is before His Creator and King, and the response of the King questions what He can do for this man. A response not fit for a King, but more for a servant. Bartimaeus is distinct with what he wants, and he wants to be able to see. A cry is made. A question is asked. And answer is given. A life forever changed. Faith enough to cry out. Faith enough to know what he wants. Faith enough to be healed.

Back to our original question. How do you get the attention of Deity? You cry out and you cry out in faith. Jesus hears you. Jesus sees you. Jesus will draw you near. Jesus will help you place roadside in your past.



Tuesday: Study

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Luke 18:35-43:

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. ³⁶ When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by. ³⁸ So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹ "Be quiet!" the people in front yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰ When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord," he said, "I want to see!"

⁴² And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." ⁴³ Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.

Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

Luke 18:41-42: ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he said, "I want to see!" ⁴² And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you."



Thursday: Reflect:

*Read the following scriptures and spend time reflecting on these scriptures and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-Hebrews 11:1: Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

-Jeremiah 17:14: O Lord, if you heal me, I will be truly healed; if you save me, I will be truly saved. My praises are for you alone!

-Isaiah 38:16-17: Lord, your discipline is good, for it leads to life and health. You restore my health and allow me to live! Yes, this anguish was good for me, for you have rescued me from death and forgiven all my sins.

-Why do you think it took so long for Bartimaeus to be healed? Why was he not cared for before Jesus came?

-Can you relate to any of Bartimaeus' circumstances? What help have you sought out with your situation?

-What is significant about Jesus' question to Bartimaeus? What is significant about Bartimaeus' answer to Jesus?

-What about Bartimaeus' faith made it possible to be healed?

Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Have a Cry Out Fest. Sounds weird. Let me explain. Make space for a blended time of journaling, prayer, and praise. Focus on identifying areas of your life where you have been blinded or that you need healing or even your fears. Identify them. List them out. Then pray over each one in a crying out prayer. Cry out to Jesus asking for his healing touch on each one. Look to the Psalms for crying out examples. Be real. Be vulnerable. Allow the Holy Spirit to move and make this time a moment of worship. End your time with praise for the privilege of being in the presence of Jesus and for Him being the ultimate healer.

Your ideas:

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Week 8: October 31-November 5

Monday: The Center

*Read the following devotional thought, making space for it to sink deep in your heart and mind. Keep it center in your heart and mind as you go through this day.

COME & SEE. Simple in its statement, but complex in its meaning. With Jesus there is so much to COME & SEE. His divinity and His humanity. Son of God and Son of Man. Powerful King and humble servant. His powerful words of judgement and gracious words of love. His solitude with His Father. His unwavering commitment to the needs of others. His compassion for the lost. His zeal for the things that belong to His Father. His intimate way of equipping His followers. His creative way to present truth. From the hillside to the seaside, to the valley, to the desert, to Jerusalem, to the rocky hill, to the tomb, to the Throne. This is our COME & SEE Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord.

But there is one more moment that summarizes all the above in one scene. You want to COME & SEE Jesus?! Well, I got a moment for you. Let's take a look...

The scene is around the Jewish dinner table. But this dinner wasn't just any old meal. It was the Passover Meal. They are in the home of one of His followers and Jesus is in the company of the men and women who have come along His journey. It is an epic start to an epic night. As guests arrive, Jesus takes His place, but it is not at the premier spot at the table or out manning the grill. His place tonight is at the feet of the ones He has chosen. Jesus is washing the guest's feet! Reserved for the house servant or at least one of the members of the family, this lowly task has now been taken care of by the ONE who created feet. He washes each pair of feet, then takes a place at the table with the rest of them. Throughout the night there is community, teaching, prayer, and just all-around worship. Warnings are given, questions are asked, concern is shown, and permission to do evil is granted. The night will end much less positive than how it started.

The night the Passover Meal was celebrated, and Jesus washed their feet, was a night of preparation and true empowerment. What Jesus did that night through the ministry of a follower's home was to set the greatest precedent of the Christian walk. Serve. He took the place of a servant and wiped the junk off His disciple's feet and then turned to them and challenged them to do the same. In fact, the Gospel John describes this moment as Jesus showing His "love to the end" for them as He fulfilled this servant role. Once again, we see the King become the servant and do so with full intention. There was no last-minute decision to wipe their feet. He wasn't subbing in for the one who couldn't do it. Jesus decided to serve, served, and then passed the same standard on to the ones who would carry the torch. Jesus lived it. His kingdom is based on it. Do likewise. In doing so, you are living like Jesus.

COME & SEE...it is about COMING to the One and Only. It is about SEEING and connecting with all that Jesus can do for you and believing that He is faithful to complete it. This is about LIVING out the truth and promises of a God who pursues us because He loves us.



Tuesday: Study

*Read the study scripture of the week. Allow yourself to connect with the text, the people, the places, the events. Do not rush through the reading. Make space for the Word of God to make it imprint on you. Look for the buried treasure. Take notes on what catches your attention such as people, places or principles that stand out. Center in on words or phrases that not just catch your attention, but also move you.

John 13:1-17:

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."

⁸ "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

Wednesday: Memorize

*Use today to work on memorizing the following scripture. Use whatever means necessary to be able to quote it from memory. Come back to it repeatedly. Find a family member or friend to recite it to for accountability

John 13:14: "And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."



Thursday: Reflect

*Read the following scriptures and spend time reflecting on these scriptures and answering the personal questions that follows. Make space to process both scripture and questions. Allow this time to be a time of worship.

-1 Peter 4:10: God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

-Galatians 5:13-14: For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

-Matthew 20:28: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

-Philippians 2:1-11: Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

-Colossians 3:23-24: Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

-What are your thoughts and feelings about how Peter responded to Jesus' foot-washing behavior?

-Connect the significance of the Passover Meal with the foot washing?

-Beyond service, what is the central message Jesus is trying to get across to His disciples?

-For you, what is the most special part of this COME & SEE moment?



Friday: Apply

*Use today to come up with a way or ways that you can practically do to live out a come and see lifestyle. Make a list or just focus on one singular application. Possibly share them with family or friends to create accountability.

Possible Ideas:

-Find a need in your community and just go serve. Do not get bogged down in details and scheduling. Be intentional and go serve. Possible Community needs:

- Highs School, Middle School, Elementary School
- City Mission or Soup Kitchen
- Neighborhood elderly, young families, or isolated people
- City, town, village clean up. Look at the roads, neighborhoods, parks, beaches
- Make a meal and then take a meal to individual or a family
- Host a potluck or picnic or grill out at your place for the neighborhood or an invited group

Your ideas:

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