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WELCOME TO DISCIPLESHIP

I commend you for taking an interest in going deeper into the Word of God. The discipline of studying the Bible is lost on many and I am so grateful that you have a heart to deepen your understanding in God's Word! While this class by no means covers every detail pertaining to Jesus' time on this earth, it does allow for us to learn more about the incredible life of Jesus and open a gateway for further study.

My prayer is that as you go through this class, you will learn who Jesus is, the significance of what He did, and recognize what He continues to do today. I hope this creates a deeper appreciation of the work that He has called us to do, and that we would do it with the utmost consideration and diligence.

May you be blessed by Him and may His grace be on you as you fall more in love with who He is!

Pastor Tonderai and the Discipleship Team

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What was it about Jesus' life that made it so impactful? Join us on this four-week journey through the life of Jesus as we discover the significance of each moment of His ministry and how His time living among men changed everything.

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You are invited to share your homework answers with our team at discipleship@newsongpeople.com.

SESSION 1: PROPHECIES ABOUT THE COMING OF JESUS

God's redemptive plan was set in motion the moment sin entered the world. Throughout time, He confirmed what would happen to the Messiah, His mission, and His purpose before it came to pass. The Old Testament is full of these prophetic words about the coming Messiah. The Priests and the early Church leaders looked intently at these words, that they would not miss them. In studying these prophecies, we are able to confirm that they are fulfilled in Jesus and He is indeed the Messiah, the Christ who came to save us.

FIRST PROPHECY:

READ GENESIS 3 | FOCUS VERSE | GENESIS 3:15

WHAT WAS THE SIN OF ADAM AND EVE?

WHAT WAS THE PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR SIN?

WHY DID MEN NEED A SAVIOR?

**LOOK AT THE FIRST PROPHETIC WORDS ABOUT JESUS.
WHAT DOES IT SAY AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU AND ME?**

SESSION 1: PROPHECIES ABOUT THE COMING OF JESUS

PROPHECIES OF BIRTH:

READ GENESIS 3 | FOCUS VERSE | ISAIAH 9:6-7

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT “THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS”?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS IS CALLED?

WHY IS IT REFERRED TO AS DAVID’S THRONE?

WHY ARE THE TWO THINGS JESUS RULES WITH IMPORTANT?

SESSION 1: PROPHECIES ABOUT THE COMING OF JESUS

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HOW DOES JESUS FULFILL PROPHECY IN PSALM 40:9?

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WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH IN HUMBLE APPEARANCE AND MANNER?

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SESSION 2: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The coming of Jesus can both be studied as an archive and experienced in the word alive revealing himself to us today. The backdrop to the birth of Jesus was decidedly human in nature, seen through desperate grabs for thrones of man, yet clearly divine through the signs and heralds surrounding the christ incarnate. Applying ourselves to studying the time when Jesus was born allows us to see both the humanity and divinity of Christ and understand their meaning. The time of his arrival was both intentional and a fulfillment of what God had already planned in the past.

THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST:

READ MATTHEW 1 | FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 1:2-16 | LUKE 3:23-38

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO GENEALOGIES?

WHICH ANCESTORS WERE TOLD OF JESUS' BIRTH THROUGH THEIR LINE?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE RECORD OF JESUS' ANCESTRY?

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD-INSPIRED SCRIPTURE INCLUDES GENEALOGIES?

SESSION 2: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

KEY PLAYERS:

READ LUKE 1 | MATTHEW 2

FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 1:18-25 | LUKE 1:5-25, 39-45 | LUKE 2:1-20

WHAT ROLE DID THE ANGELS HAVE THROUGHOUT THE COMING OF JESUS?

WHAT WAS THE CONNECTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST TO THE COMING OF JESUS?

HOW DID KING HEROD'S REACTION TO THE COMING OF JESUS HELP FULFILL SCRIPTURE?

WHY WERE THE SHEPHERDS INCLUDED IN THE ADVENT OF JESUS?

SESSION 2: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MARY'S FAITH:

FOCUS VERSES | LUKE 1:26-56

WHY DID THE LORD SELECT MARY?

WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT FOR MARY TO NOT LOSE FAITH?

WHAT THOUGHTS AND STRUGGLES WOULD MARY HAVE LIKELY EXPERIENCED AFTER RECEIVING THIS WORD FROM THE ANGEL?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO NOT REGARD MARY AS A DEITY?

SESSION 2: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

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WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ELIZABETH AND HER RELATIONSHIP TO MARY?

WHAT WAS THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE TIME OF JESUS' BIRTH?

WHAT STRUGGLE OF JOSEPH DID THE ANGEL OF THE LORD SPEAK TO?

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SESSION 3: THE EARLY YEARS

Jesus was deliberate with His time here on earth. The accounts of young Jesus we are given in Scripture are full of purpose and impact. From the reception of Jesus as a young child, to His reactions as a budding young man, the records of Scripture surrounding Him show His life to be set apart for the ministry He was to undertake. Even though He was fully God, Jesus still respected customs and culture of the time, yet He was never afraid to challenge the status quo for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

THE REVELATION OF CHRIST:

READ MATTHEW 2 | FOCUS VERSES | LUKE 2:21-38 | MATTHEW 2:1-15

HOW DID THE TWO PROPHETS RESPOND TO THE REVELATION THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?

HOW DID THE MAGI RESPOND TO THE REVELATION OF CHRIST?

WHAT WAS HEROD'S RESPONSE?

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SESSION 3: THE EARLY YEARS

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WHY WAS JESUS CIRCUMCISED?

WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PURIFICATION OFFERING?

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF PASSOVER?

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SESSION 3: THE EARLY YEARS

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WHAT RELATIONSHIP DID JOSEPH AND MARY HAVE PRIOR TO JESUS' BIRTH?

HOW DID THE SUPERNATURAL VISITATIONS TO JOSEPH AND MARY CHANGE THE SCOPE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP?

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM MARY AND JOSEPH STICKING TO TRADITION?

DID THE REVELATION OF JESUS AS MESSIAH CHANGE THE WAY MARY AND JOSEPH PARENTED?

SESSION 3: THE EARLY YEARS

THE TEMPLE TEACHING:

FOCUS VERSES | LUKE 2:41-52

WHY WAS JESUS AT THE TEMPLE?

WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES SUPERNATURAL OR NATURAL?

WHY WERE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AMAZED?

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID HE HAD TO BE IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE?

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SESSION 4: THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

Jesus understood that the work that was before Him would not be possible if He did it alone. In order to build His team, He had to be strategic and deliberate to ensure the mandate before Him was carried out. Jesus developed a team with diverse backgrounds and giftings in order to achieve the goal set before Him. In recognizing the humanity of those closest to Jesus, even as they walked so close to the divine, we see Jesus' model of leadership in their growth and principles of Kingdom Assignments through their narratives.

STRATEGIC CALL:

FOCUS VERSES | MARK 3:13-19 | LUKE 5:1-11 | MATTHEW 9:9-13

WHY DID JESUS GO TO FISHERMEN?

WHY DID JESUS INCLUDE JUDAS?

WHAT WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF CALLING MATTHEW TO BE IN THE TWELVE?

WHO IS SIMON THE ZEALOT?

SESSION 4: THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

JESUS AND THE POINT OF NEED:

FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 16:16-18 | JOHN 1:42 | MARK 3:17

WHY DID JESUS CHANGE SIMON'S NAME TO PETER?

WHY DID JESUS CALL THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE "SONS OF THUNDER"?

WHAT DOES MATTHEW'S DINNER PARTY SPEAK TO?

WAS JUDAS DESTINED TO FAIL?

SESSION 4: THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

THE WAY OF EVANGELISM:

READ JOHN 1 | FOCUS VERSES | JOHN 1:35-51

HOW DID JOHN THE BAPTIST HELP SPREAD THE WORD THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH?

HOW DID THE DISCIPLES SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH?

WHAT MADE NATHANAEL DOUBT?

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WHY DID JESUS SPEAK DIFFERENTLY TO THE DISCIPLES THAN TO THE CROWD?

WHY DID JESUS SEND THE DISCIPLES OUT TWO BY TWO?

WHY DID JESUS REBUKE PETER?

WHY WOULD JESUS TEST PHILIP?

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SESSION 5: MIRACLES AND TEACHINGS

It is imperative that a thorough study of the life of Jesus gives appropriate weight to both the miracles and teachings of Jesus. In the Gospels, we find accounts full of signs and wonders testifying to the divinity of Jesus, while His teaching is paramount to the establishment of the way of salvation in ideology and action. The miracles drew dogmatic minds to pay heed to the Word, while the parables and instruction spoken by Jesus became keys to unlocking the principles of the Kingdom of God.

THE PREPARATION OF JESUS:

READ LUKE 4

FOCUS VERSES | LUKE 2:41-52 | JOHN 1:19-34 | MATTHEW 3:1-17 | LUKE 4:1-37

WHAT DID JESUS DO NATURALLY TO PREPARE FOR MINISTRY?

WHAT ROLE DID JOHN THE BAPTIST PLAY IN PREPARING JESUS?

WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TESTING IN THE WILDERNESS?

WHAT ENABLED JESUS TO BE BOLD IN HIS PROCLAMATION OF HIS IDENTITY?

SESSION 5: MIRACLES AND TEACHINGS

MIRACLE IN TIME:

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WHAT DID JESUS MEAN BY “MY HOUR HAS NOT YET COME”?

DID MARY KNOW A MIRACLE WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN?

WHY DID JESUS INSTRUCT THE SERVANTS TO TAKE THE WINE TO THE MASTER OF THE FEAST?

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SESSION 5: MIRACLES AND TEACHINGS

THE ROLE OF MIRACLES:

FOCUS VERSES | JOHN 4:43-54 | MATTHEW 2:1-12 | MARK 4:35-41 | JOHN 11:1-45

WHY DID JESUS HEAL A GENTILE?

WHY DID JESUS HEAL SOMEONE WHO DID NOT ASK?

WHY DID JESUS CALM THE STORM ONLY AFTER IT HAD BEGUN?

WHY DID JESUS ALLOW LAZARUS TO DIE?

SESSION 5: MIRACLES AND TEACHINGS

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MATTHEW 25:1-13

WHY DID JESUS TEACH USING PARABLES?

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WHAT DESIRES OF THE FLESH ARE EXPOSED IN THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON?

WHAT DOES THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS SPEAK TO OF THE LAST DAYS?

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SESSION 6: OPPOSITION TO MINISTRY

Jesus' ministry on earth was not without resistance. While on earth, Jesus operated perfectly in both the human and divine aspects of His nature, even as both mankind and the supernatural world were active in their opposition to Him. In studying the response of Jesus to the hostility and criticism around Him, we see Jesus's mind being set on the prize of obedience to the Father, which empowered Him to endure the cross and stand against those that would oppose Him.

THE OPPOSITION OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

FOCUS VERSES | MARK 9:3 | MATTHEW 21:15 | LUKE 6:7 | LUKE 11:53

WHY WERE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS SO AGAINST JESUS?

WHAT CAUSED THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO BECOME INDIGNANT?

WHAT DID THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS STAND TO GAIN IF THEY FOUND AN ACCUSATION AGAINST JESUS?

WHAT TURNED THE GRIEVANCES OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS INTO HOSTILITY?

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THE OPPOSITION OF JUDAS:

READ MATTHEW 26 | LUKE 22

FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 26:15 | LUKE 22:3 | MARK 14:42-46 | MATTHEW 27:1-10

IN THE NATURAL EYE, WHAT PROMPTED JUDAS TO BETRAY JESUS?

SPIRITUALLY, WHAT PROMPTED JUDAS TO BETRAY JESUS?

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WHY DID JUDAS REPENT WHEN HE SAW JESUS WAS BEING CONDEMNED?

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WHAT MADE PETER WANT TO OPPOSE JESUS?

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FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 2:16-18 | LUKE 4:1-13 | MATTHEW 16:21-23 | JOHN 13:27

HOW DID SATAN USE HEROD TO TRY TO STOP JESUS?

WHAT DID SATAN TRY TO USE TO STOP JESUS FROM PURSUING HIS MINISTRY?

HOW DID SATAN TRY TO USE PETER?

HOW DID SATAN TRY TO USE JUDAS?

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SESSION 7: THE FINAL ACTS OF CHRIST ON EARTH

Jesus' life on earth culminated in a final chapter, in which we see God's great love for mankind expressed. All the Christian faith is built upon would not have legs to stand on if Jesus had not followed through with this assignment. What the natural eye saw as defeat was the victory God had penned, as the fullness of Christ's humanity and deity were on display. Applying ourselves to the study of these events allows us to see God's preparation of Christ, Jesus' obedience to the end, and the great love and glory of God bursting forth from the cross and empty grave.

THE ARREST:

READ LUKE 22-23 | JOHN 18-19 | MARK 14-15

FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 26:47-56

WAS THE ARREST OF JESUS LEGAL?

WHY WAS JESUS ARRESTED AT NIGHT?

WHO PLANNED THE ARREST OF JESUS?

WHY WERE THERE SO MANY GUARDS?

SESSION 7: THE FINAL ACTS OF CHRIST ON EARTH

THE CRUCIFIXION:

FOCUS VERSES | MARK 15:21-47 | LUKE 23:26-56

WHY WAS JESUS CRUCIFIED ON A CROSS?

WHAT DID THE JEWS ASK OF JESUS WHILE HE WAS ON THE CROSS?

WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TWO CRIMINALS?

WHY DID DARKNESS COVER THE EARTH?

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THE RESURRECTION:

READ LUKE 24

FOCUS VERSES | MARK 16:1-15 | JOHN 20:1-18 | LUKE 24:25

WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT FOR JESUS TO RISE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY?

WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID “STOP CLINGING TO ME”?

WHY DID MARY AND PETER DOUBT THE RESURRECTION AT THE TOMB?

WHAT WAS JESUS’ RESPONSE TO THE TWO MEN ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS?

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THE ASCENSION:

READ ACTS 1

FOCUS VERSES | ACTS 1:9-11 | MATTHEW 28:16-20

WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT FOR THE DISCIPLES TO SEE JESUS ASCEND?

WHAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE THE DISCIPLES GIVEN BEFORE JESUS ASCENDED?

WHAT WAS THE ROLE OF THE ANGELS IN THE ASCENSION?

WHAT WAS THE COMMISSION JESUS GAVE?

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SESSION 8: THE ROLE OF JESUS TODAY

The uniqueness of Jesus as a deity is found following His death, as He rose again and continues to minister to us today. This is key in setting Jesus apart from any other religious figurehead in their inability to act after their deaths. His role and function today brings credence to His authority as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. By understanding who Jesus is in our lives today, we can acknowledge the power of God continuing to work in great and mighty ways and know Jesus as He continues to minister on behalf of His people.

THE HIGH PRIEST:

READ HEBREWS 7

FOCUS VERSES | HEBREWS 7:15-17 | PSALM 110:4

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A PRIEST?

WHY DOES JESUS HAVE TO BE PRIEST IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK?

HOW IS JESUS A BETTER HIGH PRIEST THAN THE FORMER PRIESTS?

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THE INTERCESSOR:

FOCUS VERSES | ROMANS 8:34 | HEBREWS 7:25

WHAT IS AN INTERCESSOR?

WHO DOES JESUS INTERCEDE FOR?

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HAVING JESUS AS OUR INTERCESSOR?

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT OUR LIVES TODAY?

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THE NAME:

FOCUS VERSES | JOHN 14:13-14 | COLOSSIANS 3:17 | PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

WHY IS THERE POWER IN THE NAME?

WHY DO WE PRAY IN THE NAME?

WHO CAN USE THE NAME?

WHO IS SAVED BY THE NAME?

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PROPHECY FULFILLED:

FOCUS VERSES | MATTHEW 5:17 | MATTHEW 8:17 | LUKE 24:44 | ACTS 3:18

WHAT DOES JESUS' LIFESTYLE OF FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE TEACH US?

HOW DID JESUS FULFILL THE PROPHECY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?

HOW DID JESUS USE THE PROPHETIC WORDS AS A GUIDE IN HIS LIFE?

DID JESUS FULFILL ALL PROPHECY ABOUT HIMSELF?

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