

OLD SCHOOL

A New Word to Live By



**For Sermon Series
starting
Feb. 25- March 17**

READ FIRST!!!

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

This study is different than any we have had here at Horizons before. Although everyone will be studying the same scripture and have the same questions, each person's experience with the material will be unique to their own personal journey and relationship with the Holy Spirit. As we are each precious and unique in the eyes of God, He has different things that He needs us to know at different stages in our lives. This study can allow you to strengthen your relationship with God. As with any relationship, the more active and involved you are participating, the more the Holy Spirit will cause deep growth within you.

- **Purposely find time to be alone with God.**
- **Before beginning, move away from any and all distractions.**
- **Each week we will be focusing on one passage from Scripture.**
- **Follow along with the instructions for prayer and reading. In the beginning, it may feel repetitive to you. By allowing yourself more time with a single passage, you are allowing God more time to speak to you as well as work within you. He may have one thing He needs for you to know or He may have more.**
- **With each lesson, you will be reading the scripture five times. Do not rush through your readings. Purposefully and intentionally read the verses each time. Experiment with reading them in different ways: to yourself, in a whisper, out loud or in whatever way you wish.**
- **Begin and end each session in prayer.**
- **Take your time. Be patient.**
- **Be open to what God is showing you.**
- **Allow yourself to be vulnerable to Him.**

For the week BEFORE March 3

**Alive Again in Hope
1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)**

Peter's words tell us God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The new life that Jesus has given to us is the reason we have a hope, which will never fail. By giving His life, He has intentionally given us a newness that we cannot find anywhere else as well as giving us insights into the journey of following Jesus, our living hope.

Day 1: Beginning to Understand

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the word

First Reading

What are your initial thoughts when you read the passage for the first time?

Second Reading

Are there words that jump out at you or speak to you? Which ones? Why?

Third Reading

Peter wrote this book as a message of hope and comfort for others he knew were suffering. What is going on in your life that you would like to find comfort or hope for?

Fourth Reading

After reading the verses, give yourself extra time to think about the words you have read. What is the hope that we are given through Jesus?

Fifth Reading

What is God saying to you today?

Finish in prayer

Ask God to continue to reveal to you the message that He has for you.

Day 2: Going Deeper

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the Word

First Reading

We often use the phrase “born again”. It is used so often that many times we let it wash over us without really thinking about what it truly means for us. What meaning does it hold for you? What do you think God means when He uses it? _____

Second Reading

What do you think this passage says about our relationship with God? What is the “great expectation”? _____

Third Reading

Think about your priceless inheritance in God? How does it make you feel knowing that it is there? How do you see your future with God?

Fourth Reading

How does knowing where your future ultimately lies affect your today?

Fifth Reading

Write the scripture in your own words. _____

Finish in prayer

Ask God to continue to reveal to you the message that He has for you.

Day 3: Contemplation

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the Word

First Reading

What do you think Peter wants you to know? _____

Second Reading

Why do you think God wanted to write these words on your heart?

Third Reading

How did this passage make you feel? _____

Fourth Reading

Have you found yourself thinking about your readings during your day? What were your thoughts?

Fifth Reading

How has this passage of Scripture affected your daily life?

Finish in prayer

Ask God to continue to reveal to you the message that He has for you.

Day 4: Meditation

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the Word

First Reading

Talk with God. Share your thoughts and feelings about what this passage means to you.

Second Reading

Continue your conversation with God. Share with him things that worry or scare you about what you are reading. Share your doubts.

Third Reading

Share with God what you have learned about Him or your faith. Express questions that you have and ask for understanding.

Fourth Reading

Share with God what you have learned about yourself. Ask Him to use the Holy Spirit to continue teaching you.

Fifth Reading

Share with God whatever is in your heart. Stay with Him in prayer as long as you need and rest in the love He has for you.

Finish in prayer

Thank God for sharing in this time with you and for what you have received from Him through your time with Him.

Thoughts or questions you had during your time today.

Day 5: Active Living in Faith

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the Word

First Reading

What has God been revealing to you this week?

Second Reading

How have your thoughts about this passage progressed during this week?

Third Reading

What have you learned about yourself?

Fourth Reading

What have you learned about God? Do you feel like your relationship with Him is beginning to change or grow deeper? What do you want from your relationship with God?

Fifth Reading

How will you use what you have learned in your life?

Finish in Prayer

Thank God for sharing in this time with you and for all that you have learned in your time with Him.

For the week BEFORE March 10

**Holy Grace
1 Peter 1:13-16 (NIV)**

Peter says to clear our minds of all the clutter and to watching for the return of Jesus. We need to be ready and focused on living for God. God wants us to live a life that is holy and different from the world. The hope that we are given because of Jesus is because of His grace. Ultimately, grace is the lubricant of all things we aspire toward. Holiness arises as we focus on grace and live surrendered in it.

Day 1: Beginning to Understand

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the word

First Reading

What are your initial thoughts when you read the passage for the first time?

Second Reading

Are there words that jump out at you or speak to you? Which ones? Why?

Third Reading

Focus on the word “holy”. What does it mean to you? How is holiness reflected in your life? What does God want from us and for us?

Fourth Reading

Think on the word “grace” and how it relates to holiness. How does God’s grace affect our lives and our relationship with Him?

Fifth Reading

What do you feel God is saying to you today?

Finish in prayer

Ask God to continue to reveal to you the message that He has for you.

Day 2: Going Deeper

Begin in prayer

Quiet your heart and invite the Lord to join you in your time with His word. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you in your time together and guide your thoughts.

Time with the word

First Reading

Living a life in God that is holy to be set apart and different from the world. How might your life change if you were to fully surrender control and be obedient to God?

Second Reading

What do you consider clutter? What do you think God considers to be clutter? What kinds of clutter are in your life standing between you and God?

Third Reading

God chose you. You. He sees you. He wants to be a part of your life. How does that make you feel?

Fourth Reading

What do you feel God wants for you and wants to share with you?

Fifth Reading

Write the scripture in your own words.

Finish in prayer

Ask God to continue to reveal to you the message that He has for you.

Day 3: Contemplation

Begin in prayer

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Third Reading

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Fourth Reading

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What were your thoughts?

Fifth Reading

How has this passage of Scripture affected your daily life?

Finish in prayer

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Share with God what you have learned about yourself. Ask Him to use the Holy Spirit to continue teaching you.

Fifth Reading

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Finish in prayer

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Thoughts or questions you had during your time today.

Day 5: Active Living in Faith

Begin in prayer

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Fifth Reading

How will you use what you have learned in your life?

Finish in Prayer

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For the week BEFORE March 17

**Free to Love
1 Peter 1:22-23 (NIV)**

How can obedience to God's truth result in experiencing and feeling sincere love for each other? We are able to encounter a pure, holy love, not just for God or for ourselves but for others because Jesus stepped in and confronted so many of the evils in our lives. Truth gives us a solid platform on which to stand so that we are able to love well and courageously.

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Third Reading

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Fourth Reading

What is sincere love? What does it mean to you and what would it look like in how you approach others in the world and in your relationships? How can we possibly show love to everyone?

Fifth Reading

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Finish in prayer

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Time with the word

First Reading

Our entire faith is built on the truth of God. Through His truth we believe, we surrender, we obey and we love. God wants us to sacrifice as He sacrificed, putting others first and showing selfless love. In what ways can we show selfless love and sacrifice for God?

Second Reading

What is this passage saying about our own personal relationships? What does it say about the way we treat others? _____

Third Reading

How do you show love? What is so hard about loving everyone? What do we need to change in ourselves to be able to show genuine love?

Fourth Reading

What does God want you to learn about how you love from the way that He shows love? _____

Fifth Reading

Write the scripture in your own words. _____

Finish in prayer

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Begin in prayer

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Third Reading

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Fifth Reading

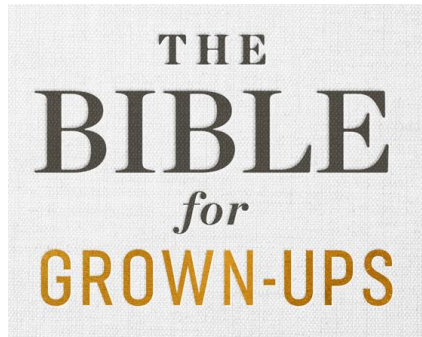
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Finish in Prayer

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Thoughts/Questions

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March 3	Last Things First
March 10	In the Beginning
March 17	The Old Testament
March 24	For the World