



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Jesus the Disciplemaker Series

Come and See

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

April 21, 2024

This week we dig deeper into how the Holy Spirit works to prepare people for salvation.

Monday: John 1:35-39

Who told John the Baptist that Jesus was the Lamb of God? Why would he tell his followers to stop following him and start to follow Jesus? Why do you think the two disciples, Andrew and John were willing to switch from following John to following Jesus? What does the word rabbi mean? In that day, when you became a student of a rabbi, it was a major commitment. What were these two men signing up for to begin following Jesus? At this point they were brand new. Did Jesus put huge demands on them? What did He say to them? What was He letting them see? Maybe you are not ready to fully engage Jesus to be your Rabbi. Spend time letting Him show you what it means to be His follower.

Tuesday: Philippians 3:1-11

Why could Paul boast? Did his zeal and confidence in the flesh do anything to save him? What was true about all that he gained in his own strength? What was the true treasure in his life? Why is Christ a far superior treasure? What is the difference in knowing Christ rather than just knowing about Him? What comes with knowing Him? Where does such power come from? Where does the Holy Spirit live? If Christ was resurrected from the dead, what does it mean to you that you can know that same power? What does it mean that we share in His sufferings? Why might a Christ follower suffer? Are you willing to suffer if it means someone might hear the Good News?

Wednesday: Matthew 11:28-30

Part of being a disciple is being a student, of sitting at Jesus feet and learning, and applying, and sharing what you have learned with others. Is that easy or hard to do? What did Jesus say about taking up His yoke? When is a yoke needed? Farmers often will put a young, untrained ox in a yoke with a seasoned ox to train them to work the difficult plowing fields. Why is being yoked with a mature believer a good thing in a young Christ followers life? Besides a mature believer, who else are we in a yoke with? The Holy Spirit is a great yoke-mate. Today let Him lift your heavy burden.

Thursday: Matthew 1:20–21; Luke 1:34–35, 3:21–22; Acts 2:1–4

What role did the Holy Spirit play in Jesus' life on earth? Why did Jesus need anointing in His ministry if He is God? Clue: what did He lay aside when He left heaven to come to earth? How did the Holy Spirit break forth in full intensity, launching, empowering, and guiding the church and its mission? Ask for this power in your life. How does He work today according to Acts 2:21? Who can be saved?

Friday: Joel 2:28–32; Acts 2:17–21

There is a day coming when the Holy Spirit will act in power. This age to come is sometimes called the Age of the Spirit. What will that time look like? What did Peter say about this age that is to come? Who will benefit from the Holy Spirit? Ask God to bring about this age in your heart.

Saturday: Romans 8:9–11.) John 14:26; 15:26; 16:8 16:13

How does the Holy Spirit carry on the work of Christ and make him personally present to us in this world. What role does the Holy Spirit play through Jesus in your life as a believer? Today, spend time asking that these verses become real in your life.