

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

Based on what you've been learning, how can your brothers and sisters pray for you? Is there a way you need to grow, or a way your faith needs to be strengthened?

Who can you talk to about this and how can you pray for them?

WEEKLY TAKE-HOME Bible Study

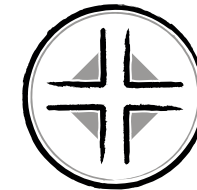
WEEK OF APRIL 1

HOW THIS WORKS

This Bible study is a weekly tool intended to help you reflect on what God says in the Bible.

We invite you to take a few unhurried moments this week to consider the included passages, answer a few questions (inside), and note how these verses lead you to pray (back).

We hope you enjoy drawing near to God through His Word (Hebrews 11:6) while also preparing for Community Group.



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inviting others to do the same*

"THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE"

COLOSSIANS 1:18–20

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 3:11B

Christ is all, and in all.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20–2

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

EPHESIANS 1:4B–10

^{4b}In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

WHO IS GOD?

What do these verses show us about God's character and attributes? What do they say about who God is?

WHAT HAS GOD DONE?

How do these verses reveal God's action? How do they point us to God's greatest act of sending Jesus to rescue us from our sins?

WHO ARE WE?

Based on these verses, who has God created us to be? What do they tell us about our identity?

WHAT DO WE DO?

What action does God call us to based on these verses? How should *who God is, what God has done, and who we are* (see above) shape the way we live?