

## FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

### DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

As you gather around a table in the next few weeks, talk about what God is teaching you through his word. As simple as, "What did you learn about God's character in what you've been reading in Scripture?" Follow up with, "How does that truth about God change the way we live as believer?"

### PRACTICING PRAYER:

Throughout this series, pray for your eyes to be open to who Jesus is and how He is moving and working in your lives.

### DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

As you prepare for Easter, every day intentionally thank God for the gift of His Son, thank Jesus for His willing sacrifice and example and thank the Holy Spirit for His continued work in your life.

### VERSE MEMORY:

Over the course of this series, try to memorize Psalm 130.

Read it daily - it helps commit it to memory + forms your heart.

### RESOURCES:

*Use the 4Qs + DNA Leader Resource as a help to walk through this series.*

#### *Songs to usher in worship in these weeks:*

King of Kings  
Behold Our Gd

#### *Helpful Websites:*

are linked throughout this resource!

## Leader Resource Guide

Date: March 19 - April 2, 2023

*Behold Your King*



## SERIES OVERVIEW

Here we are, in another Behold series. We spent the weeks before Christmas (Advent) in a series called "Behold the Son" and now, in the last weeks before Easter (Lent), we're starting a series called "Behold Your King".

### behold **verb**

be·hold bi-'hōld bē-

**beheld** bi-'held bē- ; beholding

[Synonyms of behold >](#)

*transitive verb*

- 1 : to perceive through sight or apprehension : **SEE**
- 2 : to gaze upon : **OBSERVE**

For this series, we're going to dive into the Scripture passages that detail the last week of Jesus' life on earth. You'll find passages to read each week that correlate to the message presented on the previous Sunday. Use the DNA model either on your own or with your group, depending on your meeting schedule for these three weeks. Let these times together in the word be led by the Holy Spirit! Behold, Your King!

## COMMUNITY BUILDERS

It is about time to consider a mid-course correction for your Spiritual Growth Plans. How are you doing with the plans you've made to grow spiritually this year? Is there anything that needs to change with your plan or habits that need to change to continue growing in Christ's likeness? Where have you seen fruitfulness and blessing from the Lord? Celebrate this!

## CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

### Choose a selection of Scripture + dig into it together!

Use the DNA structure (discover, nurture, act) as a way to engage with Scripture in the context of a group using the 4 Questions as your guide.

#### **DNA stands for Discover, Nurture, Act:**

**Discover** - Look at a passage together and study it using the four questions. ([4 Question Resource](#))

**Nurture** - Listen for one another's heart as they are answering the four questions and engaging the Scripture during the Discover time.

**Act** - In this step we will, as a community, seek to be "doers" of the word and not hearers only.

## READING SELECTIONS: from Annie F Down's [TSF Podcast](#)

*Use one or more of the passages from the listed selections to dive into together as a group. They are laid out in accordance with how we will walk through Holy Week together as a church. Feel free to engage with any of the passages you don't use together in your own study time.*

### **March 19:**

Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19  
Monday: Matthew 21:12-22; Mark 11:12-18; Luke 19:45-48

### **March 26:**

Tuesday: Matthew 21:23-23:39, 26:6-13; Mark 11:27-12:44; Luke 20-21:4; John 12:2-11  
Wednesday: Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6

### **April 2:**

Thursday: Matthew 26:17-46; Mark 14:12-42; Luke 22:7-46; John 13-17:26  
Friday: Matthew 26:47-27:66; Mark 14:43-15:47; Luke 22:47-23:56; John 18:2-19:42

### **April 9:**

Sunday: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-35; John 20:1-25

## THE DISCOVER, NURTURE, ACT PROCESS

*(adapted from [DNA Weekly Guide](#))*

Walk through these three steps.

We can only Discover, Nurture, and Act with the help of the Holy Spirit, so pray throughout the process.

### **DISCOVER**

Both before and during the meeting, study a passage together, and ask the [4 Questions \(Resource\)](#). Come together to discuss...

- What did you discover this week? What did you learn? What were you reminded of?
- Where did the Spirit lead you to repentance and faith through this passage?
- How have you struggled with sin/unbelief in your life this week?

### **NURTURE**

- Listen for the heart as each person shares during the Discover step.
- What resonated with you from this passage that also harkens back to the message from Sunday?
- Ask good questions (see Resources from Paul Tripp)
- Speak the truth in love as the Spirit leads you, calling each person to repent of sin and believe in the gospel.

### **ACT**

- Listen to the Spirit together and obey as he calls you to bear fruit in keeping with repentance.
- What might he be calling you to do? Who might he be calling you to tell? Pay attention and follow him faithfully.

*To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.*



## SAMPLE STRUCTURE + TIPS

1. **Begin with prayer**
2. **Pick a passage and read it** (together, silently, whatever works best for your group). Read it again. (maybe even a few more times)  
*As you dig into the passage, you are both discovering the truth of who God is, what he's done, who you are in light of who he is and what he's done. As you work through these questions, you are also nurturing the people you've gathered with by listening for the heart of each and asking good, clarifying questions.*
3. **Ask the first question**, listening for the heart and digging deeper by 'asking good questions' (see below).
  - i. Who is God?
4. **Continue on through the next questions**,
  - ii. What has he done?
  - iii. Who am I? (in light of the truth of who God is + what he's done!)
  - iv. How do I live?

*Q4 is when you shift into application - how will you live in light of questions 1-3?*
5. **Pray through** what was discovered and what God's leading you to do in light of that.
6. **End your time reading and praying through a psalm.**
  - Some suggestions to try: Psalm 103, 33, 34, 66, 67, 27, 84, 147, 117, 42

## ASKING GOOD QUESTIONS:

*(adapted from [DNA Group Guide](#))*

### **How do I ask good questions as a gospel shepherd?**

- We must be led by the Holy Spirit! It's his job to bring conviction, and he is the primary shepherd. He alone knows the depths of a person's heart, and he will guide us as we lovingly pursue people with good question. Pray before, during, and after any shepherding conversation, asking the Spirit to speak.
- Often the Spirit will provide great questions immediately after a conversation. Write these down for future reference.
- Ask lots of questions throughout the conversation, especially in the beginning. We like to say, "Ask 10 questions for every pronouncement."
- Ask open ended questions that can't be answered with a "yes" or "no", as these questions do not provide much information, and can leave room for us to make a lot of assumptions about the answer.
- Sometimes the best question is not a question. "Tell me more..." is a great way to invite a person to tell more about what's going on in a their heart.

## 4QS + DNA RESOURCE GUIDE

We reference the 4 Questions regularly in our curriculum. They provide a structure with which you can engage Scripture. The 4Qs outline the gospel and help us dig deeply into the gospel truths we find on the pages of God's Word.

Using the DNA structure (discover, nurture, act) is a way to engage with Scripture in the context of a group using the 4 Questions as your guide. This resource is meant to help you understand both better!

## DNA:

*(adapted from [DNA Group Guide](#))*

DNA is a structure to help each person to grow to become more like Jesus in all of life, for all of life by studying God's Word together and leaning humbly on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and shape. "The goal is to challenge one another to, 'grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'" (2 Peter 3:18).

### DISCOVER

- Together, the group will study the Bible using the 4 Questions as a guide. The goal here is to teach the head.
- What did you discover in this passage? What did you learn?

### NURTURE

- The group will be led in repentance and belief in the gospel. The goal here is to shepherd the heart.
- Listen for the heart as each person shares during the Discover step.

### ACT

- The group will listen and obey as God calls us to bear fruit in keeping with repentance. The goal is to empower the hands.
- Listen to the Spirit's prompting together and obey!



## STUDYING THE BIBLE WITH 4 HELPFUL QUESTIONS

### HOW DO I STUDY THE BIBLE AND ASK THE 4 QUESTIONS?

A few things to keep in mind...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak through His Word. It's His job to guide us into all truth and to glorify Jesus (John 16:13-14).
- A study Bible or commentary may be helpful in providing some important background information, but could be distracting. Keep it simple!

### THE 4 QUESTIONS

#### 1. WHO IS GOD?

What does the text say about the character and nature of God? The Bible is God's story – Father, Son, Spirit- so we begin by asking about how His character and nature are revealed in what we're reading. The story is about Him! Look for specific references to His attributes: holy, eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, unchanging, compassionate, gracious, patient, loving, kind, good, gentle, etc. In narrative portions, look for implied references to His attributes. What does the story reveal about His character and nature as Father, Son, and Spirit?

#### 2. WHAT HAS HE DONE?

What does the text say about the work of God? God's work throughout all of human history is diverse and magnificent. All of it is worth proclaiming! However, the person and work of Jesus is revealed on every page of the Bible (Luke 24:27). He is the hero and the main character. The Spirit does not want us to miss Jesus! Look for references to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, either through foreshadowing (saving Noah in the flood, redeeming Israel from slavery in Egypt, King David as a man after God's own heart), through prophecy (Psalm 22, Isaiah 53), or through the New Testament story of Jesus' earthly life and the establishment of His Church. This ensures a uniquely Christian, gospel-centered answer to this question.

#### 3. WHO ARE WE IN LIGHT OF THAT?

What does the text say about our identity? God has always been working to save "a people for His own possession." (1 Peter 2:9) Throughout the Bible, note the things that are true of God's people. This adds depth and richness to our understanding of who we are as New Covenant believers. For example, the Levitical priests were anointed and set apart for special service to God. Now, we are all anointed with God's Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:21-22), and, because of Jesus, are all a part of God's "royal priesthood," set apart for special service to God.

#### 4. HOW DO WE LIVE?

In light of all of this, how does it change the way we live? When reading the Bible, we almost always start with the question, "How does this apply to my life?" But rightly motivated, gospel-centered action flows out of an understanding of who God is, what He's done, and who we are in light of God's character and work. Rather than starting with this question, end with it. And then, take action! Jesus warns against being merely a hearer of His Word but not a doer (Matthew 7:24-27). The gospel motivates and empowers us to live in an entirely new way.

Resource from [saturatetheworld.com](http://saturatetheworld.com).

The 4 Questions and DNA model are tools developed and provided through Saturate ministries. You can more in-depth resources on their webpage. [This one](#) in particular, is a wealth of helpful knowledge:

