

# DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

October 4, 2011

Dear Members and Friends of Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

We are almost halfway in our Marks of Discipleship series. The first Sunday we talked about prayer and the importance of it in our daily lives. Worshipping faithfully was the theme of the next Sunday. This past Sunday we emphasized the need to encourage those around us. This coming Sunday we will talk about reading the Bible daily.

I want to share with you two people in my life who have demonstrated their love for the Bible. One was my grandmother, and the other is my mother. I still remember my grandmother sharing with me how she had just read through the New Testament. I knew that, when she was finished, Grandma would start the journey all over again.

Both Mom and Grandma knew, not only the Bible, but more importantly, the Lord of the scriptures. This Sunday we are going to emphasize the gift and joy in meeting the Lord of the scriptures each and every day.

I hope that you will be present in worship this Sunday as we emphasize the fourth Mark of Discipleship, which is "Reading the Scriptures Daily". The invitation to practice daily Bible reading is not a demand. It is, rather, an opportunity to know God more fully in Jesus Christ. As we read the Scriptures, I believe that we will find the strength and guidance needed to live each day, just as Grandma did, and as my mom has.

To help us in this quest, Pastor Matt and I have a New Testament reading plan for you to follow during the next year. We hope that you take this journey with us. Enclosed you will find the plan which entails reading a chapter of the New Testament each day, and a Psalm on Sundays. The plan ends on Sunday, September 16, 2012, which will be the first Sunday next fall when we return to our full schedule on Sunday morning.

We hope that you join us on this journey. And please don't go too fast in this effort. You could read the New Testament in three months if you read fifteen minutes a day. But how fast you read it is not the point. The point is the process of the journey, not in how fast you do it. Read our suggestions on the plan to help make this a meaningful experience for you.

We hope to see you on Sunday, October 9, when we will emphasize what a treasure we have. We will have plenty of copies of this plan to hand out to anyone who desires it. Please join us on Sunday and on this journey.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jim  
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<u>03</u> Titus 3	<u>05</u> 1 Thessalonians 1	<u>06</u> Heb 6	<u>07</u> James 5	<u>10</u> Luke 8:1-25	<u>11</u> Acts 2:1-36
<u>04</u> Philemon	<u>06</u> 1 Thess 2 & 3	<u>07</u> Heb 7	<u>08</u> Philippians 1	<u>11</u> Psalm 135:1-7	<u>12</u> Acts 2:37-47
<u>05</u> Ephesians 1	<u>07</u> 1 Thess 4 & 5	<u>08</u> Psalm 93	<u>09</u> Philippians 2	<u>12</u> Luke 8:26-56	<u>13</u> Acts 3
<u>06</u> Psalm 8	<u>08</u> 2 Thess 1	<u>09</u> Heb 8	<u>10</u> Philippians 3	<u>13</u> Luke 9:1-27	<u>14</u> Acts 4
<u>07</u> Ephesians 2	<u>09</u> 2 Thess 2	<u>10</u> Heb 9	<u>11</u> Philippians 4	<u>14</u> Luke 9:28-62	<u>15</u> Psalm 47
<u>08</u> Ephesians 3	<u>10</u> 2 Thess 3	<u>11</u> Heb 10:1-18	<u>12</u> Psalm 122	<u>15</u> Luke 10	<u>16</u> Acts 5
<u>09</u> Ephesians 4	<u>11</u> Psalm 85	<u>12</u> Heb 10:19-39	<u>13</u> Romans 1	<u>16</u> Luke 11:1-28	<u>17</u> Acts 6
<u>10</u> Ephesians 5	<u>12</u> 1 John 1	<u>13</u> Heb 11:1-16	<u>14</u> Romans 2	<u>17</u> Luke 11:29-54	<u>18</u> Acts 7:1-34
<u>11</u> Ephesians 6	<u>13</u> 1 John 2	<u>14</u> Heb 11:17-40	<u>15</u> Romans 3	<u>18</u> Psalm 93	<u>19</u> Acts 7:35-60
<u>12</u> 1 Corinthians 1	<u>14</u> 1 John 3	<u>15</u> Psalm 128	<u>16</u> Romans 4	<u>19</u> Luke 12:1-34	<u>20</u> Acts 8
<u>13</u> Psalm 119:1-8	<u>15</u> 1 John 4	<u>16</u> Heb 12	<u>17</u> Romans 5	<u>20</u> Luke 12:35-59	<u>21</u> Acts 9
<u>14</u> 1 Cor 2	<u>16</u> 1 John 5	<u>17</u> Heb 13	<u>18</u> Romans 6	<u>21</u> Luke 13	<u>22</u> Psalm 121
<u>15</u> 1 Cor 3	<u>17</u> 2 John	<u>18</u> 1 Timothy 1	<u>19</u> Psalm 51	<u>22</u> Luke 14	<u>23</u> Acts 10:1-33
<u>16</u> 1 Cor 4	<u>18</u> Psalm 119:33-40	<u>19</u> 1 Tim 2	<u>20</u> Romans 7	<u>23</u> Luke 15	<u>24</u> Acts 10:34-48
<u>17</u> 1 Cor 5	<u>19</u> 3 John	<u>20</u> 1 Tim 3	<u>21</u> Romans 8	<u>24</u> Luke 16	<u>25</u> Acts 11
<u>18</u> 1 Cor 6	<u>20</u> Jude	<u>21</u> 1 Tim 4	<u>22</u> Romans 9	<u>25</u> Psalm 130	<u>26</u> Acts 12
<u>19</u> 1 Cor 7:1-24	<u>21</u> Luke 1:1-25	<u>22</u> Psalm 119:97-105	<u>23</u> Romans 10	<u>26</u> Luke 17	<u>27</u> Acts 13:1-25
<u>20</u> Psalm 19	<u>22</u> Luke 1:26-56	<u>23</u> 1 Tim 5	<u>24</u> Romans 11	<u>27</u> Luke 18	<u>28</u> Acts 13:26-52
<u>21</u> 1 Cor 7:25-40	<u>23</u> Luke 1:57-80	<u>24</u> 1 Tim 6	<u>25</u> Romans 12	<u>28</u> Luke 19	<u>29</u> Psalm 23
<u>22</u> 1 Cor 8	<u>24</u> Luke 2:1-20	<u>25</u> 2 Tim 1	<u>26</u> Psalm 121	<u>29</u> Luke 20:1-26	<u>30</u> Acts 14
<u>23</u> 1 Cor 9	<u>25</u> Luke 2: 21-52	<u>26</u> 2 Tim 2:1-13	<u>27</u> Romans 13	<u>30</u> Luke 20:27-47	<b>May</b>
<u>24</u> 1 Cor 10	<u>26</u> Colossians 1:1-14	<u>27</u> 2 Tim 2:14-26	<u>28</u> Romans 14	<u>31</u> Luke 21	<u>01</u> Acts 15
<u>25</u> 1 Cor 11	<u>27</u> Col 1:15-29	<u>28</u> 2 Tim 3:1-9	<u>29</u> Romans 15	<b>April</b>	<u>02</u> Acts 16
<u>26</u> 1 Cor 12	<u>28</u> Col 2	<u>29</u> Psalm 1	<b>March</b>	<u>01</u> Psalm 142	<u>03</u> Acts 17
<u>27</u> Psalm 95:1-7	<u>29</u> Col 3	<u>30</u> 2 Tim 3:10-17	<u>01</u> Romans 16	<u>02</u> Luke 22:1-13	<u>04</u> Acts 18
<u>28</u> 1 Cor 13	<u>30</u> Col 4	<u>31</u> 2 Tim 4	<u>02</u> Luke 3	<u>03</u> Luke 22:14-38	<u>05</u> Acts 19
<u>29</u> 1 Cor 14:1-19	<u>31</u> Hebrews 1	<b>February</b>	<u>03</u> Luke 4	<u>04</u> Luke 22:39-71	<u>06</u> Psalm 138
<u>30</u> 1 Cor 14:20-40	<b>January 2012</b>	<u>01</u> James 1:1-18	<u>04</u> Psalm 46	<u>05</u> Luke 23:1-25	<u>07</u> Acts 20
<b>December</b>	<u>01</u> Psalm 146	<u>02</u> James 1:19-27	<u>05</u> Luke 5	<u>06</u> Luke 23:26-49	<u>08</u> Acts 21
<u>01</u> 1 Cor 15:1-28	<u>02</u> Heb 2	<u>03</u> James 2	<u>06</u> Luke 6:1-16	<u>07</u> Luke 23:50-56	<u>09</u> Acts 22
<u>02</u> 1 Cor 15:29-58	<u>03</u> Heb 3	<u>04</u> James 3	<u>07</u> Luke 6:17-49	<u>08</u> Luke 24:1-12	<u>10</u> Acts 23
<u>03</u> 1 Cor 16	<u>04</u> Heb 4	<u>05</u> Psalm 23	<u>08</u> Luke 7:1-23	<u>09</u> Luke 24:13-53	<u>11</u> Acts 24
<u>04</u> Psalm 16	<u>05</u> Heb 5	<u>06</u> James 4	<u>09</u> Luke 7:24-50	<u>10</u> Acts 1	<u>12</u> Acts 25

<u>13</u> Psalm 139:1-18	<u>14</u> Matthew 15	<u>16</u> 2 Cor 5	<u>17</u> Rev 17
<u>14</u> Acts 26	<u>15</u> Matthew 16	<u>17</u> 2 Cor 6	<u>18</u> Rev 18
<u>15</u> Acts 27:1-26	<u>16</u> Matthew 17	<u>18</u> 2 Cor 7	<u>19</u> Psalm 119:97-105
<u>16</u> Acts 27:27-44	<u>17</u> Psalm 111	<u>19</u> 2 Cor 8	<u>20</u> Rev 19
<u>17</u> Acts 28	<u>18</u> Matthew 18	<u>20</u> 2 Cor 9	<u>21</u> Rev 20
<u>18</u> 1 Peter 1	<u>19</u> Matthew 19	<u>21</u> 2 Cor 10	<u>22</u> Rev 21
<u>19</u> 1 Peter 2	<u>20</u> Matthew 20	<u>22</u> Psalm 100	<u>23</u> Rev 22
<u>20</u> Psalm 133	<u>21</u> Matthew 21	<u>23</u> 2 Cor 11	<u>24</u> John 1
<u>21</u> 1 Peter 3	<u>22</u> Matthew 22	<u>24</u> 2 Cor 12	<u>25</u> John 2
<u>22</u> 1 Peter 4	<u>23</u> Matthew 23	<u>25</u> 2 Cor 13	<u>26</u> Psalm 127
<u>23</u> 1 Peter 5	<u>24</u> Psalm 84	<u>26</u> Revelation 1	<u>27</u> John 3
<u>24</u> 2 Peter 1	<u>25</u> Matthew 24:1-28	<u>27</u> Rev 2:1-17	<u>28</u> John 4
<u>25</u> 2 Peter 2	<u>26</u> Matthew 24:29-51	<u>28</u> Rev 2:18-29	<u>29</u> John 5
<u>26</u> 2 Peter 3	<u>27</u> Matthew 25	<u>29</u> Psalm 8	<u>30</u> John 6
<u>27</u> Psalm 96	<u>28</u> Matthew 26:1-35	<u>30</u> Rev 3:1-13	<u>31</u> John 7
<u>28</u> Matthew 1	<u>29</u> Matthew 26:36-75	<u>31</u> Rev 3:14-22	<b>September</b>
<u>29</u> Matthew 2	<u>30</u> Matthew 27:1-31	<b>August</b>	<u>01</u> John 8
<u>30</u> Matthew 3	<b>July</b>	<u>01</u> Rev 4	<u>02</u> Psalm 46
<u>31</u> Matthew 4	<u>01</u> Psalm 22	<u>02</u> Rev 5	<u>03</u> John 9
<b>June</b>	<u>02</u> Matthew 27:32-66	<u>03</u> Rev 6	<u>04</u> John 10
<u>01</u> Matthew 5	<u>03</u> Matthew 28	<u>04</u> Rev 7	<u>05</u> John 11
<u>02</u> Matthew 6	<u>04</u> Galatians 1	<u>05</u> Psalm 95	<u>06</u> John 12
<u>03</u> Psalm 150	<u>05</u> Galatians 2	<u>06</u> Rev 8	<u>07</u> John 13
<u>04</u> Matthew 7	<u>06</u> Galatians 3	<u>07</u> Rev 9:1-12	<u>08</u> John 14
<u>05</u> Matthew 8	<u>07</u> Galatians 4	<u>08</u> Rev 9:13-21	<u>09</u> Psalm 23
<u>06</u> Matthew 9	<u>08</u> Psalm 113	<u>09</u> Rev 10	<u>10</u> John 15
<u>07</u> Matthew 10	<u>09</u> Galatians 5	<u>10</u> Rev 11	<u>11</u> John 16
<u>08</u> Matthew 11	<u>10</u> Galatians 6	<u>11</u> Rev 12	<u>12</u> John 17
<u>09</u> Matthew 12:1-21	<u>11</u> 2 Cor 1	<u>12</u> Psalm 119:33-40	<u>13</u> John 18
<u>10</u> Psalm 103	<u>12</u> 2 Cor 2	<u>13</u> Rev 13	<u>14</u> John 19
<u>11</u> Matthew 12:22-50	<u>13</u> 2 Cor 3	<u>14</u> Rev 14	<u>15</u> John 20
<u>12</u> Matthew 13	<u>14</u> 2 Cor 4	<u>15</u> Rev 15	<u>16</u> John 21
<u>13</u> Matthew 14	<u>15</u> Psalm 4	<u>16</u> Rev 16	Psalm 119:105

### Growing Through the New Testament

Take a journey with us through the New Testament and some of the Psalms. It's our prayer that through this process you'll not only know the Scriptures better, but that you'll come to know the Lord in ways that shape your heart and mind.

To make the most of the journey, let us give you five pieces of traveling advice. First, pray before you read. Second, don't take the journey alone. Find a friend who may read independently but who will help you keep on track. Plus, you can talk with them about what you have read. Third, apply what you learn in simple, practical ways. Fourth, try to set aside a particular time each day to read. Fifth, don't read ahead. Part of the importance in doing this is to make reading the Bible a habit, a custom. If you fall behind, read one extra section each day until you catch up.

Print out this plan on both sides of the same sheet of paper. Fold it and use it as a bookmark in your Bible. Blessings on the journey!

Pastors Jim and Matt

### October 2011

<u>09</u> Psalm 119:105	<u>21</u> Mark 10:1-31
Mark 1	<u>22</u> Mark 10:32-52
<u>10</u> Mark 2	<u>23</u> Psalm 24
<u>11</u> Mark 3	<u>24</u> Mark 11
<u>12</u> Mark 4	<u>25</u> Mark 12
<u>13</u> Mark 5	<u>26</u> Mark 13
<u>14</u> Mark 6:1-29	<u>27</u> Mark 14:1-31
<u>15</u> Mark 6:30-56	<u>28</u> Mark 14:32-72
<u>16</u> Psalm 18:1-19	<u>29</u> Mark 15
<u>17</u> Mark 7	<u>30</u> Psalm 46
<u>18</u> Mark 8	<u>31</u> Mark 16
<u>19</u> Mark 9:1-29	<b>November</b>
<u>20</u> Mark 9:30-50	<u>01</u> Titus 1
	<u>02</u> Titus 2