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YOU'VE JUST MADE THE BEST DECISION OF YOUR LIFE BY CHOOSING TO FOLLOW JESUS TODAY!

Today you have chosen Jesus. This is the best choice you could possibly make and we are so incredibly excited for you.

You are not alone in this new journey, as your church family we are ready to walk this road with you. Lean into this new support structure and let us help guide and love you in this process.

Now that you have made this choice, take the next step! As we work through this new believer pack, we encourage you to get involved in the life of the church. Join a life group, volunteer, or just attend any event you feel you want to get connected with.

In the next couple of weeks, you will grow in your understanding of the Bible, strengthen your faith and build relationships that last.

- WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!

GET THE BEST FROM THIS BOOKLET

- 1. Find somewhere quiet
- 2. Ask God to help you learn and grow a bit more today. (Don't worry if you don't know how to pray, just speak to God as you would a friend.)
- 3. Find and read the Bible verses that are mentioned for the day.
- 4. Answer the questions for the day. This will help you to begin understanding God's pathway for you.
- 5. Each week there is a verse for you to memorise. Doing this will strengthen your Christian life and help you to trust God more!

A CHRISTIAN IS:

Any man, woman or child who, as a lost sinner, turns to God and receives Jesus Christ as their personal saviour, who surrenders control of their life to Jesus as Lord is spiritually born again, and now obediently lives to please God in everything day by day.

A BELIEVER one who believes in Jesus (Acts 4:32)

A CHILD OF GOD one who is born again (John 1:12-13)

A DISCIPLE one who follows Christ (Acts 11:26)

HAS A PURPOSE to be set apart for God (Romans 1:7)

YOU BELONG HERE!

You belong to God's family, which means you belong to the local church. Get plugged into our church life here and be part of the Barn family. When we start something new it can be a little uncertain at first. This is normal, but any awkwardness will soon wear off as you begin to understand what a new life in Christ really means.

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

1 John 1:12-13

WEEK ONE:

BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

When you make a personal decision to accept Jesus as your Saviour, your life begins to change. Three ways God changes our lives is:

- By believing in the Word of God. (John 3:5; Ephesians 5:26 and 1 Peter 1:23-25)
- By the work of the Spirit of God. (John 3:5)
- By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf. (John 3:14-16)

4 Steps you take when receiving Jesus:

STEP 1: Confess your sin. (1 John 1:9)

STEP 2: Repent (turn away) from your sin. (Luke 13:3)

STEP 3: Believe in Jesus. (Acts 16:30-31

STEP 4: Receive Jesus personally. (John 1:12-13)

STEP 5: Follow Jesus daily. (Matthew 4:19)

When you make this decision and have followed these 4 important steps, you:

- Are fully accepted by God (Ephesians 1:6)
- Are **forgiven** (Acts 10:43)
- Become a **new person** (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Are an adopted son or daughter and heir of God (Romans 8:15-17)
- Have **eternal life** (John 3:16)

What happens when you follow Christ?

When you give your life to Christ your perspective of life and eternity changes. Some people don't always understand it, it takes a while for things to become clear.

1. YOU REALISE YOUR NEED FOR GOD

You realize this because you want to start living differently. Your thoughts and habits are challenged as well as your perspective on money, time and talents. You start to want to use your time, money, and talents on things that now will

please God. Your thoughts become more conscious to become purer than they were before.

2. YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS DID

Jesus died on the cross so that we won't be defined by our sin and separated from God any longer. When we understand the beauty of what Jesus did for us by sacrificing His own life so that we won't have to perish, our hearts change. "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

We begin to understand the grace we have received, the eternal life we are promised, and the forgiveness we now have access to. When we understand what Jesus did for us we can acknowledge and feel the love God has for us. The Bible says, "you see, at the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates His own love for us in this - while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8)

3. YOU REPENT FROM SIN

When you give your life to live for God, you repent. One of the first steps in becoming a follower of Christ is praying to God and asking Him to forgive you of your sin and turning away from that sin. As a follower we don't just do it once and then never ask for forgiveness again, it is a lifestyle. As we live our lives we see that each day we may stumble but the beautiful part of God's grace is that we are always welcomed to repentance, acknowledging our sin, getting up again and doing it better next time.

4. YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

When following Christ, there is a need to want to be part of something bigger. That is why we have our church family, it's a place to be an active part of God's family with other believers.

Next steps after making your commitment:

- Become a member of your local church.
- Serve and get involved in the life of the church.

- Pray and read your Bible daily, growing deeper in His Word.
- Make your faith public get baptised.
- Pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

You come to a place of understanding of what your need is, is a result of sin. You then recognise that Jesus died for you to bring you into a loving relationship with the Father. That is when you make the decision to accept Him as your Lord and Saviour.

The Bible says that when someone comes to Christ, a change takes place that is so radical that it can only be described as becoming new person.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation - the old has gone, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

From then on you have a completely new life to live. You have been set free from your old life, you are no longer bound by old habits and desires and things that separated you from God.

"So if the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free." (John 8:36)

You become a member of God's family - and He gives you the gift of the Holy Spirit who lives in your heart and is your Counsellor and Comforter.

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)"

MEMORY VERSE

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

- 1. Write out the verse on a card and carry it with you.
- 2. Learn phrase by phrase, including the title and place in the Bible.
- 3. Review the verse each day.

WEEKLY WORK THROUGH

DAY 1 Read Luke 15:1-7	DAY 2 Read Luke 15:1-7 again
Who rejoices when you become a follower of Christ?	In which way do you think you might've been like a sheep straying, needing to be found?
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Read Luke 5:27-32 again	Read Luke 6:46-49
Some criticised Jesus for being friends with sinners. What sort of complaints do you think you will get for being a follower?	Jesus told the story of two men each building a house. Which was a good foundation? How can you begin building on it?
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DAY 7 Read Luke 6:46-49 again	? Where can I connect?
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WEEK TWO: GOD'S WORD | THE BIBLE

God's heart and desire is for us to live in His blessings. His Word, the Bible, is not only a rule book but a guide to walk in the blessings He has for us. Here are some things the Bible says about God's Word:

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness," (2 Timothy 3:16)

For believers, the Bible is the most important book in the world. We must get to know what it has to say because, through the stories and teachings, we find out who God is and what He has to say to us. Without the Bible, we might easily follow our own ideas, but the Bible tells us God's heart. The reading the Bible daily will work in your life in the following ways:

1. IT IS LIKE A MIRROR

As we look into it, it shows us what we are really like. The Bible doesn't cover up the weaknesses, problems, and sins of people, even the heroes of the Bible are shown with all of their failures. It also reflects the potential that we could be in Christ.

2. IT IS LIKE A LIGHT

Just like a light, the Bible does two things: gives direction and brings revelation. The Bible is a light that guides us in our lives and reveals things to us that often, God wants us to see. The Bible is the light we need to help us through the times where we can't see the way forward or know what God is saying to us.

3. IT IS LIKE FOOD

Just as food is essential to our bodies, so God's word, the Bible, is essential to our spiritual life. It feeds us and helps us to grow spiritually, this is why Peter said, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation," (1 Peter 2:2)

God will speak to you through it and you will grow stronger day by day. Reading and understanding the Bible is not always easy at times but you will need to persevere!

MEMORY VERSE

"I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119:11

- 1. Write out the verse on a card and carry it with you.
- 2. Learn phrase by phrase, including the title and place in the Bible.
- 3. Review the verse each day.

WEEKLY WORK THROUGH:

DAY 1 Read Luke 4:14-21	DAY 2 Read Luke 10:38-42
What do you think Jesus meant by "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (verse 21)?	In what way can we be like Mary in today's story?
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Read Luke 10:38-42 again	Read Luke 14:25-35
Martha was too busy to listen to Jesus. What things might stop you from listening to what God has to say?	The last verse today talks about hearing. In what ways do you think God speaks to you today?
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DAY 5 Read Luke 16:19-31	DAY 6 Read Luke 24:28-35
"Moses and the prophets" in today's story means the Old Testament scriptures. What "proof" do you think people today ask for before they will believe?	Why did Jesus call them "foolish" in verse 25?
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Read Luke 24:28-35 again	
What do you think made the disciples he	earts "burn within them" in verse 32?

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WEEK THREE: TALKING TO GOD | PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God. Talking and listening to God is essential in building that relationship with Him, and understanding His will for our lives. All through the Bible, men and women spoke to God in prayer, Christians today have the same privilege. Here are some things the Bible says about prayer:

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in My name, and I will do it." (John 14:13-14)

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."

(Matthew 6:6-8)

Why do people find prayer difficult?

1. PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT WORDS TO USE

There are two things worth mentioning here. Firstly, although we should speak to God with respect, no special words or language is required. This is applicable in your personal life, public space, and even praying with other people. Secondly, God doesn't mind if your words are stumbling or not as fluent as someone else's - He looks at your heart.

2. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

There are different kinds of prayer focuses:

Praise GodPraise Him for who He is and what He has done

Confess to God

Think of your own sinfulness and tell God how sorry you are

Ask God

Think of things to ask for. Try to be specific, praying for others and yourself.

Thank God

Thank Him for the way He is working in you and others. Thank Him for answered prayer.

Praying for others

Lift others up in prayer and pray for them. Trusting God that He will work in their lives because of what you are praying for.

3. I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE PRAYING

This is quite natural at first but after a few days, your discomfort will go as you become used to prayer. Take a few minutes a day to talk to God, if possible find a place where you can be alone and undisturbed. Whether you pray aloud of silently, inside or outside, it doesn't matter.

4. I CAN'T STAY FOCUSED WHEN I PRAY

This is a common problem. Try keeping a little book in which you jot down prayer items, you can then glance at it when your mind wanders. You may want to start a prayer journal where you write out your prayers in a journal and later reflect on answered prayer. If the situation lets you pray out loud rather than just in your mind. Pray standing up or walking. Closing your eyes is not helpful to everyone, especially at the end of the day.

5. I NEVER FEEL GOD IS LISTENING

God promises that He always listens. He loves to hear His children talking to Him. Whether we feel like He is or He isn't the Bible tells us that God always hears. (1 Peter 3:12)

6. HOW OFTEN SHOULD I PRAY?

Just like you are talking to a friend there is never a set amount of time you should or shouldn't be speaking to them. God wants to be involved in our everyday lives and so pray as often as you need to. There is no limit on time, short or long when pursuing God in prayer.

7. WHERE SHOULD I PRAY?

There is no set place for you to pray, it is an intimate and significant conversation with God. Wherever you are in your car, at home or at work; it doesn't matter as long as you pray, sincerely talking to God.

8. HOW DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

God always answers our prayers. His answer may not be in the way we thought it would be, in our own timing or what we prayed for exactly; but He is always listening. The question here is: are we always listening to His response? The Bible tells us that His voice is "a still small voice." To listen to a whisper you have to shut out the external noise and focus on the sound of the whisper. The way we can hear God's answer to our prayers is: to earnestly seek Him through His word, spend time praying to Him by ourselves and also asking others around us to pray for us, God also speaks through His people. When listening, know that God will never contradict His word - this is how we know He has answered us.

The Goal of Prayer

Prayer is to build a relationship with God and not necessarily what we can get out of Him. There are times when God answers what you prayed for (your heart's desire) but the foundation of prayer is to build intimacy with God.

This week we have learned several things about prayer. Prayer includes praise and thanksgiving as well as asking for things. It is important that we pray in a humble attitude and not a proud or selfish one. We have seen that God will hear us when we want His will more than our own.

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

- 1. Write out the verse on a card and carry it with you.
- 2. Learn phrase by phrase, including the title and place in the Bible.
- 3. Review the verse each day.

WEEKLY WORK THROUGH:

DAY 1 Read Luke 18:9-14
In this story Jesus told, list words that describe the attitude the Pharisee had when He prayed.
e now? How do I live now? How do I live now?
DAY 2 Read Luke 18:9-14 again
Jesus said the tax collector went home justified because He humbled Himself. What does this tell us about the attitude we should have when we pray?
DAY 3 Read Luke 6:12-16
The verses remind us that before the important task of choosing disciples, Jesus spent the night praying. Thinking of your own life, write down things that you need to pray about today.

DAY 4
Prayer is more than asking God for things. Read the following verses and write down one word to describe the type of prayer they speak about.
Luke 9:16
Luke 22:32
Luke 24:53
DAY 5 Read Luke 22:39-46
This incident took place before Jesus dies. What does it tell us about Jesus' attitude when He prayed? (Look at verse 42)
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DAY 6 Read Luke 22:39-46 again
Jesus told the disciples twice to "pray that you will not fall into temptation" (verses 40 and 46). Is there an area of temptation you need to pray about?

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DAY 7 Read Luke 18:1-8	
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Jesus told this story to show that we should not give up praying. Are there things you used to pray about but have forgotten? Write them down here to remind you	
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WEEK FOUR: THE JOURNEY AHEAD

It is amazing to serve God and follow Him, but Jesus did say this journey won't be easy but most definitely is worth it. In facing life's challenges don't get discouraged when they come along. Remember - even in the worst times Jesus is with you. Here are some things the Bible says:

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (1 Peter 5:8-9)

When facing challenges, Jesus said that the road that leads to life is sometimes narrow and hard, and so it may be confusing when you face problems for the first time in your Christian life. Remember, as Christians, we don't need to carry our problems on our own, we are to cast them onto Jesus (1 Peter 5:7).

Potential stumbling blocks in the journey ahead:

1. TEMPTATION (James 1:12)

Everyone gets tempted. There never has been a person on earth who was not tempted - although He never sinned, even Jesus was tempted. So you are in good company! Remember temptation is not a sin - it only becomes sin when you give in. After becoming a Christian you will still be tempted in areas of your life. The best way to deal with temptation is by removing things that cause temptation in your life. To battle temptation, you will need to equip yourself with the Word of God.

2. DOUBT (James 1:6)

As a new believer, you may sometimes doubt having faith in Christ. The devil creates doubt in our lives and so we need to put our faith in God's Word. When you do face doubt, surround yourself in your church family and the Word of God.

3. OPPOSITION (Matthew 5:10-12)

When you become a Christian, it doesn't mean that all your friends will immediately understand, Some may laugh or criticize or make life difficult. Jesus always told His followers that some would misunderstand or persecute them. In some parts of the world, new Christians are in danger of losing their lives! However, don't let their change of attitude make you reject them. It is not actually the things we say that influence people the most but the things we do. So aim to show love even to those who have turned against you. Be encouraged, don't be swayed by opposition and persecution.

MEMORY VERSE

"No temptation has overtaken you except
what is common to mankind. And God is
faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond
what you can bear. But when you are
tempted, He will also provide a way out so
that you can endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:13

- 1. Write out the verse on a card and carry it with you.
- 2. Learn phrase by phrase, including the title and place in the Bible.
- 3. Review the verse each day.

WEEKLY WORK THROUGH:

DAY 1	DAY 2
Read Luke 4:1-12	Read Luke 4:1-12
Jesus faced strong temptation. What was	What do you think would be today's
His strategy for being victorious? See	equivalent temptations to those Jesus
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Read Luke 7:1-10	
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DAY 4 Read Luke 9:57-62	
Sometimes we face problems because we What things might take the place He shou	
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Read Luke 17:1-6	Read Luke 18:18-30
What do these verses say about causing other people to sin?	Why do you think Jesus told the ruler to sell everything he had?
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DAY 7 Read Luke 22:54-62	
Why do you think Peter was afraid to own	up that he was a friend of Jesus?

WEEK FIVE: GOD'S FAMILY | THE CHURCH

One of the joys of being a Christian is sharing in the family of God's people, the church. Much of the New Testament is made up of letters to the churches, so the Bible has a lot to say about the importance of church life and how we participate in it. Here are a few of the things the Bible says about the church:

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word," (Ephesians 5:25-26)

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

1. SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH? (Hebrews 10:25)

Yes, it is important. Although every Christian is a member of God's church in the big sense, we should also be a member of a local church. A church meeting lets you meet other Christians, people that may be in a similar circumstance to you, or that have been where you are and can encourage you. Also, sometimes the Bible can be difficult to understand. A pastor is educated in Biblical teaching and is there to help you understand the message in the scriptures and can guide you in how to apply it in your life. In church, people share their experiences in life and how they came to know Jesus. Even your own testimony can help others In their walk with Jesus.

2. WHICH CHURCH SHOULD I JOIN?

You may already belong to a church, but if you are trying to decide which to join, join a church that helps you grow spiritually. Find a church that helps you feed on God's word, the Bible. Lots of activity is not as important as spiritual

life and growth, which comes from spiritual feeding. Also, join a church that welcomes you and provides you with Christian friendship. In the Bible, the church is described as being like a body, a family, etc. each picture emphasises the relationship of individuals. Christians need each other.

Don't expect to find a perfect church, and don't keep changing from one church to another.

3. HOW SHOULD I BEHAVE IN CHURCH?

- · Be enthusiastic and encouraging.
- Attend the services regularly.
- Take friends along.
- · Get to know the leaders.
- · Join a life group
- · Get involved

The Bible tells us to encourage one another.

MEMORY VERSE

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25

- 1. Write out the verse on a card and carry it with you.
- 2. Learn phrase by phrase, including the title and place in the Bible.
- 3. Review the verse each day.

WEEKLY WORK THROUGH:

DAY 1 Read Luke 6:37-42
It is easy to be critical of other Christians and churches. What is the main thing Jesus' words teach us about in verses 41-42?
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DAY 2
Read Luke 6:37-42 again
From these verses write down three attitudes we should have toward those we spend time with, such as other church members.
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DAY 3 Read Luke 10:1-7 and 16
Jesus sent out his 72 followers in pairs. What advantages can you think of in serving Jesus with others rather than by yourself?

DAY 4 Read Luke 22:24-27
In these verses Jesus was teaching the difference between what most people think of as signs of greatness and what God thinks of as real greatness. What do you think the main differences are?
DAY 5 Read Luke 22:24-27
Write down three practical ways you can serve in your local church.
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DAY 6 Read Luke 24:36-43
Look at verses 37 and 42. What was it that changed the disciples' meeting from fear to joy? How does this apply today when Christians meet together in church?
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DAY 7 Read Luke 24:44-53
Why do you think the disciples didn't become miserable again when Jesus went back to heaven? (Verse 51)

WEEK SIX: USING GOD'S GIFTS | SERVICE

As Christians to serve God is a tremendous privilege. The ways we can serve are almost limitless, each Christian's contribution is just as important as that of someone else's. Here are some things the Bible says:

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:" (Philippians 2:3-5)

A natural response to salvation is wanting to serve God. God has gifted each one of us is to be an important part of His body (His church), our outworking of this is in whatever we do, we do it for Him.

We can serve God in our personal life, local church, and community outreaches.

There are many areas in which Christians can be used by God. But whatever your gifts and abilities, there are some areas in which we are called to share with others.

Called to share by:

1. WITNESSING (Mark 15:15-16)

The power of your testimony is a wonderful tool to tell people about your relationship with God and how God has changed your life forever. Everyday there are opportunities to tell your friends, family, and those you work or study with what has happened to you. Sometimes this will be easy and sometimes difficult, but Jesus has promised to be with us

when we do. Take the opportunity to invite friends to church and events where they too can hear the good news about Jesus. Of course, you won't always know the answers to the questions they ask, but don't let that worry you. Those who have been Christians longer than you have will be able to help you.

Above all, let others see what Jesus has done for you by the love you show them and the way you live.

2. SHARING WHAT WE HAVE (Hebrews 13:16)

As a believer, everything you have has been given to you by God and so belongs to Him. Set aside 10% of your income to give to the Lord as part of your service, you can do this through giving/tithing at your church.

Remember we serve the Lord, the greatest reward of all will be to hear Jesus Himself say one day: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

MEMORY VERSE

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4

- 1. Write out the verse on a card and carry it with you.
- 2. Learn phrase by phrase, including the title and place in the Bible.
- 3. Review the verse each day.

WEEKLY WORK THROUGH:

DAY 1 Read Luke 12:35-40
When Jesus spoke about the servants being ready in the night, it was when most people would be unwilling to serve. What do you think this teaches us about our attitude towards serving Jesus?
Jesus? Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus? Jesus? Why Jesus?
DAY 2 Read Luke 12:42-46
Write down one word that describes the manager who the master put in charge of his servants.
nnect? Where can I connect? Where can I connect?
DAY 3 Read Luke 19:1-10
When Jesus came to Zacchaeus' home, Zacchaeus demonstrated his changed life by returning money that he had taken. Is there a way you need to demonstrate your life has been changed by Jesus?

DAY 4 Read Luke 19:11-27
What do you think the main point of Jesus' story is for you today?
DAY 5 Read Luke 22:1-4
What does the incident tell us about how Jesus sees our giving?
mean? What does that mean? What does that mean?
DAY 6 Read Luke 14:15-24
How can you be like the servants in the story Jesus told?
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DAY 7 Read Luke 12:27-31
What do these verses tell us about how much our Heavenly Father cares for you?

WEEK SEVEN: WAYS TO CONNECT @THE BARN.CO.ZA GET PLUGGED IN

LIFE GROUPS:

Our Life-groups are small groups of fellow believers who do life together. Life-groups support, encourage and grow in God together. Join a group today and get connected to a family within the church family.

INTEREST GROUPS:

If you would like to get connected to our church regularly, why not join an interest group?

MINISTRY GROUPS

We have ministry groups to help you grow, be supported and stay connected that are catered to all life stages. Check out our website for men, women, marriage, young adults ministries and so many more.

THE BARN YOUNG ADULTS:

We have a Young Adults ministry which caters for 24 -30 years old. Connect with us through our website.

THE BARN STUDENTS

We have our Student ministry that meets every Tuesday night catering for students in University from 19-24 years old. Come and connect with us as we navigate life together.

THE BARN YOUTH:

We have Youth life groups happening every Tuesday, Youth programs on a Friday night at the church, and Teen Church on a Sunday at 10 am. Come through and join the vibe at any of our programs.

THE BARN KIDS:

The Barn Kids consists of 5 different groups: Kiddie Kingdom, Kids Club, Kids Church, Ablaze and Anchored. These groups cater for any child between the ages of 2 to 13 years old.

COURSES:

We run a variety of courses designed to help you grow spiritually. For more information check out our website.

SUPPORT GROUPS:

If you are struggling in a specific area we have support groups you can join. Our Counselling House is also available to help with working through tough situations.

Sign up for anything on our website: www.thebarn.co.za