

# DISCIPLESHIP

5 studies exploring the topic of discipleship



## DISCIPLESHIP

WEEK	PASSAGE	THEME
1	Revelation 3:14-22; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Maturity in Christ
2	Leviticus 18:29-18, Matthew 5:43-48, 1 Peter 1 & 2	Holiness
3	Revelation 2:12-17; 1 Peter 1-2	God's word & prayer
4	Revelation 2:1-7; Titus 2	Community
5	Revelation 3:1-6; Matthew 25:28-30	Service

## INTRODUCTION:

### A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES

After we accept Jesus into our lives as our Lord and Saviour, then begins a new stage of our lives! This is a stage of change, of growth and maturity. This is called discipleship.

As our journey of discipleship begins, we become people who are growing and changing to be more like Jesus. This means that what we know in our minds (the gospel) affects our hearts, how we feel and how we live.

So often as we go on in the Christian walk, there comes a disconnect between what we know and what we feel and do. This study series looks at God's word to reorientate and remind us of how the gospel impacts us every single day and totally changes the way that we live.

In the first study we will look at what discipleship means and in the following studies we will get more practical and look at 4 things that help us to grow and mature in Christ, holiness, God's word and prayer, community and ministry.

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK:

### 1. PERSONAL READING

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible and pray every day.
- Use the prayer point suggestions below to guide your prayers as well as writing down people you are seeking to reach.

### 2. GOSPEL COMMUNITY

- Take this to GC each week so you can follow along with the Bible Study.
- Use the WFL ideas on page 30 to help and direct your WFL times as a GC.

## PRAYER POINTS

- We want to encourage you to be on mission to your non-Christian friends, family and contacts. Who are you on mission to? Make a list and pray for them regularly.

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## SUGGESTED READING:

If you would like to engage more with the Discipleship series:

- Christian Basics: An invitation to Discipleship by John Stott
- Or.di.nar.y by Michael Horton
- What Christ Thinks of the Church by John Stott

## WEEK 1: MATURITY IN CHRIST

### PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

#### MONDAY

Read Revelation 3:14-17

1. How does Jesus describe the church in Laodicea?
2. What do you think it means to be lukewarm?
3. How would you describe your current walk with God? Hot? Cold? Lukewarm?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### TUESDAY

Read Revelation 3:18-19

1. What advice does Jesus give to the church in Laodicea?
2. How does what Jesus offers (verse 18) contradict what they thought of themselves (verse 17)?
3. Have you opened your whole life to Jesus? Are you willing and ready to live for him wholeheartedly? If not, what is stopping you from doing this?
4. Is there anything that you need to repent of (verse 19)?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### WEDNESDAY

Read Revelation 3:20-22

1. What promise does Jesus give to those who wholeheartedly follow him?
2. What is the alternative to this? (See verse 16)
3. What do we learn about Jesus in these verses?
4. How can you guard yourself against being half-hearted (lukewarm) and instead perseverer in wholeheartedly following Jesus (hot) until he returns?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### THURSDAY

Read Colossians 2:6-17

1. What has happened to the Colossian Christians when they received Christ?
2. Considering this, what are they to now be like?
3. How is your 'walk' with Jesus going? Can you see examples of growth from when you received Christ?
4. What can you do to establish yourself more in the faith?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### FRIDAY

Read Ephesians 4:1-16

1. What does Paul urge the people in Ephesus to be like?
2. What role do church leaders have in this? (see verses 11-13)
3. How can you ensure that you are no longer a 'child'? (verse 14)
4. Considering this, what role does the church/people of God have in ensuring one another grows in maturity?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

## WEEK 1 GC STUDY: MATURITY IN CHRIST

Share with each other how you came to repent and believe in Jesus and then what happened after that. *It's OK if you spend some time on this. The study is shorter this week to give you time to be able to share with each other your stories.*

### READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12

What does Paul urge the church in Thessalonica to do? (verse 1)

What does a life that is pleasing to God look like? (verses 3-12)

In what areas were the church in Thessalonica growing? (see 2 Thessalonians 1:3)

When you think back over your new life since you became a Christian, can you see how you have grown in faith, holiness, knowledge and love over time? In what ways?

### GC PRAYER POINTS

## WEEK 2: HOLINESS

### PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

#### MONDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:3-12

1. What have Christians been called to? How is this possible?
2. How does Peter describe faith in this passage?
3. Is the hope and joy that Peter describes here a reality for you? Why or why not?

#### TUESDAY

Read 1 Peter 1:13-25

1. What does Peter call the people to be?
2. What reason does he give for this?
3. What 'passions' from your former life are still a temptation for you?
4. What hope can this passage give to us as we live through temptation?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### WEDNESDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:1-12

1. How does Peter describe God's people?
2. Is this how you think of yourself? Summerleas Church?
3. Which of the characteristics written in verse 1 do you most struggle with?
4. Spend some time praying to God repenting of this and asking for the help of the Holy Spirit to grow in this area.

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### THURSDAY

Read 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. How does Peter describe not to live in this passage?
2. How instead are Christian's to live? What reason is given for this?
3. How can you grow in love and showing hospitality?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19

1. How does Peter say Christians should view suffering?
2. Is this how you view suffering?
3. How might your life look different if you viewed suffering as Peter did?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.



## WEEK 2 GC STUDY: HOLINESS

When you think of holiness what usually comes to mind?

READ LEVITICUS 18:29-19:18

What was holiness to look like for the people of the Lord under the law?

READ MATTHEW 5:43-48

How has God expressed his perfection (holiness)? How does Jesus expect his followers to express his Father's perfection (holiness)?

READ 1 PETER 1:13-25 & 1 PETER 2:9-10

Where does our holiness begin??

How does our holiness continue?

What would impede/promote our ongoing holiness?

Think about one area in your life that you need to specifically work on. Take some time to repent of this and ask God to, through the help of the Holy Spirit, grow you in this area. See Appendix 1 for some tips on growing in holiness.

GC PRAYER POINTS

## WEEK 3: GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER

### PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

#### MONDAY

Read Psalm 119:1-16

1. How does the Psalmist describe God's word?
2. Is this how you view the word of God? In what ways are you similar or different?
3. What promises are in this Psalm for those who follow God's word?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### TUESDAY

Read Colossians 3:16

1. What are Christians to do with Jesus' teaching?
2. What does this verse teach us about one of the purposes and the significance of Christian music?
3. How can you ensure that Christ word dwells in your 'richly'?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 6:5-14

1. What does Jesus teach about our motivation and 'posture' of prayer?
2. How would you describe the scope and focus of 'the Lords' prayer'?
3. How is your prayer life going? Is prayer something you find easy or hard? Or are their specifics aspects of prayer that you find more difficult than others?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### THURSDAY

Read Psalm 86

1. What aspects of prayer can you see in David's prayer?
2. How would you describe the relationship between David and God based on his prayer?
3. What can you learn about David's prayer? How can you try and implement this in your prayer life?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### FRIDAY

Read John 16:5-15

1. How does Jesus describe the role of the Holy Spirit in this passage?
2. Is this how you view the work of the Holy Spirit? How is it similar or different?
3. What comfort can we have from Jesus' words here? (See also Romans 8:26-27).

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

## WEEK 3 GC STUDY: GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER

How are you going at spending time in God's word and prayer? Spend some time chatting together about how you are going and what works well for you.

### READ REVELATION 2:12-17

What does Jesus commend the church in Pergamum for?

What does Jesus rebuke the church in Pergamum for?

Considering this, what is the danger of false teaching within the Christian life?

### READ 1 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

What does Paul urge Timothy to do?

How is God's word described here?

What can it do for those who read it and take it to heart?

How can we guard our minds and make sure that we stay living in the truth and not swayed by Satan and false teachers?

What are the different ways that we can be reading God's word and praying throughout the week?

How do you view personal Bible reading and prayer in your life? Is it a job to be ticked off? Or a means of holding onto the truth and growing? What difference does our motivation have?

Spend some time thinking about how you can improve this area of your walk with God. Maybe share with one another how you are struggling and brainstorm some ways that could help. See appendix 2 for some ideas.

GC PRAYER POINTS

## WEEK 4: COMMUNITY

### PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

#### MONDAY

Read Ephesians 2:19-22

1. How does Paul describe the church here?
2. What is the ultimate goal of the church?
3. Is this the way that you commonly view the church? In what ways is it similar or different?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### TUESDAY

Read Acts 2:42-47

1. Here we are given a picture of what the early church looked like. List the different characteristics of their community.
2. How is this similar or different to your experience with church? Maybe specifically with Summerleas Church?
3. In which ways would you like to see Summerleas Church community grow? What can you do to help this happen?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### WEDNESDAY

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

1. What reason does the writer of Hebrews give for meeting together?
2. What are the different ways that you can meet with God's people throughout the week?
3. Do you tend to neglect this in your life? Why or why not?
4. How can you actively 'stir one another to love and good works' when you spend time with fellow Christians?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

1. What does Paul say is the greatest of all the gifts in church?
2. What does Paul say is so great about love? What are its benefits?
3. How are you going at loving fellow Christians? At loving your GC and the Summerleas Church community?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read 1 John 3:11-24

1. What does John command God's people to be like?
2. What is our love for others to be based on?
3. What acts of love can you show to the people God has placed in your life today?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.



## WEEK 4 GC STUDY: COMMUNITY

What do you think are the key things that you need for good community?

### READ REVELATION 2:1-7

What does Jesus commend the church in Ephesus for?

What does Jesus rebuke the church in Ephesus of? What do you think Jesus means by this? (See also Ephesians 6:24, which was written to the church in Ephesus from Paul around 30 years prior to Revelation).

Considering this, what does Jesus teach is the key to Christian life and community?

### READ TITUS 2

List under the below headings the behaviors that Paul calls for among people in Christian community:

- Older Men
  
- Young Men
  
- Older Women
  
- Young Women
  
- slaves

What reason is given for this (verses 11-14)?

Assuming we are all older men/women to some people in our lives how might the same principles be expressed in our contemporary setting?

Spend some time thinking about how you can improve this area of your walk with God. Maybe share with one another how you are struggling and brainstorm some ways that could help. See appendix 3 for some ideas.

GC PRAYER POINTS

## WEEK 5: SERVICE

### PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

#### MONDAY

Read Matthew 23:23-28

1. What does Jesus rebuke the scribes and pharisees of in this passage?
2. What does this teach us about the hearts of the scribes and pharisees?
3. Do you recognise similar hypocrisy in your life? Do you have a tendency to serve others in order to be seen? What warning can you head from Jesus' words here?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### TUESDAY

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What are the two different ways of life that Paul describes in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach you about grace?
3. What is our purpose when we are in Christ (see verse 10)?
4. How are you going at doing 'good works' in your life?

#### WEDNESDAY

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

1. What role do the leaders in the church play?
2. Considering this, who is it that is to be doing 'the work of ministry' (verse 12)?
3. In what ways does this teaching challenge how you view the leaders in the church and your role?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### THURSDAY

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1. How does Paul describe a follower of Jesus in this passage?
2. What do you think it means to be an 'ambassador for Christ' (verse 20)?
3. Do you consider yourself to be an 'ambassador for Christ'? Why or why not?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### FRIDAY

Read Philippians 2:1-11

1. What commands does Paul give to the Philippian church in this passage?
2. What example of this does he give?
3. Put into your own words how Jesus is described here.
4. Why is humility so key in Christian community and in serving one another?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

## WEEK 5 GC STUDY: SERVICE

What reason do people have for serving? Chat together about the different motivations people have for doing things for others.

### READ REVELATION 3:1-6

What does Jesus rebuke the church in Sardis for? What do you think this means? (see Matthew 6:1-6, 23:5, 27-28)

What remedy does Jesus give for their 'deadness' ?

What are the results for those who are 'alive'? And for those who are 'dead'?

### READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

What is it that Jesus commands his followers to do in this passage?

What promise and comfort does he offer his people in these verses?

Considering Jesus words from both these passages, what do you think Jesus requires of his followers?

Would you consider your service to be one that is dead or alive? Can you see examples of hypocriticalness in your life?

How can we guard ourselves against serving for the sake of looking good towards others?

How can you be serving God and 'making disciples' in the following areas:

a) In your home

b) In your work

c) In your church

d) In your neighbourhood

e) In our world

For ideas and suggestions on this look at Appendix 4

GC PRAYER POINTS

## APPENDIX 1

### GROWING IN HOLINESS IDEAS

First and foremost, remember that you are covered in God's grace and that you are not alone! God has given us his Holy Spirit to help us every moment of every single day (John 16:12-15)! With this confidence we can strive to move forward. However, if there are times of struggle and 'going backwards' be assured of the promises of God that you are clothed in God's grace and that nothing can separate you from the love of God (Romans 8:31-39, 1 John 2:1).

The following is a guide to how you can grow in holiness:

1. **Repent:** spend some time acknowledging your sin before God and asking for forgiveness. Psalm 51 could help you as a model for this if you are unsure how to start.

If you are unsure of the sin in your life, ask God to reveal it to you and over time he will. Spend some time studying Jesus' words in Matthew 5-7 may also help as well as read the 10 commandments (Exodus 20:1-12).

If your sin was one that hurt or affected someone else, you may also need to ask for forgiveness from them.

2. **Think** more about the particular sin in your life that you are struggling with and ask yourself the following questions:
  - a. When do you struggle? What triggers it? Are there any patterns? Think about how you can avoid/change your circumstances so as to reduce temptation.
  - b. What emotions are behind the sin? Think about how you feel in those moments of falling into temptation. What does this teach you about what is at the root of the sin?
  - c. Whom do you blame for your sin? Key to cutting the sin from our lives is to own it. To stop blaming others and to call it out as it really is.
  - d. What do you think/believe in those moments? Are there particular people/images/movies/TV shows/social media that reinforce what you are thinking? If so think through how you can reduce this to not strengthen your sinful desires.
  - e. What do you want/worship in those moments?
  - f. What do you fear/worry about in those moments?
  - g. What do you think you need?

- h. What or whom were you trusting?
  - i. Whom were you trying to please? Whose opinion mattered in those moments?
  - j. What were you loving? What were you hating?
  - k. What lies were you believing? What promises of God were you forgetting?
  - l. What truths of God could you cling to instead of these lies?
3. **Tell** someone about it. Having someone to be accountable to may sound daunting, but it is a really key and helpful part of helping you move forward and to change. So, is there someone in your life who you trust and who you think can help you to change?
4. **Don't** be disheartened! Change and growth in holiness is a daily and lifelong activity for Christians as we wait for Jesus' return. You may find you make significant growth in one area, and then something else will come up! God never promises that this will be easy. In fact the Bible teaches that it will be very hard and involve discipline (1 Timothy 4:8-11, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27)!

If you are feeling disheartened spend some time thinking over the progress you have made and thank God for it. Spend some time reading one of the following scriptures:

- a. Psalm 51
- b. Romans 5:1-11
- c. Romans 6:1-14
- d. Romans 7:21-15
- e. Romans 8:12-17
- f. Romans 14:17-18
- g. 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- h. Philippians 2:12-13
- i. Hebrews 12:1-2
- j. James 1:12
- k. 1 John 2:1-6

Taken from this article <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/resist-sin/> and 'You Can Change' by Tim Chester



## APPENDIX 2

### GROWING IN BIBLE READING AND PRAYER IDEAS

1. Choose a time where you are at your best (e.g. If you are a morning person, take some time in the morning). Don't give your '2<sup>nd</sup> bests' to God in terms of your time and energy. Give yourself time to put your head into the right space and to really engage with what you are reading. Try not to rush this process.
2. Find a space where you can relax and where it is not too noisy so you can concentrate. If you have other people or kids in your house ask them to not disturb you and that you need a little time to yourself to spend time with God. This is a great way of teaching them the importance of God's word and the priority of God in your life.
3. Choose a Bible book to read or a read the Bible through the year plan. Before you read God's word ask him for help to understand his word and apply it correctly. Then as you read God's word ask yourself the following questions:
  - a. What does the passage say?
    - i. Are there any words or phrases that are repeated?
    - ii. Is a particular attribute of God illustrated or celebrated?
    - iii. Are there any words or phrases you don't understand?
  - b. What does the passage mean?
    - i. What is the passage saying about God?
    - ii. What does the passage teach about humanity?
    - iii. Try and paraphrase what you think the main idea of the passage.
  - c. How should it change me?
    - i. How does what I have learnt about God change my view of self?
    - ii. What should I do in response?
4. If you like to journal, it could be helpful to use this as an aid. Find yourself a nice journal and use it to write your answers to the above questions and possibly your prayers too.
5. Don't forget about prayer! Give yourself some quality time to commit what you have learn to God. Following the suggestions below could help:
  - a. Look up to God: Worship and praise him

- b. Look in at yourself: Repent and confess to God where you have sinned.
- c. Look around to others: Pray for others
- d. Look back to the past: Thank God for what he has done
- e. Look on to the future: Ask God and bring your request to him

## APPENDIX 3

### GROWING IN COMMUNITY IDEAS

The key to growing in community is to love another (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, 1 John 3:11-24, 1 John 4:7-21). This is a lot easier said than done! Below are some ways that we can grow in our love and show our love for each other.

#### GROW IN LOVE:

1. Remind yourself of the characteristics and promises of God. Spend some time reading God's word (the Psalms, Ephesians 1) and reflecting on God's amazing love for you.
2. Remember who you are and who other people are (see Romans 3:23-24). We were all once sinners in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Therefore, to grow in love, we need to first repent of our pride and grow in humility.
3. Remember Jesus' love for you (1 John 3:16-20).
4. Remember that loving others is part of living a life of freedom (Galatians 5:13-14).
5. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 13. What are the characteristics of love? How do you see these in your life? Or think about those who you see this kind of love displayed in their lives.

#### SHOW OUR LOVE

1. Make a list of the people God has placed in your life who you have opportunities to show love directly too. Don't overwhelm yourself with this! Just list 3 or 4 people who you can focus on. As you do this remember Jesus' teaching about loving not just those who we find easy to love (see Luke 6:32-26, 14:12-14).
2. Find out how these people 'feel' loved. What is it that actually makes these people feel loved? God has made everyone different, so what your love language is, could be very different to what others would appreciate. It could be:
  - a. Spending quality time
  - b. Gifts
  - c. Words of encouragement
  - d. Physical touch
  - e. Acts of service

3. Once you have found this out, think through some ways that you could love these people in that way this week.
4. Pick some people from your list of who you can minister to (these may be the same or different from your list above). Think through how you can be an 'Older man or women' to them. How can you be teaching and training those younger than you to follow Jesus with their lives? Some ideas could be:
  - Chat to them at church or during the week. Ask them how they are going in their walk with God. Offer to pray for them and actually pray for them!
  - Meet up with them to read the Bible and pray together.
  - When you see each other aim to have your conversation be one of encouragement, where you can share the truths of the Bible, and God's goodness and promises to each other. The more you do this, the more natural it will become.

## APPENDIX 4

### GROWING IN SERVING IDEAS

#### a) In your home (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)

- If you are a husband: God has given you the precious task of helping your wife, be a spotless bride on the day of Christ. What are you doing to help your wife grow in her walk with God? Could you give her the time to pray together, allowing her to confess her sins to her and offering forgiveness where necessary? Could you look after the kids to allow her some quiet time every day?
- If you are a father: Teach your children about God! Discipline your children in the ways of God.
- If you are a wife: serve your husband by submitting to him. Allow him time and space in the day to have some Bible reading and prayer time on his own.
- If you are a mother: Make every opportunity to teach your children to live in awe of God. Share the truths of the gospel at every opportunity you get. There are many of these opportunities every day if you ask God to show you them and are on the lookout for them. These small and short conversations with your kids make a huge difference in the tone of your home and showing your children how God affects our whole lives.
- Son/daughter: Obey your parents!
- Brother/sister: Are you showing love and kindness to your siblings?
- Grandfather/grandmother: How can you help your children/grandchildren to grow in their relationship with God? A grandparent can do much to foster an awe and love for God. Could you offer to look after your grandchildren so your children can spend some quality time together?
- Uncle/Aunt: Could you look after your niece or nephew to give your brother/sister some quality time together? As you spend time with your niece and nephew be intentional about speaking God to them.

#### b) In your work

- How can you love and serve others in your workplace? Are there those who might be more difficult to love who you can show love and kindness to?

#### c) In your church

- What areas of church life can you serve in?
- Are there any things that need doing that you could help with?

If you are unsure of opportunities to serve, get in contact with the ministry purpose team: [ministrypurpose@summerleaschurch.org](mailto:ministrypurpose@summerleaschurch.org)

d) In your neighbourhood

- How can you be salt and light to the community around you?
- Do you know your neighbours? Whether that be your physical neighbours or other people that are part of your community. It might be school parents, sport teams, a club that you are a part of. Are there natural ways that you can purposely foster relationships with the people in those community? This may take time and a shift in priorities.

e) In our world

- Are there issues within your world that you should and could engage in to show Christ love?
- Do you know of missionaries that you could support who are showing the love of Christ to those who have not yet heard it?

## WHOLE FAMILY LEARNING (WFL) IDEAS FOR DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

1. Choose any of the chapters from *The Ology* by Marty Machowski under the heading of 'The Ology of Change'. Read the section together and look up some of the Bible passages. You could also ask the questions on page 246 to help guide your conversation. Pray together.
2. Show your GC some pictures of famous people and see if they can guess who they are. You could get people in teams and have this as a game with a prize at the end for the team that guesses the most if you want.

Talk to your GC about 'fan-dom' and that while there is nothing wrong with paying attention to famous people, there is a danger when anyone of anything becomes more important than Jesus in our lives.

Read Luke 9:57-62 to the group and ask what it means to follow Jesus. To wholeheartedly follow Jesus means that he is the biggest 'celebrity' in your life.

Spend some time praying for each other to wholeheartedly follow Jesus.

3. Read 'The Servant King' (pages 286-292) from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones.

Ask:

- What did Jesus do in this story?
- Why did he do it?
- What promise does Jesus make to those who follow him?

Pray together asking God to help us love each other like Jesus did.

4. Read 'Going Home' (pages 318-324) from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones.

Ask:

- What does Jesus tell his people to do?
- Who can you tell about the good news of Jesus?

Spend some time praying together about these things and for help to share the good news of Jesus.

## SUMMERLEAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION PARTNERS

FELLOWSHIP OF OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (FOCUS)  
FOCUS is a Christian international student society that seeks to share the good news of Jesus with International students at the University of Hobart.



How Summerleas can help:

- Go along to Friday Night FOCUS and/or cook for them.

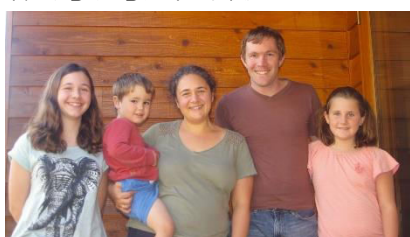
What: FREE food, fun, friendship and teaching from the Bible.

When: Fridays 6.00-8.30pm (if your GC is bringing food please bring it at 5:30pm)

Where: Sandy Bay Baptist Church, 239 Sandy Bay Road

- Pray:
  - Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach the nations.
  - Pray that we will be keen to support this strategic ministry and that it would grow us in our passion for God's great mission!
  - Pray for Luke and the leadership team that they will speak the truth in love.
  - Pray that God will be working in the hearts of those who come along to hear and understand that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour

### THE DURDIN FAMILY



Marc and Joey Durdin are another one of our mission partners at Summerleas Church. Marc is the developer of Keyman software which helps translate writing into native languages. Joey is a midwife who provides support and education to women in many ways. They are currently seeking to go to Cambodia in early 2022.

- Pray:
  - That God would guide them as they make plans to move back to Cambodia in June.
  - Pray for Joey as she continues to educate and support women remotely.
  - Pray that God will use them to be a light to all those they come into contact with. That they will be bold to proclaim Christ and show his love to the people in their lives.