



STEP UP

WEEK 1: STEP UP! BIBLE READING PLAN

Day 1: Who?

Read Isaiah 6 (focus 6:4–8)

When it comes time to step up for God, we often find ourselves questioning our own abilities. We become obsessed with where we have failed and why we are not qualified to do the work that God asks us to do. Yet we forget that God does not ask for perfect people – He asks for willing hearts. When Isaiah saw the glory of God, he was overcome with just how unworthy he was. But Isaiah was so overcome with joy at seeing God that he shouted to volunteer to do God's work.

What lies do you believe that are keeping you from stepping up?

Day 2: What?

Read Isaiah 61:1–4

Even when we are willing to step up for God, we often ask ourselves – Just what am I supposed to be doing? There are plenty of leadership classes and self-help books that try to capitalize on your skills and “plug you in” to utilize your abilities best. But God calls us to a much simpler task – display His glory. This can take on many forms: you can brighten someone's day, help someone with a personal struggle, comfort the mourning, or just show God's love in any way you can think of. If we can show God's love, we are accomplishing what He asks of us.

What can YOU do to lead people to God today?

Day 3: When?

Read John 13:34–35

As we step up to serve God, it can be easy to assume that serving God is like any other responsibility. We show up, do our duty, then go back to living our life. But God calls us to do otherwise. When He commanded us to love each other in the Gospel of John, He did not give us the option of leaving our responsibilities. Being recognized for the love you show is not a simple thing – it takes continuous, conscious effort. Thank God that we can serve Him 24/7!

When do YOU struggle to lead people to God? How can you overcome this struggle?

Day 4: Where?

Read Matthew 28:16–20

Where are we to make an impact for God? Everywhere! When Jesus spoke to His disciples once more before returning to Heaven, He did not direct them to any single

place. He instructed them to go out into the entire world and preach the Gospel, excluding no one. It is the same for us. There is no one who is outside of Christ's forgiveness, and Christ has sent us to all. We can freely proclaim the Gospel to anyone, any time.

Where can YOU lead people to God?

Day 5: Why?

Read 1 John 2:3–6

Even if we know what to do and where to do it, we still inevitably ask: why do we step up for God? In 1 John 2, we are given a simple answer: because we love Him. If we follow His commands and serve Him in whatever way He calls us, we are showing our love for Him. If we do not, we do not truly love Him. Faith without works is dead, so we serve to show our faith and love!

Why do YOU serve God?

Day 6: How?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1–12

When we finally step into the full position that God calls us to, we may become overwhelmed and try to find easier ways to spread the Gospel, increase numbers, or build community. Instead of focusing on what we want from others or only thinking of the goal, we must strive to share our lives with those we hope to impact. Though events and messages might seem powerful, the most effective way to lead people to God is by sharing your life with them!

How can YOU share your life and faith with others today?

Day 7: Why Me?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

But again, why do we have to lead? Surely there are others who are more capable, or who have less weakness, or are less afraid to lead than us. So why us? Why me? In the midst of all of your fear, pain, and weakness, God is glorified. He tells us through Paul that in our weakness, His power is made complete. Why do you need to lead for God? Because God is able to use YOUR story to impact the world in a way that no one else could do.

Ask God today why He chose you to serve Him.

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