



STEP UP

WEEK 3: MAKE AN IMPACT! BIBLE READING PLAN

Day 1: Royal Priesthood

Read 1 Peter 2:9–10

The original priesthood found in the Old Testament was established for a singular purpose: usher people into the presence and knowledge of God. They did the work of God, taking care of the temple so people from all nations could come and encounter the God of Israel. Centuries later, Peter calls those of us who follow Jesus a royal priesthood, giving us the same task as that original priesthood — usher people into the presence and knowledge of God. It's your ministry, no matter who you are.

How can you help others experience God?

Day 2: His Light in Us

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1–7

In verse six of this passage, Paul writes that God made His light shine in our hearts. It seems simple enough — God gave us revelation of who He is — that is, until we understand the meaning of the word translated from Greek as light. Phos, the original word, means the nature of God, the judgment of God, the character of God, the meeting place of God, the attributes of God, and on and on. God took His character and quality and attributes and placed them in our hearts, so we can go and show others who He really is.

How does it change your view of others knowing that God lives in you?

Day 3: Light of the World

Read Matthew 5:14–16

In the middle of His famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls those of us who follow Him the light of the world — those called to bring His Spirit and presence into a dark and hopeless world. Then He admonishes us not to hide it, but to let it shine for all to see. The light God has placed in you, His nature and character and spirit, is meant to be seen by those who don't know Him — so they can be drawn to the love of the Father.

How can you shine light into the lives of others?

Day 4: Part of the Body

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

Paul tells us here that the church — that ragtag team of individuals following Christ — is like a body, and each person has an important part in that body. None are more important than the other. Every person is needed to make the body of Christ effective in reaching others for God. You

have a role to play. It may not be speaking to the group or praying for others, but you play an important role in Christ's Kingdom — one no one else could do. We need you, the body needs you, to use your gifts and talents to draw people closer to Christ.

How can you use your gifts and talents to help others experience God?

Day 5: Never Too Young

Read Jeremiah 1:4–7

We often place limitations on how God can use us. We think we're too young, too old, too immature, too new in the faith, too old in the faith, too little understanding of the bible. The list goes on and on. But when God called Jeremiah, He negated Jeremiah's limitations, and said he wasn't too young to obey. No matter where you find yourself in your walk with Christ, you are never too anything to be used by Him to impact the lives of others.

What limitations do you place on yourself?

Day 6: Been with Jesus

Read Acts 4:1–13

In Acts 4, Peter and John were brought before the religious rulers of the day for having healed a man in Jesus' name. After Peter's bold preaching to them, the council realized that Peter and John were unschooled and ordinary men, but they had been with Jesus. These disciples didn't have formal rabbi training. They weren't qualified to preach or minister to others, but one thing set them apart — they spend time with Jesus. Impacting others doesn't begin with training, it begins with time spent with God.

Where do you need to spend more time with Jesus?

Day 7: Immediate Obedience

Read Genesis 12:1–5

God promised Abraham that He would make him into a great nation, and that all people on earth would be blessed through him. It's a powerful promise. One life impacting everyone on the planet. But there was a stipulation — Abraham had to obey God and take a step of faith. And so will you. Any time God calls us to impact others, we need to obey right away — and take a step of faith.

What step of faith is God asking you to take?

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