

STUDY GUIDE

“Follow Me” – A Study in the Gospel of Mark

“If anyone would come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow me.”
Mark 8:34 (ESV)

Welcome to Women’s Bible Study!

As we begin our year of study together, let us direct our minds and hearts to earnestly seek the Lord in His Word. May our purpose be not only to know and understand the Scriptures, but also to personally grow in relationship with Jesus through diligent study and reflection in His Word.

This year, we will study a portion of Mark’s Gospel each week, trusting the Living Word to speak for itself by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through investigation, we seek to know what the Scriptures say and what they mean. We also desire to listen, consider, and prayerfully reflect on the Scriptures, so we can respond to the things God reveals to us.

The Study Guide and companion Study Sheet are designed to facilitate your exploration of Scripture. The questions on the Study Sheet are not specific to any passage but are meant to serve as prompts in your study process. As you study each passage, record your thoughts in a notebook, on your computer, or wherever is best for you.

General Bible Study Tools and Tips

- Read the passage multiple times to better recognize patterns or themes
- Explore related passages and let the Scripture interpret itself
- Read various translations of the passage
- Use a Bible dictionary or concordance to look up terms as needed. Online tools like studylight.org or blueletterbible.org are free and easily accessible
- Hold off on consulting others’ interpretations of the passage until after group discussion: this includes commentaries, sermons, blogs, & Study Bible notes
- Meditate (think about, pray over, dwell) on Scripture
- Paraphrase to gain clearer understanding
- Optional: Print out a passage in double spaced format to have a workable copy. Highlight repeated/key words and phrases, record notes, insights, questions, and related Scriptures.

We encourage you to try out various methods of study, to ask God to increase your desire to read and understand His word and to be patient with yourself and others as we learn together. We can be confident that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things according to the Word of Christ! Do not hesitate to contact your leader with questions when needed.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)