



WALKING with **JESUS**  
The Road of Discipleship  
*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*



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# BIBLE STUDY NOTES

## WALKING WITH JESUS

### THE ROAD OF DISCIPLESHIP

"A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"\* is the title of a set of devotions on some of the Psalms by Eugene Peterson and it seems to me this is an apt description of the Christian Life.

In Acts 9:2 the Christians are described as 'belonging to the way'; in many places in the New Testament where it talks about the Christian life the word is actually the Greek word for walk. So being Jesus' disciple can be described as being on the road, a thought also taken up by John Bunyan in "A Pilgrims Progress."

So, in this set of studies we turn to the basics of being Jesus' disciple, of walking with him on the road to learn and grow into the people that God wants us to be.

We should be all praying for each other that, through the influence of God's Word and his Holy Spirit, we will become more like Jesus.





Greg Holmes - July 2021

\*The line is originally attributed to the atheistic philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche

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Study 1	Joining the Road		
<p><i>Discipleship is being a follower of Jesus the Messiah as LORD of all. It begins by acknowledging his claim on your life and the price he has paid, by dying on a Roman cross, to reconcile you to God. In this your sins are forgiven and you are, through God's power and the work of the Holy Spirit, now walking in obedience to him.</i></p>			
	Romans 3:9-26	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 14:23-24 James 2:14-17 Galatians 5:19-26 Jeremiah 31:31-34
What shines from the Passage? 			
What questions does the passage raise? 			
What personal response can you see? 			
What are you prompted to pray about? 			

**Other Passages to Consider:** Luke 15:11-23; Psalm 1





## **Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...**

1. Write down or share how you became a Christian.
2. If we are saved by grace alone what place does obedience have in the Christian's life?
3. What is a basic outline of the Gospel? How would you explain it to a friend?
4. What are the great challenges for you in the Christian walk?

## Study 2

## Looking to our Master and Guide

*The Disciple is a follower and learner; he looks to the Master, Jesus, for instruction in the truth and guidance in the walk of life. Jesus is exemplar, teacher, leader and LORD. Jesus lived on earth in order to fulfil these roles as a full human being. Jesus is fully God and fully man.*

	Hebrews 12:1-3	Psalm 23	Matt 4:17-22; Col 1:28-29
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**Other Passages to Consider:** John 1:1-14; Matthew 7:28-29; Hebrews 1:3





## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...

1. What is your favourite story about what Jesus does during his time on earth? Why is it your favourite?
2. 'Fixing your eyes on Jesus' is a fine idea, but how do you do it?
3. Shepherd, servant, master, king, teacher are all 'titles' for Jesus. How do they help us 'look to him?'
4. Share your struggles in regard to being like Jesus.

### Study 3

### Using the Road Book

*The guidebook and map for the walk of the disciple is the Bible. This is God's revelation of himself to humankind and the authority for the follower of Jesus. Both the Old and New Testaments reveal, progressively, to us the nature of God's salvation for mankind and the person of the Saviour, Jesus. Reading the Bible provides direction for our walk.*

	Psalm 19	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Hebrews 4:12 2 Peter 1:20-21 Deut 32:45-47
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**Other Passages to Consider:** Luke 24:27-32; 1 Corinthians 10:11

## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...





1. What is the main theme of the Bible?
2. What is your favourite book of the Bible? Why?
3. Do you enjoy, really enjoy, reading the Bible? Why or why not?
4. Share your struggles and triumphs in regard to reading the Bible regularly.



## Study 4

## Conversing with the Master

*As we walk on the road, we have the incredible privilege of a personal relationship with God our Maker and Jesus his Son. One of the ways we express this is through the medium of prayer – our communication with God. Through Prayer we bring our Praise, Thanksgiving, Adoration, Intercessions, Concerns and Requests to our Father. He hears and responds in grace and love to his adopted sons and daughters.*

	Matt 6:9-13	Psalm 4	Matthew 6:5-8; Rom 8:26-28 1 John 5:14-15
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**Other Passages to Consider:** Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 7:7-11; John 16:23-24





## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...

1. When are you most prompted to pray?
2. Do you ever use the Lord's Prayer in your private prayer times?
3. 'Pray constantly' (2 Timothy 1:3). How do you do that?
4. Share your struggles and triumphs in regard to praying regularly and consistently.

## Study 5

## Fellowship on the Road

*Salvation through Jesus brings us into an individual, reconciled relationship to Jesus AND into a community of those who have been likewise saved. This call to community brings with it relationships with and responsibilities to other believers. We are bound to one another through Jesus. One way of describing this is Service, Other Person-Centredness, Humility and Love. (SOHL) These interrelate with one another as they complement and enhance each one of the others, and love enfolds and constrains them all.*

	Ephesians 2:19-22	Hebrews 10:19-25	John 15:1-8 Psalm 133
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### Other Passages to Consider:

Matthew 18:19-20; Revelation 7:9-10.





## **Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider....**

1. It is possible to be a Christian and not belong to / go to a church?
2. What does it mean for us to 'encourage' one another?
3. What does Matthew 18:20 mean
4. Share, or write down, the best experience(s) of true Christian Fellowship you have had.

## Study 6

## Fellowship on the Road: Service

*Serving one another is exemplified by Jesus as he washes the Disciples muddy feet. He takes the role of a lowly servant. Service is giving on oneself to someone else. Not because they deserve it but because you can. We all have gifts from God which are to be used in serving one another and the world around us.*

	John 13:1-17	Isaiah 53:1-12	1 Peter 4:7-11 Romans 12:4-8 1 Cor 12:7
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**Other Passages to Consider:** Mark 10:42-45; Ephesian 4:11-12

## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...

1. How is Jesus a servant?
2. Which sort of 'greatness' should we pursue as Christians?
3. Discuss or consider the gifts God has given you. How are you using them for the benefit and encouragement of your church family?
4. Share your thoughts on how your groups can serve one-another.

<b>Study 7</b>	<b>Fellowship on the Road: Other-Person-Centredness</b>		
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*To be selfish is the default human condition...to think of one's own benefit. The disciple's attitude is to the opposite – to centre ourselves on others. Being other-person-centred is to seek the good of the other without thought of self. To act positively for the other person.*

	Philippians 2:2-4	Luke 10:29-37	Romans 5:6-8 1 Peter 3:8-9
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**Other Passages to Consider:** Philippians 2:1-13; Romans 15:1-3; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Proverbs 25:8-27

## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...





1. Discuss or consider how 'Other-Person-Centredness' works or should work.
2. During his life, in what ways did Jesus demonstrate other-person-centredness?
3. 'Other Person Centredness is activity; it is not merely benevolence but beneficence.\* Discuss.
4. When do you most struggle with being self-centred?  
David Broughton Knox The Everlasting God (Homebush West, Lancer, 1988) p132



## Study 8

## Fellowship on the Road: Humility

*Humility is having a right view of yourself in relation to others and in relation to GOD. It does not put 'self' down; nor does it inflate 'self'. Jesus perfectly illustrated and exemplified humility by becoming man, living an earthly life and dying as a man to bring us into right relationship with himself and his father.*

	Philippians 2:5-11	Micah 6:6-8	Proverbs 22:4 James 3:13-16 Isaiah 66:2
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**Other Passages to Consider:** Isaiah 53; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5

## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...

1. What is striking about Jesus' humility?
2. What is the relationship between 'fear of the Lord' and humility?
3. In the Gospels, how does Jesus demonstrate humility?
4. 'Lord, it's hard to be humble ...' goes the song. Why is it hard to be humble?

**Study 9****Fellowship on the Road: LOVE**

*'Over all put on love' Love is the glue that binds all our Christian relationships and our behaviour. We are to love as Christ loved us. Love is at its essence a verb – it is something we do, not merely some feeling we experience or conjure up - and that means we seek to do good for others even when we don't feel like it and when it is hard. We love others.*

	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Exodus 34:6-7	Mark 12:28-34 John 13:34-35 Prov 15:17; 21:21
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**Other Passages to Consider:**

John 15:12-13; 1 John 3:16 -18; 4:7-11

## **Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...**

1. When the Bible speaks about Love, what is it talking about?
2. "Love is a verb." What does that mean for us?
3. Consider Matthew 5:43-44. How do we go about doing that?
4. How can you show true Christian love to someone new this week?

**Study 10****Calling Others to Join the Walk**

*'One beggar telling another where to find food' is one way of characterising the act of one disciple 'making' another. We have the greatest of good news and Jesus makes it plain that we are to share it so that others may come under the Lordship of Jesus and know salvation and reconciliation.*

Matthew  
28:16-20

Isaiah 49:5-6

1 Peter 2:11-12  
1 Peter 3:15-16

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**Other Passages to Consider:** Luke 24:46-48; Colossians 1:28-29; Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...

1. 'Go, Make, Grow Disciples' is our church mission statement. What does it mean to you? Where do you see your gifts working toward this?
2. Share your experiences of attempting to communicate the gospel with a non-Christian.
3. What makes it hard to share the gospel? (Be honest with yourself.)
4. Who should you be praying for an opportunity to share the Gospel with?

**Study 11****'The Road Goes Ever On'**

*The disciple of Jesus is a creature full of hope. If you belong to Jesus, you have the certain knowledge that one way or another you will one day enter his glorious presence and there dwell for ever. Part of this is Jesus' certain promise that he is coming back and that on that day everything will be put right. Amen, praise the Lord.*

Luke 17:20-37

Isaiah 65:17-25

1 Thess 5:1-11  
Rev 21:1-8  
1 Peter 1:1

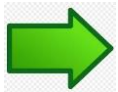
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**Other Passages to Consider:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:1-3

## Some Questions/Thoughts to Consider...

1. Discuss Romans 15:4.

2. What does the word 'hope' mean to you?

3. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul."  
(Hebrews 6:19) Discuss.

4. What does the prospect of 'heaven' mean to you in your daily life?