



Discovery Bible Experience

Date: _____ Dates Followed through: _____ Scripture Passage: _____

PREPARE

Remember

- This is important and needed time with God and his Word. It's not just an activity to do.
- **This is a relational time and experience**, not just an informational time. The purpose of this time is to hear and understand what God is saying to you through his Word and to respond appropriately.
- *No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken* [Matt. 4:4b, CEV].
- Come with the attitude, "Lord, what do you want to say to me or show me through your Word?"
- Put other things aside and enjoy this time with God, his Word, and others.

Pray

- **Pray the following silently:**

Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and Lead me in the everlasting way. [Ps. 139:23-24, Amp].

"Lord, is there any sin that I have not confessed and dealt with?"
Take a moment to think about it. Repeat the question.

If there is, confess it to God and thank him for his forgiveness. Tell him that you want to change and follow his way instead. Then, by faith, give the control of your life back to the Spirit of Christ within you to lead, guide, and empower you.

If there isn't, thank God that the Spirit of Christ within you is leading, guiding, and empowering you.

- **Before you open the Bible**, it's important to pray, acknowledging God's presence and asking him to open your eyes to the truth, guidance, and power of his Word.

Pray the following:

"Lord, thank you for your presence, and for the truth, guidance, and power of your Word. I ask you to speak to me, reveal more of yourself, and give me insight and understanding."

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word. You made me; you created me. Now give me the sense to follow your commands [Ps. 119:18, 37, 73]. "I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

- Take a minute or two and read the passage silently before we begin discussing each verse separately.

FOCUS on *one thing* in the Scripture passage to look into further **on your own**.

a. Copy **directly from the passage** either **a word, verse, or part of a verse** that speaks to you or gets your attention.

b. What does the **Scripture** I wrote down above **mean or imply**? Ask the question **several times** and write down as many things as you can. You may also ask, “*What can one learn or conclude from the Scripture I wrote down?*”

If you do not finish the FOCUS and RESPOND sections during this time, complete them on your own **in the next day or so**.

RESPOND and apply what God is saying to you or showing you in his Word.

a. Write down what you will **do, change, or pray about** from what you are focusing on in the passage.

b. Being specific and honest, write out your prayer from what you are focusing on in the passage.

c. Silently pray the prayer that you wrote above.

FOLLOW THROUGH on the Scripture you focused on [typically 10 to 15 minutes, **two or more times** in the next several days]. Proverbs 4:7b in the Voice Bible says: ***Now, whatever else you do, follow through to understanding.***

To follow through on the Scripture you focused on, do the following:

- 1) Do the *Remember* and *Pray* sections on page 1.
- 2) Mark the follow through date in the space on the top of page 1, then read the passage on page 2 again.
- 3) Read what you wrote in both the FOCUS and RESPOND sections above, writing down any additional thoughts.
- 4) Conclude by praying the prayer you wrote in the RESPOND section.