Jesus: The Ultimate Upgrade *A Survey of the Bible*

Reminders about the Purpose of this Series

"Your personal interaction with the Scriptures is the greatest single predictor of spiritual growth and maturity."

Ken Wilson

"Many in the church are curators of other people's opinions about a book that they do not trouble to read nor do they know how to read. That is where we find ourselves today"

Jen Wilken

- Context understanding the original historical, cultural and literary background.
- Content grasping the big picture of each book to enable proper interpretation.
- Conviction making application of the powerful Spirit inspired message in the text.

Jesus is the Final Word (<u>Hebrews 1:1-4</u>)

- The Final Word on the Human Condition (<u>Romans 3:23</u>)
- The Final Word on the Divine Solution (<u>Romans 3:21-26</u>)
- The Final Word on the Divine Purpose for Living (Philippians 3:7-10)

Jesus is the Perfect Provision (Hebrews 7:22-28)

- Perfect Covenant (<u>Hebrews 7:22</u>)
- Perfect Priesthood (Hebrews 7:23-25)
- Perfect Sacrifice (<u>Hebrews 7:26-28</u>)

Jesus is the Supreme Example (John 13:1-17)

- Supreme Love (John 13:1)
- Supreme Humility (John 13:2-13)
- Supreme Service (John 13:14-17)

Next Steps

- Commit to a Bible reading strategy and stick to it.
- Accept the provision made by Jesus for our sins.
- Follow the humble example of Jesus and serve _____.

This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- •. Monday <u>Hebrews 1:1-6</u>
- •. Tuesday <u>Hebrews 7:1-28</u>
- •. Wednesday <u>Romans 3:1-31</u>
- •. Thursday John 13:1-17
- •. Friday John 17:1-26

Home Church

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another. *Home Church helps our body seek God's best for one another.*

Home Church Questions

• Talk about your experience with computer upgrades or cell phone upgrades. Has this been a pleasant experience or a frustrating one? How much would you be willing to pay for an "ultimate" and "final" upgrade to your computer or phone? Why?

• <u>1 Corinthians 1:18</u> tells us that "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing." Why do people in our time see the cross as foolishness? Do you know anyone who openly rejects the message of the gospel? How do you interact with them?

• The same verse assures us that the message of the cross is "the power of God to us who are being saved." What is the power of the gospel? It is clearly a power for salvation, but it is more than that. It is a power for transformation. Are you experiencing the power of the cross in your life? Where? Where do you need it?

• This week, we talked a lot about Jesus being "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Talk more about how Jesus is the way. To what is Jesus the way? Be careful not to be simplistic in your answer here.

- In what way is Jesus the truth? The truth about what?
- Jesus is the life. What life? How do we access that life? How do we know if Jesus is life to us?

• Who do you know that experiences Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life? What is keeping you from that experience?

• Consider fasting one day this week to meditate on Christ's example & provision for us. Spend your meal times thinking reflectively and praying about the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Finances

Weekly Budget 32,692 Giving For 02/18 18,542 Giving For 02/25 32,365 YTD Budget 1,144,231 Giving 1,251,000 OVER/(UNDER) 106,769

Grill Out and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10, 4-6 p.m. for our annual Grill Out + Silent Auction! Bring your whole family for a fun-filled evening with free dinner, games for kids, and an exciting silent auction. All proceeds will

support our student mission trips to Mission Arlington and Czech. *Child care for 6 and under, please text Shanna at 501-336-0332. The Silent Auction will kick off at 4 PM, followed by a delicious free dinner served at 5:15 PM.*

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you chose to worship with our Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Crucifixion Dinner

Join us on Good Friday for our annual Crucifixion Dinner, where we remember the high price Jesus paid on our behalf. We invite you to fast during the day as you meditate on the life and death of Jesus leading up to a time of worship and remembrance, breaking the fast with a bowl of chicken broth and bread. Join us March 29 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. *Child care for 6 years and younger, please text Shanna at 501-336-0332*.

Men's Muster - The Surrendered Life

Men, mark your calendar for our retreat on April 19-21 at Shepherd of the Ozarks. \$170 for adults, \$85 for ages 14-17. \$40 deposit due at registration. Register at <u>fellowshipconway.org/register.</u>

Fellowship Landscape Work Day

Easter is approaching, and we would love to have the Fellowship grounds ready. We are looking for 4-5 people willing to install new soil into our flower beds in preparation for planting some spring flowers. If you have a strong back or wheelbarrow and are able to help on March 16, from 8 to 1:00 p.m., email Shane at swanamaker@fellowshipconway.org.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Men, join us for a great breakfast and fellowship on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 a.m. here in the Fellowship atrium. No sign-up is needed. Come with your Bible, ready to eat, fellowship with other men, and start your day off right through prayer and Biblical insight. Questions? Contact Michael at mharrison@fellowshipconway.org.

Daylight Saving Time

Fellowship, we are going to "Spring Forward" on Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks Saturday night and join us for services at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. We will have the coffee ready for you!