



ANSWERS: Unit 4: Disciple of Christ

Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of God.

Lesson 15 The Word of God

Day One *God's Word*

Read Revelation 15:4 and answer questions 1–3:

“Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.” Revelation 15:4

1. Fill in the blank. *Who will not ___fear___ you, Lord, and bring ___glory___ to your name* (v. 4a)?
2. Who will come and worship before the triune God (v. 4b)?

All nations.

3. Why will all the nations come and worship before the Lord (v. 4c)?

His righteous acts.

4. Read Revelation 19:5. This verse describes believers who will be invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. How are these servants of God described?

Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!” Revelation 19:5

Those who fear God, great and small.

The terms “small and great” emphasize the inclusivity of worshippers who are called to praise God. This phrase is often used in Scripture to indicate that God’s call, judgment, and blessings apply to all people, regardless of status, rank, or position.

Read Malachi 3:16–17a and answer questions 5–7:

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.¹⁷ “On the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession.” Malachi 3:16–17a

5. When you speak to others in a way that honors God and shows that you fear Him, where will your name be written (v. 16)?

On a scroll of remembrance.

6. Who will you belong to when the Lord Almighty makes up His treasured possession (17a)?

Personal answer, but hopefully the answer will be to God, the Lord Almighty.

7. Take time to consider being God’s treasured possession. How do these thoughts encourage you?

Personal Answer

8. Read Psalm 31:19. What two attitudes or actions are necessary to receive the good things God has prepared?

How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you. Psalm 31:19

(1) Fearing God and (2) Taking refuge in Him

9. How do you think David’s early losses shaped his understanding of God and faith?

Personal answer, but David Ring’s early losses likely deepened his reliance on God, as he faced immense challenges with cerebral palsy and the loss of both parents. His hardships may have shaped his faith by teaching him to trust in God’s strength rather than his own, finding purpose and identity in Christ despite his struggles. Through his testimony, he demonstrates how suffering can draw a person closer to God, reinforcing the truth that God’s power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

10. Have you ever struggled with questions about God’s purpose for your suffering? Yes | No (Underline One) If yes, how did you respond?

Personal Answer

11. What can we learn from David’s decision to focus on God’s promises rather than his unanswered questions?

Personal answer, but David Ring’s decision to focus on God’s promises rather than his unanswered questions teaches us the importance of faith and trust in God’s plan, even when life

is difficult or unclear. Instead of being consumed by doubt or self-pity, he chose to believe that God had a purpose for his life. This reminds us that our circumstances do not define us—God’s truth does. When we cling to His promises, we find strength, hope, and the ability to move forward, even when we don’t have all the answers (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Read Psalm 33:4–6 and answer questions 12–16:

For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. ⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Psalm 33:4–6

13. What does it mean that the word of the Lord is right and true (v. 4a)?

It means that everything God says is perfectly just, reliable, and without error. His Word, the Bible reflects His unchanging character and is the ultimate standard of truth and righteousness.

14. Where do we go to find the truth (v. 4a)?

We find the truth in God’s Word, the Bible. Since His Word is right and true, it serves as the foundation for understanding what is good, just, and trustworthy.

15. Whose very essence is faithfulness, making Him faithful in all He does (v. 4b)?

The Lord God.

16. How were the heavens, the universe made (v. 6)?

By the word of the Lord, God.

Action Step

16. This week, look for the Lord’s unfailing love that fills the earth (vv. 5–6). Share your findings.

Personal answer, but one might see God’s unfailing love in the beauty of nature—the sunrise, the stars at night, and the way everything in creation works together so perfectly. It reminds us that He is the Creator who cares for all He has made. One might also experience God’s love through the kindness of others. A friend encouraged at just the right moment, and how God works through people to show His love.

Read Jeremiah 32:39–40 and answer questions 17–19:

I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. ⁴⁰ I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. Jeremiah 32:39–40

17. God gives us a singleness of heart and action, so that we will always fear Him (v. 39).

18. What is the everlasting covenant that God is referring to (v. 40a)?

The everlasting covenant is the new covenant that was established through Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. He died for the sins of humanity, satisfying God's righteous wrath for sins and rescuing the repentant from Satan (Isaiah 42:6–7; Luke 12:31).

19. Through the new covenant in Christ, God inspires believers to fear Him. (v. 40b).

—End Day One—

Day Two

Dry Bones Revived

20. Read 2 Corinthians 3:6. The letter refers to the law as an external standard of judgment. Who gives life and makes it possible for believers to obey God?

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:6

The Holy Spirit, Spirit, or Spirit of God.

Action Step: Read Ezekiel 37:1–14 from your Bible and answer questions 21–29. The following is the last verse from this passage:

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD. Ezekiel 37:14

21. Who placed Ezekiel in the middle of a valley filled with dry, dead bones (vv. 1–2)?

The Spirit of the Lord.

22. What did God instruct Ezekiel to do (v. 4–5)?

“Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.’” Ezekiel 37:4–5

23. What happened as a result of God’s command and Ezekiel’s obedience (v. 10)?

Breath entered the dry bones and they came to life.

24. Who did the dry bones represent in Ezekiel’s vision (v. 11a)?

The house of Israel.

25. What does the house of Israel (the dry bones) say (v. 11b)?

Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.

26. What did the Lord tell Ezekiel to prophesy in response to the people (vv. 12–14)?

Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’” Ezekiel 37:12–14

27. What will be the outcome of the Lord putting His Spirit in the dead bones (v. 14)?

They will live.

28. Have you ever felt like dry bones scattered on the battlefield of life? Yes | No (Underline One) If so, how do you overcome these feelings?

Personal Answer

29. Have you ever encountered someone who seemed like dry bones scattered on the battlefield of life? Yes | No (Underline One) If so, how did you help them?

Personal Answer

30. Read Ezekiel 36:37–38. Just before the Spirit set Ezekiel in the valley of the dry bones, the Lord says: *I will yield to Israel's plea*. What does the Lord mean?

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Once again I will yield to Israel's plea and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, ³⁸ as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed festivals. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD.” Ezekiel 36:37–38

In Ezekiel 36:37, it means that God will listen or give way to Israel's prayer. In this context, yield means to give way to arguments or demands.

31. In light of God's promise (Ezekiel 36:37), pray for disciples of Christ to become as numerous as sheep, as the stars in the sky, and as the sand on the seashore (Genesis 22:17). Pray also for God to use *you* in making numerous disciples. I have prayed: Yes | No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

32. Do you ever despair or lose hope that things will change for the better? Yes | No Sometimes (Underline One) Explain:

Personal Answer

Preach the following message to yourself: “The Spirit brings life and hope from the grave. The Lord does the impossible and transforms the dead into the living. Israel was spiritually dead in their exile. They had sinned against the Lord and were suffering the consequences. Still, Yahweh is a God of grace. His Spirit brings invincible hope, boundless energy, and limitless power. The Spirit will bring the same to me. Revive my dry bones and raise me to new heights in love and service.”

33. How did you feel after preaching the above message of life and hope to yourself?

Personal Answer

34. Like David Ring, how can you grow through your painful situation and glorify God?

Personal Answer

35. How do you think David's faith transformed his perspective on his physical challenges and losses?

Personal answer, but David's faith helped him see his challenges not as limitations, but as opportunities for God to work through him. Instead of focusing on what he lacked, he trusted in God's strength and purpose for his life, turning his struggles into a testimony of God's power and grace.

36. What advice would you give to someone struggling with anger or self-pity, similar to how David felt before finding Christ—and even how believers may feel at times?

Personal answer, but we could encourage them to bring their pain to God and trust His promises. Instead of dwelling on what is unfair, they could focus on God's love, His plans, and His faithfulness. We could remind them that God can use even the hardest struggles for a greater purpose (Romans 8:28), and seeking Him through prayer and His Word brings peace and hope.

—End Day Two—

Day Three

The Word of Comfort

37. Read John 9:3. Jesus healed this man of his blindness, yet chose not to heal David Ring of his cerebral palsy. What lesson do you learn from this?

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” John 9:3

God was glorified in healing the blind man and in *not* healing David Ring. God's purpose in healing or allowing suffering is not always the same. In John 9:3, Jesus shows that suffering can be used to display God's glory. David Ring's cerebral palsy, though not healed, became a testimony of God's strength and faithfulness in weakness. This teaches us to trust that God's plan is greater than our understanding, and He uses each life for His glory in different ways.

Read Psalm 107:19–20 and answer questions 38–39:

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. ²⁰ He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Psalm 107:19–20

38. What happened when the people cried out to the Lord (v. 19)?

He saved them from their distress.

39. What did God send to heal the people and rescue them from the grave (v. 20)?

God sent His Word.

40. Read John 14:9. What does Jesus mean when He says, *Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*?

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
John 14:9

Jesus means that He perfectly reveals the Father because He is one with Him. His words, actions, and character fully reflect God’s nature, so to know Jesus is to know God.

Steps for Comfort and Renewal

(1) Come to Jesus—Take His Yoke

Read Matthew 11:28–30 and answer questions 41–44:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28–30

41. What is Jesus’ gracious invitation to you and for all people (v. 28)?

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

42. How do we “come to Jesus”?

We come to Jesus by trusting in Him as the Messiah and Son of God, surrendering our burdens to Him, and following His teachings.

43. How do we take Jesus’ yoke and learn from Him (v. 29)?

We take Jesus’ yoke by submitting to His authority, obeying His teachings, and walking in close relationship with Him, allowing Him to guide and strengthen us.

44. How do we find rest for our souls (v. 29)?

We find rest for our souls by trusting in Jesus, submitting to His leadership, and learning from Him, which brings spiritual renewal, peace, and true fulfillment.

(2) Cry Out to the Lord

Read Matthew 8:25 and answer questions 45–46:

The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” Matthew 8:25

45. The disciples were on a boat in the midst of a storm. How did they cry out to the Lord?

“Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

46. Jesus calmed the storm. What storm are you facing that you need to cry out to the Lord?

Personal Answer

47. Read Matthew 14:30. What was Peter focused on when He began to sink?

“But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’”
Matthew 14:30

The wind

48. Read Mark 10:47–48. What did blind Bartimaeus do when the crowd rebuked him and told him to be quiet? What can we learn from his response when obstacles arise?

“When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’” Mark 10:47–48

He shouted all the more for Jesus to have mercy on him.

—End Day Three—

Day Four

Sufficiency of Scripture and Grace

(3) Embrace the Sufficiency of God's Word

49. Read Colossians. 2:8. What specific warning does the apostle Paul give to the church at Colossae?

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.
Colossians. 2:8

Paul warns the church at Colossae to guard against being deceived by hollow and deceptive philosophies that rely on human traditions and worldly principles rather than on Christ. He emphasizes the importance of staying rooted in the truth of God's Word.

Read Romans 15:4-5 and answer questions 50–52:

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.
⁵ *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had* ⁶ *so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Romans 15:4–6

50. What was the purpose of everything written in Scripture (v. 4)?

Scripture was written to teach us, providing endurance, encouragement, and hope through God's truth.

51. What kind of attitude does the apostle Paul pray for believers (v. 5)?

Paul prays that believers would have the same attitude of unity, humility, and love toward one another that Christ Jesus has for them.

52. How does having “one mind and one voice” among believers glorify God? Why is this Christ-centered unity crucial when facing trials and seeking renewal (v. 6)?

From the lesson: Unity among believers glorifies God because it reflects the character and attitude of Christ Jesus. When we share the same mindset and work together with one mind and one voice, we demonstrate God's love and grace to the world. This unity is especially vital during trials, as it provides mutual support, encouragement, and strength. By standing together, believers can endure difficulties, lifting one another up and glorifying God through our shared faith and perseverance.

53. How does the sufficiency of God’s Word shape the way *you* approach challenges and decisions in your life?

Personal Answer

However, here are suggestions to help you as you ponder the question:

Could help one to seek wisdom from Scripture before making decisions rather than relying solely on one’s own understanding.

It could give one confidence that God has provided everything needed for guidance, encouragement, and correction.

It could help one resist fear and uncertainty, knowing that God’s Word is trustworthy and unchanging.

54. Was there anything new *you* discovered about the sufficiency of God’s Word that *you* can apply to your daily walk with God?

Personal Answer

However, here are suggestions to help you as you ponder the question:

One doesn’t need to look outside of Scripture for truth—God’s Word is complete and fully equips me for life.

One can see how important it is to rely on Scripture for endurance and encouragement, especially in difficult times.

God’s Word not only teaches but also strengthens faith and helps one stay firm in their walk with Christ.

(4) Accept God’s Grace (with gratitude)

55. Read Hebrews 4:16. Why are we to approach God’s throne of grace with confidence?

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (Cf. Esther 4:11—approaching kings.)

So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

56. Read 1 Peter 5:10. What else does the God of all grace promise the disciple of Christ?

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10

After we have suffered a little while, God will restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.

Read Romans 15:4-5 and answer questions 57–58:

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:4–8

57. Why is the apostle Paul's heart overflowing with thanksgiving to God (vv. 4–7)?

Paul is overflowing with thanksgiving because of God's grace given to the Corinthians through Christ. He praises God for enriching them with spiritual gifts, knowledge, and speech, and for confirming the testimony of Christ in their lives. He is grateful for the way God has equipped them to eagerly await Christ's return and remain firm in their faith.

58. How does Paul's gratitude deepen your own for saving grace—for yourself and others?

Personal Answer

—End Day Four—

Day Five

Authority of Christ

Making Disciples

Read Ephesians 2:6–7 and answer questions 59–60:

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6–7

Definition: The *heavenly realms* refer to the spiritual dimension where God’s presence, authority, and reign exist beyond the physical world. The term encompasses God’s dwelling place (1:20), spiritual authority (2:6), spiritual warfare (6:2), and the believer’s true identity and blessings (1:3).

59. What does it mean that we are seated with Jesus in the heavenly realms?

From the lesson: **To be seated with Christ in the heavenly realms means we share in His victory, authority, and spiritual position. Though we live on earth, our true citizenship and identity are in heaven. This seating signifies our partnership in His reign, the security of our salvation, and the power we have in Him to live out God’s purposes for His glory.**

60. If you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places, how can you have a fruitful life and overcome all the devil’s plans, schemes, and temptations?

Personal answer but also from the lesson: **We must boldly exert and use the authority and power Christ won for us. We must remind ourselves daily that we *are* seated in the heavenly places, sharing in the power and authority Christ has secured. Furthermore, He has equipped us with spiritual weapons to use in both the earthly and spiritual realms.**

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4–5 and answer questions 61–63:

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (Our weapons include God’s Word (Ephesians 6:17), faith (Ephesians 6:16), prayer (Ephesians 6:18), the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 6:17), obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5), and the authority of Christ (Luke 10:19).)

61. How are *you* exercising Jesus’ authority and using the spiritual weapons He has given you?

Personal Answer

62. Why is obedience to Christ a spiritual weapon for disciples? (See also James 4:7.)

Scripture referenced in the question 62:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

From the Lesson: Obedience to Christ—especially in taking every thought captive—is a powerful spiritual weapon because it dismantles Satan’s deception and false arguments, replacing them with God’s truth. By rejecting lies and submitting to Christ’s authority, we strengthen our faith, align ourselves with His rule, and guard our hearts and minds against spiritual deception. This alignment with God’s will also makes our prayers more effective, as we pray from a place of faith and truth.

63. How can *you* apply the promise of divine power in your life today?

Personal Answer

Read Romans 8:5–6 and answer questions 64–66:

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
Romans 8:5–6

64. In what ways are *you* setting your mind on what the Spirit desires in your daily life?

Personal Answer

However, here are suggestions to help you as you ponder the question:

Focus on Scripture daily, seeking the Holy Spirit’s guidance to align thoughts and actions with God’s will.

Stay mindful of the Spirit’s prompting in conversations and decisions, asking for discernment to act in accordance with God’s desires.

Commit to prayer and spend time listening for the Spirit’s direction rather than being swayed by one’s own desires or distractions.

65. When facing challenges in God’s work, do you remain faithful even when you see little or no outward success? Yes | No | Sometimes (Underline One)

Personal Answer

66. How can *you* seek the Spirit's guidance to discern whether to persevere, adjust, or move on to a new assignment?

Personal Answer

However, here are suggestions to help you as you ponder the question:

Pray for clarity and ask the Spirit to reveal His will, whether that means to continue in the current direction, adjust approach, or move forward with something new.

Seek counsel from other believers, listening to their wisdom and how the Spirit may be speaking through them.

Take time to reflect on whether one has peace in the Spirit about the direction headed or whether there is a sense of being led elsewhere.

Read Matthew 28:18–20 and answer questions 67–73:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18–20
(Please see Unit 2: *Blessing Others* for lessons on witnessing and making disciples.)

67. Who possesses all authority in heaven and on earth, and who granted it to Him (v. 18)?

Jesus has all authority and God, the Father granted it to Him

68. Based on His full authority, what specific command does Jesus give to His followers (v. 19)?

Make disciples of all nations.

69. What does it mean to make disciples, and how does Jesus describe this process (vv. 19–20)?

(1) Baptize the disciples in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and (2) and teach them to obey everything Jesus has commanded.

70. Who is included in "all nations" (v. 19), and how does this align with Jesus' earlier instructions in Matthew 10:5–7 to proclaim God's message only to the people of Israel?

From the lesson: The risen Christ gave the Great Commission so that His body, the church would be inclusive of everyone. Before His death, Jesus instructed His disciples to proclaim God's message only to the people of Israel (Matthew 10:5). But with His death and resurrection, this limitation was removed. Now, without exception, all nations and people are to hear the truth and follow the Son of God.

Scripture reference in question 70:

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’” Matthew 10:5–7

71. What is the significance and meaning of baptizing disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (v. 19)?

From the lesson: **Jesus commands that all disciples be baptized in the name (not names) of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which signifies the unity and full revelation of the Triune God. God’s name reveals His nature (Exodus 3:14–15), and through Jesus, we come to understand the inseparable relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This baptism signifies a disciple’s commitment to honor, obey, follow, depend on, and worship each Person of the Trinity equally, binding their heart and life fully to God.**

72. How are *you* making disciples per the great commission?

Personal Answer

73. If you are not actively making disciples, what will you do now to obey Christ’s command?

Personal Answer

Read Acts 5:32 and answer questions 74–76:

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. Acts 5:32

74. Who receives the Holy Spirit, and why is this significant for disciples of Christ?

To those who are obedient to Him.

75. How does obedience to God’s Word invite the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a disciple’s life?

Obedying God’s Word aligns us with His will and expresses our love for Him, inviting the Holy Spirit’s power to work in and through us.

—End of Answers Day Five and Lesson 15—

Next—Lesson 16: Faith and Confession, Unit 4: Disciple of Christ

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