

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:14–15).

Share The Faith WEEK ONE

KEY SCRIPTURE:

A verse to memorize and meditate on this week

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect” (1 PETER 3:15).

TAKING IT FURTHER:

A section of Scripture to ponder in depth

“So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: “To the unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.” Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent” (ACTS 17:22–30).

QUESTIONS:

Considerations to renew your mind and move you to action

1. What stands out in this Scripture when you first read it?

2. Are there things in this Scripture that remind you of what God in Christ Jesus has done for you or who He has made you to be?

3. What does this Scripture teach us about God’s will in regard to the habit we are focusing on this month?

4. What is God calling you to repent of and change in your life?

5. How can you put into action what God has taught you?

HOW I WILL:

Ways to practice this discipline

- Write down in your own words the Good News of what Christ has done for you.
- Discuss with your pastor or another mature Christian ways to share the Gospel with others.

This week do one of the above or a similar action that fits your context.

PRAYER:

Words to turn your heart to God and ask for His blessing

O holy and most merciful God, all Your ways are perfect and good. We ask You to make us, Your people, know and believe this always. According to Your promises, give us every blessing of body and soul as we seek first Your kingdom. Help us daily to live in the newness of life we have received through Your Holy Spirit in our Baptism. Since we have been connected to Jesus’ lifegiving death and resurrection in those waters, grant us each day to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (PHIL. 4:9).