

ANSWERS: Disciple of Christ Study: Lesson 7 Worship in Christ

Purpose of study: *Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of the triune God. A disciple is a “student” or “follower” who learns, studies, and acts in accordance to the teachings of Christ, the Master.*

Lesson 7: Worship in Christ (Day One) *Worship on the High Seas*

1. How would you feel about traveling a full year to arrive at your mission field?

Personal Answer

2. How would you feel about going to islands with fierce warriors and cannibals?

Personal Answer

3. How are you praying for missionaries or the need for more?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Encourage your disciple to continue if they are praying for missionaries and if they are not, encourage in a positive way to begin praying.

Definition: In the New Testament, the Greek word most frequently used for worship is *proskuneo* (προσκυνέω). It means to express in attitude or gesture one’s complete dependence or submission to a high authority figure. It also means to (fall down and) worship, do obeisance, to prostrate oneself before, do reverence to and to welcome respectfully. Obeisance is defined as moving the body in a way to show reverence or respect, such as bowing.

The disciple in worship is completely dependent on God and submits to His high authority. Another Greek word, *latreuo* (λατρεύω) which is also translated worship means to serve and minister. In your dependence and submission to God, you serve according to His will.

Definition: The term comfort zone is noun meaning a place, situation, or level where someone feels confident and comfortable.

4. What is God calling you to do?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please comment in support of God's calling. Unless of course it is not in line with God's ways and word. Carefully ask questions to help your student get at the truth of God's calling on his or her life.

5. Are you excited or hesitant (overly cautious) about the task or mission God has for you?

Personal Answer

6. If you are hesitant about God's calling on your life, what will you do to increase your enthusiasm (zeal)?

Personal Answer

Lesson 7: Worship in Christ (Day Two) *Closer to God*

Read John 14:6-7 and answer questions 7-11:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:6-7 (Jesus talking to His disciples)

7. How do you get to know God the Father?

Through or in Jesus Christ.

8. Can you obey, depend on, or serve someone that you do not know? Why or Why not?

Personal Answer: But certainly cannot serve someone that you do not know. We would not understand what they expected or desired of us.

9. How well do you know Jesus and God the Father?

Personal Answer

10. Would you like to know God in a deeper and more significant way? Yes No (Circle One)

Personal Answer. CLI Discippler, Pray and ask God how you can help your disciple grow closer to Him. If God gives you some ideas for your disciple, write a note to him or her. Also tell your student that you are praying for him to know God in a deeper and more significant way.

11. What do you think is keeping you from a closer relationship with the triune God?

Personal Answer. CLI Discippler, same advice as in #10 above.

Read James 4:7-8 and answer questions 12-14:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. James 4:7-8a (Also read John 14:21)

12. List the two commands we are given in verse 7:

1. Submit yourselves to God. 2. Resist the devil

13. After we submit ourselves to God and resist the devil, what are we commanded to do (v. 8a)?

Come near to God

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18

14. When you call on the LORD in truth, what promise are you given (v. 18)?

The LORD is near

Read Hebrews 10:19-23 and answer questions 15-17:

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:19-23

15. What gives you confidence to enter into the presence of God (v. 19)?

The blood of Jesus

16. Who is our great priest over the house of God (v. 21)?

Jesus

17. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, what can we now do (v. 22)?

Draw near to God. Also we draw near in full assurance of faith and cleansed from a guilty conscience.

18. Pray each morning this week to draw closer to God, the *Father*. Seek Him with all your heart and soul. Share how God is answering your prayer:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please comment appropriately.

19. Pray each morning this week to draw closer to God, the *Son*. Seek Him with all your heart and soul. Share how God is answering your prayer:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please comment appropriately.

20. Pray each morning this week to draw closer to God, the *Holy Spirit*. Seek Him with all your heart and soul. Share how God is answering your prayer:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please comment appropriately.

Lesson 7: Worship in Christ (Day Three) *Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life*

Definition: Resurrection is the bodily, living appearance of Jesus of Nazareth after He died and was buried. It is also the doctrine, event, and act of persons being brought from death to unending life at the close of the age. The Greek term *anastaatis* (*ἀνάστασις*) means "to rise" or "to stand again."¹

Read John 11:25 and answer questions 21-23:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25 (Speaking to Martha at the tomb of Lazarus)

21. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life"?

Jesus was claiming that he is the source for both resurrection and life. There is no eternal life or existence apart from Jesus. In addition, Jesus was stating that He has a divine nature; He is God. He has the power to make someone live forever. Death has no power over Jesus.

22. How can you live, even though you die?

When believers' physical bodies die, their spirits live. In this way, believers go to heaven. Believers' bodies will be reconnected with their spirits when Jesus returns.

23. Using John 11:25 as a reference, where is John Williams today?

He is in heaven.

Read Romans 1:4-5 and answer questions 24-27:

and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.⁵ Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. Romans 1:4-5

Definitions: Apostle comes from the Greek word *apostole* (*ἀποστολή*). It means one sent or one going on a mission. Ship at the end of a word (suffix) means the state of condition of being.

Gentiles is a plural noun describing non-Jewish people, non-believers, pagans or the nations.

¹ Butler, Trent, Editor, *Holman Bible Dictionary*, Homan Bible Publishers, Nashville, TN, 1991. pp. 1178-1179.

24. Who is the Spirit of holiness (v. 4)?

The Holy Spirit. God's Spirit. Jesus' Spirit.

25. Who was Jesus declared to be by His resurrection from the dead (v.4)?

The Son of God

26. What have we received through Jesus and for His name's sake (v. 5a)?

Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship

27. Why have we received grace and a mission from God (v. 5b)?

To call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. Simply, to share the gospel with nonbelievers.

Lesson 7: Worship in Christ (Day Four) *Our position in Christ*

Read Romans 6:8-11 and answer questions 28-30:

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:8-11

28. How did you die with Christ (v. 9, 10-11)?

We died with Christ to sin. We are alive in the new union or oneness with him. (Baptism represents this)

29. Can Jesus ever die again (v. 10)?

No

30. Jesus died to sin but lives to God. What are you commanded to do (v. 11)?

We are to count ourselves dead to sin and live in Christ Jesus for God.

31. Pray: Christ Jesus, I ask to understand what it means to be “in You.” Not only do I ask to understand the meaning of being “in Christ,” I ask to live out the meaning day by day, hour by hour and minute by minute. Thank You, my Lord. Amen.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

32. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Why are *you* a new creation?

Personal Answer, but should say something about being born again in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Or that he or she is in Christ.

33. Pray: Holy Father, Help me to know Your Son so personally and intimately that I will be able to teach and show other disciples the meaning and reality of living “in Jesus.” Turn my eyes toward Christ, O God, so that He may turn my heart to You. Holy Spirit, lead us in righteous living and enlighten us to the truth of God in His word. Thank my Lord. Amen.

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.
Philippians 3:8-9

34. Read and meditate on Philippians 3:8-9. How does *your* life reflect these verses?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please comment appropriately.

Definition: Union has various definitions but for our purposes we mean the act and result of joining together. By union we also mean agreement or unity of interests and opinions. Synonyms of union would be coming together, unification, blending, combination and merger.

Definitions: Test means to check the reliability of something. It means to examine, interpret or discern. Spirits, with a little "s", refer to people and spiritual beings. Not many of us will have an encounter with an angelic being, but if we do, we still need to examine what is being communicated. We test the spirits by comparing what is being said against what the Bible says on that subject. If there is not a specific subject in the Bible, we make a judgment based on how other topics are handled. With the Spirit's guidance, we can arrive at the truth.

Read Romans 16:7 and answer questions 35-37:

Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Romans 16:7

35. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans to greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. What preposition (word) does Paul use in this verse to show their location in the physical world?

In

36. Paul also says that Andronicus and Junias "were ____ **in** ____ Christ before I was."

37. How does being "in Christ" correspond (similar or equal) to worship?

Personal Answer. When we trust and obey God, we are worshipping Him. Being one with Christ gives us the confidence to know we are in our Father's will. We are walking according to His purposes and ways. We are using our hearts and bodies to honor and serve God. Christ, being the Son of God, is leading us.

38. Do you know Jesus Christ as a real Person? Yes No Not Sure (Circle One) Explain your answer:

Personal Answer. CLI Discipuler, If the answer is no, pray and ask God how you can help your disciple know Jesus as a real Person. If God gives you some ideas for your disciple, write a note to him or her. Also tell your student that you are praying for him to know Jesus as a real Person.

39. Do you pray daily (talk and listen to God)? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One) Why or why not?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipuler, Encourage and pray for your student if they are not praying daily.

In – A little but important word

A. In can be defined as a marker (indicator, sign, pointer) of a position.

Read and meditate Ephesians 1:3 and answer questions 40-43:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

40. What causes the apostle Paul to praise God?

God has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

41. What word (adjective) does Paul use to describe the extent (degree) of your spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms?

Every

42. How does the truth of this verse link you in time and space to the Son of God?

We are linked to Jesus in heaven at all times and also to His blessings.

43. How will the truth of this verse change the way *you* think and serve Christ?

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please comment appropriately.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1:4-6

44. Read Ephesians 1:4-6. Who were you born (again) to be?

Personal Answer but should include: Born to be “born again” in Christ, to be holy and blameless, adopted sons through Jesus Christ.

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

45. Read Ephesians 2:6-7. Where is your *spiritual* position and location “in Christ”?

Believers are seated with God in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Notes from Lesson: (From Ephesians 1:4 and 2:6, you know that “in Christ,” you are holy and blameless and seated in the heavenly realms as adopted sons of God. That is our spiritual position. It is not a physical position because our bodies are here on earth, but it is official and genuine. It becomes official when one trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord.)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.⁹ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:7-14

46. Read Ephesians 1:7-14 and list three markers (indicator or sign) that are also blessings that point to your exact position in Christ:

1. Redemption through Christ's blood 2. forgiveness of sins 3. Holy Spirit 4. headship of Christ 5. faith to believe.

47. How does living up to your position in Christ honor God and express true worship?

Personal Answer. The idea is that we have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and made holy in God's sight. We have God's Spirit to show we are His possession and son (full inheritance rights). All of this translates into true service and adoration - to the praise of His glory.

Lesson 7: Worship in Christ (Day Five) *Surrender*

B. In is also defined as the marker (indicator, sign, pointer) of close association or relationship in which referent is viewed as the controlling influence. Referent is the person or thing that a symbol (as a word or sign) stands for.

Definition: Crucify means to put someone to death by nailing or binding them to a cross.

Read Galatians 2:20-21 and answer Questions 48-51:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" Galatians 2:20-21 (Also see Galatians 5:24-25 below)

48. What does the apostle Paul mean when he says, *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me* (v. 20a)?

My sinful desires are replaced with godly desires. I trust Jesus.

49. How do these verses confirm that Jesus is the controlling influence in *your* relationship with Him?

Personal Answer. But should say something about faith and grace. Or something to the effect that sinful thoughts, habits and actions have been stopped and replaced by holy ones.

50. How does a disciple live in relationship with Jesus (v.20b)?

By faith or trust in Jesus.

51. How do we gain righteousness (v. 21)?

Through our belief and trust in Jesus Christ.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:24-25

52. Read Galatians 5:24-25. Is there any part of your flesh or sinful nature that you are not crucifying? Explain.

Personal Answer. CLI Discipler, Please pray and comment appropriately.

53. Focus on your union with Christ while meditating on Romans 6:1-14. What did God reveal to you through this passage?

Personal Answer

54. Write a short summary of what it means to be “in Christ.”

Personal Answer: Here is one way to express it. It means that we have placed our faith and trust in Jesus have a personal relationship and communion with God. We are holy and blameless adopted sons sitting in the heavenly realms with all spiritual blessings and we willingly place ourselves under Christ’s rule and God’s command

55. Ask each of your disciples what it means to him or her to be “in Christ.” What was interesting about their answers?

Personal Answer. CLI Discippler, Please encourage and comment appropriately.

56. Ask God every morning this week: “How may I glorify You this day? And pray, 'O God, glorify Yourself through me this day. Let me not miss Your grace to honor and please You.' How did God glorify Himself through you?”

Personal Answer. CLI Discippler, Please encourage and comment appropriately.

57. What is one interesting or personal thing that you have learned about each of your disciples?

Personal Answer. CLI Discippler, Please encourage and comment appropriately.

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.⁸ The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.
1 Corinthians 3:6-8

58. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-8. Explain what these verses mean for *you* as a discipler:

A discipler is to remain faithful in obeying God and teaching others. God is responsible for making our disciples grow and mature in the faith.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples." John 8:31

59. Read John 8:31. How can we really be Jesus' disciples?

If we hold to Jesus' teaching,

Next: Lesson 8: Holy is the Lord

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