

*In an effort to help us learn to read the Bible as individuals, families, and a Church, I invite you to read each of the following this week, perhaps first thing in the morning individually and then collectively at dinner. The verses listed in the middle column are designed for youth to adult disciples, but some of these might be difficult for children to understand, so we include an alternate reading for families with children.*

*Basic Tips: 1.) Use a translation you can understand. If new to the Bible, try the NIV or The Message, which are both available online. 2.) Use a kids Bible with kids. 3.) Keep a pencil and notebook around to write down questions, observations, and conclusions. 4.) Have fun. Use your imagination and your brain.*

## Week 4

### I AM CALLED TO WORSHIP.

*“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” (Luke 4:8)*

Day 1	<b>John 4:19-26</b>	
Day 2	<b>Luke 10:38-42</b>	
Day 3	Rom 12:1-2,9-21	Acts 2:37-42
Day 4	Acts 16:16-34	
Day 5	Col 3:12-17	Matt 26:26-30

### Questions to Guide You:

1. What does this story teach us about Jesus? the Father? the Spirit?
2. What does this story teach us about followers of Jesus? People who reject Jesus?
3. Is there a command to obey or an example to follow? Is there a bad example to avoid?
4. What lies, truths, or circumstances cause people to live these ways?
5. What would my life, my relationships, my work, my school look like if I believed and obeyed this Jesus teaching?
6. What practical thing can I do different this week to better imitate and obey Jesus with regards to my marriage, my family, my friends, my work, and my neighbors?

### Summary Declaration:

Human beings are worshippers. All human beings worship something, but only God is worthy of our worship. Worship is not a genre of music or category on our to-do list. Worship is a life, and I worship whatever I make its pivot, fulcrum, or foundation.<sup>i</sup> On one hand, to worship means to value, to cherish, to prioritize, and to enjoy; on the other, to worship is to seek value, fulfillment, and identity from something or someone.<sup>ii</sup> Therefore, I will seek to worship God by placing God first in my life, my decision-making processes, and my allegiances.<sup>iii</sup> I will train my heart to do this by through regular, scheduled, and repeated times spent hearing from God’s Word, receiving the Sacraments, celebrating God’s goodness, praying my heart, and serving God’s priorities.

*I will worship individually through private Bible study, prayer, giving, and service.<sup>iv</sup>*

*I will worship communally through regular Sunday worship and church activities.<sup>v</sup>*

<sup>i</sup> Eph 5:15-20; Rom 12:1-2; Col 3:15-17; 1 Peter 3:15

<sup>ii</sup> Luke 10:38-42; Matt 15:8

<sup>iii</sup> Matt 6:33

<sup>iv</sup> Mark 1:35; Luke 9:18; Acts 2:42

<sup>v</sup> Luke 2:46-48; 1 Tim 4:16; Heb 10:25