

The Commands of Christ

Equipping A Disciple to Follow Jesus

An adaptation of George Patterson's 7 Commands of Christ*

Command of Christ #1 - Repent & Believe

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Mark 1:15, Jesus says...

Tell the story: The Sinful Woman (Luke 7:36-50)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What does "repent" mean? Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus.
- What does "believe" mean? Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord.
- Why should we repent? Read Romans 3:23, 6:23, and 10:9.
- Who should repent? Acts 2:38-41 - Everyone must repent of sin and receive forgiveness.
- What is assurance? 1 John 1:9 says when we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us. John 10:28 says our salvation belongs to Jesus.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Confess your sins before the Lord. Turn from them and live a new life.
- Begin growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of Mark this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. (If you have not been trained to share your story and Jesus' story, ask your trainer to equip you in the 3 Circles gospel tool).

Prayer: "Jesus I want to leave my old life of sin and follow you. I believe in you and receive your forgiveness. I confess you as Lord of my life."

Command of Christ #2 - Be Baptized

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says...

Tell the story: Philip and the Ethiopian Official (Acts 8:26-39)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What is “baptism”? Romans 6:3-4 - Baptism is a symbol of our life, death, and resurrection. We have died to our old life and been raised to a new life with Jesus.
- Why should we be baptized? Matthew 3:13-15 - Jesus received baptism; so should we. Receiving baptism means we have identified Jesus as our Lord.
- Who should be baptized? Acts 2:38 - Everyone who repents and believes.
- How should we be baptized? Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Go down into the water and be baptized.
- Begin growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of Luke this week.
- Share your story and Jesus’ story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: “Lord, give me the strength to identify my life with you through baptism.”

Command of Christ #3 - Pray

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus says...

Tell the story: Jesus' Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What is prayer? Talking with God. He is our Heavenly Father.
- Why do we pray? Matthew 6:9-13 - God hears us. We desire his will to be done on earth.
- How do we pray? It's simple. Just talk to him.
 - "Our Father...holy is your name.." = Worship God.
 - "Your Kingdom come..." = Pray for his mission to reconcile the world.
 - "Give us today our daily bread..." = Pray for our needs.
 - "Forgive us our debts..." = Pray for forgiveness.
 - "Deliver us from the evil one..." = Pray for strength to resist temptation.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Start and end each day by giving thanks to God. Present your requests to him.
- Continue growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of Luke this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pray. Give me pure motives. May your will be done.

Command of Christ #4 - Go and Make Disciples

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus says...

Tell the story: The Samaritan Woman (John 4:4-42)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- Who should we share with? John 4:16 - our families, friends & neighbors
- What should we say? John 4:29 - The woman shared her story and Jesus' story (Gospel)
- Who is qualified to go and share? 1 Peter 2:9 - Every believer is a priest.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Learn how to share your story and Jesus' story.
- Pray for opportunities to share with the people on your list of friends and neighbors who need to hear your story. Practice faith and boldness by sharing with them.
- Begin growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day from the book of John this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: "Lord, make me bold to share what you have done in my life. Give me your words to share in my community."

Command of Christ #5 - Persevere

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In John 15:18-19, Jesus says...

Tell the story: The Persecuted Church (Acts 5:27-42)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What trials will Christians face? John 16:33 - Many trials and challenges.
- Why should we persevere? James 1:12 - A promised, heavenly crown of life.
- How do we persevere? Hebrews 12:1-2 - We look to Jesus who persevered.
- Who will face suffering? Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 - Baptized disciples devoted to Jesus.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Continue growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of John this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: "Lord, my life belongs to you. Train me to persevere through trials and temptations."

Command of Christ #6 - Love

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says...

Tell the story: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What is “love”? John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13.
- Why do we love? John 13:34-45, Because Jesus loved us first. Love teaches the world about Jesus.
- Who do we love? Matthew 22:37-39 - First we need to love God, then we need to love our neighbors.
- How do we love? John 14:15 - Loving Jesus means we obey him. John 21:17- Loving others means telling them what God has done for you.

Grow and Go Assignments:

- Take time each day to intentionally show love by serving your neighbors.
- Continue growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day from the book of John this week.
- Share your story and Jesus’ story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: “ Lord, help me to love you by obeying you. Help me to love others so that they will learn that you also love them.”



Command of Christ #7 - Lord's Supper

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Luke 22:19-20, Jesus says...

Tell the story: Jesus' Last Supper (Luke 22:7-20) Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What is the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:26 - A symbol of the Lord's death.
- Why do we eat the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:26 - His body was broken, and his blood was spilled.
- How do we receive the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 - We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God, and remember that Jesus died to set us free.
- Who should receive the Lord's Supper? Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 - Baptized disciples devoted to Jesus.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Confess your sins to the Lord. Remember the good news that Jesus died for everyone and rose from the grave. Receive the Lord's Supper.
- Continue growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of Matthew this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: "Lord, show me the sins I have committed. Please forgive me. Thank you for giving your body and blood to cover my sins and set me free."

Command of Christ #8 - Give

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals). Read the command: In Luke 6:38, Jesus says...

Tell the story: The Generous Widow (Mark 12:41-44)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- What should we give to God? Psalm 16:5 - God is the source of all we have and our future.
- Why should we give to God? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - Give generously, and we will receive abundance. God loves a cheerful giver.
- How do we give to God? 2 Corinthians 9:7 - Cheerfully, not under compulsion, Matthew 6:1-4 - Secretly, not for recognition.
- Who do we give to? Acts 4:34-35 - The church gave to all who had need. 2 Corinthians 9 - A collection was given to a church.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Decide with your family an amount of time and money you will give for the work of the church this week.
- Continue growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of Matthew this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: "Lord, everything I have is yours. Teach me to give. Show me needs to which I can give my time and money."



Command of Christ #9 - Gather

Read Acts 2:36-47 to cast vision for being church together.

Share an update on your life & obedience to Jesus (Grow & Go goals).

Read the command: In Hebrews 10:24-25, Jesus says...

Tell the story: The First Church (Acts 2:41-47)

Retell the story together.

Read the story aloud.

Discover: Use the S.O.A.P. Bible Study method to discuss the story and reveal its meaning in our lives.

Practice telling the story.

Explore More:

- Why should we meet together? Hebrews 10:24-25 - Encourage and spur one another on towards love and good deeds.
- Who should we meet with? Acts 2:41 - Baptized believers.
- What should we do when we meet together? Acts 2:41-47 - Pray, worship, fellowship, and discuss God's Word.
- When should we meet together? Acts 2:46 - The early believers met together every day.
- Where should we meet? Acts 2:46, Philemon 1:2 - Homes & places of worship.

Grow & Go Assignments:

- Find a Gospel community (church) of which to be a part.
- Continue growing by reading 2-4 chapters per day in the book of Matthew this week.
- Share your story and Jesus' story with others. Train new disciples to obey Jesus using the Commands of Christ.

Prayer: "Lord, you have adopted me into your kingdom family, and I commit to serve you through a local fellowship of my brothers and sisters in Christ."

