

## Scripture Study Instructions

### LOOKING TO JESUS TOGETHER

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 CORINTHIANS 3 : 18 , ESV

Biblical change includes beholding the glory of the Lord. We must look to God in Scripture and apply his truth to life. In seeing the character and action of the true God one is invited to respond with increasing affection for and dependence on Jesus. In this way, God's redemptive story re-narrates our stories and motivates joyful obedience to Christ in all of life.

### HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

A helpful method for reading and applying Scripture is to view any passage of Scripture from four perspectives: God, humanity, Christ, response.

- » **God:** What do you see about God in this passage? What is explicit about God? What is implied about God?
- » **Man:** What do you see about humanity in this passage? How does it affect the way you view yourself or others? Remember the threefold identity of Christians as saints, sinners, and sufferers.
- » **Christ:** How does this passage point us to Christ? Specifically, How has Jesus fulfilled the ideal of this passage for us? Or, how do we see the gospel in this passage? Or, what has been restored in Christ, or is now ours in Christ?
- » **Response:** Based on what this passage says about God, man (you), and Christ, how will you respond? What change of heart, or beliefs, needs to take place? What specific actions should you take? How have you grown in love for God and others?

After studying a passage in this way, take time to pray for one another, to allow the Holy Spirit to apply God's word effectively to our hearts and lives.