



GROWth Guide | April



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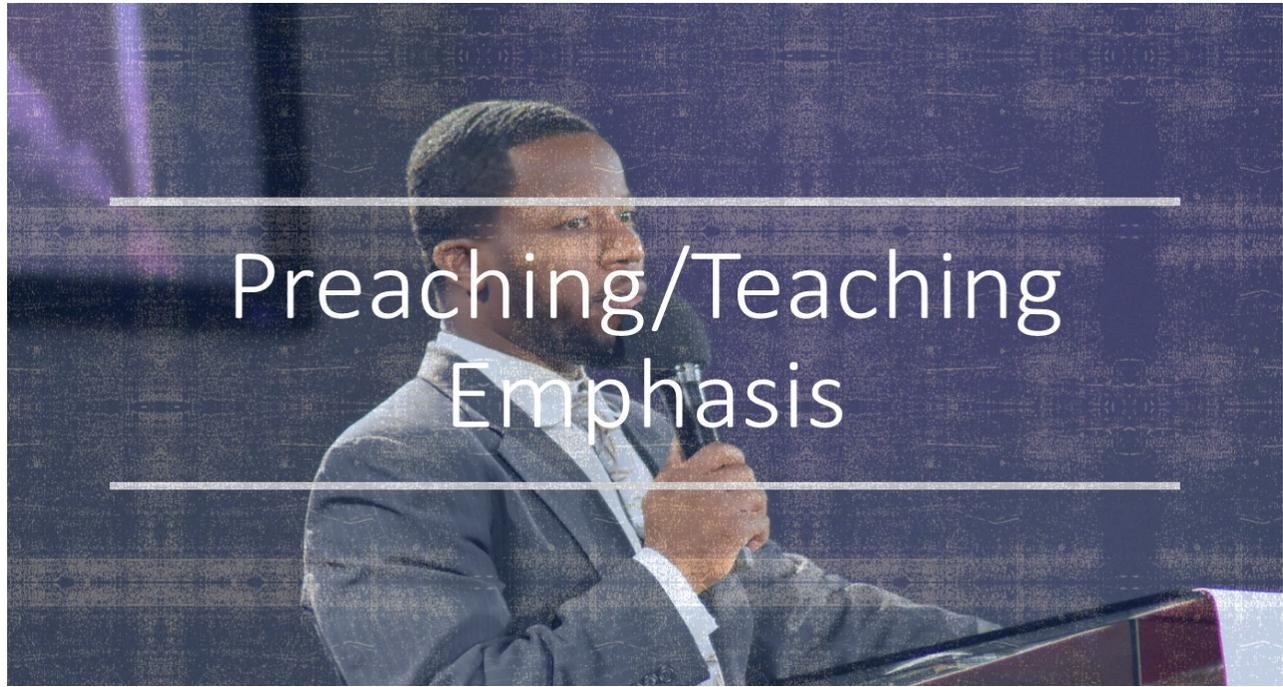
Our Vision

Our vision is to reach, grow, and empower committed followers of Jesus Christ, who live life to the fullest, through growing in relationship with God, strengthening relationships with others, and bringing life to the world through service.

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Live Out Your Faith ... Are you **GROWing** today?



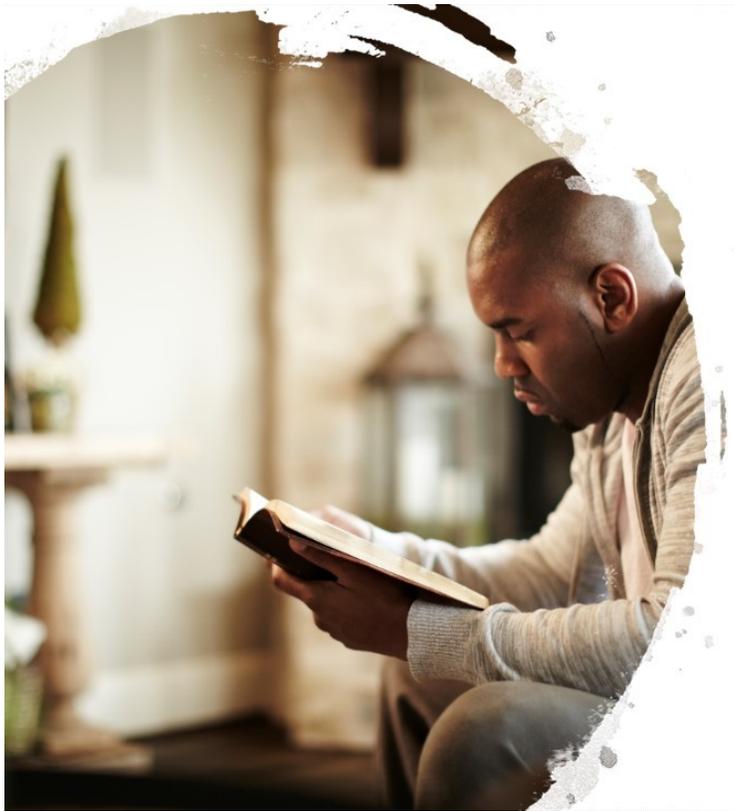
Faithful Followers: **The Cost of Discipleship**

Following Christ comes with a price. Following Jesus requires the denial of self for the sake of living to God. The central emblem of discipleship is the cross, which speaks to self-denial and suffering. In this series, we will focus on some of the struggles disciples face as a result of their faith commitment.

Themes

Sacrifice
Righteously Suffering
Spiritual Warfare
Faithfulness

Hide the Word in your heart by committing the Scripture to memory. Meditate upon the Word and apply it to your life!



Memorization

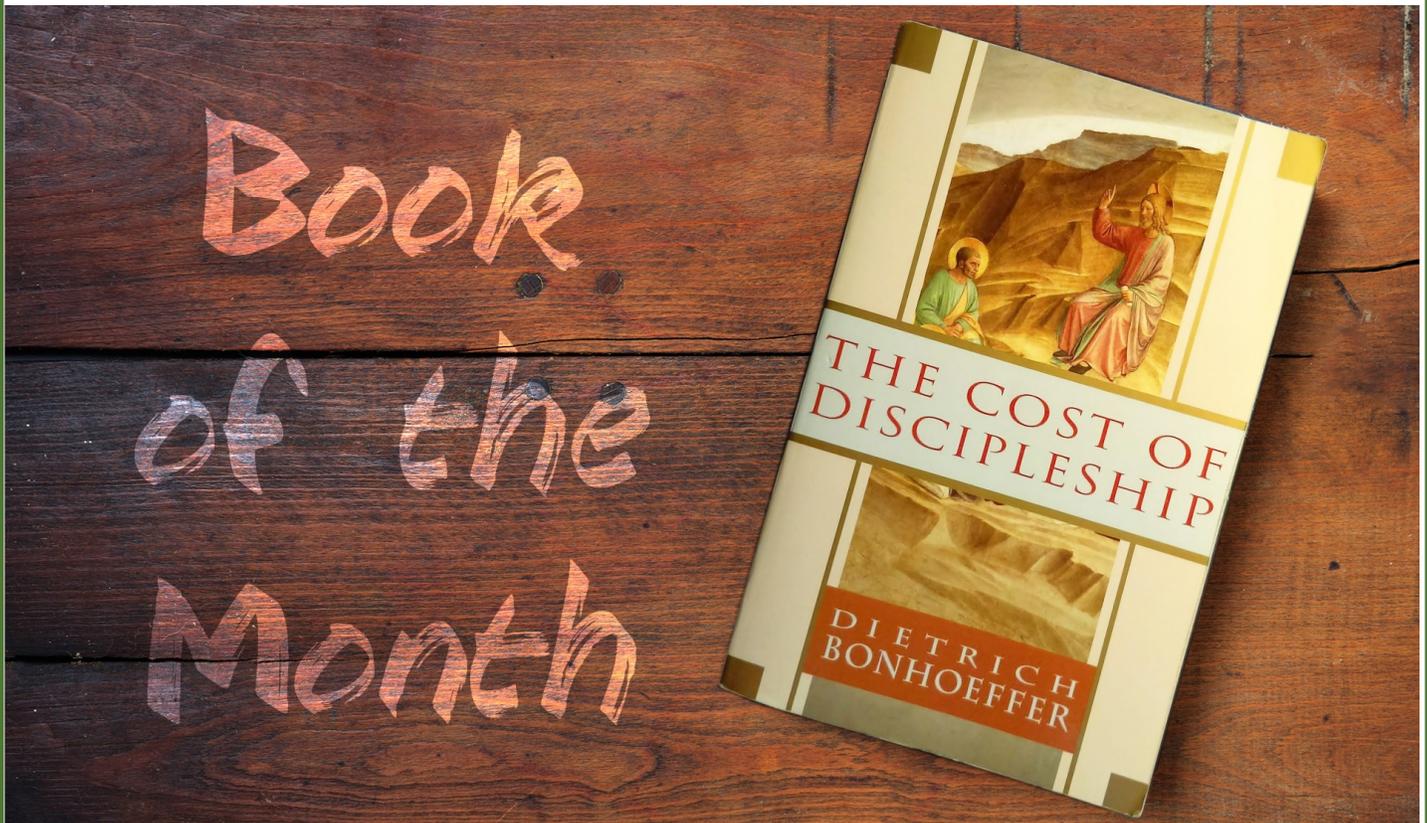
Scripture(s) Meditation

March Memorization Scripture:
Hebrews 12:1-4

Click below:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+12%3A1-4&version=ESV>

Each month, we will be reading one book that will encourage our faith and deepen our knowledge of God. Read with us and share insights with us on Social Media using the hashtag **#BGCBOM**



Book of the Month (BOM):

The Cost of Discipleship

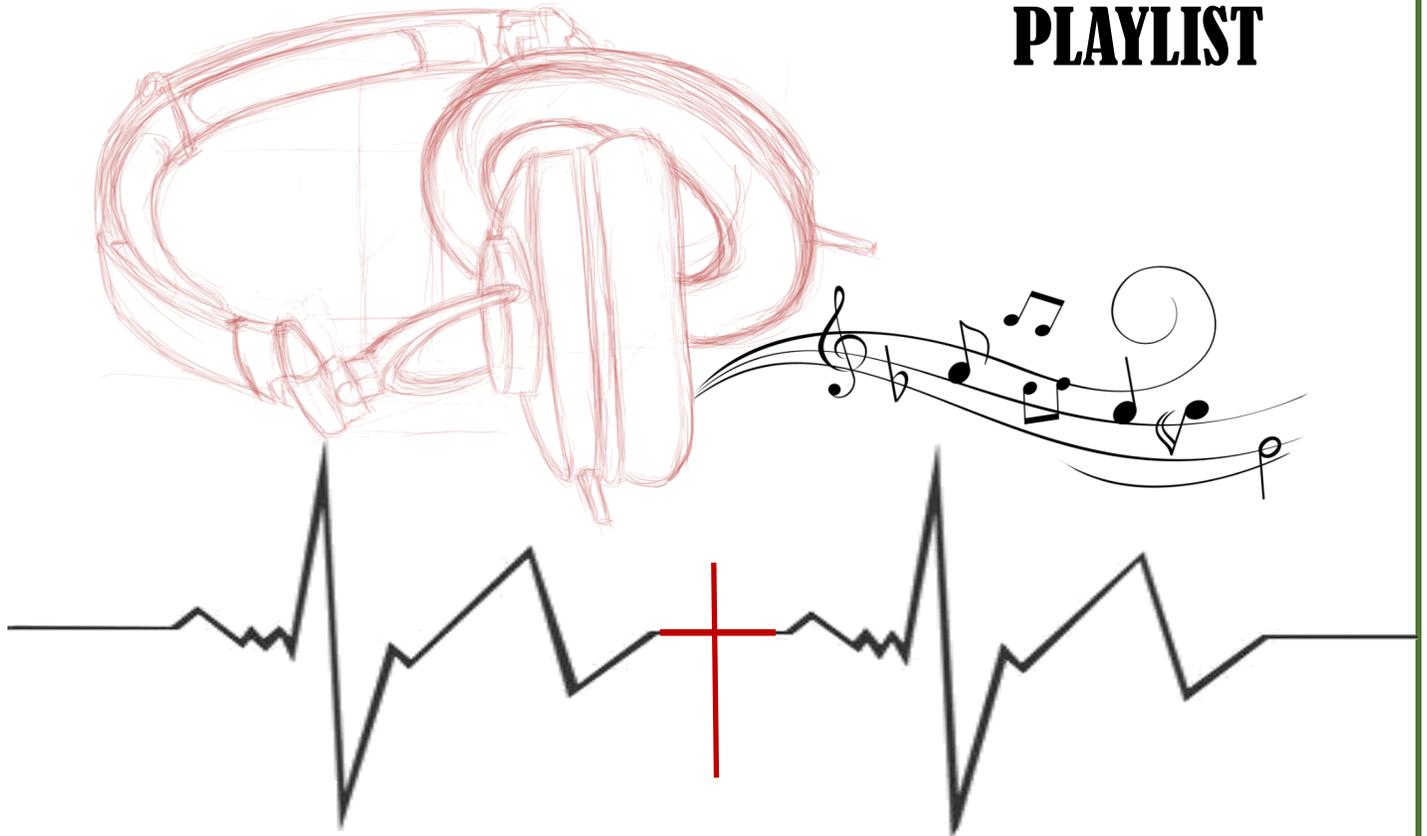
(Author: Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

**Purchase at the Amazon Smiles link below
to Support Baptist Grove Church:**

https://smile.amazon.com/s?k=cost+of+discipleship+bonhoeffer&crd=1VCP9IL6ZKXY&sprefix=cost+of+discipleship%2Caps%2C131&ref=nb_sb_ss_c_1_20

One of the ways we encourage our Spirits is through singing songs, hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts (Colossians 3:16). Listen and learn some of the songs on this playlist. Our choirs and praise team will be ministering some of these songs during the month. Prepare to "make a joyful noise" with us in worship by allowing these songs to minister to your Spirit through the month.

PLAYLIST



Track	Artist	Listen
I Will Make Room for You	Jonathan McReynolds	https://youtu.be/wJmF3-h7Tc
I'm All In	Maranda Curtis	https://youtu.be/HGT252PaW44
Draw Me Close	Michael W. Smith	https://youtu.be/7d_oYr-P16M
I Need You More	Kim Walker Smith	https://youtu.be/Gsj1htvIXzQ
Jesus At The Center	Israel and New Breed	https://youtu.be/XQspvrTBd6E
I Will find A Way	Fred Hammond	https://youtu.be/bTOovguznXY
Face to Face	William Murphy	https://youtu.be/LotNl380pRE

Sing along with us in our Sunday worship services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 1215 PM

In this information age, it's easier than ever to access the knowledge we seek. Podcasts can be a great way to encourage your faith through Biblically-based teaching during your week... "so faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Here is a Pod Cast that we recommend:



What is Proverbs 31 Ministry?

Proverbs 31 Ministries is a non-denominational, non-profit Christian ministry that seeks to lead women into a personal relationship with Christ, with Proverbs 31:10-31 as a guide.

The Proverbs 31 Podcast will help you...

Apply biblical wisdom to your current season of life — whether you're in your twenties or eighties.

Learn to value the people around you who are in different seasons by finding common ground in your struggles.

Start your day off right or make your commute more enjoyable by conveniently accessing through your podcast app.

What is the mission of the Proverbs 31 Podcast?

To intersect God's word with the real, hard places we all experience.

How can I listen to the Podcast?

Option 1) If you have an apple device, download apple podcast then subscribe to The Proverbs 31 Ministries Podcast

Option 2) If you don't have an apple device., go to <https://proverbs31.org/listen/podcast>

G.R.O.W. (Grow Reading Our Word)

In 2019, our desire is to continue to grow in faith through reading the Word of God. The Word of God provides what followers of Christ need for knowing and doing God's will. It is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness (*2 Timothy 3:16*). Therefore, reading and meditating upon the Word of God, daily, is essential for spiritual growth and development. Our hope is that reading the daily scriptures in the **Kingdom Bible Reading Plan** will empower you to better understand and apply your faith to your daily living. Ultimately, our prayer is that as you read, your love for our great and awesome God will increase and your love will be reflected in your obedience to Him.

Kingdom Bible Reading Plan access:

http://cdn.desiringgod.org/pdf/blog/3325_FINAL.DeRouchie.pdf

APRIL

OT Law (& Pss.)	OT Prophets	OT Writings	NT
Exod.	1 Kings	Pss.	Luke
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 95	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-26
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12. <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 108	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:28-48
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18. <input type="checkbox"/> Ps. 37	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 118	<input type="checkbox"/> 23:26-56
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21. <input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:73-104	John <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-28
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 22	2 Kings	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:105-136	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:29-51
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Make the Word come alive through your actions this month. Live it out! Here are some ways you can live in faith, fellowship, and service this month. Share what you are doing using the hashtag #BGCGROW or #BGCRALEIGH or #LIVEITOUT

#LIVEITOUT

Living in Faith

1. Holy Week (April 14-21) is an opportunity for us to remember and celebrate the Passion of our Lord. Passion is derived from the Latin word, *patior*, which means to suffer. Jesus suffered that we might be saved. Join us for all our Holy Week services:

Event	Date
Palm Sunday	April 14 (8 AM, 10AM 7 1215 PM)
Maundy Thursday	April 18 (7 PM)
Good Friday	April 19 (12 PM)
Eggfest 2019	April 20 (10 AM – 1 PM)
Resurrection Sunday	April 21 (8 AM, 10AM 7 1215 PM)

2. Join us in praying that lives are “forever changed” through faith in Christ this month!
3. Take time to reflect upon how Christ suffered as a result of his righteousness. How does this encourage you in your own experiences of righteous suffering? Think about the hope that we have because of the resurrection. Write down the ways Christ’s resurrection provides hope for you.

Living in Fellowship

1. Easter Sunday dinner is usually a big deal for most families. However, not everyone has family in this area. Pray and be intentional about extending an invitation to someone that finds “family” in the community of faith!

Living in Service

Looking for ways to engage in kingdom work around you? Show the love, hope, and light of Jesus through some of these outreach opportunities:

Easter Eggfest 2019 ... We are excited to host Easter Eggfest 2019, Saturday, April 20th, 10am-12pm! As we reach out to the community with an unforgettable Easter Egg Hunt of **25,000 eggs**, we will be offering more than candy and plastic eggs, but the message and true hope of Easter which is Jesus Christ. Help us in our efforts by coming out to fill Easter eggs on **Saturday, April 6th at 12pm in the MUF**. Sign up **[HERE!](#)** Volunteers will also be needed to serve at various stations at Eggfest. Contact Min. Cynthia via email, outreach@baptistgrovechurch.org, for more information today!

StepUp Ministry

In some neighborhoods in Wake County, **23%** of residents are unemployed. For the past 30 years, StepUp Ministry has partnered with people to help create or regain stability through finding employment, providing Life Skills training, and graduating into the Alumni program. Volunteer opportunities include mentorship as a Life Skills Co-Partner, Nursery Helper for ages 0–4, or Children’s Program Helper working w/ children ages 5-16. See StepUp Ministry in action during a Life Skills Tours, any Tues. @6PM! Contact Cynthia Walker, Volunteer Recruiter, at cwalker@stepupministry.org or (919) 781-0156, ext. 111.

Our mission is to help children discover who God is through the story of the Bible. Children, parents and volunteers experience the love of God through their interaction with children's ministry. The environment exudes nurture. "Remember your creator in the days of your youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1

BGC Discovery

**BGC Discovery Preschool (ages 3-4) and
Discovery Children (Kindergarten-5th grade)**

Recommended App(s): SUPERBOOK



A media-rich experience that helps bring the Bible to life with videos and images from the Emmy nominated SUPERBOOK animation series as well as engaging interactive games. You can learn more by visiting the following link: <http://ng.superbook.cbn.com/app>

Right Now Media:

Grades 1 - 5

Title: Superbook: The Last Supper

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/content/kidseries/325179?episode=10>

12mos - Preschool

Title: Character Builders: Obedience and Self-Control

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/35?episode=1>

Playlist

- Following Jesus: <https://youtu.be/2fGLgCPFeUY>
- I'll Follow Jesus: <https://youtu.be/Dx6RWOUf1M8>
- Come Follow Me: <https://youtu.be/KhA0mj84Tuw>
- Walking In The Light: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-cwM54SiPk>
- The Salvation Poem: <http://us-en.superbook.cbn.com/video/road-damascus-salvation-poem>



Reading

The Invisible Boy (Read aloud picture book on empathy)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvK_GicGueA

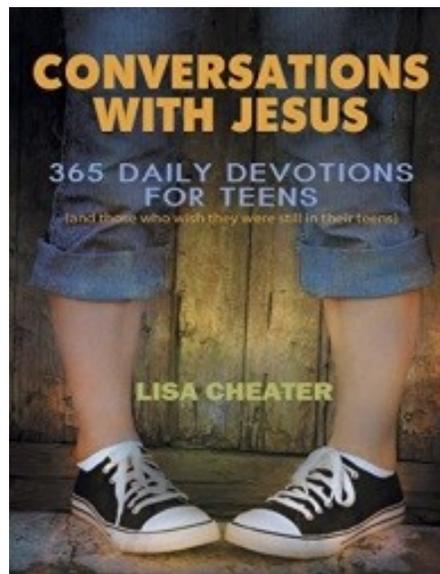


“Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12) Listen intently to what God is calling you to do and to be!

BGC IMMERSION YOUTH (6th – 12th Grade)

Recommended Book Selection:

God never intended for us to journey through life alone or without direction, and *Conversations with Jesus: 365 Daily Devotions for Teens* is the perfect tool for every teen who desires to know more about Jesus and what the Bible says about any life situation. Through a collection of encouraging, quick-read messages written in Jesus' first-person voice, *Conversations with Jesus* helps teens turn “religion” into a real “relationship” with
Christ.



Right Now Media:

How do you develop yourself as a Leader?

No Longer Ashamed of the Gospel (2:26) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/294091>

The Courage to Share His Faith (3:39) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/294096>

Faith At School (3:28) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/152491>

Worshipping Popularity (3:52) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/114519>

YouTube:

Losing Everything For Christ? - Francis Chan (2:59) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F76Lb1Umhl>

Rooted and Built-up in Christ – Teaser (1:46) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2UmyRclsEI>

God Doesn't Want You to Just Go to Church | Inspirational Christian Video (2:47) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kF0LmGUGtM>

Playlist:

My World Needs You Kirk Franklin <https://youtu.be/a0WRd4QTTc0>

Intentional Travis Greene <https://youtu.be/VH3f0eIIv8>

Just Like You Lecrae <https://youtu.be/Bh2SM-SMa68>

Set A Fire Jesus Culture <https://youtu.be/-Jzqq4B8H2Q>



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