

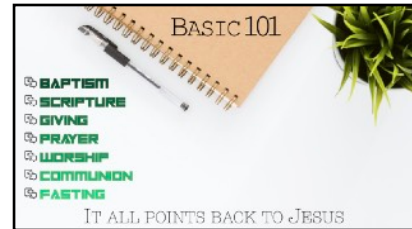
## **GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE**

SERMON SERIES: “**BASIC 101**”

SERMON TITLE: “**BASIC 101 SERIES RECAP**”

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🔗 **SERMON IN A SENTENCE (really the Series Tagline):**

“It all point back to Jesus.”

*(use the questions you want to use, and ignore the ones you don't want to use)*

**WARM UP QUESTIONS:** (choose the ones you think will fit best)

🔗 Pop-Quiz: What were the 7 topics that were covered in the “Basic 101” sermon series? (in any order)

○ Baptism, Scripture, Giving, Prayer, Worship, Communion, Fasting.

🔗 Out of the 7 topics covered, which topic seemed to challenge you to grow the most?

🔗 Which of the 7 seem to naturally draw you deeper into the heart of Christ?

🔗 Which of the 7 seem to be the hardest for you to engage with?


🔗 How do you see that each of these 7 things help point us back to Jesus?

◆ Jesus says that He is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE (John 14:6). Jesus means everything to us, and our whole lives should point back to Him.

☑ **FACILITATOR NOTE:** Below has 1 scripture and 1 question per each of the 7 topics. If you'd like to add more follow up questions per section you can, but please keep a close eye on the time.


**BAPTISM** Sermon in a Sentence: “In Baptism, the saving work of Jesus changes us forever and begins the life changing process in us.”

**Romans 6:3-5** “**3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **5** For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His.”

 What does baptism mean to you in your life and walk with God?

**SCRIPTURE** Sermon in a Sentence: “Living your life without the wisdom of God’s word is like walking through a minefield at night.”


**James 1:22-25** “**22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

 How would you describe your “relationship status” with the word of God?

**GIVING** Sermon in a Sentence: “Giving draws us closer to the Giver.”

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** “**17** Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

**18** Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. **19** In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

 If we are supposed to model our lives, character, and hearts after the example of Jesus, then how should giving/generosity look in our lives?

**PRAYER** Sermon in a Sentence: “Prayer centers us in God’s presence and helps us align our will with His will.”

**Romans 8:26-27** “**26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of

the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

🗨️ What specifically about the topic of prayer is challenging for you?

**WORSHIP** Sermon in a Sentence: "True worship is a lifestyle in constant response to the Good News of Jesus."

**Romans 12:1** "1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

🗨️ What tends to inhibit you from living a lifestyle of worship?

**COMMUNION** Sermon in a Sentence: "Communion helps remind us that the Gospel should stay at the center of our lives and is meant to be lived out in a right relationship with God and others."

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** "23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

🗨️ What does communion mean to your life and faith and how do you allow it to lead you into a life of "remembrance" concerning what God has done for you?

**FASTING** Sermon in a Sentence: "Fasting helps us hunger for the things of God."

**Matthew 6:16-18** "16 When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

🗨️ Since God knows the depths of your heart and sees what is done in secret, how should that effect the way you live your life behind closed doors?

### **TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAY”:**

- ☀️ Is everything in your life pointing people to the Good News of Jesus?
- ☀️ For the things that aren't, who can you go to for prayer, help, and encouragement?

🔒 Close in prayer.

### **MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:**

- I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.
- The theme for the kids portion is “True Worship”.
- **Read Romans 12:1** “1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God —this is your true and proper worship.”
  - Ask the kids questions like:
    - What is “worship”? Is it JUST singing?
    - If God wants ALL of our life to be worship to Him, what does that look like besides singing to God? (look below for examples)
    - How can the way you are a student at school be an act of worship to God? (Be a good listener and example for others.)
    - How can the way you are a son or daughter to your parents be an act of worship to God? (listen and be obedient. Be good helpers. Be kind to siblings)
    - How can the way you play with other kids be an act of worship to God? (be kind, share, and include others. Tell others about Jesus.)
    - How can the way you eat be an act of worship to God? (give thanks and be grateful)