
Walking with Jesus

A Summer Guide to Walking with Jesus Everyday, Near and Far



Central Christian Church - Waco, Texas

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**IN HIS STEPS:
WALKING WITH
JESUS THROUGH THE
GOSPEL OF JOHN**

A SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES

Join us as we study the fourth Gospel. During this multi-sensory series, we will consider all the sights, sounds and smells of Jesus' life and times. What did he see when he gazed at the hungry crowd of thousands? What did the wine at the Cana wedding taste like? Experience the dusty roads, fields of wheat and swirling waters of healing pools that marked the setting for Jesus' teachings and signs. Along the way, we will discuss all of the "I Am" statements found in this amazing book.

SCHEDULE:

June 11: John 1:43-51

June 18: John 2:1-11

June 25: John 3:1-17

July 2: John 4:5-42

July 9: John 5:1-14

July 16: John 6:1-23

July 23: John 6:24-35

July 30: John 6:56-69 (VBS Celebration)

August 6: John 10:1-10

August 13: John 11:1-45, Part 1

August 20: John 11:1-45, Part 2

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples ... These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
John 20:30-31

Walking with Jesus this Summer

We know that summer is often a time for changes in routine. It's a time for travel. It's a time for rest. It's a time for taking a break, exploring the outdoors, spending time with friends and family, and more. Jesus even modeled the practice of "taking a break" from time to time in his ministry for rest and renewal. However, we shouldn't get into the practice of taking a vacation from our faith. This summer, we will be sharing in a sermon series called "Walking with Jesus" during which we will explore the Gospel of John and experience so many rich stories of Jesus life and ministry. It's our hope that these stories, sermons and study will provide opportunities for us to remember to walk with Jesus no matter where we are and what we are doing. Faith is not tied to an hour or two on Sunday morning, but is a journey that permeates all that we do.

In addition to the sermon, our children & youth will be engaging in Sunday morning Bible Study revolving around this theme of walking with Jesus as we seek to know, follow, believe, serve and worship God through following the ways of Jesus.

Finally, we are excited to launch an element of fun mixed with a lot of faith! Households are encouraged to take a "wind-up Jesus" & this devotional guide everywhere you go this summer. Let the toy Jesus be a physical reminder that you can share the love of God found in knowing, following and walking with Jesus whether it is at home, at church, at the playground, on an airplane, by the pool, or on a road trip!



Stay Connected

Whether you travel the world this summer or never leave Waco, stay connected:

WEBSITE: cccwaco.org Updated weekly with media and information

EMAIL: Email info@cccwaco.org to get added to our distribution list.

TEXT: text the following codes to 81010 to join various texting groups:

@cccwaco (general CCC), @cccpr (prayer), @youthccc, @kidcentral

SOCIAL MEDIA: Search for @cccwaco or #knownandnamed on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

Wind-Up Jesus

Taking Jesus on the Go this Summer

We know that Jesus is always with us. He's with us at our dinner table, in the car, on the beach, at the mountain top, around the campfire, at the grocery store...Jesus is with us everywhere we go! Take your wind-up Jesus with you on your summer adventures or simply as you walk through an "average" day and be sure to snap a picture with him from time to time. Post your photos on the Central Christian Church Facebook page or tag @cccwaco on Twitter or Instagram. Also, make sure to use #cccwalkingwithjesus on all of the photos you post. If you're not on social media, text your photos to Kristin Jack at XXX-XXX-XXXX or kristin@cccwaco.org.

A note about sharing photos on social media: If your privacy settings are not set to "public" on the #cccwalkingwithjesus posts, we might not see them if you post them on your personal page. So, either change the privacy setting for just



At the end of the summer, we'll collect all of Jesus' adventures and share our stories about being intentional in walking with Jesus every day.

We are especially looking for photos that show:

- discipleship (growing in God's word/scripture/learning the ways of Jesus)**
- fellowship (sharing life and love in the name of Jesus Christ with friends and family)**
- worship (traditional and non-traditional settings where you find yourself worshipping God—could be a sanctuary, a mountain-top, or more! We will be live-streaming worship on Facebook most Sundays this summer, so you can "be" at worship with your CCC family!)**
- serving/hospitality/giving (helping others, meeting needs of those in your community and beyond, acts of kindness, doing good in the world)**
- prayer—(reminders of Jesus presence with you in the places you go..whether unique or mundane).**

Walking with Jesus in June

Prayers

- ❖ Week of June 4: PRAYER ACRONYM:
 - ❖ P is for PRAISE (Thank God for what has already been accomplished through Jesus).
 - ❖ R is for REPENT (Confess your sins and shortcomings).
 - ❖ A is for ASK (Ask God to reveal truth, turn our hearts back toward God, and bring healing).
 - ❖ Y is for YIELD (Yield our desires to God and recognize that our prayers are heard and God will answer according to God's will).
- ❖ Week of June 11: SUMMER DECISIONS
 - ❖ Lord, please remind me that my prayers with you should never take a break even during the summer. Lord, whatever we do and wherever we go this summer, help us to remember that you go with us. Give parents and kids patience during the change in seasons and school year. Help us to love everyone and make good choices this summer.
- ❖ Week of June 18: NEW PRAYER IDEAS
 - ❖ Think about why you pray and how often you pray.
 - ❖ Are you always praying for help? Are you giving thanks? Are you praying for others?
 - ❖ Take time today to pray for things you don't normally pray for.
- ❖ Week of June 25: PIPE CLEANER PRAYER
 - ❖ Twist pipe cleaners into the initial of the name of someone or something. Pray for that person/thing. Each day, make a new letter and link it to the previous day's prayer. At the end of the week, roll the pipe cleaner letters into a ball and pray for all who have a prayer need.

Study

- ❖ Week of June 4: Read John 1
- ❖ Week of June 11: Read John 2
- ❖ Week of June 18: Read John 3
- ❖ Week of June 25: Read John 4



Walking with Jesus in July

Prayers

- ❖ Week of July 2: PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY & OUR WORLD
 - ❖ Spend time praying for the leaders of our country and for all of those who are working to help make this country a place that is filled with freedom, love, acceptance, and peace.
 - ❖ Now, spend time this week praying for other countries of the world...that they may know freedom like we do in this country, but more importantly, that they make know the freedom found in knowing and following Jesus.
- ❖ Week of Jul 9: PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP
 - ❖ Our youth group is serving in Washington, DC this week. Take time to pray for them daily as they learn about the needs in DC and ask God to prepare their hearts to find a place to serve back home in Waco. If you'd like to text or email a prayer to the youth group, you can text 254-715-6467 or email kristin@cccwaco.org and those prayers and words of encouragement will be shared each morning with the group. We would love to hear from you during the trip.
- ❖ Week of July 16: START THE DAY WITH PRAYER
 - ❖ This week, focus on being intentional with starting your week with prayer. Try this prayer this week: Ever present God, before I run to play or go to work, or run errands, let me not forget to start this day with You. Thank you for the gift of this day. Guide me this day and every day. Direct my path and allow my heart to be filled with your love. May I share that love with everyone I meet today. In Jesus Name, Amen.
- ❖ Week of July 23: PRAYING FOR CHILDREN
 - ❖ This week, over a hundred children will enter the walls of our church building as they experience Vacation Bible School. They'll be learning about "storing up treasures in heaven." Hold them in your prayers. Ask that God move among them and that they will understand that a life filled with following Jesus is RICHER than any "treasure" they could ever find. If you have as little as 30 minutes free one morning this week, stop by the church and witness God's work during VBS: Treasure!

Study

- ❖ Week of July 2: Read John 5
- ❖ Week of July 9: Read John 6
- ❖ Week of July 16: Read John 7
- ❖ Week of July 23: Read John 8
- ❖ Week of July 30: Read John 9



Walking with Jesus in August

Prayers

- ❖ Week of August 6: HEADS OR TAILS PRAYER:
 - ❖ This week, keep a coin in your pocket. Throughout the day, take it out and flip it. If it's heads, say a prayer of thanks. If it's tails, pray for someone else's need.
- ❖ Week of August 13: PRAYER LETTER:
 - ❖ Take a pen and paper and write a prayer to God while you pray specifically for someone else. It can be a friend or family member or someone you know in the church. After your "amen" on the page, put it in an envelope and mail it to that person. You can add your name or send the prayer anonymously.
- ❖ Week of August 20: CANDY PRAYER
 - ❖ Treat yourself to some candy—M&M's or Skittles or Smarties work well for this. As you eat each piece, pray something different for each color (substituting colors as needed for candy varieties)
 - ❖ Green: Pray for your family
 - ❖ Orange: Pray for someone who is sick
 - ❖ White/Brown: Pray for the leaders of our church
 - ❖ Pink/Red: Thank God for something in your life
 - ❖ Yellow: Pray for those who keep us safe
 - ❖ Purple: Pray for someone who might need help today. Pray about how you can help them.

Study

- ❖ Week of August 6: Read John 10
- ❖ Week of August 13: Read John 11



Walking with Jesus to help others

Here's a few ideas for you to share the love of God through Jesus with those in need around Waco

Mission Waco/Mission World—eat at the World Cup Cafe, shop at Jubilee Market, purchase goods from the Fair Trade Market, catch a show at the Jubilee Theater, find out how to serve their kids or youth ministries this summer.

Salvation army—serve a meal

Caritas or Shepherd's Heart—sort food in the food bank warehouse or orchestrate your own food drive (call and ask what they most need)

Waco Diaper Bank—help package diapers for distribution via Caritas or hold a diaper drive and collect donations.

Gospel Cafe—Eat lunch and engage in meaningful conversation with others eating a meal there one day.

Homeless Kits—make some ziplock bags with basic needs to hand out when you see someone in need on the street (Just be careful to mix strong odored soap with food products)

Meals on Wheels-see if Meals & Wheels Waco needs substitute drivers or extra hands to help bring meals to those around Waco who need it.

Random Acts of Kindness—bring ice pops to a local spray park, go play bingo at a nursing home, create art and bring it to the hospital, the possibilities are endless when you think about what Jesus might do to serve others!



Walking with Jesus in Our Neighborhoods

How can you share life and love in the name of Jesus Christ in your neighborhood? How will your neighbors see you Walking with Jesus this summer?

Host a front yard potluck—have everyone bring a munchie and some lawn chairs and enjoy the evening together. Kids can ride bikes, play yard games, or create sidewalk chalk art.

Host a movie night. We have an inflatable screen at the church and we can help you have a neighborhood movie night in your front yard. Contact Kristin Jack for details about making that happen.

Cook a meal for a neighbor in need.

Listen to your neighbors.

Learn their names.

Help neighborhood kids host a lemonade stand. Help them figure out where to donate the proceeds.

Develop a neighborhood book exchange.

Have a front yard Bible study.



Worship with Jesus ON the Go

How do you worship God when you're not at CCC?

Worship is about praising God and honoring God with our word and deed. Our entire lives can be worship if we try! Most of us, though, set apart time each week to worship God. If you're away from Central Christian Church on a Sunday morning, here's some ideas for how you can worship God, wherever you are!

- Watch or listen to our live stream on Sunday mornings at facebook.com/cccwaco
- Visit a local church in the town where you're visiting
- Create your own worship—what worship elements would your household include? Scripture? Music/Singing? Communion? Prayer? Have each member of your household lead a different part of the worship
- Worship as you walk—go on a hike in the mountains, stroll down the beach, wander the streets of the city, but as you do...do so in a spirit of worship in praising God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer.



Reflecting ON Scripture

Take time to write your thoughts on each week's passage from John

Feel free to keep a scripture journal or use these pages to create art, doodles, or to capture memory verses or key words





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