

## DC28:20 — Schedule / Table of Contents

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3.		12	Ephesians; Titus; Philippians	--	Proverbs 3	--
4.		15	God the Father	Ephesians 2:10	Proverbs 4	--
5.		19	John 1-7	--	Proverbs 5	--
6.		22	God the Son	II Corinthians 5:21	Proverbs 6	--
7.		30	John 8-15	--	Proverbs 7	--
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9.		41	John 16-21; I John	--	Proverbs 9	II & III John
10.		44	Bible I: Intro/Overview	II Timothy 3:16-17	Proverbs 10	Matthew 1-4
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14.		66	Bible III: New Testament literature types	Hebrews 4:12	Proverbs 14	Matthew 14-16
15.		74	Acts 19-28	--	Proverbs 15	Matthew 17-19
16.		77	Fellowship, Unity, Conflict	Ephesians 4:2	Proverbs 16	Matthew 20-22
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19.		95	Romans 1-8	--	Proverbs 19	Mark 1-3
20.		98	Evangelism	Colossians 4:5-6	Proverbs 20	Mark 4-6
21.		106	Romans 9-16	--	Proverbs 21	Mark 7-9
22.		109	Work	Colossians 3:23-24	Proverbs 22	Mark 10-12
23.		117	I-II Thessalonians; I-II Peter	--	Proverbs 23	Jude, Mark 13-14
24.		120	Personal Finance/Stewardship	I Timothy 6:10	Proverbs 24	Mark 15-16
25.		127	Luke 1-8	--	Proverbs 25	Hebrews 1-4
26.		130	Temptation	I Corinthians 10:13	Proverbs 26	Hebrews 5-7
27.		140	Luke 9-16	--	Proverbs 27	Hebrews 8-10
28.		143	Dating, Sexual Purity, Marriage	Philippians 2:3	Proverbs 28	Hebrews 11-13
29.		151	Luke 17-24	--	Proverbs 29	Revelation 1-3
30.		154	Genesis 1-3	Genesis 3:6	Proverbs 30	Revelation 4-6
31.		158	Galatians, I Corinthians 1-8	--	Proverbs 31	Revelation 7-10
32.		161	Liberty & Legalism	Galatians 5:1,13	Psalms 37	Revelation 11-13
33.		170	I Corinthians 9-16; II Corinthians 1-4	--	Psalms 35	Revelation 14-16
34.		173	The Will of God	I Thess. 5:16-18	Psalms 44	Revelation 17-18
35.		181	II Corinthians 5-13; I-II Timothy	--	Psalms 102	Revelation 19-20
36.		184	An Intro to Leadership	I Thess. 1:3	Psalms 91, 118	Revelation 21-22

## Overview

*Getting Equipped: DC for Students* is a derivative of *Thoroughly Equipped: DC*. DC is a lay-leadership development program for adults, a plan to make disciples who can make disciples—i.e., disciple-makers. For more information about DC, go to [ThoroughlyEquipped.org](http://ThoroughlyEquipped.org). If you have questions, contact Eric at [DSchansb@ius.edu](mailto:DSchansb@ius.edu).

*DC for Students* is about one-third the pace (requiring about two hours of study per week); it focuses on the material in the first three (of seven) “semesters” of DC; and it lasts 36 weeks (a school year) instead of 21 months.

## Structure (36 weeks)

Week 1:	Intro
Even weeks (18):	Bible Study
Other odd weeks (17):	Bible Reading and Memory
Meeting length:	We recommend weekly for at least an hour.
Outside the meeting:	Group members should meet on occasion for socials and service projects

## Some Considerations for the Bible Memorization

Memorizing Scripture allows one to reflect on those verses more deeply. It will inform your prayer and counsel. And knowing more and more verses—and where they come from—will help one connect the dots within their understanding of Scripture.

The new memory verse will relate to the Bible study topic for that week. The review verses will be some combination of recent verses and past memory verses that relate to the weekly topic. We’ll do a new verse every other week—and review verses the other weeks.

## Some Considerations for the Bible Reading

Bible reading is different from Bible study. The former is reading for some combination of pleasure, occasional insights, and an overview of the material (forest more than trees). The latter is reading for some combination of retention, meditating on insights, and digging into the details of the text (trees more than forest). In the words of Eugene Peterson: “Spiritual reading is mostly a lover’s activity...leisurely...playful...prayerful...not reading primarily for information, but for companionship.”

We could spend the entire time on the Bible reading, but that is not our purpose. Our goal is to read through most of the New Testament and Proverbs. (We would encourage you to embrace the optional goal of reading the entire NT.) Unfortunately, few people, including Christians, have read the entire Bible or even the NT.

## Some Considerations for the Bible Study

See the Table of Contents for a list of the topics we will cover. Note that DC is a program rather than an intense focus on a single topic or book of the Bible. Articles will supplement your study and the discussion.

## Class Covenant

I covenant with my fellow group members to:

- **Be There and Be On Time**

I will do my best to come prepared—Scripture read, verses memorized and study completed.

- **Be Accepting**

I will love you as a brother/sister in Christ, accepting you for who you are and where you are in your spiritual journey—but encouraging you to grow.

- **Be Confidential**

I will keep whatever is shared here confidential.

- **Be Accountable**

I give permission to the other group members to hold me accountable to the commitments I've made.

- **Be Honest**

I will be candid, vulnerable, and transparent.

- **Be Praying**

I commit to praying for the individuals in my group.

- **Be Ready**

I will anticipate a time of accelerated spiritual growth and transformation during this period of discipleship.

I commit to this covenant:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Week 2 — II Peter 3:18

Write out the verse: \_\_\_\_\_

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How does this verse apply to your life and your walk with Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Write it backwards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write every other word: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write the other words: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write it by phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write the first initials of every word: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Proverbs 1-2

Verse and Verse Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you sense the Holy Spirit is saying to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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*We have committed  
the Golden Rule to  
memory; now  
let us commit  
it to life.*

— Edwin Markham

*Working hard to  
think clearly is  
the beginning of  
moral conduct.*

— Blaise Pascal

# Character Traits of a Follower of Jesus

**Primary Objective:** To consider the relationship between faith, obedience, character, and love.

1.) Warm-up:

a.) What does it mean have the character and priorities of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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b.) What contemporary person would you like to emulate? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Everyone thinks of  
changing the world,  
but no one thinks of  
changing himself.*  
— **Leo Tolstoy**

2.) God is to be loved and sought after with one's whole heart, body, mind, and soul. Read Jeremiah 29:11-14a and Deuteronomy 6:4-6; 10:12-13—and comment. What personal applications can you make for practical, daily living?

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*If you think  
education is  
expensive,  
try ignorance.*  
— **Derek Bok**

3.) People are to be loved because God loves people. Loving others is the second greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-38).

a.) How does a godly person demonstrate compassion for others? \_\_\_\_\_

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b.) Read the following passages and write down some principles for treating others with compassion: Romans 13:9b-10, Philippians 2:3-5.

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4.) God is to be believed and obeyed.

a.) What links faith and obedience in a godly person's life? How have you demonstrated faith and obedience recently? Give several examples.

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b.) Read the following passages and comment on the relationship of faith and obedience in living a godly life: Ecclesiastes 12:13, Hebrews 11:1-6, James 2:19.

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5.) Humility is necessary for godliness.

a.) Why is humility an essential character quality for a godly person? Can you think of a great person who is/was also humble? How does/did his life demonstrate humility?

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b.) Read Philippians 2:5-11 and I Peter 5:6-7—and comment on the importance of humility and how it should manifest itself in your life.

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6.) Wisdom is crucial for discernment in matters of faith, love, obedience, and humility. What are the lessons of Proverbs 1:20-33?

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*Teachers will tell you that the laziest boy in the class is the one who works hardest in the end... when they are preparing for an exam, the lazy boy is doing hours and hours of miserable drudgery over things the other boy understands, and positively enjoys, in a few minutes. Laziness means more work in the long run.  
— C.S. Lewis*