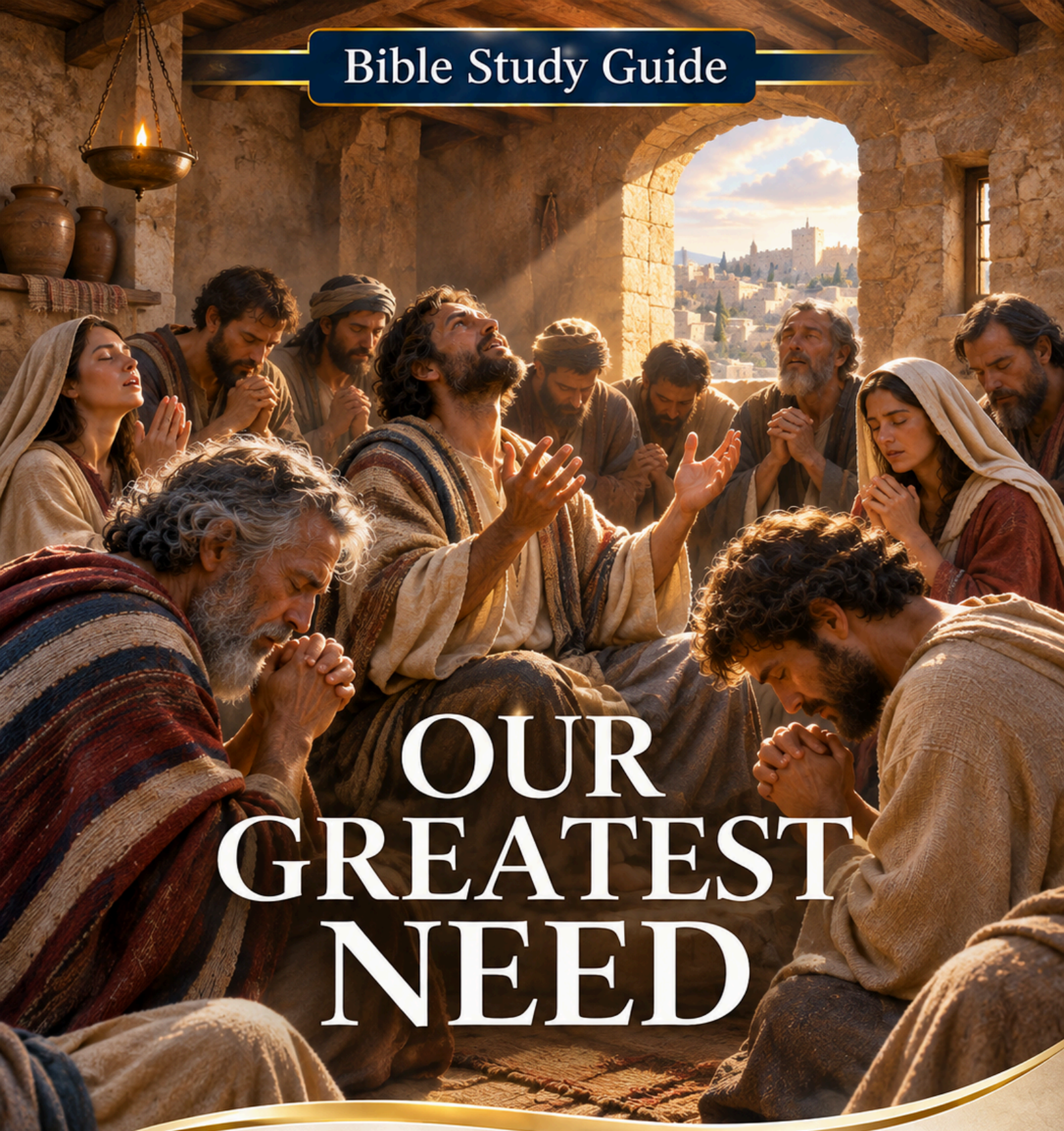
Bible Study Guide



OUR GREATEST NEED

A Bible Study on the Holy Spirit, True Righteousness, and the Need of the Church

Introduction

Imagine trying to carry a lamp through darkness while its reservoir is empty. Polishing the outside will not produce light. In Revelation, Jesus describes a church that thinks itself rich while lacking what it most needs. The remedy is not greater confidence in ourselves, but the presence of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What did the psalmist hope would result from revival?** (Psalm 85:6)

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may _____ in thee?"

Joy in God is a mark of restored spiritual life. It cannot be manufactured by outward activity.

2 **What does Christ offer the burdened soul?** (Matthew 11:28-29)

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____."

Rest comes through coming to Christ and learning His meekness, not through self-reliance.

3 **What did David ask God to renew within him?** (Psalm 51:10)

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a _____ within me."

God restores both the heart and the disposition from which our actions arise.

4 **Who works within us to will and to do?** (Philippians 2:13)

"For it is God which worketh in you both to _____ and to do of his good pleasure."

God supplies both the desire and strength for willing obedience.

5 **What new gift does God promise His people?** (Ezekiel 36:26)

"A new _____ also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:"

God's remedy reaches deeper than behavior modification.

6 **What is one part of Christ's diagnosis of Laodicea despite its claim to be rich?** (Revelation 3:17)

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and _____, and blind, and naked."

Christ reveals a poverty that outward prosperity cannot remedy. He calls us to receive His righteousness and help.

7 **What does Christ promise to the one who opens the door?** (Revelation 3:20)

"if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will _____ to him,"

Christ seeks personal fellowship and invites a willing response.

8 **What does Jesus say those desiring the Holy Spirit should do?** (Luke 11:13)

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that _____?"

The Father invites a willing, prayerful reception of His gift, not a struggle to earn spiritual power.

9 **What invitation does Jesus give to the spiritually thirsty?** (John 7:37)

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and _____."

Spiritual thirst is answered by coming to Christ; the Spirit is received as a gift.

10 **By what power is God's work accomplished?** (Zechariah 4:6)

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my _____, saith the LORD of hosts."

Human resources cannot substitute for the power of the Holy Spirit.

11 **How were the disciples united when Pentecost came?** (Acts 2:1)

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with _____ in one place."

The disciples' shared dependence upon Christ displaced their former rivalry.

12 **How are many believers related in Christ?** (1 Corinthians 12:12)

"For as the body is one, and hath many members ... so also is _____."

Unity in Christ allows different members and gifts to serve together.

13 **What did Jesus promise after the Holy Ghost came upon His followers?** (Acts 1:8)

"But ye shall receive _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

The purpose of the gift is effective witness to Christ, not personal importance or religious spectacle.

14 **What does Jesus compare His followers to?** (Matthew 5:13)

"Ye are the _____ of the earth:"

God calls His people to a distinct, beneficial influence in the world.

15 **What should believers endeavor to preserve?** (Ephesians 4:3)

"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of _____."

Unity is maintained in humility through the Spirit, not imposed by force.

16 **What change accompanies the prayer of God's people in His promise to Israel?**
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and _____; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Seeking God includes a willingness to forsake known sin. Grace restores both fellowship and conduct.

17 **How should we respond to conviction?** (Acts 3:19)

"Repent ye therefore, and be _____, that your sins may be blotted out,"

Christ calls us to turn from sin and receive His forgiveness.

18 **Whom should our good works glorify?** (Matthew 5:16)

"that they may see your good works, and glorify your _____ which is in heaven."

Visible good works are meant to reveal God, not advertise ourselves.

Appeal

Will you acknowledge your greatest need and open your heart to Christ today, seeking His Spirit rather than relying on religious activity alone?

Commitment

I choose to receive Christ's counsel, seek the Holy Spirit daily, and let His life shine through me.

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Signature

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