Kingdom Investment DI Study Guide

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Series Introduction:

For the follower of Jesus, Great Commission living is non-negotiable. Taking our cues from both Matthew 28:18-20, as well as from Acts 1:8, Forest Hill aims to be a church that is fully obedient to the command of the Jesus to take the Gospel here, near, and far. This series, therefore, will focus not only on the Great Commission, but on specific implications that apply to both the life of the Believer individually and the Church corporately.

Series Purpose:

The purpose of this series is twofold: First, through this series we aim to faithfully teach the Great Commission mandates and implications that add up to living out a faithful Gospel witness. Second, we will highlight the ways in which Forest Hill is pursuing obedience to Jesus' Great Commission, primarily through spotlighting Gospel partnerships here, near, and far.

Series Goal:

The goal of this series is both informational and inspirational. We aim to faithfully communicate God's Word and the ways in which Forest Hill is pursuing obedient action. But we also intend to use this series as a catalytic spark that inspires and motivates the people of Forest Hill not currently living on mission to join into our effort to Invest in the Kingdom with their time, talent, and treasures.

Series Key Verse:

Matthew 6:10—"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

How To Use This Guide:

For each sermon, we provide a summary of the key scripture, the message overview, discussion questions, craft, and practical next steps! Utilize this guide to facilitate your lesson and discussion. Respond in prayer together to encourage each other and challenge each other. Enjoy fellowship and growing together!



Week 1: November 1, 2026 – Kingdom Come

Main Scripture – Matthew 6:9–10

Big Idea: I can talk to God!

1. Let's Say Hello!

Say: Good morning! I am so excited to be with you today! How was everyone's week? (verbal answers, thumbs up/down). We are starting a new series this week. We will be learning all about how we can help God's kingdom with our time, talent, and treasures. We will be reading in the book of Matthew. Have you read Matthew before? (thumbs up/down, yes/no) I am so excited to dive into our lesson where we will focus on the big idea of "I can talk to God. Let's get started to learn more about what that means!

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2. Let's Read the Verse! (Bible Time)

Let's read our Bible together. We will be reading Matthew 6:9–10.

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"'Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

3. Let's Learn the Big Idea!

Say: Let's go over our Big Idea together!

Big Idea: I can talk to God!

In the scripture we just read together, Jesus is teaching us how we can pray. Jesus is showing us how our prayers can be about knowing who God is, honoring God, and wanting His pan to be done. Prayer is just like talking to God. You can pray anytime and anywhere. Prayer is so important.

Repeat each line after me! (do multiple times)

1. I
2. Can talk
3. To God!

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4. Let's Sign the Verse! (Teach Simple Signs)

From our Bible passage today, we will practice the key parts of the Lord's Prayer together.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free"

"Our Father in heaven" is saying **"God is our Father"**

Let's say that together! **"God is our Father"**

"Hallowed be your name" is saying **"God's name is special"**

Let's say that together! **"God's name is special"**

"Your kingdom come" is saying **"God rules and reigns as king"**

Let's say that together! **"God rules and reigns as king"**

"Your will be done" is saying **"Follow God's plan"**

Let's say that together! **"Follow God's plan"**

(do multiple times)

Great job! Do you want to try adding motions to the verse? This can help us really remember and honor what the Lord's prayer is teaching us. Watch me and then we can try it together!

Our Father in heaven, point up

Hallowed be your name, worship arms up

Your kingdom come, point up then outward

Your will be done, open hands out in front of you

On earth as it is in heaven, point at the ground then up

(do multiple times)

5. Let's Talk About It! (Discussion Questions)

Yes/No or Thumbs Up/Down questions:

- Who can talk to God?
- Who are we talking to when we pray?
- Can we pray anytime?
- Can we pray anywhere?

Let's look at some ways I love to pray throughout my day! I like to say

- "God, thank you for _____" What could you thank God for?
- "God, please help me _____" What could you ask God for help with?
- "God, I love You because _____"

When are some great times to pray? Nervous, scared, happy, thankful, wondering

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6. Let's Make a Craft!

Prayer hand coloring with simple adaptation of the Lord's prayer.

Supplies: full coloring sheet OR prayer hand sheet with cut strips of the prayer, markers, glue

Let's do a craft together! Do you see these hands? These hands are prayer hands and can remind us of prayer and our big idea "I can pray".

Go over the adapted prayer together. If you do the strips, you can work together to put the prayer in order and glue one line down at a time!

7. Let's Pray Together!

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests.

Let's pray together. Jesus thank you for today. Thank you for loving us so very much. That you that we can talk to you at any time and from any place. Help us bring you honor and glory. Help us trust your great plan. We love you. Amen.

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8. Next Step

It was amazing starting our new series this week! I am eager to keep learning with you all. I loved the reminder today that we all can talk to God. This week, I want you to practice praying for people in your life. Praying for your parents, siblings, teacher, or friend.

Week 2: November 8, 2026 – Send

Main Scripture – Romans 10:8–17

Big Idea: Jesus loves me. I can tell others!

1. Let's Say Hello!

Say: Good morning! I am so excited to be with you today! How was everyone's week? (verbal answers, thumbs up/down). Today we will be talking about really good news and sharing really good news. Do you like to tell people about exciting things in your life? (thumbs up/down, yes/no) I do! Today we will be learning about the best news of all! Jesus loves us! Someone shared that good news with each of us, so we can share it with other people, too. Let's dive into our scripture for today.

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2. Let's Read the Verse! (Bible Time)

Let's read our Bible together. We will be reading Romans 10:8–17.

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"[a] that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."[b] 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."[c]

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"[d]

16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"[e] 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Let's talk about what this scripture is telling us! God loves the world and sent His son Jesus to save us. Jesus died for all of our sins and rose again, defeating death! When we trust in Jesus, we can be part of God's family. This is the BEST news. Who told you about Jesus? Who shared the Gospel with you? (share who shared it with you)

Now you can share the good news with someone else. You get to tell others how much Jesus loves them!

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3. Let's Learn the Big Idea!

Big Idea: Live to love and serve!

Let's go over our Big Idea together! Our Big Idea is "Jesus loves me. I can tell others". Just like someone told me and you about Jesus and His love for us, we can tell other people! We can share the good news with other people. We can do this by sharing the Gospel, inviting people to church or this group, showing Jesus' love through kindness, and more!

Let's practice our big idea. Repeat each line after me!

Jesus

Loves me

I can tell

Others!

(do multiple times)

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4. Let's Sign the Verse! (Teach Simple Signs)

From our Bible passage today, we will practice a phrase taken from verse 15. Part of verse 15 says "bring good news". In this context, the good news is Jesus loves you! It is the Gospel. We are told to share or bring that good news to others. Let's practice that phrase from the verse together.

Bring **both hands in front of you like you are carrying something**

Good **thumbs up**

News **hands by your mouth**

(do multiple times)

Great job! Let's always remember that we can share the good news with others!

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5. Let's Talk About It! (Discussion Questions)

Yes/No or Thumbs Up/Down questions:

- Does Jesus love you?
- Did someone help you learn about Jesus?
- Who?
- How?
- Can you tell someone that Jesus loves them?
- How can you share Jesus' love with others?
- What can you do if you feel nervous about telling others about Jesus?

Pray, ask for help from a trusted friend/adult, simply share "Jesus loves you"

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6. Let's Make a Craft!

<u>Supplies:</u>

- cardstock or construction paper folded in half
- makers
- crayons
- stickers

Encouragement card

Optional phrases modeled to copy into card:

*Jesus loves you, I pray for you, you are loved, you are cared for, God loves you, God sees you, Jesus is always with you

Let's do a craft together! Have you ever been given a nice card? Today I have some paper for you to write an encouraging note and decorate to practice a way to share the love of Jesus with someone. We are all going to make a card. You can write how much Jesus loves them, a verse, or tell them you are praying for them. Then we will decorate it! After you leave today, I would love you to give this card to someone to share the good news!

Assist in making a card as needed!

Example:

Front: heart stickers and message "Jesus loves you"

Inside: drawing and message "Jesus cares about you and so do I"

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7. Let's Pray Together!

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests.

Let's pray together. Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for the people that told each of us about You. Help us all share who You are and how much You love with others. Let us be bold and brave in our faith. Amen.

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8. Next Step

God used someone to tell you about the good news. You can share it with someone else. Don't forget to give your card to someone. Be bold and brave in your faith to share "Jesus love you" with other people!

Week 3: November 15, 2026 – What the Lord Requires

Main Scripture – Micah 6:8

Big Idea: Follow the Leader!

1. Let's Say Hello!

Say: Good morning! I am so excited to be with you today! How was everyone's week? (verbal answers, thumbs up/down). Have you ever followed someone? Either a coach, parent, friend, or teacher? (thumbs up/down, yes/no) Today we will be learning about the best leader to follow. Do you know who? God! God is the greatest leader who teaches us so many important things.

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2. Let's Read the Verse! (Bible Time)

Let's read our Bible together. We will be reading Micah 6:8.

[8] He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly[a] with your God.

Let's talk about what this scripture is telling us! Remember, God is our greatest leader. He has a lot of things to teach us and some of that is right there in the scripture we just read. First, it says to act justly. That means doing what is right! Second, it says to love mercy. That means being kind, being forgiving, and caring for others. Third, it says to walk humbly. That means following God.

Let's practice remembering those three important things! (Do multiple times)

Hold up one finger– Act justly

Hold up two fingers– Love mercy

Hold up three fingers– walk humbly

3. Let's Learn the Big Idea!

Big Idea: Follow the Leader

Who is our greatest leader? Yes, it is God! We can follow God!
Let's practice our big idea. Repeat after me!

Follow the leader!

(do multiple times)

Following God means learning to live the way He teaches us. We can learn this be spending time reading our Bible and praying.

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4. Let's Sign the Verse! (Teach Simple Signs)

From our Bible passage today, we will practice the three things God teaches us about living our lives from verse 8. He tells us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.

Let's say this together with motions to help up remember the fruit of the Spirit!

Act Justly thumbs us by your heart

love mercy hands over heart then stretch them outward

walk humbly march in place (or do arm motion like you are walking while sitting)

(do multiple times)

Great job! Let's always remember that we can follow the greatest leader, God!

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5. Let's Talk About It! (Discussion Questions)

Yes/No or Thumbs Up/Down questions:

- Does God want us to do what is right?
- Can we show kindness to others?
- How?
- Can we ask God to help us make good choices?
- Can we learn about how God wants us to live?
- How?
- Can we follow God every day?

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6. Let's Make a Craft!

Bookmark design

Supplies:

- construction paper
- print out (optional)
- coloring utensils
- stickers

Let's do a craft together! Today we will make a bookmark that you can put in your bible or in a book that has the three things God taught us today. This will be a great reminder on the ways God told us to follow the leader!

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7. Let's Pray Together!

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests.

Let's pray together. Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for teaching us how to live our lives. Help us do what is right, help us be kind, help us walk with You. Thank You for being our leader. Amen.

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8. Next Step

God gave us three ways to follow the leader this week. Try to do at least one of each. Act justly by doing what is right. Maybe that is telling the truth, taking turns, or follow the rules. Love mercy by forgiving someone, helping a friend, or saying something nice. Walk humbly, by praying for God to help you follow Him!

Week 4: November 22, 2026 – Defend the Fatherless

Main Scripture – Psalm 82:3–4

Big Idea: God cares, I care!

1. Let's Say Hello!

Say: Good morning! I am so excited to be with you today! How was everyone's week? (verbal answers, thumbs up/down). Have you ever needed help? (thumbs up/down, yes/no) I know I need help sometimes! Today we will be learning more about how God cares about people who are hurting and He wants us to care for them too!

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2. Let's Read the Verse! (Bible Time)

Let's read our Bible together. We will be reading Psalm 82:3–4.

3 Defend the weak and the fatherless;

uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

4 Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Let's talk about what this scripture is telling us! God loves everyone but here He is speficially talking about loving people that are hurting or need help. In the Bible, God tells us, His children, to help those in need. Do you have an idea on what that could look like? (thumbs up/down) It can be sitting with someone who is alone, inviting someone to play with you, being a friend to someone that doesn't have a friend, getting help for someone that might need it! We can show God's love through our actions!

3. Let's Learn the Big Idea!

Big Idea: God cares, I care

We can show we care by being kind, helping others, and being a friend.

Let's practice our big idea. Repeat each line after me!

God cares!

I care!

(Do multiple times)

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4. Let's Sign the Verse! (Teach Simple Signs)

From our Bible passage today, we will practice a phrase taken from verse 3. Part of verse 3 says to give justice to the weak and the fatherless. Like what we were talking about earlier, God is telling us we can help others. Let's learn and practice the phrase "help people who need help"

Help put one hand out like you are reaching

people who need gesture around the room

help right hand makes a thumbs up gesture and place on top of your left hand palm (ASL for help)

(do multiple times)
Great job! Let's always remember that we can help and care for others!

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5. Let's Talk About It! (Discussion Questions)

Yes/No or Thumbs Up/Down questions:

- Does God care about people that are hurting?
- Can we help people who are sad?
- Can we show kindness to others?
- Should we leave people out?
- Does God call us to be caring?

6. Let's Make a Craft!

Supplies:

- Cardstock or construction paper cut into a heart or with heart drawn on
- markers
- stickers

Caring heart

Optional phrases modeled to copy on: God cares, I care!

Let's do a craft together! When I think about being caring, I think of a heart. To me, the heart reminds me of being loving, kind, nice, and a friend. Today we will decorate a heart and write our big idea on it. I hope it will be a good reminder about today's lesson.

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7. Let's Pray Together!

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests.

Let's pray together. Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for the chance to show Your love to other people. Thank You for caring for us so well. I pray we can show your love to all those around us by the way we act. Amen.

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8. Next Step

This week, practice look for someone that needs help or needs encouragement. Help them know that God cares for them and you care for them!

Week 5: November 29, 2026 – Gospel Partnerships

Main Scripture – Philippians 1:3–8

Big Idea: Better Together!

1. Let's Say Hello!

Say: Good morning! I am so excited to be with you today! How was everyone's week? (verbal answers, thumbs up/down). Can we take a moment and think about things that are easier to do with other people? (thumbs up/down, yes/no) I know it is easier to have help when I am cleaning or cooking and it is better to play a game with others than alone. Today we will be learning more about how God made us to work together. Our big idea today is "Better Together".

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2. Let's Read the Verse! (Bible Time)

Let's read our Bible together. We will be reading Philippians 1:3–8.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with
joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of
this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ
Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I
am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8
God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Let's talk about what this scripture is showing us. Paul was in jail when he wrote this letter to his friends. Paul was so thankful because his friends loved Jesus, prayed for him, and helped share the good news with other people. They worked together to share the love of Jesus with so many people. This is a great example of how we do not have to do things alone. We can pray for each other, help each other, encourage each other, and serve together!

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3. Let's Learn the Big Idea!

Let's go over our Big Idea together! Our Big Idea is "Better Together". We can work together to make a difference. We can work together to share the love of Jesus!

Let's practice our big idea. Repeat each line after me!

Better
Together

(do multiple times)

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4. Let's Sign the Verse! (Teach Simple Signs)

From our Bible passage today, we will practice verse 3! This verse says "I thank my God every time I remember you". To practice, let's use the phrase "I thank God for you!"

I thank hands over heart
God point up
for you open arms around the room

(do multiple times)
Great job!!

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5. Let's Talk About It! (Discussion Questions)

Yes/No or Thumbs Up/Down questions:

- Are we called to be thankful?
- What can we be thankful for?
- Friends, family, teachers, coach's, coworkers, teammates, church, school, work
- Does God want us to help one another?
- Do we have to do things all by ourselves?
- Can we pray for others?

6. Let's Make a Craft!

Supplies:

- cardstock or construction paper folded in half
- marker
- crayons
- stickers

Thank you cards

Optional phrases modeled to copy on: I am glad you're my friend, thank you for helping me, I'm thankful for you, I am happy to know you, you are amazing, etc

Let's do a craft together! Just like Paul wrote letters thanking God for his friends, we can encourage people and show them how thankful we are for them. Let's work together to make some cards to pass out to the people we are thankful for. This can be your parents, sibling, friend, or teacher.

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7. Let's Pray Together!

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests.

Let's pray together. Dear God, thank you for our friends and church family. Thank you for making us better together. Help us encourage each other, pray for each other, and work together to show your love. Amen.

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8. Next Step

This week, give your thank you card to someone to show them how much you care for them! You can also tell people when you see them that you are thankful for them! If you want to take it a step further, offer to help a friend or family member do something and repeat our big idea that we are better together!

Canva link to premade craft ideas:
https://canva.link/br7n3vho7rw94ts