

# THE LIVING WORD • What Jesus Says About It

Bible Study Guides for Group and Individual Use • **SERIES 1**

## THE LIVING WORD

is a **25-session Bible Study series** for **group and individual use**. Each series consists of **five study guides** on specific topics central to the Orthodox Christian faith and life as revealed in **the spoken words of Jesus Christ**, the Living Word of God.

## HOW TO USE THE SERIES

### GROUP STUDY

**Bible Study groups**, as well as **adult and teen classes**, will find the study guides quite easy to use. After **introducing the session's topic**, using the narrative at the beginning of each guide, participants **look up and discuss each passage**. Space is provided for **notes and summaries**. If there is not sufficient time to look up and discuss every passage, participants can easily **complete this task on their own**.

### INDIVIDUAL STUDY

Since, for a variety of reasons, the majority of parish members are unable to participate in a weekday morning or afternoon study group – distance, work, and other commitments also may preclude regular attendance at evening sessions, while space and scheduling considerations may make a Sunday morning class difficult in some parishes – **THE LIVING WORD is ideal for individual study**.

**Reproduce copies of each guide and distribute them to all parishioners**. Insert them, one at a time, **in the bulletin** on a weekly or monthly basis. Make copies available **at the candle desk** or **in the pamphlet rack**. Send them **by e-mail** as PDF attachments to everyone on the parish's e-mail list on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. Doing this, even if the guides are used by groups and classes, will **enable everyone to participate in Bible Study**, even if they cannot be physically present.

**Encourage everyone to use the guides** as his or her schedule permits. Surely **everyone can look up one or two quotes every day**. **Commuters** using public transportation can look up one quote on the way to work and another on the way home. **Workers** can set aside one coffee break every day to look up a quote. High school and college **students** can look up a quote each day during study breaks or between classes. **Families** can look up one quote every day, perhaps at the conclusion of their evening meal. It is important to keep in mind that **there is no one specific "right" way** to use these guides. **"Whatever works," works!**

## OVERVIEW

- SERIES 1** *What Jesus says about Himself, Life, Eternal Life, Faith, and Forgiveness*
- SERIES 2** *What Jesus says about God, the Holy Spirit, Prayer, Sharing the Gospel, and Love for God and Others*
- SERIES 3** *What Jesus says about Sin, Hypocrites, Marriage/Divorce, Health/Healing, and Money*
- SERIES 4** *What Jesus says about His Passion, Resurrection, the Kingdom of God, Judgment, and Miscellaneous*
- SERIES 5** *What Jesus says in His Parables*