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One of the main reasons Christians don't commit to disciple younger believers is they aren't exactly sure what to do or how to do it.

The Basics discipleship lessons are 20 basic, simple, and easily reproducible tools you can use to build biblical knowledge, skills, character, and vision into someone's life.

Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2 to entrust the truth to faithful men "who will be able to teach others also." Utilizing this principle of transferability and putting everything down on the "bottom shelf" for your disciple will set them up for success, thus preparing them to be "able to teach others also" exactly what you taught them!

If you share these tools and the person you share with walks away thinking what you covered was so simple, so basic, so reproducible they could pass it on to someone else--that is the objective!

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Security of the Believer

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Before you can actually grow in a relationship with another person you must first meet them. When a student puts their faith and trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ, the relationship begins. But for many who make that decision, doubt creeps in. Questions arise like: Am I really saved? Was my faith genuine? I just sinned again, was my decision real? Satan has a field day whispering doubts into our minds and hearts. If you believed and received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Bible says you are born again, saved, a new creature, forgiven, a forever child of God. From the Lord's perspective you have "eternal security" and if we will believe His promises we can have an "assurance of our salvation." But if we question His word or allow our feelings or doubts to control us, we will struggle to grow in a relationship with someone we aren't even sure we know! Study these verses, answer these questions. Get real with God and yourself. Take Him at His word—now and forever!

Before we look at the promises of God regarding salvation it is important to go over the decision you made to receive Christ. Present the gospel (bridge) and explain the decision you made as you go through the major points.

The Scripture is clear about the fact that once a person becomes a Christian, the salvation of the believer is secure. Our faith rests not on the feelings of man but on the facts found in the Bible. Assurance of our salvation is a feeling. Security of the believer is a fact. We are secure whether we feel safe or not.

However, many Christians today struggle with being assured of their salvation. We want to look at the fact of the security of the believer.

Discussion Questions

How do you know you are a Christian?

If you were to die right now, how sure are you that you would go to heaven?

0% — 25% — 50% — 75% — 100%

Secure in God's Hand – John 10:25-30

Who has Eternal Life? – 1 John 5:11-13

What is Eternal Life? – John 17:3

Nothing can separate us from God's Love – Romans 8:31-39

Made Alive in Christ – Ephesians 2:1-10

Spirit's Role – Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:5-17 (focus on vss. 14, 16) xref - Gal 5:16-24

Practicing Righteousness Proves Salvation – 1 John 2:28-29

As a result of this lesson: If you were to die right now, how sure are you that you would go to heaven? Why?

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Suggested Memory Verse: 1 John 5:11-13

DO NOT DEPEND UPON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible — not our feelings — is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the relationship between **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feeling** (the result of our faith and obedience) (John 14:21).



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, we, as Christians, do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

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Forgiveness of Sin

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What happens when I sin after I become a Christian? Does God still love me? Am I still a Christian? What's up? I thought Christians didn't sin. What should I do? These questions and ones like them rage throughout the mind of the believer when they sin. We know from the previous tool in this series that the believer is secure in their salvation. So, what happens when I sin? Take some time to walk through this tool, study the verses, and answer the questions to discover what God has to say about our sin.

Coming to grips with how to deal with sin after conversion is critical to living as a believer. Without a clear understanding of what to do or what to believe about forgiveness of sin will lead the believer to live a life of guilt, and can ultimately cause an emotional rift between that believer and God.

Sin separates man from God. We just have to look at the Garden of Eden to see how man runs and hides from the presence of God when he sins. We are no different today. When we disobey God, we emotionally and sometimes physically run and hide from God.

We've learned that the believer is secure in their salvation. So, what happens when I sin? That's the gist of this lesson.

What is Sin?

Where did sin come from? — Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-3

How does sin happen?— James 1:13-15, 1 John 2:15-17

What are the consequences of sin? — Psalms 32:1-7, 66:18

What should our response to sin be?

Steps To Forgiveness

1. Confess your sin — 1 John 1:9
2. Believe you are forgiven — Psalm 103:12
3. Turn from your sin: repent — Proverbs 28:13
4. Ask God to help you avoid the sin next time — 1 Corinthians 10:13

Does God really forgive us? — Psalm 103:12, Colossians 1:13-14, Colossians 2:13-14

Does God promise victory? — Romans 6:10-12, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Our goal must be obedience, but when we sin we must confess our sin and believe that God has forgiven us (according to His promise in 1 John 1:9). We must forsake our sin and yield our lives to the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Learning to keep short accounts with the Lord will lead to a fulfilling walk with God.

Suggested Memory Verse: I John 1:9

Quiet Time

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The world revolves around relationships. Sometimes we get confused and lose sight of the relational aspects and focus on the millions of things to be done. We have become a culture of the To-Do list. Tasks and goals begin to win over our friends and family. What a tragedy!

Unfortunately our relationship with God is subject to the same pressures. We focus on what God wants us to do, rather than what He wants us to be. J.I. Packer has said it well, "We know a lot about God, but we don't know God." How do we change this around? A simple solution is the daily quiet time.

This one habit can make the difference in you living a fulfilling Christian life, where you are increasingly becoming more like God and growing in your relationship with Him. It has been said that we become like that which we worship. In our daily time with God we worship Him and become like Him. Relationships are built around time with another person. Learn to spend time with God and you will never be the same. Let's explore.

Discussion Questions

What is the purpose of the quiet time?

How important should quiet time be on your priorities? — Luke 10:38-42, Phil. 3:7-11

How will a quiet time help in your endeavor to know God? — Jeremiah 9:23-24

What are the results of quiet time? — John 15:1-5

What should the content of your quiet time be? — Timothy 3:16-17, John 15:7

What are example of Jesus having a quiet time? — Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16

How will a quiet time help you seek God? — Jeremiah 29:11-13

How will a quiet time help you live out the goal of life? — John 17:3

If you could learn only one discipline of the Christian life, the hands-down choice would be the quiet time. No other use of your time is more significant. Life flows from time with God. But, beware — the quiet time is not the end itself but rather the means to the end: knowing God. Don't be committed to the method but to the Master.

Suggested Memory Verse: John 17:3

The Word

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God has written you a love letter, and it is called The Bible—the greatest best seller of all time! He reveals His mind, His heart, and His purposes in it. He tells us how and why we were created; who Christ is and why He died and rose; the joys and challenges of following Jesus; what the future will be for each of us, this planet, and all of creation. Oh, one last small item—the Bible provides wisdom and solutions to virtually every problem, question, or issue ever known to man! So, dive in. Enjoy! Get to know the Bible and the God of the Bible. Let it change your life—forever!

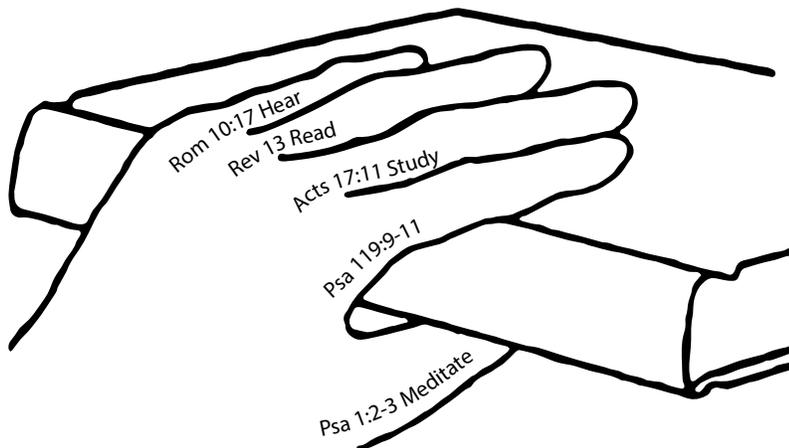
I. What is the Word?

The Bible is the Word of God. The Old and New Testaments are supernaturally inspired, inerrant in the original writing, infallible and the final authority for all Christian faith, life and conduct for every age.

II. Why is it important?

1. **Inspiration:** The Bible's content originated from God. (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20-21)
2. **Inerrant:** God didn't make any mistakes when the Bible was written. (Ps 119:160; Matt 5:18)
3. **Infallible:** The Bible is trustworthy and reliable. (Is 55:11; Matt 24:35)
4. **Authority:** The Bible should be obeyed. (John 8:31, 32; Josh 1:8)

III. How to get the Word into your life



The Hand illustration is designed to help you strengthen your grasp of the Word of God. As you practice each aspect of the hand, your input of God's Word will increase daily.

The Hand illustration by the Navigators

Areas

- A. Hear the Word at Church (take notes)
- B. Read the Word daily (reading plan)
- C. Memorize key passages (topical memory system)
- D. Study the Bible in small groups
- E. Meditate on meaningful passages (Josh 1:8)

Action steps

1. Pick at least one area mentioned above
2. Develop a plan to do this week in that area
3. Accountability — get someone to ask you in a week how you did on your plan

Suggested memory verse: Joshua 1:8

Materials: Bible Reading Plan; Topical Memory System

Topical Memory System

If you want to memorize Scripture, but aren't sure what to memorize or how, this system is exactly what you need to begin hiding God's word in your heart.

LIVE THE NEW LIFE

Christ the Center	2 Corinthians 5:17	Galatians 2:20
Obedience to Christ	Romans 12:1	John 14:21
The Word	2 Timothy 3:16	Joshua 1:8
Prayer	John 15:7	Philippians 4:6-7
Fellowship Matthew 18:20	Heb 10:24	25
Witnessing	Matthew 4:19	Romans 1:16

PROCLAIM CHRIST

All Have Sinned	Romans 3:23	Isaiah 53:6
Sin's Penalty	Romans 6:23	Hebrews 9:27
Christ Paid the Penalty	Romans 5:8	1 Peter 3:18
Salvation is not by Works	Ephesians 2:8-9	Titus 3:5
Must Receive Christ	John 1:12	Revelation 3:20
Assurance of Salvation	1 John 5:13	John 5:24

RELY ON GOD'S RESOURCES

His Spirit	1 Corinthians 3:16	1 Cor 2:12
His Strength	Isaiah 41:10	Philippians 4:13
His Faithfulness	Lamentations 3:22-23	Numbers 23:19
His Peace	Isaiah 26:3	1 Peter 5:7
His Provision	Romans 8:32	Philippians 4:19
His Help in Temptation	Hebrews 2:18	Psalms 119:9-11

BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLE

Put Christ First	Matthew 6:33	Luke 9:23
Separate From the World	1 John 2:15-16	Romans 12:2
Be Steadfast	1 Corinthians 15:58	Hebrews 12:3
Serve Others	Mark 10:45	2 Corinthians 4:5
Give Generously	Proverbs 3:9-10	2 Cor 9:6-7
Develop World Vision	Acts 1:8	Matt 28:19-20

GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS

Love	John 13:34-35	1 John 3:18
Humility	Philippians 2:3-4	1 Peter 5:5-6
Purity	Ephesians 5:3	1 Peter 2:11
Honesty	Leviticus 19:11	Acts 24:16
Faith	Hebrews 11:6	Romans 4:20-21
Good Works	Galatians 6:9-10	Matthew 5:16

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Prayer and Worship

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What can be more important than spending daily time with the God of the Universe, the Savior of our souls, the Lord of our lives? Answer: Nothing! Find out how to set aside some intimate time with Jesus each day to build and strengthen the personal relationship you have with Him. Be willing to say no to some lesser things in your life in order to say yes to meeting with Him face to face, and heart to heart. Make it a daily habit for the rest of your life. You will never regret it!

It is impossible for a believer, no matter what his experience, to keep right with God if he will not take the trouble to spend time with God...Spend plenty of time with God; let other things go, but don't neglect Him." – J. Oswald Sanders

I. What is Prayer and Worship?

Prayer is the direct communication of our thoughts, feelings and desires to our Heavenly Father. It is through prayer that we show our dependence on and trust in God and reveals Himself to us. Worship is an act in which we praise and adore God.

II. Why Should We Pray and Worship God?

A. Prayer

1. Phil 4:6-7
2. Jer 33:3
3. Matt 7:7-11

B. Worship

4. Ps 95:2, 6, 7
5. Ps 100

III. How to Pray

- A. Pray daily (Ps 5:3)
- B. Pray constantly (1 Thess 5:16-18)
- C. Pray individually (Matt 6:6)
- D. Pray with others (Acts 1:4, 2:42)
- E. Pray using a prayer list. Suggest format: Date, Prayer request, Answer from God
- F. Pray using the ACTS method

If you see prayer as a mountain to climb and don't know where to start, the ACTS method will help you take that first step by incorporating some of the main parts of prayer. From here you can begin building your own prayer life. Spend time in each area and then move to the next part.

A – Adoration: Psalm 96:1-4

Begin your prayer with just telling God how awesome He is. Use this time to fix your mind on God and who He is. Adoration is a time to focus on God's character. If you are unsure on what to say, think of His attributes: His unfailing love, His mercy, His grace, His beauty, etc.

C – Confession: Psalm 66:18, 1 John 1:8-10, Proverbs 28:13

Use this time to confess any sin that you have in your life. Go through your day or past couple of days. Ask for Him to show you your sins. Ask forgiveness for sins that you may be unaware of.

T – Thanksgiving: 1 Thess 5:16-18, 1 Chronicles 16:34

Use this time to thank Him for whatever is going on in your life. Thank Him for answered prayers, for daily provisions, or for whatever is going on in your life. If you can't think of anything, His sacrifice will always be reason for thankfulness.

S – Supplication: Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Finish your time by presenting any requests you may have to Him. These requests can be for yourself or for others. Pray for daily needs, for others' needs, for the salvation of friends/family, for world situations, etc.

IV. Some Ways to Worship God

- A. Pray through the Psalms
- B. Sing to the Lord (praise songs, hymns)
- C. Focus on adoring God (tell Him how great you think He is)

The Spirit Filled Life

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The Holy Spirit is a mystery. The third person of the Godhead doesn't seem to get as much attention from us as the Father or the Son. But as believers, He is at work in and through our lives every moment of every day. Discover in this study who He is, how we can be filled and controlled by His power, and how He can change us to be more like Jesus every day.

I. The ministry of the Holy Spirit

A. Read these verses and learn what Jesus taught about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

1. John 14:16-17
2. John 14:25-26
3. John 15:26
4. Acts 1:8

B. What will be the results of a Spirit-controlled life?

1. Galations 5:22-25
2. II Corinthians 3:17

C. Why can the Christian **not** live the abundant life Christ promised in his own efforts?

1. Romans 8:6-8
2. John 15:4-5

D. How can the Christian experience the abundant lifestyle that Christ promised in John 10:10?

Ephesians 5:15-18

The normal Christian life is supernatural. Therefore, it takes a natural person and power to live the normal Christian life.

E. Should you retake the control of your life through sin—a definite act of disobedience—breathe spiritually:

1. Exhale - confess your sin
2. Inhale - Surrender the control of your life to Christ appropriate the fullness of the Holy Spirit by Faith”

II. How to be controlled by the Holy Spirit

A. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and John 14:16-18

1. What did Jesus promise?
2. How long is the promise good for?
3. Does Jesus ever make a promise He does not keep?

B. When does a person receive the Spirit of God promised by Christ? Read Ephesians 1:13-14 and Romans 8:9.

C. What does it mean to be controlled (filled) by the Spirit? Read Ephesians 5:18.

1. Does the term “filling” mean quantity or control of the Spirit? Explain your answer.
2. How can you tell if you have grieved the Spirit of God?
3. What sins in your life quench the Spirit and keep you from experiencing the full power of the Holy Spirit?

E. What action must be taken to be controlled by the Spirit of God?

1. I John 1:9
2. Colossians 2:6

F. Should you retake the control of your life through sin—a definite act of disobedience—breathe spiritually:

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Memory verses

Galatians 5:16, 22-23

John 1 5:5

The Wheel Diagram

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What are the basics of the Christian life? Don't let anyone push you off the road onto an exit ramp that will have you focusing on the "exotics" rather than the "essentials" of following Christ. Keep it simple, keep it doable, keep it biblical! Just keep diving deeper and deeper into the Lordship of Jesus Christ, your daily time in prayer and the Word, your love for other believers, and outreach to the lost. If you can get strong and consistent in these "basics" you are surely on your way to becoming a sold-out disciple of Jesus Christ. This Wheel Illustration is a great tool to evaluate your own spiritual growth, but also as a guide as you start to disciple other new believers. In fact, you might consider pulling it out every week to discern what aspect of "The Wheel" you personally need to grow in, as well as helping you put together a practical and biblical growth plan for the upcoming sessions you are having with your young disciples!



The privileges of our identity in Christ

As you can see on the rim of the wheel (pictured above), the fruitful Christian life is essentially made up of living out the privileges of our new identity in Christ. The moment that we begin to see the aspects of the wheel diagram as requirements we need to fulfill — as opposed to privileges brought about by our identity in Christ — is the moment we step into legalism. Legalism is the mindset that we need to perform for God in order to get His approval. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus has performed for us on the cross, paid for our sins, and allows us to have a relationship with God that is not based on our performance, good or bad! With this in mind, now we can more closely look at who we are in our new God-given identity and what our new privileges are as God's children and servants.

Christ the center

Just as the hub of a physical wheel is the power source, what the rest of the wheel depends on, so it is with our Christian life. The center of the wheel, our Union with Christ and the Lordship of Christ, is by far the most crucial aspect to understand about this illustration.

Union with Christ

Based on the following verses, we see that because of what Jesus has accomplished on the cross — the taking on of our sin and curse and the transferring of His righteousness to us — we are now one with Him and enjoy the benefits of the blessing that He deserves!

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, 21; Galatians 3:13-14; John 15:4-7; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27-29; Philippians 3:8-11

Application: Ask yourself if you tend to find your identity from your union with Jesus, or from other places.

Lordship of Christ

Not only have we been saved through our union with Christ, but King Jesus now rules in our life through the authority of His Word. We get to obey the King who laid down His life for us!

Read: Luke 6:46-49, 9:23-25; Colossians 1:15-23; Titus 2:11-14; Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 12:1

Tool to Consider: The Lordship Circles (Who is on the throne of your life?)

Application: Ask yourself if Jesus truly is the Lord of your life or if He is just one among many advisors.

Our overall purpose in life can be summed up as follows: We are created to know (enjoy and glorify) God and make Him known (1 Corinthians 10:31; Isaiah 43:7, 21; Mark 12:28-31). The rest

of the wheel diagram is built on this twofold purpose of knowing God (vertically) and making Him known (horizontally).

Vertical relationship with God

Underneath the vertical spokes: Our identity as sons

All Christians have the privilege of being called God's sons (Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 8:14-17), and the vertical spokes of the wheel represent the practical ways we can take advantage of our new status as God's children. Underneath the vertical spokes, pulsating out from our union with Christ, is our identity as Sons. As God's children, we get the opportunity to delight in a relationship with Him! This is by far the most incredible privilege of our Christian life! (John 17:3; Philippians 3:10)

As with any relationship, two-way communication is a vital aspect to the health of the relationship. In our relationship with God, we get to talk with God through prayer, and He talks with us through His Word, the Bible.

In approaching God in prayer, we should be passionate and reverent (Heb. 5:13) as well as bold and confident (Hebrews 10:19-23; Ephesians 3:12). We should be desperately acknowledging our dependence on Him while we ask Him to do big things!

Prayer

Read: Colossians 4:2-4; Matthew 6:7-13; Philippians 4:6-7; John 15:7

Tool to Consider: The ACTS method of prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)

Application: Consider trying to pray through the ACTS method for 10 minutes along with a friend.

Word of God

God has given us his perfect, authoritative, and inspired Word to hear, read, study, memorize, meditate on, and apply to our lives. We should seek Him in His Word like we would seek silver or hidden treasure (Proverbs 2)!

Read: 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 119:9-11; Romans 12:1-2

Tool to Consider: The Hand illustration (Hear, Read, Study, Memorize, Meditate, Apply)

Application: Consider studying, memorizing, and meditating on Romans 6:23.

Horizontal relationships with people

Underneath the horizontal spokes: Our identity as servants

Remembering that our performance of the spokes of the Wheel Diagram does not capture God's attention, we must look at our God-given identity that is underneath the horizontal spokes. God has not only given us the privilege of knowing Him as His sons and daughters, but we also get the opportunity to be servants to others as we share the good news of the gospel with our non-believing and believing friends! God calls us into His mission of glorifying His name by making Him known to all peoples! It's not that we "must" share our faith or encourage other Christians, but we *get* to live out our identity as servants just like Jesus did! (Mark 10:45)

Fellowship

Coming into a new relationship with God as His children necessarily implies that we also come into a family relationship with His other sons and daughters. We have the duty and privilege to serve and encourage our brothers and sisters.

Read: Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25; John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47

Application: Labor as a team, serve and encourage one another, and sharpen one another in accountability.

Evangelism

We also get to come alongside God in His global mission of making His name known through personal evangelism to our friends. It's too good to be true! God not only saved us, but also wants to use us in His global purposes! How could we not share the great news of the gospel with our friends and receive the joy of working with God!

Read: Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter. 3:15; 2 Corinthians 2:18-21; 2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 4:19

Tool to Consider: The Bridge Diagram (One verse evangelism using Rom. 6:23)

Application: Compassionately care for people who do not know Jesus and courageously share the gospel with them.

Discussion questions

1. What questions do you have about this illustration?
2. What aspect of the wheel do you feel strong in right now?
3. What aspect of the wheel are you feeling weak in?
4. What is your plan to grow in that area?

5. What kind of sacrifices do you think you may have to make to get strong in that area?
6. I know you're busy, and I am too, but I am trying to grow in that same area and would be very open to meeting with you to help you reach your goal. If you're serious about growing in this area, I am open to meeting. What do you think?

Follow up

1. How could this tool be used each week in your own spiritual growth and development?
2. How could this tool be used with the young believers you are trying to help grow?
3. Show me. Draw the wheel illustration out for me, explain the components, and help me discern what I am strong and weak in.
4. Now use the tool to recruit me to start meeting with you for a more structured/committed discipleship relationship.

The Lordship of Christ

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All of us have a choice. Every single day. Do I take control of my life today or do I turn over the control to Jesus? For me it can be a moment by moment decision as to whether I will put "self" on the throne of my heart or put Christ there. Will I build up my kingdom today or will I seek to build up His Kingdom? My glory or His? Here is a biblical study to help you wrestle through who should be running your life. I will give you a hint. Jesus does a much better job than you or I ever could. Today is the day to humble yourself before the Lord of Lords and allow Him to be who He really is in your life.

I. What is the Lordship of Christ?

List some synonyms for the word LORD.

II. Why should we allow Christ to be Lord?

1. Colossians 1:15-16

2. Philippians 3:7-11

3. Luke 6:46-49

III. Thought question

In your life, what would be the most difficult thing about letting Christ be Lord of every area?

IV. How to make Christ Lord?

1. **Sincerely** desire to give Him control
2. **Identify** any area (attitude/action) that Christ is not in control of in your life. Ex. dating life, finances, school, goals, thought life, personal purity.
3. **Confess** to God that you have been in control of your life in these areas.
4. **Commit** these areas to Christ.

V. How to keep Christ Lord?

Attack Problem Areas

1. Make a list of all areas you have difficulty allowing Christ to control.
2. Pick a specific area that you have a particularly difficult time submitting to Christ.
3. Develop a (specific) plan to combat that area.
4. Get someone to hold you accountable to your plan.

Suggested memory verse: Luke 6:46

Fellowship, Baptism, and the Church

"The Basics" Series

Bonding together with other believers is one of the most important things you can do to keep growing in your faith and witness. To isolate yourself is like taking a burning log out of the roaring fire and tossing it out on its own. Before long the flame will disappear, it will start to smolder and smoke, and will finally become totally extinguished. Committing yourself to other Christians who are walking with God will help keep you walking with God for the long haul. Find a good church that preaches the Word of God and plug in to learn, serve and grow. If you haven't been baptized, do it. Jesus was baptized and tells us to do so as well. It doesn't save you, but is a powerful outward sign to the whole world of an inward commitment you have made to Christ. Look up these passages and see how the Lord wants to work in your life.

Fellowship with other Christians

The church is the only fellowship in the world where the one requirement for membership is the unworthiness of the candidate.

Biblical Fellowship

1. Read 1 John 1:3
 - a. What was the author's purpose for proclaiming what he had seen and heard?
 - b. With whom did he have fellowship?
2. Fellowship is derived from the Greek word "koinonia," which means common. As you examine the verses below, determine what you can share with others.

1 Peter 1:22

Galatians 6:2

Galatians 6:6

3. In the first century church in Acts 2:44-47 you can see fellowship at its best.
 - a. What were they devoting themselves to?

 - b. All those who had believed were together and had all things in common (v. 44). What specifically did they have in common?

 - c. What was the result of that kind of fellowship?

The Purpose of Fellowship

1. Study Hebrews 10:24-25.
 - a. As Christians, what are we to take time to “stimulate each other” to?

 - b. How can you do this to Christians around you?

 - c. What is your responsibility to the body of believers at your church?

2. Examine Hebrews 3:13
 - a. How often should Christians encourage one another?

 - b. Why is that so important?

Baptism

Definition: To identify with, or associate with the message of the gospel, the person of Jesus Christ, and a group of believers (the Church).

Purpose: Symbol of a new conversion (Romans 6:4)

1. Christ was baptized (Matthew 3:16)
2. Christ approved His disciples baptizing others (John 4:1-2)
3. Christ commanded it (Matthew 28:19)
4. Early Church practiced it (Acts 2:41; 8:35-36; 9:18; 10:47-48)
5. To publicly identify with Christ (Acts 16:14-15, 33; Acts 2:41)

How: Talk to your pastor or spiritual leader about being baptized

Church

Definition: “An assembly of professing believers in Christ who have been baptized and who are organized to carry out God’s will.” — Charles Ryrie

Purpose: What do these verses say about the purpose of the church?

- Acts 2:42-47

 - Matthew 28:19-20

 - Ephesians 4:11-12
1. God purchased the Church with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28)
 2. Christ instituted the Church and will make sure it succeeds (Matthew 16:18)
 3. Christ loves, nourishes and cherishes the Church (Ephesians 5:25, 29)
 4. We are a part of the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

How:

1. Select and join a good church where:
 - a. The Bible is taught clearly and accurately (Acts 2:42)
 - b. Jesus Christ is exalted as Savior and Lord (Colossians 1:28, 29)
 - c. There is evidence of loving relationships by its membership (John 13:35)
2. Give
 - a. Time (Ephesians 5:15)
 - b. Talent (Ephesians 4:12-16, 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11; Matthew 25:14-30)
 - c. Treasure (Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

Suggested memory verses:

Fellowship – Hebrews 10:24-25

Baptism – Matthew 28:19

Church – Acts 2:42

Christlikeness

Why has God saved us? So that we could have fellowship with Him? Yes. So that we would glorify Him here on earth? Of course. So that we would be a witness and ambassador for Him? Definitely. But He has us here on this planet for a very brief period of time for another purpose too. The first part of Romans 8:29 touches on it: "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..." Here it teaches that He chose and saved us so we would become like Jesus. This is what sanctification is all about, day by day gradually becoming less and less like the world, and more and more like the Savior. God is preparing us to spend eternity with Him, but know for sure that He will change us, right here and right now, if we will only let Him.

I. What is Christlikeness?

The growing process of a Christian's attitude (inner life) and character (outer life) toward the example of Christ through the life changing power of the Holy Spirit. (Gal 5:16)

II. Why be Christlike?

1. What do we learn about the Christian life in the following passages?
 - 2Cor. 5:17
 - Gal. 2:20
 - 1Peter 1:15, 16

2. Why do you think Paul had the attitude toward Christ that he did in Phil. 3:7-10?

3. Why do you think Paul was so concerned about the lifestyle of the believer at Colossae as mentioned in Col. 3:1-11?

III. How to do it?

1. Select a character trait to work on.
2. Have a working definition of the trait (see Scriptures and dictionary).
3. Determine to pray for the attitude and the action.
4. Depend on the strength of the Holy Spirit.
5. Have a friend hold you accountable.
6. Memorize key passages on these traits.
7. Apply trait to all areas of life.

IV. Areas to work on:

1. Selfless (Phil. 2:3-4; James 3:16)
2. Servanthood (Mark 10:45; Luke 17:7-10; 6)
3. Love (1Cor. 13:4-8; 1John 3:16-18)
4. Self-Control (Gal. 5:23; 1Cor. 9:24-27)
5. Purity (Matt. 5:27-28; 2Tim. 2:20-22)
6. Faithfulness (Luke 16:10; Matt. 25:14-30; 2Tim. 2:2)
7. Holiness (1Peter 1:15-16; 2Cor. 7:1)
8. Humility (Phil. 2:3-4; 1Peter 5:5-6)

V. Action steps

Which areas do you want to start working on?

VI. Building Christ-like Character

Compassion

Col 3:12
Exodus 34:6
1 Peter 3:8
James 5:11
Eph. 4:32
Rom 9:15
Mark 6:34

Contentment

Prov 19:23
Phil 4:11
1 Tim 6:6
Heb 13:5 1
Luke 3:14
1 Tim 6:8
Phil 4:12

Self-Control

Prov 29:11
Rom 8:6 1
Prov 16:32
Cor 7:9
1 Thess 4:4
Rom 8:8
Cor 7:37

Gentleness

Prov 15:1
Cor 4:21
1 Tim. 3:3
Phil 4:5
Prov 25:15
Eph 4:2
Col 3:12

Honesty

Lev 19:11
2 Kings 12:15
Heb 13:18
Rom 12:17
Prov 12:17
Phil 4:8
Ps 15:1-2

Holiness

Rom 6:19 2
1 Cor 1:30
Heb 12:14
1 Tim 2:2
Rom 6:22
2 Cor 7:1
Heb 12:10

Humility

Chron 7:14
Ps 25:9
Eph 4:2
1 Pet 5:5
1 Cor 4:7
Is 66:2
James 4:10

Joy

Ps 66:1
Rom 15:13
1 Thess 2:19
James 1:2
Prov 12:20
Gal 5:22
Heb 12:2

Faithfulness

Josh 24:14
Ps 89:14
Prov 3:3
Prov 20:6
Lam 3:23
Gal 5:22
Rev 13:10

Kindness

Jer 9:24
2 Cor 6:6
Col 3:12
2 Pet 1:7
Rom 11:22
Gal 5:22
Titus 3:4

Love

Lev 19:18
John 14:21
Rom 12:9
Gal 5:22
Deut 7:9
John 15:12
1 Cor 13:1-13

Diligence

Heb 6:11
Prov 12:24
Prov 13:4
1 Tim 4:15
Prov 10:4
Prov 12:27
Prov 21:5

Patience

Prov 19:11
Gal 5:22
Col 3:12
Eph 4:2
2 Cor 6:6
Col 1:11
1 Tim 1:16

Servanthood

Matt 20:26
Rom 1:1
Col 1:23
Luke 17:10
Matt 25:21
Phil 2:7
2 Tim 2:24

Submissiveness

1 Tim 2:11
1 Pet 3:1
Eph 5:21
Jas 4:7
Jas 3:17
Rom 13:1
Heb 13:17

Tongue

Prov 10:19
Jas 1:26
Jas 1:19
Ps 51:14
Prov 21:23
Jas 3:5 8
Ps 71:24

Thankfulness

Heb 12:28
Ps 7:17
Phil 4:6
Col 3:15
Col 2:7
1 Thess 5:18
1 Tim 4:3

Trust

John 14:1
Ps 112:7
Rom 10:11
Prov 11:13
Prov 13:17
Ps 28:7
1 Tim 3:11

Quietness

Ecc 9:17
1 Thess 4:11
1 Pet 3:4
Isa 32:17
Amos 5:13
1 Tim 2:2
Isa 30:15

Teachability

Prov 9:8
Prov 12:15
Prov 15:22
Acts 18:11
Prov 15:31
Prov 26:12
2 Tim 2:7

Goal Setting and Time Management

"The Basics" Series

The great disciplemaker and author, LeRoy Eims, was once asked what the key to the Christian life was. He immediately replied, "Live for Christ today! And today will turn into tomorrow, and that will turn into a week, into a month, into a year, and you will look back 20 years later to realize you have truly lived for Christ...a day at a time." God has created us for a purpose. He has also given us a limited amount of time on this earth to fulfill that purpose. We want to be good stewards of this precious gift of life and time.

We all live according to a schedule. The difference between people is that some plan their schedule, and others don't plan their schedule. If you don't plan your time, someone else will. God has charged you to make the most of your time. However, to use your time wisely, you must first know what is important to you (priorities) and the way to live your life according to your priorities (objectives and goals).

The purpose of this study is to help you as a Christian:

1. Declare your priorities
2. Set up your life in light of your priorities
3. Budget your time according to your priorities

Use of Time

Time is the most valuable resource you have available to you. How you use it will determine the direction, the impact, and effectiveness of your walk with the Lord and your ministry to others.

A. What perspective did the psalmist have on his time on the earth in the following verses?

1. Psalm 144:4
2. Psalm 39:4-5
3. Psalm 103:15-16

B. Read Ephesians 5:13-18

1. How are you to walk through life as a Christian (v 15)
 2. How can you walk as a wise man? (v 16)
 3. Why should you make the most of your time? (v 16)
 4. What is the opposite of being foolish with your time? (v 17)
 5. What is God's will for every Christian? (v 18)
- C. What will happen as you conduct your time with wisdom? (Colossians 4:5)

Scriptural Priorities

The way in which you use your time will reflect your priorities. That which you put first in importance is revealed by what you do, not by what you claim to value.

A. Read Matthews 6:33, Psalm 119:10, and Matthew 28:19-20.

1. What two things are you to be most concerned about as a Christian?
2. Does the way in which you use your time reflect these two priorities?

B. Jesus' purpose was to glorify the Father. How did He do this? (John 17:4)

C. What were the main priorities in Jesus' life? (John 17:25-26)

- 1.
- 2.

D. What excuses are often given to keep people from living out their priorities?

E. What is it going to cost you to live out your priorities?

Establishing Objectives and Goals in Your Life

Any objective is a stated intent of achievement (Ex: read the Bible to know God's plan and purpose for my life). A goal is a specific and measurable step to be taken to achieve your objective (Ex: I will read five chapters of the New Testament every day for the next semester).

A. Reasons for establishing objectives and goals

1. Gives you a strategy for achieving your purpose in life.
2. Allows you to spend your time as well as your life on the things that are most important to you.
3. Keeps you from getting sidetracked.
4. Provides a means to evaluate your progress.

B. Basic areas to be considered – Luke 2:52

1. Spiritual
2. Mental
3. Physical
4. Social
5. Ministry

C. Application – Steps to take

1. Decide to allow Christ to be the Lord of your time.
2. List your priorities
3. Write down objectives and goals in each area
 - a. Keep concise and brief enough to remember.
 - b. Clear enough to write down.
 - c. Specific enough to be achieved.
 - d. Realistic enough to be accomplished
4. Take the time to plan your time to accomplish your goals
 - a. Use a weekly schedule to plan your time out for each week.
 - b. Pray over your schedule each day to know God's will for you that day.
 - c. Be flexible and open to the Holy Spirit leading you that day. (Proverbs 16:9)

For the next four weeks, give a copy of your schedule each week to your discipleship leader and discuss any problem you may be having managing your time.

Memory verses:

Ephesians 5:15-18, John 17:4

Preparing Your Personal Testimony

Created by // Student Mobilization

Your testimony is one of your most valuable tools when sharing the Gospel. It is the story of how you came into a personal relation with Christ and no one can refute it. This simple tool explores why we should use our personal testimony in evangelism and then it gives you a step by step guide to developing your personal testimony. If you take the time to use this tool and develop a 3-5 minute testimony, it will become one of your most effective evangelism methods.

1. What is a personal testimony?

Your testimony is the retelling of when and how you came into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. Why should we use a personal testimony?

1. In Acts chapter 26, how did Paul use his testimony?
2. It is your most valuable evangelistic tool; no one can deny a changed life.
3. It is easy to use in a social setting.
4. People are interested in hearing about other people.

3. How to develop your personal testimony

1. It should be three to five minutes and memorized

2. Make it personal, not preachy; use “I” and “me,” not “you” and “we.”

3. The general outline of a testimony:
 - I. Before
 - a) A short sketch of your life before you became a Christian
 - b) Include how you became aware of your need for Christ

 - II. How
 - a) How, specifically, you became a Christian
 - b) Communicate the gospel clearly and briefly, including:
 1. The fact of sin
 2. The penalty of sin
 3. Jesus’ payment for that sin
 4. The requirement to repent and trust Jesus personally
 5. The steps you took to invite Christ into your life
(could have been a prayer of commitment)

 - III. After
 - a) How did Jesus change your life?
 - b) Always relate back to how Christ changed the areas you struggled with before conversion

 - IV. Clearly write out your personal testimony using the outline provided.

 - V. Condense your testimony to an outline and memorize it.

Why Share the Gospel?

Created by // StuMo

Evangelism – one of the core components of the Christian faith, yet also one of the most neglected. This tool asks simple, yet penetrating questions and provides Bible passages to look to for answers.

How are God's Word and the gospel described?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Romans 1:16

Why should we preach the gospel?

Ezekiel 33:8-9

Acts 20: 25-27

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

John 14:15

Revelation 20:15

What should be our attitude about sharing the gospel with others?

Colossians 4:5-6

2 Timothy 4:2

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Philippians 1: 15-18

What may keep us from preaching the gospel?

Galatians 1:10

The Great Commission Challenge

"The Basics" Series

Jesus did not come to earth to take sides, He came to take over. He is Lord and Master and gives us the incredible opportunity to know and follow Him with our whole heart. He ascended into heaven and left His Holy Spirit to indwell us in order to be His representatives here on earth—His ambassadors. To be the voice and eyes and hands of Jesus to a lost and dying world is the greatest privilege we have. He gave us a simple plan in the Scriptures to spread His name and His fame to the ends of the earth. We are to first become a sold-out follower of His. He calls that being a "disciple." Then we have the essential ingredients to start leading others to Christ and helping them become disciples who can repeat the process themselves. Many Christians have not taken this Great Commission Challenge seriously, but the ones who do, have great impact upon the world, leave behind an eternal legacy in this life, and most of all, are very pleasing to the Lord.

Discipleship – A Way of Life

A. Definition of a disciple: One who follows closely the teaching of another.

1. What did Christ say characterized a true disciple?
 - a. John 8:31
 - b. John 13:34-35
 - c. John 15:8

B. The cost of discipleship: Not all of those who followed Christ were His disciples. When He began to explain the cost to follow Him, many turned away. The same is true today.

1. Read Luke 14:25-35
 - a. What mistake did the builder and king make?
 - b. What is the parallel to the Christian life?
2. Read Luke 9:23-25. To follow Christ you must deny _____ and follow Him _____. In short, you give your _____ to Him.

3. Jesus' standards for His disciples are high.
 - a. What right does He have to demand these standards?
 - b. Why do you think it is important to not compromise these standards?
 - c. Have you counted the cost to follow Christ?
 - d. What would it cost you to follow Christ daily?
 - e. Is it worth it to you?

Making Disciples

A. Read Matthew 28:18-28 out loud.

1. What is Jesus commanding us to do?
2. Why is He commanding us to do this?
3. If each disciple then makes a disciple, what kind of impact could this multiplication strategy have?

Compare the numerical results between
Spiritual Addition and Spiritual Multiplication

Spiritual Addition <small>(1 person reaching 100 people for Christ each day)</small>	Year	Spiritual Multiplication <small>(1 person making a disciple every 6 months who also makes disciples)</small>
36,000	1	4
72,000	2	16
108,000	3	64
144,000	4	256
144,000	5	1,024
216,000	6	4,096
252,000	7	16,384
288,000	8	65,536
324,000	9	262,144
360,000	10	1,048,576

The chart compares how many people can be reached for Christ through spiritual multiplication vs addition. If we were to obey this verse by continually discipling 1 person every six months, who then continued discipling others, it would be possible to reach the entire world in only 16 years!

B. The Growth Scale

Convert _____ Disciple _____ Disciplemaker

1. Where would you place yourself right now on this scale?
2. Why would you place yourself there?
3. Where do you think God wants you?
4. How will you get there?
5. What are some obstacles that might keep you from accomplishing your goal?
6. If this is something you are serious about, we could work on it together. If so, it will be a great challenge, but by God's grace, I could help you become a disciplemaker. Do you want to take the Great Commission challenge and get started?

Memory verses

Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:2

How to share “The Well”

“The Basics” Series

Adopted from // “The Well Illustration” that was developed by The Navigators

Back in the mid 1990’s, The Navigators came up with a creative tool to try to help college students become more spiritually thirsty. The tool would have a student read a couple of verses that contrasted physical water and spiritual water, and through a series of questions and graphics, show them the emptiness of looking to anything but Jesus for satisfaction in life. While The Bridge or Four Laws are more “reaping” tools, bringing a student to a salvation decision, The Well is more of a “sowing” presentation and discussion, hopefully making them interested in discovering more. We have modified a lot of the tool’s original content, but the essential concepts are still there. So try it. See how the Lord uses it. Your love, your prayers, your questions, your sharing of the powerful Word of God can change lives—for eternity!

1. Have them read this statement:

“People are thirsty. Like a man in a desert, we will do whatever it takes to quench that thirst. We will follow, give ourselves to, trust in whatever we believe will satisfy us and will give us life.”

Would you agree with that?

In life, what do people believe are their greatest needs to be met and filled?

What are some words you would use to describe what life is about? Examples: happiness, security, satisfaction, identity, love, respect, purpose, etc.

2. Draw 6–7 boxes across the page

What are some of the things people pour themselves into to quench their thirst, or to try to find the life that we just talked about? i.e. relationships, money, partying, career, sex, family, religion, politics, etc.

Write each of their answers on one of the boxes. Note: It is a good idea to come into the illustration with some pre-set answers you would like to present in case they don't say it.

Be sure to share one from your own life. i.e. You trying to find life through drinking, relationships/sex, or academics. It is important that you identify with your audience. This is an awesome opportunity to be genuine with them, sharing something you have lived for in life that left you empty. Vulnerability is very important to connect with them and help them open up.

Allow this to be a discussion.

Point out that not all these things are necessarily bad or immoral in and of themselves, but that they were never meant to be our ultimate source of life.

Transition: "The Bible actually talks about this."

3. Have them read Jeremiah 2:13 out loud

My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Just like The Bridge , underline these words as you go, defining and discussing them:

Two sins: Underline Two sins and ask, "What are the two sins the people have committed against God? (A. forsaken God and dug their own cisterns.)

Forsaken: Underline Forsaken and ask, "What does forsaken mean?" (A. abandon, leave, etc.)

Cisterns : Underline Cisterns and ask, "Have you ever heard of a cistern?" "Do you know what it is?" (A. a huge container that holds water, a big pot.) "How are the cisterns described?"

Broken: Underline Broken and ask, “What happens to the water in a broken pot?”

(A. water leaks out, useless.)

Then draw a cracks through each of the ‘wells’ (the boxes above). Go back to the boxes and tell them “these are cisterns.” They are things we pour our life into, but they leak. Remind them that there is nothing wrong with (most) of these things by themselves but they were never meant to give us life. Ask, “Which one or two of these do you feel you may be looking to right now to find life in?”

Be real with them and share which ones you used to or are prone to find life in.

Ask, “What will happen to your life if you continue to try to find it in these two things?” (A. it will become dry and empty)

Ask, “How is God described in this passage?”

Spring: Underline Spring and ask, “What is the difference between a spring and a cistern?”

(A. Produce fresh, clean and healthy water.)

Transition: Jesus explains what it means for Him to be the “spring of living water.”

4. Have them read John 4:13-14 out loud

Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst, but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

In this passage Jesus is talking to a woman who is working hard to draw water from a well. Ask your friend, “How would you describe the kind of water Jesus was offering?” (A. It is He who gives life, He who quenches thirst.)

Draw another box now, and label it “Jesus”. Then draw a small spring of living water from it to each of the other boxes. Share how Jesus can bring life to your friend and a proper God-centered perspective/motive to each of the other wells as it flows into them.

This is a great place to share your testimony, go back over [The Bridge](#) or [Four Laws](#) with them, or find out how interested they are in going further in processing the gospel.

5. Recruit them to dig deeper with you

Ask them the following questions:

“Take a moment and try to get in touch with where you are right now. On a scale from 1-5 how thirsty would you say you are spiritually?”

“Where would you like to be?”

“What if we were to start exploring some together? We could start to read the book of John together (Jesus’ best friend) and discover who Jesus is, and what kind of life He wants to give us. I know we’re both busy, but is that something you would like to make time for? Are you sure?”

Leave them with an assignment, starting reading John together, and/or invite them to a Bible study.

Presenting the Gospel

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Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation..." in Romans 1:16. He wasn't just saying "live out" the gospel. No, in context he was saying we are to communicate the actual message, a verbal declaration, to others. I don't fully understand it, but when you and I step out in faith and explain the gospel to someone the "power of God" shows up. The gospel = the power of God, according to this passage. Don't be ashamed. Don't be passive. Spend the rest of your life taking the initiative to share the gospel, asking people if they would be willing to believe and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. If you are faithful to do that, you will leave behind a wake of impact and influence beyond your imagination!

I. What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3, 4

II. Why is presenting the Gospel important?

1. What instruction with regard to evangelism do you see in 1 Peter 3:15?
2. What does Romans 1:16 tell us about the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. What does Romans 10:14 say about presenting the Gospel?

III. Attitudes in presenting the Gospel

There are two essential principles to remember about a verbal witness. What are they?

- 1 Thess 2:8
- 1 Cor 2:4-5

IV. Action steps

1. Role play a gospel illustration or tract
2. Share it with someone this week.
3. Read through the book of Luke this week and mark any place where Jesus was ministering to the lost or teaching His disciples about evangelism.

Suggested memory verse: Romans 1:16

Materials: *Bridge or Four Spiritual Laws of Knowing God Personally*

FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS

Created by // Cru

What does it take to begin a relationship with God? Devote yourself to unselfish religious deeds? Become a better person so that God will accept you? You may be surprised that none of those things will work. But God has made it very clear in the Bible how we can know Him. These principles will explain how you can personally begin a relationship with God, right now, through Jesus Christ.

Have You
Heard of the **FOUR**
SPIRITUAL
LAW**S?**

Just as there are physical laws
that govern the physical universe,
so are there spiritual laws that govern
your relationship with God.

LAW 1

*God loves you and offers a
wonderful plan for your life.*

(References contained in this booklet should be read
in context from the Bible wherever possible.)

God's Love

“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that who ever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV).

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] “I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly” [that it might be full and meaningful] (John 10:10).

Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life?

Because...

LAW 2

*Man is **sinful** and **separated** from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.*

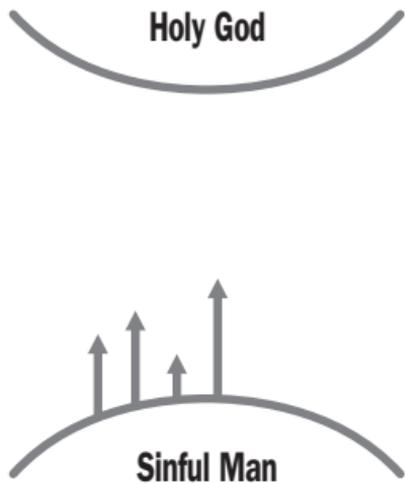
Man Is Sinful

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his own stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Man Is Separated

“The wages of sin is death” [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23).



This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such

as a good life, philosophy, or religion—but he inevitably fails.

The third law explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

LAW 3

*Jesus Christ is God's **only** provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.*

He Died In Our Place

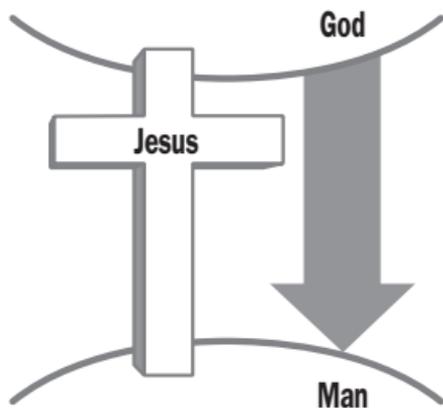
“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

He Rose from the Dead

“Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred...” (1 Corinthians 15:3–6).

He Is the Only Way to God

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me’” (John 14:6).



This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

It is not enough just to know these three laws...

LAW 4

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

We Must Receive Christ

“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).

We Receive Christ Through Faith

“By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works that no one should boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9).

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

(Read John 3:1–8.)

We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation

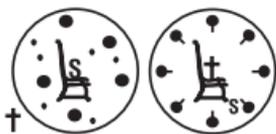
[Christ speaking] “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him” (Revelation 3:20).

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree **intellectually** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an **emotional** experience. We receive Jesus Christ by **faith**, as an act of the **will**.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:

Self-Directed Life

- S** - Self is on the throne
- †** - Christ is outside the life
- - Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration



Christ-Directed Life

- †** - Christ is in the life and on the throne
- S** - Self is yielding to Christ
- - Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan

Which circle best represents your life?

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

The following explains how you can receive Christ:

**You Can Receive Christ Right Now
by Faith Through Prayer**

(Prayer is talking with God)

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

How to Know That Christ Is in Your Life

Did you receive Christ into your life? According to His promise in Revelation 3:20, where is Christ right now in relation to you? Christ said He would come into your life. Would He mislead you? On what authority do you know God has answered your prayer? (The trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word.)

The Bible Promises Eternal Life to All Who Receive Christ

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may **know** that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:11–13).

Thank God often that Christ is in your life and that He will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5). You can know on the basis of His promise that Christ lives in you and that you have eternal life from the very moment you invite Him in. He will not deceive you.

An important reminder...

Do Not Depend on Feelings

The promise of God's Word, the Bible—not our feelings—is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the relationship among **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feeling** (the result of our faith and obedience). (Read John 14:21.)



The train will run with or without the caboose. How-

ever, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, as Christians we do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

Now That You Have Received Christ

The moment you received Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

- Christ came into your life (Revelation 3:20; Colossians 1:27).
- Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14).
- You became a child of God (John 1:12).
- You received eternal life (John 5:24).
- You began the great adventure for which God created you (John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Can you think of anything more wonderful that could happen to you than receiving Christ? Would you like to thank God in prayer right now for what He has done for you? By thanking God, you demonstrate your faith.

To enjoy your new life to the fullest...

Suggestions for Christian Growth

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus Christ. “The righteous man shall live by faith” (Galatians 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life, and to practice the following:

- G** Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
- R** Read God’s Word daily (Acts 17:11); begin with the Gospel of John.
- O** Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
- W** Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:19; John 15:8).
- T** Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7).
- H** Holy Spirit—allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).

Fellowship in a Good Church

God's Word instructs us not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). Several logs burn brightly together, but put one aside on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. So it is with your relationship with other Christians.

If you do not belong to a church, do not wait to be invited. Take the initiative; call the pastor of a nearby church where Christ is honored and His Word is preached. Start this week, and make plans to attend regularly.

Special Materials Are Available for Christian Growth

If you have come to know Christ personally through this presentation of the gospel or would like further help in getting to know Christ better, two sites are recommended:

www.startingwithGod.com or **www.growinginChrist.com**

If you still have questions, visit:

www.whoisJesus-really.com or **www.everystudent.com**

If this booklet has been helpful to you, please share it with someone else.

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ONE VERSE BRIDGE DIAGRAM

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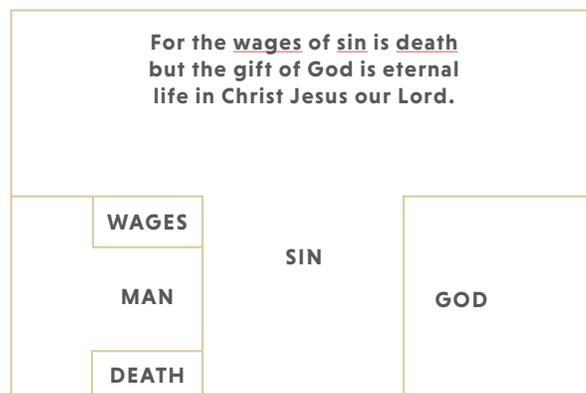
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Do you have a simple and easily transferable way to introduce and share the gospel with someone? For decades now, believers have been using Romans 6:23 as the basis to draw out the “Bridge Illustration”. It can be learned in ten minutes—and it can be shared in ten minutes! Paul says in Romans 1:16 that this gospel message “is the power of God.” So, study it, practice it, present it to those around you, and watch the Lord change hearts for eternity!

Part 1

1. Let them read Romans 6:23 as you write it at the top of the page. (Draw the two cliffs as shown).
2. Underline wages and write it as shown. Ask, “How would you define wages?” “That’s right it is something we earn.”
3. Underline sin and write it between cliffs. Ask, “What is sin?” “Do you think we have all sinned?” “That’s right we all have.” “What does it say we earn because of our sin?”
4. Underline death and write it. Explain that it’s not a physical death but a spiritual death from God. Write man on one cliff and God on the other. Use it to show the separation because God is Holy and we are sinful. Ask if that makes sense or if they have questions.

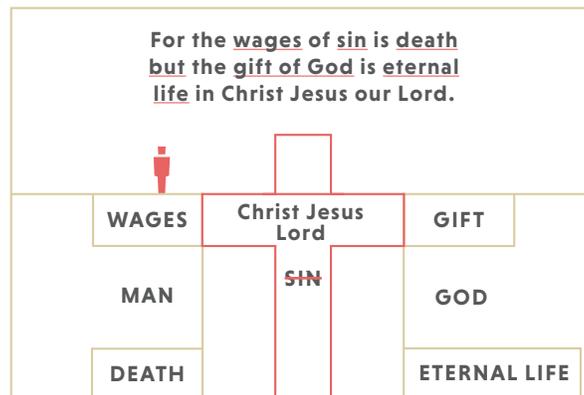
Objective in Part 1: To help them understand that they are sinful and separated from God.



Part 2

1. Underline gift and write it as shown. Ask, "What's the difference between a wage and gift?" "That's right a gift isn't earned but a wage is." "What does it say the gift God gives us?"
2. Underline Eternal life and write it. "What do you think of when you think of eternal life?" Explain that it is a relationship with God that will last forever. Contrast this gift with what we have earned for ourselves. Ask, "Who is this eternal life in?" "That's right, in Christ."
3. Draw the cross as shown and explain that Jesus died the death that we earned for our sins and rose from the dead and took our place. Cross through sin. He did this so we might have eternal life because our sin was keeping us from God. Ask if that makes sense or if they have questions.

Objective in Part 2: To help them see that God offers us eternal life as a free gift because Christ paid the penalty for our sins.

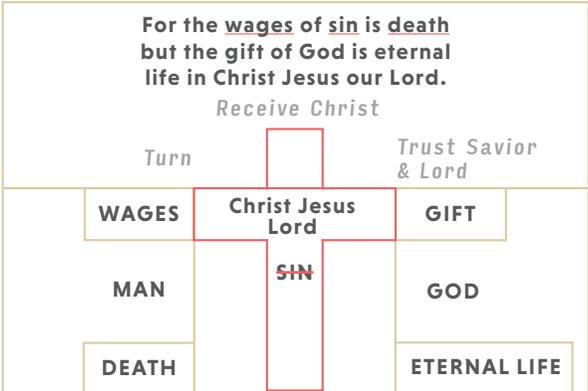


Part 3

1. Explain that the Bible says it is not enough to believe intellectually but each person must make an individual decision.
2. Ask, "What do you think we must do in order to have this eternal life?" If they say good works, point out that it is a free gift and cannot be earned because we will never be perfect.
3. Ask, "If I wanted to give you this pen, when would it be yours? That's right, when you received it." In the same way each person must receive Christ.
4. Write receive Christ. To receive Christ a person must Turn & Trust. Write it. They must decide to turn from their sin and Trust Christ. We must receive Christ for who He is: What is He called in this verse. That's right, Lord. Write both names. "What is a Lord?" That's right, someone in control. One must trust Christ to be their Savior, trust in His death & resurrection for salvation and trust in Him to be their Lord and let Him take control of their life. Give short testimony of how you specifically received Christ (i.e. through prayer). Ask, "Do you understand what it means to receive Christ?" Let them break the silence with their answer.

If no, answer their questions until they understand what it means to receive Christ, and then ask them if they would like to receive Christ.

Objective in Part 3: To help them see that they need to individually receive Christ and to tell them how, you can finish by asking, “Would you like to receive Christ?”



Becoming a World Christian

"The Basics" Series

For some reason the population growth of our world over the last 50+ years is on an explosive trajectory like never before in history. Why? What is God up to? If you ever had the desire to impact lots of people for Christ, you were born at just the right time! One definition of wisdom is "looking at life and the world from God's perspective." How do we do that? How can get out of our limited understanding and small thinking to really understand what is on the mind and heart of God? In this lesson you will seek to become a "World Christian" by studying key passages in God's word, looking at God's world and the current status of world evangelization, and finally discovering what aspect of God's work He wants you to embrace. Finding your most strategic role in fulfilling the Great Commission not only allows you to invest your life in something that lasts forever, it gives you a great reason to wake up each morning!

God's Word

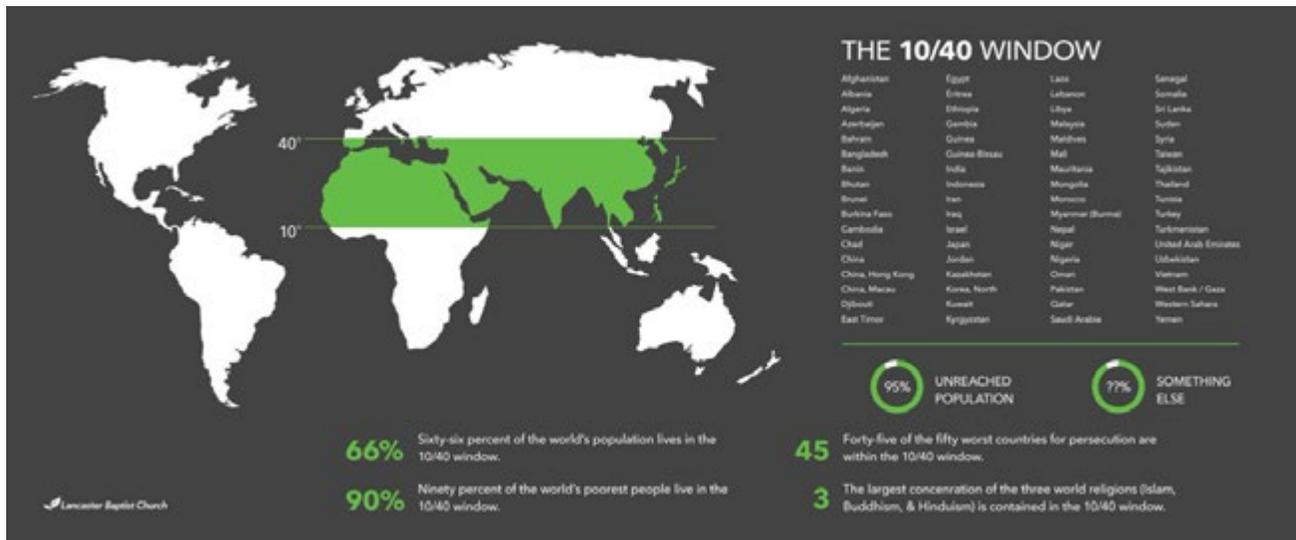
A World Christian wants God's word as their foundation, God's purpose as their purpose, and to find their role in God's plan for the world.

- a. Genesis 12:1-3
- b. Psalm 67:1-2
- c. Isaiah 49:6
- d. Matthew 28:19-20
- e. Matthew 24:14
- f. Revelation 7:9

After reading each of the verses, how would you describe God's purposes on this earth?

God's World

After a World Christian understands God's purpose for the world, they want to know the current status of the world so they can pray specifically for God's work and find their most strategic role.



- The 10/40 Window is the rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia approximately between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude. One-third of the earth's total land area and nearly two-thirds of the world's people live in the 10/40 Window.
- 90% of the people living in the 10/40 Window are unevangelized. Many have never heard the Gospel message and know no Christians. If those groups are to be evangelized, believers will need to leave their own culture, perhaps even learning a new language in order to communicate the gospel.
- 80% of the poorest people in the world live in this window (living on less than \$500 per year).
- 60% of international students come from this area of the world.
- 8% of the world's Christian missionaries work in the 10/40 window.
- Only \$.01 out of every \$100 given to missions goes to take the gospel to unreached people.

An easy way to remember the 5 major world religions is the acronym THUMB:

Major world religions	Population	Where majority located
Tribal	220 million	Papua New Guinea
Hindus	900 million	India
Unreligious	1.3 billion	China
Muslim	1.3 billion	Middle East/Indonesia/North Africa
Buddhist	375 million	Thailand/Nepal/Japan

Was any of this new information for you? The task seems overwhelming. What is the solution?

God's Work

In light of God's word and the needs in God's world, World Christians are engaging in God's work. They are involved in the Great Commission by practicing these five habits of a World Christian.

<u>Goer</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Mobilizer</u>
A person who goes to one of the unreached people groups	One who supports those who go through prayer, service and finances	One who prays for the advancement of God's Kingdom in the world	One who works with internationals here	One who recruits others to embrace the World Christian movement



1. If you had to honestly evaluate your current understanding/application of 1) the biblical basis for missions, 2) the current status of world evangelization, and 3) the various habits/roles of being a World Christian, where would you place yourself on this 1 to 10 scale? Why do you put yourself there?
2. Where do you think God wants you on this scale? Why?
3. How will you get from where you are now to where God wants you? What is your plan?
4. What do you think will be some of the obstacles and sacrifices you may have to make to get there?

If you are sure God wants you there, and you are willing to make those sacrifices, I would be open to helping you. Here are some ideas on how we can get started:

- Go on a mission trip. Check out [these resources](#) for [short term options](#) and [other options here](#).
- Increase your knowledge through World Christian books and websites
- [Xplore study](#) and [GoMobilize](#)
- [Operation World](#)
- [Mission Frontiers](#)
- Attend a [Perspectives class near you](#)
- Work through The Traveling Team's [12 Lessons on World Christian Living](#)
- Memorize scripture focused on God's heart for the world. Start with Psalm 67:1-2 and Revelation 7:9

A walk through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation

Genesis 1:28

Daniel 3:28-29

Genesis 9:1

Isaiah 49:6

Genesis 11:1-9

Malachi 1:11

Genesis 12:1-5

Matthew 24:14

Genesis 26:3-4

Luke 4:42-43

Genesis 28:13-15

Acts 1:8

Deuteronomy 4:5-6

Romans 1:5

Joshua 2:9-11

Romans 15:20

1 Samuel 17:45-46

1 John 2:2

1 Kings 10:23-24

Revelation 5:9

Psalms 67:1-7

Revelation 7:9-10



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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN STUDY

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If we were going to ask someone to write a biography on your life, your closest friend might give the best account. Well, it appears the apostle John was Jesus' closest friend—at least John thought he was! The 21 chapters of John are some of the greatest Scriptures to take students through, especially those just exploring Christ. Peruse this "John Study". Recruit a group of students who know each other and will be excited and committed to come each week. Don't make it a teaching time or set yourself up as the "answer man". You are simply facilitating discussion. Have them take turns reading aloud each chapter, then ask these questions, one at a time. Let them take rabbit trails and ask questions. Feel free to say, "Hmm, that's a great question. Not sure I have a good answer. What does someone else think?" Transform them from passive listeners to engaged discoverers! I've seen hundreds of students either come to Christ or consider Him deeply as a result of the various "John Studies" I've started over the years. May God be with you!

John 1

If you were God, how would you choose to communicate with man?

How do you think we can know if God has communicated with us?

What do verses 1-4 tell us about God's communication?

Why do you think John puts conditions on being part of God's family in verses 11-13? Isn't everyone a part of his family?

How is being a member of God's family similar/dissimilar to your family?

There are five people described in 1:35-51. How did they come to follow Christ? Can you identify with any of these people? How?

How could an understanding that God became a man affect your life this week?

John 2

Why do people believe in miracles or not believe in miracles?

What do you think John wants us to know about Jesus by recording his presence at a wedding?

Describe your response to this miracle. Be honest.

What do you think led Jesus to take such dramatic steps to clear the temple?

If Jesus were to return today, what things do you think he would want to clear out of our churches?

Why didn't Jesus approve the belief of the people in verses 23-25?

Do people today hold those same attitudes? How is this demonstrated?

John 3

If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Let's develop a brief bio of Nicodemus. Who was he? What was his understanding of Jesus? What do the circumstances of his visit reveal about him? What was his question?

How would you describe Nicodemus' understanding of spirituality?

How did Jesus correct Nicodemus' understanding?

Why did Jesus insist that one must be born all over again to enter God's Kingdom?

What do you think Jesus means by being "born again"?

What would a life look like if one was born again?

What do you think prevents people from being born again today?

John 4

The Jews and Samaritans were religious and political antagonists. A long history had created an intense rivalry and hatred. The Jews considered any contact with Samaritans as a violation of their religious code. Why do you think Jesus would go through Samaria and then talk with a Samaritan woman?

What does this decision tell us about Jesus?

What do you think he meant by being “living water”?

What is the “thirst” that he talks about?

How do we go about trying to satisfy our hungers or thirsts in life?

Why do you think the woman didn’t understand what Jesus meant by “living water”?

What can keep us from experiencing the living water that Jesus describes?

Why were the disciples so surprised to find Jesus with this woman?

How would you have responded if you were one of the disciples?

John 5

Why do you think Jesus chose this lame man out of the multitude?

It was obvious that the man was desperate for healing. Why do you think Jesus asked him, “Do you want to be healed?”

If you were one of the religious leaders, why would you be so upset?

Jesus told the man to stop sinning. Is it possible for someone to do this? Why do you think Jesus gave this command?

In what ways does Jesus say he is equal with the Father? (5:19-31)

What witnesses are mentioned in this passage concerning Jesus? (5:31-47)

What is the point that John is trying to make in presenting these witnesses?

Even after this discussion, people still refused to come to Jesus.

Why do you think they persisted in their unbelief?

Are people today any different?

John 6

In this passage, what motivated people to follow Jesus?

How did He respond to them? Why

What motivates people today to follow Jesus? Are they different from the people in this passage?

What did Jesus mean when he referred to himself as the “bread of life”? How did the Jews respond to this claim?

What do verses 44-45 teach about what God does and what people do in the process of following Christ?

Why didn't Jesus try to smooth things over when he saw that the Jews were offended by what he said?

What teachings of Jesus have you found difficult to accept? Be honest.

Describe the truth Jesus is communicating in verse 63. How would you picture the “life” that Jesus is talking about?

Why do you think Peter and the others decided to stay?

If you had to provide one reason to follow Jesus at this time in your life, what would that reason be?

John 7

Why do you think Jesus' own brothers did not believe in him?

How did the people react to Jesus' teaching?

What did Jesus' response reveal about his own authority?

What misconceptions did people have about Jesus? How do verses 11-13 correct these misconceptions?

Jesus tells the Jews that they do not know God (7:28, 29). Why was Jesus so vehement in his statements?

How would you react if someone told you that you did not know God?

What evidence is given in this chapter for Jesus being God?

Why is Jesus' deity so hard for people to accept today?

How could Jesus being God impact your belief in him?

John 8

Why do you think the Pharisees took this woman to Jesus?

Describe Jesus' attitude toward this woman.

If you were the woman, how would you feel about Jesus?

What does this incident teach us about forgiveness?

What do you think Jesus meant when he referred to himself as the "light of the world"?

In verses 23-24, what startling claims is Jesus making about people's personal destinies?

How did his listeners respond in verse 25?

Do you think people are still confused about Jesus' identity today?

Jesus spoke of truth and freedom in verse 32. What do you think he means by these terms?

In verse 34, note the symptom that people in spiritual slavery continually demonstrate. What must happen before a person can be really free?

Is it possible to believe in God without believing in Jesus?

John 9

What connection did the disciples make between sin and sickness?

Do people today believe the same thing?

How did Jesus respond to this correlation?

How did Jesus respond to this correlation?

How do you think sin and suffering are related?

What convinced some of the Pharisees to conspire against Jesus?

Why did Jesus keep healing on the Sabbath when it upset the Pharisees so strongly?

What do you think was the blind man's original motive in relating to Jesus? What were the Pharisees' motives?

Who do you most identify with – the blind man or the Pharisees?

What do you think is the point Jesus is trying to make in verses 39-41?

Do you think this is still true about people today?

John 10

What do you think Jesus is trying to teach with the analogy of a sheep, a shepherd, and a robber?

How does Jesus contrast himself with the robber?

What is he trying to say by comparing himself to a gate?

If you were in the crowd, how would you feel about Jesus from what he said?

What does it mean for us to hear his voice? Have you ever heard his voice?

What question did the Jews ask Jesus in 3:22-24? Would you ask this question today?

How did Jesus answer their question?

How did the Jews respond to Jesus' claim?

Why did they consider this claim blasphemous?

How would people today react to these claims of Christ?

John 11

Why do you think Jesus delayed going to Lazarus?

What are the implications of Jesus' assertion that "I am the resurrection and the life"?

What must happen to someone before he or she can share in this promise?

Since Jesus knew that he would soon raise Lazarus from the dead, why did he weep?

Describe the different reactions to this miracle. Why do you think people rejected Christ after this supernatural event? Do people give the same reasons today?

Who do you most identify with in this group – Martha, the believing Jews, or the unbelieving Jews?

What was the rationale used by the high priest to justify the plan to put a good man like Jesus to death?

John 12

Footwashing was a custom of hospitality. How did Mary take this a step further?

How comfortable are you with Mary's act of kindness? Do you identify with her motivation or with the objection of Judas?

What do you think Jesus means when he refers to the devil as the “prince of this world”?

Why do you think Jesus talks about Satan so frequently?

How would you describe people’s beliefs about Satan today?

What lesson was Jesus teaching in his illustration about the grain of wheat?

Why is it that some people cannot believe in him?

What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate about judgment in verses 44-50?

How do you feel about Jesus’ assertions about judgment?

John 13

Why didn’t Peter want Jesus to wash his feet?

What made Peter change his mind and ask for a full bath?

If Jesus were to wash your feet, how would you react?

What do you think Jesus was trying to teach his friends by washing their feet?

Christ made two assertions in verse 13. What does he mean by them? What are their implications for us?

Why do you think Jesus told his disciples ahead of time about his death and betrayal?

How did they respond?

If you were at this same meal, how do you think you would have responded?

What would betraying Christ look like today?

Why do you think Judas betrayed Christ?

In verses 34 and 35, what does Jesus say should characterize all true believers? How do you think Christians are doing at obeying this command today?

John 14

Some say that there are many paths to God. What do you think about this statement?

How does Jesus want his disciples to respond to his departure?

How would you describe God's house?

In what way is Jesus preparing a place for you?

What do you think Jesus means when he says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?

Would this be a popular statement today? Why or why not?

How does Jesus answer Philip's question? What do you think about his reply?

Who is the "other counselor" in verse 16?

What does this counselor do for the believer?

What promise is made to those who, out of love, obey Christ?

What do you think is the difference between Christ's peace and the peace of the world?

How do we need this peace today?

John 15

What is Jesus saying about himself and his followers through the illustration of the vine, the fruit, the branch, and the vine dresser?

What happens to the branches that bear fruit? What happens to the branches that do not bear fruit?

How can this teaching affect our lives today?

What is the greatest command? (15:12, 13, 14)

Why do you think love is so important to Jesus?

If our small group loved one another in the way that Jesus described, what would happen?

What difference does it make that the world does not know God?

What makes the world fully accountable for its sin?

What was going to happen to the disciples for following Jesus?

How can these same things still happen to his followers today?

John 16

When we talk about the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind for you?

How will Jesus provide for his followers after he leaves them?

What role of the Holy Spirit in the unbeliever's life? (16:8-11)

What does Jesus promise that the Holy Spirit will do for the Christians? (16:12-15)

Have you ever experienced this work of the Holy Spirit? Describe what you mean.

What does it mean to glorify Christ? How can this be done practically? (16:16-33)

Jesus says a lot about prayer in this passage. How does he describe effective prayer?

Jesus foresaw a crisis in the lives of His disciples. What was it?

What would bring it on? What good would come from it?

John 17

How would you describe eternal life?

Do you think we can know for sure whether we will have eternal life?

What does this passage tell us about eternal life?

From these verses, what motivated Jesus to pray for his disciples?

Why would the world hate Jesus' disciples?

What means did God provide so that his message would reach the world? How do his followers participate in this mission?

If you were listening to this prayer by Jesus, how would you feel about God? About yourself?

John 18

What steps did the religious authorities take to arrest and imprison Jesus?

If you were one of the disciples, how would you have responded to Judas?

How did the people react when Jesus identified himself?

After stating so boldly that he would not deny Christ, Peter ended up denying him. Why do you think this happened?

In what ways can we face the same temptations that Peter did?

How did Jesus respond to his betrayal?

How could his example help us when we feel betrayed?

In what ways do we betray Jesus with our words and conduct?

How did Jesus defend himself at his trial?

John 19

What did Pilate and the soldiers do to Jesus?

Why did the Jews insist Jesus had to die?

If you had been a member of Jesus' family or one of his disciples, how would you have reacted to his crucifixion?

How was Jesus humiliated?

Why didn't the Jews want the bodies of those crucified left on the cross?

What did the soldiers do to Jesus?

Why did John record the details of Jesus' death? (19:35)

How important are the historical eyewitness accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection?

John 20

Who did Jesus appear to and why do you think he chose these individuals?

If you were Mary, Peter, or John, what thoughts would run through your mind when you discovered the empty tomb?

What evidence did the disciples have for Christ's resurrection?

Why do you think the disciples were meeting behind locked doors?

What was different about Jesus after he rose from the dead?

Do you think Thomas' concerns are still true of people today? Why?

What does Jesus say about true belief?

John 21

Describe the final exchange between Peter and Jesus. What do you think Jesus wanted Peter to grasp?

If Jesus had a final exchange with you, how would it be similar to or different from Peter's conversation?

Notice how John ends the book. What does this tell you about his purpose?

Turn back to John 20:31, 32. Do you think John accomplished his goals?

How has your life been affected by this book?