

Session 8

Fellowship (1/3 of session) Sing a song and pray together, the trainer should be leading the worship time/songs and prayer. Enjoy a common meal where everyone contributes. Read Colossians 3:15 – 17 or similar passage. The house church model is the process for all training. Remember process over content.

Introduction to the first few lessons (This reminder of inevitable persecution is repeated in the fellowship third of the session). We need to remind the trainers that Allah is at work in our city and that He wants us to join Him in this work, and that His work in our city is very important.

1. What Allah is doing in our city is important!
John 5:17.
2. Satan is not happy and will try to stop us from joining Allah.
I Peter 5:8-9; not only will Satan make war against us, but he will make war with the people we tell about Isa, Mark 4:15.
3. How can we be ready for this spiritual war?
Ephesians 6:10-20; James 4:7. We must know that Allah is truly Great! Romans 8:28.

Review Lesson 4 in (Fellowship - 1/3 of session)

1. Recite or read John 15:7 and 8.
2. Share your witnessing opportunities since the last session.
3. Did you have any special prayer times with Allah? Did Allah give you a special word during your time alone with him?

New Teaching

Allah did not make us to be alone. He makes us part of families (gama'at).
What is the church, or the families, or gama'at that follows Isa?

1. 1 Timothy 3:15
2. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (one hand)
3. Ephesians 1:22-23
4. Ephesians 2:19-22
5. Colossians 1:15-24
6. Matthew 18:19-20
7. Ephesians 4:1-6
8. James 5:13-16

The Church is the body of Christ; the hands, the feet, the heart and mind of Christ. We are Allah's people. We are one family.

What is the work of the gama'a?

To worship Allah Romans 12:1-2. How do we worship Allah? Worship = Fellowship = Ashar'ekah. Worship, Teaching, Witnessing (Evangelism), Ministry

Worship

1. Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-20. We are stronger together. Use the illustration of one thread as compared to many threads woven together. Which is stronger?

Fellowship

2. Hebrews 10:19-25; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:4-5;

Teaching

3. Matthew 28:17-20. Acts 2:42. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Acts 13:1-3. Modeling and teaching (ta'aleem) one another.

Witnessing (Evangelism)

4. Acts 1:8; Luke 24:45-48; II Timothy 4:1-5. Amal almubashir. Sharing your faith in Isa with others.

Ministry

5. Matthew 22:38-39; 10:42; Romans 12:9-13; John 13:1-17. James 1:22; 2:14-18. Service or ministry (helping others in need – prayer for the sick, food for the hungry, encourage the downhearted, comfort the grieving, etc.)

There are two ordinances (commands) all believers must follow:

Baptism:

Matthew 3:13-15; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:36-39; 9:18. Believers celebrate their new life in Jesus by baptism. It is an ordinance and a solemn celebration that declares our new life in Christ. It is a symbol of our obedience to Him.

Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance (command) given by the Lord. It is a solemn celebration to help believers remember the Lord's death, resurrection and that He is coming again! Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Tithes and Offerings

This is part of our ministry as a body.

Acts 2:42-47. Taking care of one another. 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. Taking care of others.

Tithes and gifts to help the poor. Honesty Acts 5:1-11.

Accountability and Practice (1/3 of session)

Accountability

1. List (or discuss) specific ways and with specific persons or groups that we can worship God as a gama'a.
 - a. Fellowship (a group with one mind and heart). Plan a meeting where the Lord's Supper will be served.
 - b. Teaching one another. Prepare a sermon/teaching.
 - c. Sharing the good news about Isa with others. List 3 new people that Allah has

placed on your heart to share Isa.

d. Helping and serving others. List three people you and your gama'a can serve or help this week.

e. Celebrating Baptism. Do you have a candidate for baptism?

f. Tithes and gifts to help the poor. Promise to give one tenth of your earnings to the poor. (Business school for small business starts)