

T4T Classic (Original Lesson Plans)

What follows are much more than the actual lessons used in the original T4T CPM. Instead, each week's session is outlined as a LESSON PLAN that includes all three parts, including a summary of a vision-casting vignette. These lesson plans are designed for a trainer to use to plan his training session, although he may only hand out the actual lesson portion to the trainers. For this reason, the lesson handouts are included by themselves at the end.

Also available in a separate document are Sample Lesson Plans that are fairly standard around the world.

The lesson plans that follow are GOOD EXAMPLES of how to design a three-thirds training session. Adapt these lessons or write new ones to fit your needs. Remember to keep them 1) Biblical and 2) simple / reproducible.

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Session #1 LESSON PLAN When Training BELIEVERS

“WHY-WHOM-HOW” (2 hr)

(See the next section for Session #1 when training non-believers.)

First Third – 45 min

Pastoral Care – 2 min: Introduce yourself and each of the group members and open in prayer. This week you will not have a pastoral care time.

Worship – 10 min: Spend a few minutes worshipping God in spirit and truth. Sing two or three songs together and/or read some Psalms aloud.

Vision-Casting (WHY) – 15 min: Introduce the vision-casting time by sharing this vignette with the group. Use this vignette as a guide, but make it your own. Make sure the group members can repeat the three main phrases at the end.

Tell the group: “There are three questions that every Christian must answer when it comes to fulfilling God’s Great Commission.”

1. **Why** should I participate?
2. **Whom** should I tell?
3. **How** do I start?

WHY – Jesus’ Great Commission

By Ying Kai

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matt. 28:19-20, NIV)

Go, Not Come

When we read Jesus’ **Great Commission** in the Bible, we saw that Jesus has already given a battle plan for us. We don’t need another strategy because Jesus has already given the strategy. What is it? Jesus said, “Go!” Often we say to people, “Welcome, our church doors are open.” We pray for lost people to come. But Jesus said, “Go!”

It is very difficult to invite lost people to come, because don’t you know what your church is? They get very nervous coming to a church building. Instead of inviting people to come, we need to go out and find them, to touch them, to talk to them. The first key word is **GO**, not come.

- Have your group repeat this phrase, “Go, not come,” and take turns explaining what it means to their neighbor.

Everybody, Not Just Some

What does Jesus say next? He says to go to **all** nations. That means **everybody**. Instead, we often choose people. We think, “This person is very intimidating. I don’t want to witness to him. But this

other person is very nice.” We tend to choose who we think will respond to the gospel.

Jesus said, “Don’t just choose some. Go to everybody.” Jesus gave the example: one farmer went outside to sow the seeds. He is a farmer, so he knows which soil is good and which is bad. But this farmer is very strange. He throws the seeds everywhere. Some of the soil is very shallow, some of the soil is very hard, and some of the soil is choked with weeds. However, some of the land is good, and God multiplies the fruit 30, 60, and 100 times. (Mark 4.)

Sowing the seed is our responsibility. Only the Holy Spirit can make the seeds grow. So don’t miss anybody. Right now, the soil may not be good. But one day, God can change the soil; we never know. We can’t miss any chance. The second word is **EVERYBODY**, not just some.

- Have the group repeat this phrase, “Everybody, not just some,” and take turns explaining what it means to their neighbor.

Make Trainers, Not Church Members

Third, what did Jesus invite His followers to become? Disciples, not simply church members. A disciple must learn everything that his teacher teaches him; then he must obey and teach other people. Very often we invite people to church and hope to increase the number of members, but that isn’t necessarily what Jesus commanded here. When a person becomes only a church member, sometimes you see them only once or twice a year. A lot of church members will try to find you if they are having a difficult time, but the rest of the year, you have little direct contact with them.

But this wasn’t what Jesus had in mind. He wants every person to become His disciple. So go, share the gospel with everybody, and help them become disciples. Essentially Jesus said, “What I teach you, you need to teach them, and let them obey.” Jesus teaches us to obey, then to teach other disciples to obey also. They must obey all the commands, including the Great Commission. Then Jesus said, “I will be with you until the end of the world.” This is a promise. If we want God’s promise, first we need to obey Jesus’ Great Commission. A disciple hears, obeys, and passes on what his Master says; therefore, a disciple should be a trainer of others. The third key word is **TRAINER**, not just a church member.

- Have the group repeat the phrase, “Make trainers, not just church members,” and take turns explaining what it means to their neighbor.

Finally, have the group members take turns remembering all three phrases. Then ask them: “Which one speaks most to you right now?” and “What do you most need to obey?”

End in prayer that we would obey God’s conviction.

Accountability (WHOM) – 18 min: Once God does convict an individual or group and they agree to move forward, they need to have something to commit to. **Many Christians do not witness because they do not know WHOM to talk to.**

In this section, take the mystery out of whom to talk to by having new trainers make a **name list** of lost people (people far from God). Explain the idea of *oikos* – their circle of relationships including their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. God wants them to talk to these people first. **Have the participants take out a sheet of paper and pray: “God, bring to my mind people in my *oikos* who are far from God.” Then have them write down all the names of people in their *oikos*.** Take the time to look at their name lists and find ways to encourage or help them with it. You may have to prompt them to think about people they meet regularly in various circles – work, class, market, neighborhood, clubs, organizations, family, etc. If they don’t know a name, they may write a description: “the lady who sells me bread.”

Once everyone has made a list, have everyone pray again. The trainers should ask God whom they should share their story with first. As they finish praying, **encourage them to circle five names of these people God put on their hearts.** It may help to encourage them to start with those they think would be most receptive to hearing, but don't limit them to that. Sometimes they will choose a family member who lives across the country. Perhaps they will send them an email or make a phone call or visit. During this time, God convicts the new trainers about whom to share with first in their endeavor to bring the gospel to everyone.

Take time to pray that God will open up the hearts of these people in the coming days as the trainers go to witness to them. The witnessing will go a lot better if the Spirit has already prepared the way! If the group is large, they may pray in small groups for these specific individuals on their list and for boldness to open their mouths to talk.

Now have them put these lists in their Bibles to remind them to pray daily.

Second and Final Thirds (HOW) – 1hr, 15 min

In session one, the final two thirds are mixed together as a lesson is taught and then practiced. **Many Christians do not witness because they don't know HOW to start.** In this section, the trainers will learn 1) a bridge into spiritual conversation (testimony) and 2) a gospel presentation (assurance of salvation lesson).

Testimony and Practice – 30 min: A **bridge** is simply a way to transition a conversation to spiritual matters, especially the gospel. Many Christians don't start a gospel presentation because they have no easy way to start. Many of us find that if we can just get started, going through the gospel itself is not too difficult.

A short one- to two-minute testimony can be an excellent bridge. The testimony does not include the gospel: the trainers will share that afterward. The testimony just needs to be a **short** bridge to the gospel.

To teach the trainers their testimony, use the simple progression of 1) my life before Christ, 2) how I came to Christ, and 3) my life since Christ came in. For non-salvation testimonies, use an example of 1) a problem, 2) how God changed the problem, and 3) victory since then (e.g. freedom from alcoholism, overcoming a bad temper, finding a way to forgive someone, etc.).

- Have the trainers take out a sheet or half a sheet of paper and write out their testimony.
- Have them read the testimony out loud several times. This helps them say their testimony in a more natural way as well as memorize it.
- Have the group divide into pairs to practice telling their story to each other without using their sheets. Encourage them to help each other listen for words that are too “churchy” or for things that wouldn't make sense to a non-Christian. Encourage them to give each other positive feedback and suggestions for sharing the testimony better.
 - Use a two-minute timer to help them keep it short. Have the first person share in two minutes, and then let the partner give feedback. Then switch: let the second person share to the timer and the other partner give feedback.
 - Let trainers continue to practice speaking until they are confident.
- If you have time, ask people to volunteer their partner to share an especially helpful testimony to the whole group.

Don't forget: a testimony is designed to move someone's heart to listen to the gospel, but it is not the gospel itself! *The goal of the testimony is simply to help sharers bridge to the gospel.*

Only when the trainers are confident to share their testimonies should you move on to the gospel presentation. If you have run out of time, encourage them to share their stories this week and pick up the gospel presentation next week.

Gospel and Practice – 30 min: Distribute Lesson 1 (see the end of this document) printed on one sheet front and back. The goal of this lesson is **to help people who are far from God return to God.** This basic gospel presentation teaches people how to have assurance of salvation. Also, this simple presentation offers several opportunities for people to accept Christ.

Insert stories or examples along the way and encourage the trainers to follow along closely. Tell them they must take careful notes because their homework is to practice sharing the gospel with five other people this week. Teach the lesson slowly and allow time for trainers to fill in the blanks and write down stories and examples (see Lesson Notes below).

After finishing the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share with others. As they practice, **you should wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

Set Goals and Pray – 15 min: Trainers should plan to share their testimony and Lesson 1 with the five names they circled on their list. They should repeat all three parts of Session #1 with any of those individuals who believe (see the version of session one for non-believers in the next section). If your group is small, have each person share weekly goals aloud and pray for God to empower them together. If your group is large, have them do this in smaller groups of three or four.

Announce that in one week (or two weeks) when you get back together, each person (including yourself) will share a report on how he or she witnessed and trained. Share this with excitement: "Let's see what God can do through us! Let's come back ready to report how He used us!"

Lesson Notes

Sections #1-3 present the gospel and give people a chance to be sure that they have committed their lives to Christ. Some helpful stories are listed here:

- 1. Religions:** We all have a place in our lives that shows we want to know God. In every society in the world, people have religions. Each religion is an attempt to come back to God. You do not see this in any animals on earth. No animals hold worship services. Human beings were uniquely created in God's image to know Him. But sin separates us from God.
- 2. Kruschev and the Worm:** We can try to fool ourselves that there is no God or that we really aren't separated from him. After the Soviet Union sent its first cosmonauts into space, Kruschev pounded his shoe on the table at the UN and declared, "Today we sent cosmonauts into space but when they looked around, they did not see God. This is proof that there is no God!"
 - The next day, a major US paper printed this article: "One day a worm dug his way up out of the ground in the middle of Red Square in Moscow. That day he looked for Kruschev but did not find him. He returned to his friends below and told them, "That proves it! There is no Kruschev!"

3. Parable of Twin Brothers: Identical twin brothers grew up having very different lives. One became a criminal and the other a judge. The last time the criminal brother was imprisoned, he came to the courtroom for sentencing in the courtroom. To his surprise, the judge was his brother. The criminal thought to himself, "Ah! I've been saved!" But his brother sentenced him to death for his crimes. The day before the criminal was to be executed in front of a firing squad, the judge came to visit his brother in jail. He told him: "Quick! Change clothes with me! That way you will not have to die." The criminal brother said: "What a great idea! I'll just walk out of prison. But before you reveal who you are, give me time to get away." The criminal brother left the prison a happy man.

- The next morning at the time for his execution, he decided to go near the prison walls to celebrate his escape. At the appointed time, however, he heard gunshots. He thought: "Was someone else scheduled to die at the same time as me?" He climbed to where he could look in the courtyard, and there lying on the ground was his dead brother. Horrified and weeping, the criminal brother fled to the judge's house. The door was open. Inside on a stand was a letter addressed to the criminal. It said: "Brother, you committed crimes deserving death. As a judge, I must do what is right and punish you. But as your brother, I love you. Therefore, I decided to die in your place. From now on, I beg you to start a new life. You are free. Please live an upright life for me."
- The judge's actions are similar to what Jesus did for us. He must judge our sin but He also chooses to take our place and calls us to live a new life for Him.

Section #4 allows trainers to share any change they have experienced. If they are not sure, you can share examples of change you have experienced in these areas. This is another chance to see if they really have experienced Christ.

Section #5 is an introduction to help new believers see their eternal security in Christ. However, it also cautions that if their life does not change, they cannot easily claim to be a Christ-follower.

Section #6 is a chance for you to pray together with the listener so that he repent and believe in Christ.

Section #7 helps the new believer to repeat the salvation process with friends. Make sure he has several copies of Lesson 1 to use for witnessing. The new believer can keep a copy of the lesson in his pocket to use throughout the week.

Session #1 LESSON PLAN When Training NON-BELIEVERS (witnessing)

“WHY-WHOM-HOW” (1 hr, 10 min)

(See previous section for specific details referred to here.)

When trainers go out to witness using the bridge (testimony) and gospel presentation (lesson one) to the people on their name lists, some of these lost people will believe. The trainers must immediately take the new believers through the WHY-WHOM-HOW process from Session #1. However, this will be modified depending on the time.

What’s next after a lost person believes? Modified Session #1:

Vision-Casting (WHY) – 10 min: The end of Lesson 1 encourages the new believer to reach out to his *oikos*. His or her excitement about his or her new faith and desire to tell others may be all the vision this person needs this week. In that case, tell the new believer that you will schedule a time each week to help him grow in his faith (follow Jesus) and reach his *oikos* (fish for men).

If you have time, you may briefly share the “Great Commission” vision-casting in the previous section. The goal is to help the new believer to have a vision to be a trainer of others, a person God will use to start a movement.

Accountability (WHOM) – 10 min +: See the previous section on helping the believer make a name list, circle five names, and pray over them. If you are dealing with just one believer, the time may take as few as ten minutes.

Testimony and Practice (HOW) – 20 min: Refer to your own testimony as a demonstration for how to share one. Then walk the new believer through writing down and practicing his testimony (see the previous section). Have him practice with you. As a new believer, his testimony might emphasize what God has saved him from rather than how his habits have changed. This is similar to the testimony in Titus 3:3-7.

Gospel and Practice (HOW) – 20 min: Review how to use Lesson 1 as a gospel presentation with the new believer with the stories and examples. Then have him practice it with you until he feels confident and competent to share it with five people this week. Give the new believers enough copies of Lesson 1 to witness to their *oikos* and for other witnessing.

Set Goals and Pray – 10 min: See previous section. Help the believer set goals for witnessing and training his new believers by using his testimony and lesson one. Pray for him to be filled with the Spirit as he does so. Set the next time you will get together and report together. **Since he is a new believer, you may want to schedule a time to meet prior to next week.**

Session #1B Optional LESSON PLAN

Introducing BAPTISM earlier in the discipleship process

(Normally in T4T Classic, baptism is specifically taught in Lesson 4. However, it often happens earlier. Here is a sample lesson to use. In the case of having just led persons to faith, you can use this lesson with them in the next 24-48 hours.)

First Third — 30 min

Pastoral Care – 10 min: Ask the new believers how they are doing. Counsel from the Word, encourage, comfort, lovingly correct, and/or pray as needed.

Worship – 10 min: Spend a few minutes worshipping God. Teach the new believers one to two new songs.

Accountability – 10 min: If meeting with your normal T4T group of believers, use the accountability section from Session #2. With new believers, ask each of them how well they have been able to witness to others. Celebrate with them, encourage them, and pray for them. Share your own testimony of witnessing.

Vision-Casting (WHY) – 0 min: (WHY is not needed this quickly after Session #1 with new believers. With existing believers, remind them of the Great Commission.)

Second Third — 15 min

New Lesson – 15 min: Use one of the two lessons on baptism (Lesson 1B) at the end of this document. The first lesson is taken from the original T4T Classic Lesson 4. The second lesson is from TRT (a storying method). Insert any illustrations or examples that you want.

Final Third — 45 min

Practice – 30 min: After teaching the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share it with others. As they practice, **wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

Make sure that everyone practices “dry air” baptizing one another in the room. If you are doing this with just a new believer or two, do it together with them.

Set Goals and Pray – 15 min: Allow new believers to make commitments to be baptized. Set a time to do it as soon as possible. Invite family, friends, and/or current T4T group members to attend. Also, encourage trainers to set goals to train their new believers and baptize them in a similar way.

Session #2 LESSON PLAN

PRAYER (2 hr +)

First Third — 45-60 min

Pastoral Care – 10-15 min: Ask the group members how they are doing and let them share anything on their hearts. As you listen, take time to give counsel from Scripture, encourage/comfort, lovingly exhort/correct, and pray for God’s intervention. If the group is large, you may want to have just a few people share. You are modeling how to help the body care for itself through the gifts and members of the body. In subsequent weeks, you may want to do this in smaller, same-sex groups of three to four people.

When people share issues that will take more time to address, pray for them immediately but ask them to stay late or meet with you later to help them with these deeper issues.

Worship – 15 min: Spend time worshipping God in spirit and truth. Sing three to four songs together and/or read some Psalms out loud. After a few weeks, as the group matures, it will become possible to interweave the first two sections, letting the body minister to its needs while also worshipping and praying.

Accountability – 10-15 min: This time is best thought of as loving accountability to obey and serve God better. It is a time to bear testimony about what God has done, celebrate His work through us, and challenge/encourage each other to obey whatever His Word says. Here you can help live out the “one anothers” of Scripture. Never hold people accountable to obey *you* but rather what *God* has told them in His Word.

It is important to hold people accountable in two areas: 1) following Jesus and 2) fishing for men. To do this, ask questions that help the trainers grow in obedience to be used by God to start a kingdom movement. Here are questions that you can ask this week:

FOLLOWING

- How did you obey what God taught you from last week’s lesson or your Scripture reading?

FISHING

- WITNESS: Whom are you witnessing to? Who has believed? [Take time to celebrate!]
- STARTER: When are you training them in the same process? [Help them to think of times to train them on their own rather than bring them to this group.]

Since this is the first time you have done follow-up accountability, it is important for you to ask each person to respond, including yourself. You must model honesty and vulnerability. You must also show them that the group stands behind each person to help him grow.

Vision-Casting – 10 min: Share the “Heavenly Father’s Heart” vision-casting vignette. At this point in their witnessing, many of the trainers may be discouraged because some of their *oikos* have not accepted the gospel yet.

HEAVENLY FATHER'S HEART by Ying Kai

A young student in Taiwan worked hard to pass an important exam that would enable him to get into a good middle school. He really wanted a new bicycle to ride thirty minutes to the new school, but doubted he would get it since his family was so poor. One day, however, as he passed his parents' bedroom, he heard his father comment to his mother that he would buy a new bicycle for the young student. The son was overjoyed. That night before bed, he asked his father for a new bicycle. But his father said, "No!" The son was perplexed but did not give up because he knew his father's heart! As he persisted, his father finally said, "Yes." The next day he had a new bicycle.

The son said: "Because I knew my father's heart, I never gave up. If I didn't know his heart, I probably would have given up. So if we know our heavenly Father's heart, we will have more confidence to do what He wants us to do."

Throughout the Bible, God chooses a person to save along with his whole household. Here are some examples. Take a few moments to explain the story behind each one.

- **Noah** (Genesis 6-9) – Because of Noah's righteous life, even though the whole world was corrupt, God saved Noah and used him to save his whole family on the ark. God saved Noah and all who belonged to him.
- **Lot** (Genesis 14) – Noah lived in a wicked city. Yet Lot lived righteously and God saved him and his whole household before the city was destroyed. God saved Lot and all who belonged to him.
- **Rahab** (Joshua 6) – Rahab was a prostitute who put her hope in God. God saved her and her whole household even though her city was destroyed.
- **The Gerasene Demoniac** (Mark 5:1-20) – God cast many evil spirits out of a violent man and then immediately sent him to tell his family and friends in their cities. Before he had even finished one training session, Jesus sent him to bring salvation to his oikos. God saved the demoniac and all who belonged to him.
- **Cornelius** (Acts 10-11) – Cornelius was an important army officer who was seeking God. God brought him the good news and saved him. Cornelius gathered everyone who belonged to him and they were all saved; God saved Cornelius and all who belonged to him.
- **Lydia** (Acts 11) – Lydia was a worshiper of God who heard the gospel. God saved her and her entire household – all who belonged to her.
- **The Philippian Jailer** (Acts 16) – The jailer was far from God, not seeking God, yet God had mercy on him. That very night God saved him. With urgency, he woke up his family to hear the good news and become baptized.

The point is that God not only wants to save you, He also wants to save all who belong to you. As you pray through your name list and witness to your oikos, don't give up on them. Keep loving them and sharing with them. Be persistent.

[Many times the following story is shared after the Philippian jailer if there is time.]

FAMILY SAVED AT MIDNIGHT by Ying Kai

Would you wake up your whole family at midnight and share the gospel with them? In Acts 16, the Philippian jailer could not wait. Perhaps his family thought, "It's midnight, why are you waking us up?" Perhaps he said, "If it had not been for these men, I might be dead right now. These two gentlemen saved us." He could not wait. He asked Paul and Silas to come to his house. At midnight, the jailer and his whole family came to Christ. God loves you, chooses you, and works through you to save your whole family.

I have a friend who is a Chinese-American medical doctor. When he was very young, his family emigrated from Hong Kong to the States. When he went to the States he decided, "I will become a medical doctor and make a lot of money and have a good reputation." He became a doctor but was not satisfied. He thought, "I want to be the head of my department." So he studied and got a Ph.D.

After this he landed a job at a very famous hospital in Los Angeles as the head of the department. He was only 40 years old. There were many very well known doctors working under him. At this hospital he became very rich. He had everything. He had three daughters and was very happy. He was really pleased with his life.

But one day, he received a report after his annual check-up. He was told: "You have a tumor in your liver that is the size of a golf ball. You need to prepare to die. Even with an operation, there is not much chance. You will not live longer than six months, but you could die much sooner." That night he could not sleep. He thought to himself, "What can I give to my family after I die? My oldest daughter is only 16 years old and hasn't even finished high school. I can't even go to her high school graduation." He decided to make recordings of birthday and graduation greetings for his daughters but felt that no one would listen to them after he was gone. As he thought about his death, he could not sleep.

Then he remembered, "When I was a teenager in Hong Kong, I joined a church." After he came to the States, he never went to church. Now he thought again about Jesus, but he didn't know how to pray. Finally he found the telephone number of the pastor in Hong Kong, and tried to call him. He got through to the pastor and told him his whole story.

The pastor led him to read Psalm 103:1-5 and told him, "Only if you repent and turn will God help you and perhaps heal you." So, in the middle of the night, he asked Jesus to help him. He knelt down and prayed with the pastor on the phone. When he hung up, he felt very peaceful, because he had eternal life. Now he could face his own problems!

He had received salvation, and thought to himself, "I cannot wait." So, at midnight, he woke up his wife. His wife said, "Why are you waking me up?" He said, "I have given you everything, but I haven't given you eternal life. Tonight, I received eternal life. I want to share this with you." Right there in his bedroom, he led his wife to follow Jesus.

They both thought, "We can't wait." So, at midnight, they woke up their three daughters. The mother said, "Dad has given you everything. You go to a very good private school. He has given you everything. But he has not given you something very important: eternal life."

The father said, "I will lose my life very soon. But I have received eternal life, so I can face my problems. I know where I will go when I die. I want to share the gift of eternal life with you." So in that night, the whole family became Christians. They held hands, knelt down in the living room, and prayed together. They were very happy.

When they stood up, the second daughter, who was only 12 years old, said, "Dad? Jesus loves us, is that right?" He said, "Yes." So she said, "I think Jesus loves you, too. Make an appointment

for surgery. We will pray for you and ask Jesus to heal you.” So they all knelt down again and prayed for the father.

The next day, the doctor made an appointment for surgery. After five days, several doctors operated on him. When they performed the surgery, they could not find a tumor. There was only an indentation in the liver the size of a golf ball. So they closed the incision and told him, “You’re healthy. Jesus has already removed the tumor for you.”

Hallelujah! He resigned as the superintendent and went to Vancouver to study at Regent College. He is still in that seminary serving as the head of the Department of Chinese Studies Program. He has sent a lot of missionaries back to Asia. So God, through you, can save your whole family. There is a sense of urgency!

God chooses you to save you and all those who belong to you. This is your heavenly Father’s heart. If you know His heart, then you will not give up asking Him for what is in His heart. The responsibility is yours to witness to your own. Don’t give up! God will eventually save them.

Second Third — 30 min

New Lesson – 30 min: Introduce Lesson 2. Hand out the lesson at the end of this document on one sheet printed front and back. Teach the lesson slowly. Encourage the trainers to write down everything, including any illustrations or stories you share, so that they can remember how to use this lesson to train others.

Final Third — 45 min

Practice – 30 min: After the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share this with others. As they practice, **you should wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

If you are doing this with only one or two new believers, do it together with them.

Now remind the group that they will need to train their new believers just like you have. Therefore, review all three thirds from this week’s session so that they can train their new believers using the three thirds, not just the lesson.

Set Goals and Pray – 15 min: Help the group set goals in two areas:

1. How they need to obey this week’s lesson on prayer. Make sure they set a goal to pray each day.
2. How they need to witness to five lost people each week and train those they’ve led to faith.

Make sure you provide enough copies of Lesson 1 to every person who has seen people believe to help them train in Lesson 1. Also, give out copies of Lesson 2 for those who are ready to train their group in the next lesson. Remind the trainers to do all three thirds. [Hint: If photocopies are cheap and easy to make, allow them to make as many copies as they need.]

Close by having the members share their goals and pray for each other to obey and live in God’s power.

Session #3 LESSON PLAN

DAILY DEVOTIONS (2 hr +)

First Third — 55-65 min

Pastoral Care – 10-15 min: Ask the group members how they are doing and let them share anything on their hearts. As you listen, take time to give counsel from Scripture, encourage/comfort, lovingly exhort/correct, and pray for God’s intervention. If the group is large, you may want to have just a few people share. You are modeling how to help the body care for itself through the gifts and members of the body. In subsequent weeks, you may want to do this in smaller, same-sex groups of three to four people.

When people share issues that will take more time to address, pray for them immediately but ask them to stay late or meet with you later to help them with these deeper issues.

Worship – 15 min: Spend time worshipping God in spirit and truth. Sing three to four songs together and/or read some Psalms out loud. After a few weeks, as the group matures, it will become possible to interweave the first two sections, letting the body minister to its needs while also worshipping and praying.

Accountability – 10-15 min: This week, try to help the budding movement begin to expand. Do what you can to help the trainers keep their vision on starting **new generations of trainers** and groups. Ask questions that challenge them to go to the next level. This week we’ve added more questions to “fishing.”

FOLLOWING

- How did you obey what God taught you from last week’s lesson or your Scripture reading?

FISHING

- WITNESS: Whom are you witnessing to? Who has believed? [Take time to celebrate!]
- STARTER: When are you training them in the same process? [Help them to think of times to train them on their own rather than bring them to this group.]
- **TRAINER: How are these new believers doing witnessing to and winning others?**
- **TRAINER OF TRAINERS: When are they training their groups?**

Vision-Casting – 20 min: This vision-casting vignette is longer than others, but the lesson (second third) is shorter this week. At this point in their witnessing, if the trainers are getting discouraged, remind them of who they can be in Christ. This week’s vision-casting is on the Holy Spirit’s power. The main thing is to help the trainers learn the four main points that they can apply daily. Fill in stories or illustrations to expand it if you want, depending on how much time you have. This vignette can also be separated into four parts to be shared over four sessions.

Holy Spirit's Power (vision-casting vignette) by Ying Kai

You can do a lot in your own strength, but without the Holy Spirit's power, nothing will change in or through you. God wants to use you, but you must be filled with the Spirit daily. When you are, Jesus can do great things through you.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father." (John 14:12)

The twelve disciples before Pentecost lived in fear and without power. But after being filled with the Spirit after Pentecost, they changed the world. In your daily prayer times, you should take time to be filled with the Spirit and walk in His power. You should pray about these four things:

1. Jesus' **blood to protect you.**

When you serve God's kingdom, Satan will attack you often, but God promises to protect you. Jesus tells you to pray for protection from the evil one in the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:13). Pray for the blood and sacrifice of Jesus to protect you from the enemy's attack today.

Example story: In 1980, a pastor told a story in the Dallas Morning News. He flew from one city to another, about a three-hour trip. He prayed a short prayer hoping to have a conversation with the man sitting next to him. That man was also praying and so the pastor thought, "Oh, this man is a good Christian. Maybe later we'll have a good conversation." That man prayed for two hours. When he finished, the pastor asked him, "You were praying?"

The man said, "Yes." The pastor asked, "Which church do you go to? You must be a good Christian." The man looked at the pastor and said, "No, I'm a non-Christian." The pastor said, "Why do you say you're a non-Christian? Which church do you belong to? To whom do you pray?" He said, "I belong to the church of Satan." The pastor asked, "What do you pray?" The man said, "I pray every day for Satan to get into every Christian minister's and every pastor's heart that they will do something wrong."

The enemy is seeking to pull you down. Pray for Jesus' protection.

2. Put on the **whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:10-19)**

- Helmet of Salvation – Protects our thoughts to be holy and helps us know who we are in Christ.
- Breastplate of Righteousness – Gives us the righteousness of Christ, and helps us live life not as we want but according to His Word.
- Belt of Truth – Gives strength to you. Be careful to put God's truth in your life so that will make wise decisions and have strength for the battle.
- Shoes of Peace (Prepared to share the gospel) – Make you ready to share gospel at every opportunity and expand the kingdom.
- Shield of Faith – Helps you trust God to protect you no matter what happens.
- Sword / Word – Memorize Scripture to fight Satan.

3. Pray for whatever **gift** you need. (Matt. 7:11; Luke 11:13)

God can give you whatever gift you need to glorify Him. God can give you any gift that you see in the Bible or any skill you need if your motive is to glorify Him and bless others. Pray for God to give you the gifts you need for this day. Then work hard to exercise that gift for His glory.

Example stories from Ying Kai:

#1: When I was young, I stuttered a lot. But I really wanted to serve God by reading the Bible publicly in church. I prayed diligently for the gift of speech. I told God, "God, I only want to serve you. Please help me to speak without stuttering." One day, a teacher taught me how to read very slowly so as not to stutter. Every day I practiced for hours. Within a week, I was able to read the Bible passage in church without stuttering.

#2: It was hard for me to understand the dialect of the very first group of trainers I trained in the area where our CPM is. At the beginning, a lot of things were unclear, but for three years I trained them frequently and was able to communicate with them before I gradually phased out of working with them. After a year or two, I went back to visit them. When we met together, I found that I could not understand what they were saying, and they could not understand me! They said, "We all speak a certain dialect."

I said, "No, before you could all speak my dialect."

They said, "No, we speak only our dialect." They said, "Before, you could speak our dialect also."

I said, "No, I only spoke my dialect to you." The Holy Spirit had translated for us. It was a miracle. The Holy Spirit can help you if you really want to do it. He can give you whatever gift you need.

When you pray, ask God to help you. Ask the Holy Spirit, "Today go with me. Help me to teach or serve very clearly." The Holy Spirit can give you any gift and goes with us so we can do whatever He leads us to do. In your city, your area, your people – whatever you need, talk to the Holy Spirit and he will go with you.

4. **IN and FOR everything, give thanks!**

Some problems and sinful habits can only be solved when we thank and praise God, even for these bad problems. God's presence comes to us when we praise him:

Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. (Psalm 22:3)

God is enthroned on the praises of your heart. If you praise the Lord, God will live in your heart! The Bible says to give thanks for everything, for good things **and** for bad things, **not only** for good things.

Always giving thanks to God the Father **for everything**, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph. 5:20)

When you thank God, you show that you have faith that He is good and can solve your situation.

Example story: There was a husband who very much enjoyed his wife's cooking. He really enjoyed roast duck, so his wife often cooked this for him. He especially enjoyed the legs. After she cooked roast duck for him two or three times, he noticed that the duck always had only one leg. The husband said, "Where's the other leg? Why is there only one duck leg?"

But the wife answered, "Oh, all the ducks in our backyard only have one leg."

“No, that’s impossible! Show me.”

“Okay,” said the wife, and they went to the backyard. It was seven or seven-thirty at night and all the ducks were asleep. All ducks sleep on one leg, right?

The husband said, “Hey, easy!” and he clapped his hands. When he clapped, all the ducks had two legs. He said, “See! Don’t cheat me! They have two legs!”

So the wife said, “Yes, but at our dinner table nobody claps, so there is only one leg!”

Second Third – 20 min

New Lesson – 20 min: Introduce Lesson 3. Hand out the lesson at the end of this document printed front and back. Teach the lesson slowly. Encourage the trainers to write down everything including any illustrations or stories you share so that they can use this lesson to train others.

Final Third – 40 min

Practice – 30 min: After the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share this with others. As they practice, **you should wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

If you are doing this with only one or two new believers, do it together with them.

Now remind the group that they will need to train their new believers just like you have. Therefore, review all three thirds from this week’s session so that they can train their new believers using the three thirds, not just the lesson.

Set Goals and Pray – 15 min: Help the group set goals in two areas.

1. How they need to obey this week’s lesson on daily devotions.
2. How they need to witness to five lost people each week and train those they’ve led to faith.

Make sure to provide enough copies of each lesson. Remind the trainers to do all three thirds. Close by having the members share their goals and pray for each other to obey and live in God’s power.

Session #4 LESSON PLAN

CHURCH session (2 hr +)

First Third — 35-45 min

(At this point, you can help others begin leading these portions of the first third: Pastoral Care, Worship, and Accountability.)

Pastoral Care – 10-15 min: Ask the group members how they are doing and let them share anything on their hearts. As you listen, take time to give counsel from Scripture, encourage/comfort, lovingly exhort/correct, and pray for God’s intervention. If the group is large, you may want to have just a few people share. You are modeling how to help the body care for itself through the gifts and members of the body. In subsequent weeks, you may want to do this in smaller, same-sex groups of three to four people.

When people share issues that will take more time to address, pray for them immediately but ask them to stay late or meet with you later to help them with these deeper issues.

Worship – 15 min: Spend time worshipping God in spirit and truth. Sing three to four songs together and/or read some Psalms out loud. After a few weeks, as the group matures, it will become possible to interweave the first two sections, letting the body minister to its needs while also worshipping and praying.

Accountability – 10-15 min: This week, try to help the budding movement begin to expand. Do what you can to help the trainers keep their vision on starting new generations of trainers and groups. Ask questions that challenge them to go to the next level. This week we’ve added one more question to “fishing.” When you get affirmative answers to this last question, you are probably seeing multi-generational growth!

FOLLOWING

- How did you obey what God taught you from last week’s lesson or your Scripture reading?

FISHING

- WITNESS: Whom are you witnessing to? Who has believed?
- STARTER: When are you training them in the same process?
- TRAINER: How are these new believers doing witnessing to and winning others?
- TRAINER OF TRAINERS: When are they training their groups?
- **TRAINER OF TRAINERS WHO TRAIN TRAINERS: How are the trainers whom you are training succeeding in training their new groups?**

Vision-Casting – 0 min: This week, the church lesson is long; therefore, there is no vision-casting vignette other than the group can become a church.

Second Third – 30-40 min

New Lesson – 30-40 min: Introduce Lesson 4. Hand out the lesson at the end of this document printed front and back. Teach the lesson slowly. Encourage the trainers to write down everything including any illustrations or stories you share so that they can remember how to use this lesson to train others.

This lesson is a critical step in helping the T4T group become a church. If you have already done the optional baptism lesson, you can skip that portion of the church lesson.

Note: If there is not enough time, do the first half of the lesson this week and the second half next week.

Final Third – 45 min

Practice – 30 min: After the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share this with others. As they practice, **you should wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

If you are doing this with only one or two new believers, do it together with them.

Now remind the group that they will need to train their new believers just like you have. Therefore, review all three thirds from this week's session so that they can train their new believers using the three thirds, not just the lesson.

Set Goals and Pray – 15-20 min: Help the group set goals in these two areas.

1. How they need to obey this week's lesson on becoming a church. The goal is to help the group commit to being church together. Two practices (in addition to baptism) that you will want introduce at this time are **Lord's Supper** and **offerings**. You can introduce them now or in next meeting's worship time.
2. How they need to witness to five lost people each week and train those they've led to faith.

Make sure to provide enough copies of each lesson to train their groups and pass on to their new trainers. Remind the trainers to do all three thirds. Close by having the members share their goals and pray for each other to obey and live in God's power.

Session #5 LESSON PLAN

Heavenly Father (2 hr +)

First Third — 40-50 min

(Continue to help others lead the Pastoral Care, Worship, and Accountability portions of the first third.)

Pastoral Care – 10-15 min: Ask the group members how they are doing and let them share anything on their hearts. As you listen, take time to give counsel from Scripture, encourage/comfort, lovingly exhort/correct, and pray for God’s intervention. If the group is large, you may want to have just a few people share. You are modeling how to help the body care for itself through the gifts and members of the body. In subsequent weeks, you may want to do this in smaller, same-sex groups of three to four people.

When people share issues that will take more time to address, pray for them immediately but ask them to stay late or meet with you later to help them with these deeper issues.

Worship – 15 min: Spend time worshiping God in spirit and truth. Sing three to four songs together and/or read some Psalms out loud. After a few weeks, as the group matures, it will become possible to interweave the first two sections, letting the body minister to its needs while also worshiping and praying.

Note: Worship can be a good time to introduce the practice of Lord’s Supper and offerings if you haven’t done this already.

Accountability – 10-15 min: From this point on, help the group members track generational growth. Are they consistently helping new generations emerge? Are they training their trainers to train others? What are some roadblocks that might keep this from happening?

FOLLOWING

- How did you obey what God taught you from last week’s lesson or your Scripture reading?

FISHING

- WITNESS: Whom are you witnessing to? Who has believed? [Take time to celebrate!]
- STARTER: When are you training them in the same process? [Help them to think of times to train them on their own rather than bring them to this group.]
- TRAINER: How are these new believers doing witnessing to and winning others?
- TRAINER OF TRAINERS: When are they training their groups?
- **TRAINER OF TRAINERS WHO TRAIN TRAINERS: How are the trainers whom you are training succeeding in training their new groups?**

Vision-Casting – 5 min: Use the following vision-casting vignette or continue “Holy Spirit’s Power” if you didn’t have time to finish it in Session #3.

John 4 - The White Harvest and Abnormal People by Steve Smith

In John 4:35, Jesus chided His disciples for missing the harvestable person (the woman at the well). They, too, had an excuse:

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are ripe for harvest.”

In all likelihood, the wheat fields that Jesus was pointing to were green. Each of the disciples knew it would take four more months of maturing before they would be ready to harvest. But Jesus used that physical analogy to describe a heart attitude of the disciples.

While Jesus sat at the well, tired and exhausted from traveling, whom did the disciples pass on the road to the Samaritan village of Sychar? In all likelihood, they passed the immoral woman that Jesus would witness to. They missed her, while Jesus found her. Their circumstances were identical. Twelve found a field unready for harvest while One found a field ready for harvest. The disciples knew that “normally” Samaritans were not ready to believe. But because the Spirit was working in this woman’s heart, she was “abnormal!” She broke the norms for how long it takes for people to believe and how quickly they can lead others to faith.

The same is true where we are. We can approach our fields assuming that it will take a certain number of months or years before people are ready to believe. Or we can believe that the fields are ready now. There are abnormal people all around us. The Spirit has already prepared these fields for harvest. Let’s go find them! The only way we find them is by continuing to witness and train abundantly.

Second Third – 20-25 min

New Lesson – 20-25 min: Introduce Lesson 5. Hand out the lesson at the end of this document printed front and back. Teach the lesson slowly. Encourage the trainers to write down everything including any illustrations or stories you share so that they can remember how to use this lesson to train others.

Final Third – 40-45 min

Practice – 25 min: After the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share this with others. As they practice, **you should wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

If you are doing this with only one or two new believers, do it together with them.

Now remind the group that they will need to train their new believers just like you have. Therefore, review all three thirds from this week’s session so that they can train their new believers using the three thirds, not just the lesson. **This is an important point in the training process, so make sure they do not overlook any of the seven parts in the three thirds, especially these parts that get to reproduction:**

- **Accountability**
- **Vision-casting**
- **Practice**
- **Setting goals and prayer**

Set Goals and Pray – 15-20 min: Help the group set goals in these two areas.

1. How they need to obey this week's lesson and their Scripture reading.
2. How they need to witness to five lost people each week and train those they've led to faith.

Make sure to provide enough copies of each lesson for trainers to train their groups and pass on to their new trainers. Remind the trainers to do all three thirds. Close by having the members share their goals and pray for each other to obey and live in God's power.

Session #6 LESSON PLAN

Spreading the Gospel (2 hr +)

First Third — 40-50 min

(Continue to instruct trainers to lead the Pastoral Care, Worship, and Accountability portions of the first third.)

Pastoral Care – 10-15 min: Ask the group members how they are doing and let them share anything on their hearts. As you listen, take time to give counsel from Scripture, encourage/comfort, lovingly exhort/correct, and pray for God's intervention. If the group is large, you may want to have just a few people share. You are modeling how to help the body care for itself through the gifts and members of the body. In subsequent weeks, you may want to do this in smaller, same-sex groups of three to four people.

When people share issues that will take more time to address, pray for them immediately but ask them to stay late or meet with you later to help them with these deeper issues.

Worship – 15 min: Spend time worshipping God in spirit and truth. Sing three to four songs together and/or read some Psalms out loud. After a few weeks, as the group matures, it will become possible to interweave the first two sections, letting the body minister to its needs while also worshipping and praying.

Note: You will occasionally want to include the Lord's Supper and offerings.

Accountability – 10-15 min: From this point on, help the group members track generational growth. Are they consistently helping new generations emerge? Are they training their trainers to train others? What are some roadblocks that might keep this from happening?

FOLLOWING

- How did you obey what God taught you from last week's lesson or your Scripture reading?

FISHING

- WITNESS: Whom are you witnessing to? Who has believed? [Take time to celebrate!]
- STARTER: When are you training them in the same process? [Help them to think of times to train them on their own rather than bring them to this group.]
- TRAINER: How are these new believers doing witnessing to and winning others?
- TRAINER OF TRAINERS: When are they training their groups?
- TRAINER OF TRAINERS WHO TRAIN TRAINERS: How are the trainers whom you are training succeeding in training their new groups?
- **Ask questions about which lessons their trainers are now training and what generations they are starting to see from their efforts.**

Vision-Casting – 5 min: Share this short vision-casting vignette for multi-generational church planting.

Three Levels of Joy

Every Christian should experience three kinds of joy that come from obeying the Great Commission. Without them, types of joy are missing in our lives.

The first level of joy is to lead people to faith. This is the joy of a parent and it is great!

The second level of joy is to start churches or home groups with these new believers. Now the believers are forming their families and this joy is even greater!

The greatest joy, however, is to become a grandparent. When you train your new believers and churches to win others and start churches, you now have grandchildren. This is the greatest joy! Let's all strive to be grandparents. To do that, we have to train our spiritual children to be trainers of others.

Second Third – 20-25 min

New Lesson – 20-25 min: Introduce Lesson 6. Hand out the lesson at the end of this document printed front and back. Teach the lesson slowly. Encourage the trainers to write down everything including any illustrations or stories you share so that they can remember how to use this lesson to train others.

The point of Lesson 6 is to show the trainers a bigger vision for God to start a CPM through them. Although they have been witnessing, this lesson is intended to be a strong goal to help them reach out to be a part of God's kingdom expansion.

Final Third – 40-45 min

Practice – 25 min: After the lesson, have pairs of trainers **practice** the lesson including stories and examples **until they are confident and competent** to share this with others. As they practice, **you should wander around the group listening, answering questions, and ensuring that they are doing it correctly.**

If you are doing this with only one or two new believers, do it together with them.

Now remind the group that they will need to train their new believers just like you have. Therefore, review all three thirds from this week's session so that they can train their new believers using the three thirds, not just the lesson. **Make sure they are not leaving out any of the seven parts in the three thirds, especially the parts that discuss reproduction:**

- **Accountability**
- **Vision-casting**
- **Practice**
- **Setting goals and prayer**

Set Goals and Pray – 15-20 min: Help the group set goals in these two areas.

1. How they need to obey this week's lesson and their Scripture reading.
2. How they need to witness to five lost people each week and train those they've led to faith.

Make sure to provide enough copies of each lesson for trainers to train their groups and pass on to their new trainers. Remind the trainers to do all three thirds. Close by having the members share their goals and pray for each other to obey and live in God's power.

Session #7 LESSON PLAN

Introducing INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (2 hr +)

From this point on, the T4T group will follow the basic outline of the three thirds and learn how to **feed themselves using inductive Bible study each week**. They will no longer use lessons for their own group, though they will train their groups first in the initial seven lessons and then in inductive Bible study. This is an important step in helping the new believers stand on their own as those who can rightly divine the Word of Truth.

First Third – 40-50 min

(Continue to instruct trainers to lead the Pastoral Care, Worship, and Accountability portions of the first third.)

Pastoral Care – 10-15 min: Ask the group members how they are doing and let them share anything on their hearts. As you listen, take time to give counsel from Scripture, encourage/comfort, lovingly exhort/correct, and pray for God's intervention. If the group is large, you may want to have just a few people share. You are modeling how to help the body care for itself through the gifts and members of the body. In subsequent weeks, you may want to do this in smaller, same-sex groups of three to four people.

When people share issues that will take more time to address, pray for them immediately but ask them to stay late or meet with you later to help them with these deeper issues.

Worship – 15 min: Spend time worshiping God in spirit and truth. Sing three to four songs together and/or read some Psalms out loud. After a few weeks, as the group matures, it will become possible to interweave the first two sections, letting the body minister to its needs while also worshiping and praying.

Note: You will occasionally want to include the Lord's Supper and offerings.

Accountability – 10-15 min: From this point on, help the group members track generational growth. Are they consistently helping new generations emerge? Are they training their trainers to train others? What are some roadblocks that might keep this from happening?

FOLLOWING

- How did you obey what God taught you from last week's lesson or your Scripture reading?

FISHING

- WITNESS: Whom are you witnessing to? Who has believed? [Take time to celebrate!]
- STARTER: When are you training them in the same process?
- TRAINER: How are these new believers doing witnessing to and winning others?
- TRAINER OF TRAINERS: When are they training their groups? **What lesson are they on?**
- TRAINER OF TRAINERS WHO TRAIN TRAINERS: How are the trainers whom you are training succeeding in training their new groups?

- **New question: Ask about problems in their training of others. Deal with problems and questions, always referring them back to Scripture. If you don't have an answer readily available, tell them you will help them address the situation later.**

Vision-Casting – 5 min: From this point on, you can reuse previous vision-casting vignettes to reinforce the trainers' ability to pass them on to others. Or you can introduce new ones. Essentially, any way to encourage them from the Word or by testimony that God wants to work IN them and THROUGH them will be helpful.

Second Third – 20-25 min

Bible Study – 20-25 min: Use Lesson 7 to introduce inductive Bible Study as a pattern that trainers will begin to use each week. Hand out the lesson at the end of this document printed front and back. Teach the lesson slowly. Encourage the trainers to write down everything including any illustrations or stories you share so that they can remember how to use this lesson to train others.

Explain to the trainers that this is the last printed lesson you will use with them. From this point on, they will work through Bible passages in order using the same or similar questions each week. God wants to use each person in the body to help the group understand the Word, obey it, and pass it on.

Note: Inductive study does not replace Biblical exhortation and/or preaching. You can do those in the Pastoral Care time, Vision-Casting time, and leadership training times. Normally in the Bible Study portion, you will use inductive study because this helps believers understand and apply the Word, generation by generation. New believers have a difficult time creating sermons, but they can easily dig out the Word with their brothers and sisters. The goal is to help them hear and obey the Word depending on the Spirit, not you the teacher.

Therefore, as the weeks go by, help the group members take turns leading the study so that you can eventually phase out of leading this portion.

Final Third – 40 min

Practice – 20 min: At this point, it is less important to practice the inductive study portion of each lesson. This week you will probably want help trainers practice teaching Lesson 7. In future weeks, however, make this a time to reinforce anything they are not confident or competent to pass on to their trainers (vision-casting, lessons, etc.).

Set Goals and Pray – 15-20 min: Help the group set goals in these two areas.

1. How they need to obey this week's lesson and their Scripture reading.
2. How they need to witness to five lost people each week and train those they've led to faith.

Make sure to provide enough copies of each lesson for trainers to train their groups and pass on to their new trainers. Remind the trainers to do all three thirds. Close by having the members share their goals and pray for each other to obey and live in God's power.

Lesson I: The Assurance of Salvation

Congratulations, you are a child of the Heavenly Father (Acts 17:28-29)! From this point on, you can come into a new relationship with God and receive all of His promises.

I. Review how we receive eternal life through Jesus.

(A) What is the result of sin?

(Isaiah 59:2) _____

(B) People try many different ways to find God, yet fail. Why?

(Ephesians 2:8-9) _____

(C) How does God draw us to Himself?

(1 Peter 3:18) _____

II. The Way of Salvation

(A) The redemption of Jesus + your faith + repentance = salvation.

Has God done what he wants to do (death and resurrection)? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you done what you need to do (believe and repent)? _____ Yes _____ No

If you have believed, then you are saved!

(B) What does Jesus promise to those who follow Him?

(John 10:28) _____

(C) Eternal life does not only mean you will live forever; life with God also means that we are able to live a life of holiness, righteousness, kindness, and strength. We will forever receive the blessings of God!

(D) Believing in Christ not only means you will have eternal life, but starting right now, you have a new life, letting you feel peace, happiness, and blessings at this very moment. You will also become one to bless others.

III. Your Response

Do you know you have been saved? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you know you have received eternal life? _____ Yes _____ No

Conclusion: _____ I have been saved. _____ I have not been saved. _____ I still don't know.

IV. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____, the _____ has gone, the _____ has come.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

The saved will be changed. Have you experienced any of the following changes?

____ inner peace _____ awareness of sin

____ constantly feel God's love _____ desire to read the Bible

____ peace of having been forgiven _____ ability to defeat sin

____ attitude of becoming better _____ caring for others

V. If you sin again, are you still saved? (Heb 6:4-8; 10:26)

(1 John 1:9) _____

(1 John 1:6-7) _____

VI. Joyfully fill in your spiritual birth certificate.

On _____ (yr) _____ (mo) _____ (day), I received Jesus into my life to be my Savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord, and took control of my life. Now I have become a child of God, and become a new creation. I have begun a new life following Him.

Signature:

VII. Memorize this Bible verse.

"He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son, does not have life." 1 John 5:12.

VIII. When you receive this great salvation, your life is full of joy and peace! The first thing that you should do is to share this good news. **Tell five people what you have heard and learned today. In addition, train these individuals to share and train others.** In the following weeks, continue to teach at least five more individuals weekly. This is the great news and it is God's will; He is willing for all to receive salvation.

Lesson 1B: Baptism

(T4T Classic)

We have an obligation to be united with Christ in baptism. (Romans 6:1-14)

A. Baptism is a **fulfillment** of our faith.

- Jesus said that baptism was to “fulfill all righteousness.” (Matthew 3:15)
- Jesus is our example. He was baptized even though He never sinned because He knew it was the right thing to do.

B. Baptism is a **proclamation** of our faith.

- The words and actions of baptism communicate to those present that we are positioned in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:3)

C. Baptism is a **confirmation** of our faith.

- We know and feel that we are freed from the old dead person and that we live a new life of resurrection power. (Romans 6:6-14)

D. Baptism is a **witness** of our faith.

- Baptism is to show that we are dead, buried, and resurrected together with the Lord.

“We were therefore _____ with him through baptism into _____ in order that, just as Christ was _____ from the dead through the _____ of the Father, we too may live a _____ life.” (Romans 6:4)

E. Baptism is a **symbol** of our faith.

- Baptism does not have the power to forgive sins. We are saved when we confess with our mouth and believe in our heart. (Romans 10:9)

F. Based on what the Scripture teaches, how do you need to **obey**?

- Let’s set a time to be baptized.
- Whom should we invite to watch you be baptized?
- Now let’s practice together how I will baptize you by immersing you under water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- At your baptism, joyfully share your testimony of how God has saved you.

Memory verse:

*Peter replied,
“Repent and be
baptized, every one
of you, in the name
of Jesus Christ for
the forgiveness of
your sins. And you
will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit.*

(Acts 2:38)

Lesson 1B: Baptism

(Story-based)

Story: (Matthew 3:11, 13-17; 28:18-20)

Just as Jesus began to teach and heal people, He went out to the Jordan River. A prophet named John was there calling people to turn from their sins because the Savior they had been waiting for was coming soon. Jesus was that Savior!

Jesus had no sins to repent from, but He wanted to be baptized by John in order to give an example for us to follow and to show that He agreed with John's message. Initially John didn't want to baptize Jesus. John told Him, "I need to be baptized by you!" John knew that Jesus was greater and that he wasn't even worthy to carry His sandals. However, John agreed to baptize Jesus after He told John that it was the right thing to do.

John baptized Jesus. Jesus went all the way under the water. When He came up out of the water, God's voice from heaven said, "This is my son whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Toward the end of His ministry on earth, Jesus commanded His followers to go and make disciples of all peoples of the world and to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They were also to teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded them. His disciples did as commanded, and everywhere they went, they baptized those who decided to become Jesus' followers.

Trainers should practice retelling the story until they can do so confidently.

Questions

1. What is this story saying?
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

A. Memory Verse. *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)"*

B. Baptism Demonstrated

During baptism, you are lowered fully into the water. Let's practice it in "dry air." Have someone stand and pretend they are with you in the water. They will pinch their nose with their right hand and grab their right wrist with their left hand. You will put your right hand on top of their hands and your left hand in the middle of their shoulder blades. Lower them momentarily under the water and back out again. Tell them to bend their knees as you put them under water.

You will say, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

While placing them under the water, say, "You have been buried with Christ in death."

After raising them out of the water, say, "And you have been raised to a new life."

C. The Significance and Meaning of Baptism

What is baptism?

Baptism is a picture/reminder of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:1-11). When we go under the water, we remember that our old self (our sin) has been buried with Jesus. When we come up out of the water, we remember that we have been raised with Jesus to a new life.

Baptism is also a special sign to God and others that we love Jesus and want to follow Him. When people marry, they often take on a sign to express to everyone that they are married. What are some examples in your culture of signs that people are married? When you follow Jesus, you should tell God and everyone else how much you love Him and want to belong only to Him.

Why be baptized?

- Jesus was baptized. (Matthew 3:13-17)
- Jesus commands us to. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16)

What next?

Set a time to be baptized as soon as possible, later that day or within a few days. Ask/answer the four baptism questions below, privately first, then publicly as a testimony at the baptism. Resolve any questions prior to going into the water.

D. Baptism Questions

1. Have you decided to follow Jesus and never turn back?
2. Do you know Jesus has forgiven all your sins?
3. Are you telling everyone here that you will follow Jesus and never turn back?
4. Will you keep following Jesus even when they curse, hit, arrest, imprison, or threaten to kill you? (Will you keep following Jesus even if it means losing your job, being kicked out of your family, or facing other typical difficulties as a response to your new faith?)

E. Baptism Practice: All trainers should practice baptizing one another in “dry air.”

Lesson 2: Understanding PRAYER

Every baby needs a new life, so he needs assurance of salvation. That was Lesson 1 (and 1B). When a baby has just been born, he or she needs to breathe. This lesson on prayer will teach you how to breathe in your new spiritual life.

Praying is talking with God. When you pray, you should be frank and sincere, the same way the Bible tells us that Jesus talked with God and taught His disciples.

I. Why do we need to pray?

A. It is God's **command**:

"You should _____ pray." (Luke 18:1)

"And pray in the Spirit, _____." (Ephesians 6:18)

B. It is your **need** to seek God's leading:

"Cast all your _____ on Him because _____
_____." (1 Peter 5:7)

"If you _____ upon Me, I will show you _____ which you
_____." (Jeremiah 33:3)

C. Receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

How should we approach God's throne of grace? _____

What will we receive and find? _____

D. What things do you need to pray for?

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in _____ by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

II. Three Answers to Prayer

Yes Green Light You can proceed.

No Red Light You cannot proceed.

Wait Yellow Light God does not respond, so you must be patient.

III. The Content of Prayer: Draw a line between the verse and the correct description of prayer.

- Praise: praise God's nature 1 John 1:9
Thanksgiving: thank God for his grace Philippians 4:6-7
Ask: ask God to meet your own needs Psalms 135:3
Intercession: ask God to meet the needs of others 1 Thessalonians 5:19
Confession: confess your sins to God 1 Timothy 2:1

IV. The Three-Fold Will of God

1. What God has commanded us to do. This is what God has already determined; it can never be changed by what or how a person prays (e.g. love your neighbor as yourself).
2. What God allows. Sometimes if we plead with God, He will allow us to receive something, but we should be responsible for what we receive (not God's ideal for us).
3. What is pleasing to God. (Romans 12:2)

V. New Attitudes Resulting From Prayer

Attitude	Verse
Have faith	"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt." (James 1:6)
Have the right motivation	"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with the wrong motives. (James 4:2-3)
Confess our sins	"If I cherish sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18)
Ask according to His will	"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (1 John 5:14)
Pray with a faithful heart	"They should always pray and not give up." (Luke 18:1)

VI. Hints for Effective Prayer

1. Pray "in Jesus' name" (John 14:13) because we can only come before God through Jesus (John 14:6).
2. Ending our prayer by saying "Amen" means praying with one's true heart and agreeing with what has been said. (Matthew 6:13)
3. Prayer has many parts: praise, thanksgiving, requests, intercession, and confession. We should not favor any part and neglect the others.
4. Pray in a natural and understandable manner; avoid babbling.
5. Pray at any time of the day and at any place. There is no limit on the time and place of prayer.

Lesson 3: Daily Devotions

Now that the new spiritual baby has breath, it also needs to eat. Lesson 3 teaches us how to read the Bible and worship God by ourselves daily. To know a person, you need to have regular contact with him or her. Along those same lines, if you want to have a close relationship with God, you need to “set a time” just for God every day. We want to set a time for a daily devotional.

1. The content of our devotional time

- A. Talk with God through prayer
- B. Let God speak to me through reading the Bible

2. The purpose of our devotional time

- A. To worship God – God welcomes me
- B. To fellowship with God – we share our concerns
- C. To be led by God – I welcome God in my life

3. The attitude of our devotional time

What attitude does the psalmist have toward God?

(Psalms 42:1-2) _____

(Psalms 119:147-148) _____

4. Examples from the Bible

How did these people from the Bible seek and know God?

Verse	Person	Time	Place	Activity
Genesis 19:27	Abraham	Morning		Met God
Psalms 5:3				
Daniel 6:10				
Mark 1:53				

- From the examples above, what applications to your life can you make in terms of spending time with God? _____

5. Suggestions and Tools for Your Spiritual Life

- A. **Bible:** Write down the Scripture reference, read it, and write what you learned from the

reading. Meditate on the verse. Remember that you can't change what the Bible says, but you can change how it impacts your life. There are many good devotional books, but none can replace the Bible. The Bible is the answer to humanity's four big questions. Where do I come from? Why do I exist? How should I live? Where will I go in the future?

- B. **Pen and Notebook:** During your devotional time, write down your thoughts and what you sense God saying to you. "And you shall remember all the ways which the Lord your God has led you..." (Deut. 8:2). You can also write down the names and needs of those you are praying for. Also note answers to these prayers to encourage yourself.
- C. **Place:** Choose a place where you can meet with God without being disturbed. God wants you to concentrate when facing Him.
- D. **Time:** Find the most appropriate time where you can consistently meet with God.
- E. **Plan:** Choose a Bible book to read at your own rate, and then meditate, record, pray, and obey.

6. Getting Ready to Meet with God – Your Devotional Plan

- A. **Pray:** "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." (Psalms 119:18)
- B. **Prepare:** Collect the things you need and find a quiet place. Prepare your heart and wait on God. Confess your sins.
- C. **Seek God:** Read a Scripture portion. Meditate on how it relates to you. Talk with God about what you read. Pray over each item listed above.
- D. **Follow Through:** Obey what God reveals to you. Share with others what you have learned.
- E. **Additional reading:** Take time in other times in the day (now or before bed) to read larger amounts of Scripture. Begin reading two chapters from the Old Testament and one chapter from the New Testament each day. By doing this, you can read the whole Bible in about a year.

7. Be faithful to keep your devotional life

Persevere in keeping your daily devotions; make the time a part of your daily life.

- A. It is your decision to meet with God daily. If you keep a daily devotional time with God, you will grow in your spiritual life.
- B. While Jesus was on earth, He said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). In everything you might encounter in this world, nothing is more important than being with God.
- C. One of God's goals is for you to have fellowship with Him and to know Him. Your goal should be to praise and worship God. Although devotions will bring you many good feelings, new insights, and many blessings, the main purpose of devotions is to know and worship God.

Your Commitment

Are you willing to commit to a daily devotion? ____ Yes ____ No

Signature_____

- Beginning date: _____
- Time or Times of Day: _____
- Place: _____

Below, describe your daily devotional plan. What books will you read? How will you pray?

Lesson 4: The Church Meeting

When you become a Christian, you are a member of God’s family. Every spiritual child needs to become a part of a spiritual family. God is your heavenly father, and all Christians are like brothers and sisters of the same family. “This household is the church of the living God...” (1 Timothy 3:15). The household is not a building, and the “church” is not a place of worship, but a group of believers.

1. How does the Bible describe the relationship between Jesus and Christians?

(Romans 12:5) _____

(Ephesians 1:22-23) _____

2. What is Christ’s position in the church?

(Ephesians 5:23) _____

3. The Functions of the Church

Functions	Verse	Your Needs
Worship	“Praise God, sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.” (Psalms 149:1)	to worship God
Fellowship	“And let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)	to share
Teaching	“...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:20)	to learn to obey
Ministry	“...to prepare God’s people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:12)	to serve
The Power of the Holy Spirit	“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...” (Acts 1:8)	to spread the Gospel

4. Can Christians today not attend church? ____ Yes ____ No ____ It Depends

Do you have difficulty attending church? ____ Yes ____ No ____ It Depends

5. Why should you attend church?

A. Because we need worship, fellowship, teaching, ministry and the Holy Spirit’s power.

- B. Because this is God's command. "And let us not _____ our meeting together, as some people do, but _____ and _____ each other, especially now that the day of his _____ again is drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)
- C. To avoid deviating from the truth of the Bible.
- D. Because there are mature Christians in church to help you.

6. Three Obligations We Have in Church

A. Our obligation to be united with Christ – **Baptism (Rom 6:1-14)**

a. Baptism is a **fulfillment** of our faith.

- Jesus said that baptism was to "fulfill all righteousness." (Matthew 3:15)
- Jesus set an example for us. He was baptized even though He never sinned, but because He knew it was the right thing to do.

b. Baptism is a **proclamation** of our faith.

- The words and actions of baptism communicate to those present that we are positioned in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:3)

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e. Baptism is a symbol of our faith.

- Baptism does not have the power to forgive sins. We are saved when we confess with our mouth and believe in our heart. (Romans 10:9)

B. Our Obligation to Remember – **The Lord's Supper**

a. Jesus personally set the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of His death and shedding of blood for our sins. (Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30)

b. When we take the Lord's Supper, it helps us to remember and to give thanks.

"The _____ that brought us _____ was upon him, and by _____ we are _____." (Isaiah 53:5)

- c. When we receive the Lord's Supper, we have time to examine our actions and faith. (1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

C. Our obligation to give – **Offerings**

Offerings are thank-you gifts given to God as acts of worship. Offerings can include sacrifices of a person's life, goals, time, abilities, and finances. Monetary offerings are required by God and are a test of the disciple's faith, love, and obedience. Three kinds of monetary offerings are mentioned in the Bible.

- a. **Tithes.** God commands us to tithe; the tithe belongs to God. It is not a voluntary offering, but what we are required to give. (Leviticus 27:30-31). The tithe should be paid; you can decide what to do with the other 90%, but we should give 10% back to God because it already belongs to Him.

"Will a mere _____ rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' In _____ and _____. You are under a curse, your whole _____, because you are robbing me. Bring the whole _____ into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. _____ me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of _____ and pour out so much _____ that there will not be room enough to _____ it." (Mal. 3:8-10)

- b. **Gifts and Offerings.** This is a truly voluntary offering arising from a thankful and sincere heart. The amount of the gift is your own personal decision. We cannot worship God without gifts and offerings. We should not continually come empty-handed into God's presence.
- c. **Love Offerings.** This is offering given to others. It is motivated by love and is given according to what a person has and according to the needs of others. Gift and love offerings cannot replace the tithe.

This week, make a commitment to becoming a church together. Begin adding these three obligations into your meeting times.

Lesson 5: God Is Our Heavenly Father

When a spiritual baby is born, he has new life. He knows how to breathe, how to eat, and how to have a family life. But now he needs to know who is in charge of the family: Our Heavenly Father. Jesus taught his disciples to say, "Our Father who art in heaven." The Heavenly Father loves, protects, provides for, and disciplines (trains) His children.

1. The Heavenly Father's Love

"The Lord appeared to them from afar saying, 'I have _____ you with an everlasting _____,' therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness." (Jeremiah 31:3)

A. Why did God save you?

____ because you are so bad?

____ because you first loved him?

____ because you have bad luck?

____ because _____

"But because of His great _____ for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were _____ in _____—it is by _____ you have been saved." (Ephesians 2:4-5).

B. How does God reveal his love to you? Please write an example below.

(1 John 3:1) _____

C. In Luke 15:11-24, Jesus talks about how a father loved a son. What are the similarities between this father and God our Father?

2. The Heavenly Father's Protection

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will _____ you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

A. In Psalm 34:7, what does God promise? _____

B. How did God protect Elijah (2 Kings 6:15-18)? _____

C. How did God protect the three friends (Daniel 3)? _____

D. How does God protect you when you face temptation?

(1 Corinthians 10:13) _____

3. The Heavenly Father's Provision

"And my God will _____ all your _____ according to his glorious _____ in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

A. Why are God's children not to worry?

(Matthew 6:31-32) _____

B. What gift has God given his children to demonstrate he is willing to meet our needs?

(Romans 8:32) _____

4. God's Discipline

"Because the Lord _____ those He loves, and He _____ everyone He accepts as a _____." (Hebrews 12:6)

A. What does God expect for His children?

(Ephesians 4:13) _____

B. How does God discipline His children?

a. Through friends: (Proverbs 27:17) _____

b. Through the Bible: (2 Timothy 3:16) _____

c. Through trials: (James 1:2-4) _____

5. Which aspect of God is most meaningful to you?

____ His love and kindness

____ His provision for your needs

____ His discipline

____ His protection

Lesson 6: Spreading the Gospel

You are now a Christian, a child of God, a member of God's family. You have assurance of salvation. You can pray directly to God and have fellowship with Him at any time and spend devotional time with Him. You are a member of his church, a blessed people. Now that you are maturing, you need to give back to the family. God calls you to spread the gospel and teach new believers to obey all of His ways. Then they can proceed to teach even more people about the good news of salvation and train them also.

There are four types of calls to share the gospel that we should hear each day.

1. **Call from above – from heaven:** the commandment of the Lord Jesus. (Isaiah 6:1-8 – The King calling for someone to go.)

(Mark 16:15) _____

The King commands us to go. That is enough. Point your finger upward. This call comes from above, from heaven.

2. **Call from below – from hell:** the rich man's plea for someone share the gospel with his family.

(Luke 16:27-28) _____

The lost in hell call us to go warn their family members who are still alive. Can you hear them? Point your finger downward. This call comes from below, from hell.

3. **Call from the inside:** Paul was under compulsion to spread the gospel.

(1 Corinthians 9:16-17) _____

A voice inside us tells us that we were created to be witnesses. Can you hear it? Point your finger at your heart. This call comes from inside, from our hearts.

4. **Call from the outside:** Paul heard the call from a lost man in Macedonia to come help.

(Acts 16:9) _____

Outside voices from lost people all around us are calling us to help them. With their mouths, they say one thing, but their hearts call for us to share the good news with them. Can you hear them? Point your finger outside. This call comes from outside, from the lost around us.

Today each Christian should listen to the calls in their life and respond immediately. Point your finger up, down, in, and out several times and repeat the four calls.

- **We should not only lead people to become Christians, but also to become successful trainers, training others to do share the gospel too. In this way, you can rapidly spread the gospel message.**

(2 Timothy 2:2) _____

- **God's desire is for every Christian to start at least one new group, sharing the gospel with his family and friends. God will greatly bless and use his life.**

(Acts 2:46-47) _____

- **You should immediately respond to God and pray for the body of Christ. Ask God to help you be a blessing by doing these things:**

- 1) Leading people to faith in the Lord
- 2) Starting at least one new church or home group (at your own home or any place)
- 3) Training trainers (people who will repeat the process and train their new trainers)

Lesson 7: Participatory Bible Study

From this point on, when you meet as a group, you will simply open the Bible and study it together, asking God to show you what to obey and pass on to others. As you individually and as a group have the Holy Spirit, He will serve as your teacher and help you to understand and obey God's Word. Using a similar pattern every week makes it easy to dig out the truth of the Bible no matter what passage you are studying.

The Pattern

Read the pattern that Ezra, a teacher of the Bible, used in Ezra 7:10. What are the three things that Ezra did?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Essentially, Ezra tried to answer three questions – S.O.S.!

1. What does this passage SAY?
2. What should I do to OBEY it?
3. What should I teach or SHARE with others?

Every time you study the word, you should try to answer these three questions.

The Power

You have the ability to understand the Bible because of the Helper that God has sent to live in your life – the Holy Spirit. How does He help you?

(John 14:26) _____

(1 John 2:27) _____

Before you begin studying the Bible on your own or as a group, always ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide you into understanding the truth of the Bible and give you the ability to obey it.

A Weekly PLAN

It is helpful to study a book of the Bible passage by passage from the beginning to end over the course of several weeks or months. Or you can study a series of Bible stories. One example is given at the end of this lesson. Each week, use the S.O.S. pattern to study the Bible. You can ask more questions, but the three S.O.S. questions are the basics.

How do you understand what the Bible passage you are reading says? What does it mean? Here is a guide on how to start.

- **READ** a passage of Scripture (usually between a paragraph and a chapter) out loud in the group. If it is not too long, read it two to three times.
- **PRAY:** Ask for the Spirit to guide you to understand and obey it.

1. **What does this passage SAY?** Ask these additional questions to help you understand the Bible.

- What is the main message? (Don't spend the majority of time on minor issues.)
- Are there verses in this context (surrounding Bible passages) that help us understand it better?
- Are there other Bible passages that can help us understand it better? (As you have been reading other chapters in the Bible, do they provide answers to help here?)
- How would the people this book was written to have understood it?
- Make sure every answer comes from the BIBLE, not your own ideas or opinions.

2. **What should I OBEY?**

- Try to focus on very practical ways you can obey and apply what the Bible says. Is there a command to obey, an example to follow, or a promise to hold onto?
- NEVER study the Bible without asking God how to obey it. Otherwise, you will have a lot of knowledge without a changed life. Make a commitment to obey these things and ask each other about them.

3. **What should I SHARE with others?**

- Think about others who need to hear something you heard today.
- Make a plan to share this with them this week.

When you are done studying the Bible, **PRAY.** Ask God to give you the courage to obey this week and to share with others. Thank Him for speaking to you.

BIBLE STUDY PLAN FOR BASIC T4T

After the first seven T4T lessons, you can use the following passages as a plan for the Participatory Bible Study time. You can do more than one passage at a time if you like.

1. Mark 1:1-8
2. Mark 1:9-15
3. Mark 1:16-20
4. Mark 1:21-28
5. Mark 1:29-34
6. Mark 1:35-45
7. Mark 2:1-12
8. Mark 2:13-17
9. Mark 2:18-28
10. Mark 3:1-12
11. Mark 3:13-19
12. Mark 3:20-30
13. Mark 3:31-35
14. Mark 4:1-20
15. Mark 4:21-25
16. Mark 4:26-29
17. Mark 4:30-34
18. Mark 4:35-41
19. Mark 5:1-20
20. Mark 5:21-24; 35-43
21. Mark 5:25-34
22. Mark 6:1-6
23. Mark 6:7-13
24. Mark 6:14-29
25. Mark 6:30-32
26. Mark 6:33-44
27. Mark 6:45-52
28. Mark 6:53-56
29. Mark 7:1-13
30. Mark 7:14-23
31. Mark 7:24-30
32. Mark 7:31-37
33. Mark 8:1-10
34. Mark 8:11-21
35. Mark 8:22-26
36. Mark 8:27-38; 9:30-32
37. Mark 9:1-8
38. Mark 9:9-13
39. Mark 9:14-29
40. Mark 9:33-37
41. Mark 9:38-50
42. Mark 10:1-12
43. Mark 10:13-16
44. Mark 10:17-31
45. Mark 10:32-34
46. Mark 10:35-45
47. Mark 10:46-52
48. Mark 11:1-11
49. Mark 11:12-18
50. Mark 11:19-26
51. Mark 11:27-33
52. Mark 12:1-12
53. Mark 12:13-17
54. Mark 12:18-27
55. Mark 12:28-34
56. Mark 12:35-40
57. Mark 12:41-44
58. Mark 13:1-8
59. Mark 13:9-13
60. Mark 13:14-27
61. Mark 13:28-37
62. Mark 14:1-10
63. Mark 14:11-21
64. Mark 14:22-26
65. Mark 14:27-31
66. Mark 14:32-42
67. Mark 14:43-52
68. Mark 14:53-65
69. Mark 14:66-72
70. Mark 15:1-15
71. Mark 15:16-47
72. Mark 16:1-8
73. Mark 16:9-13
74. Mark 16:14-20

After reading Mark, you can study other books of the Bible. Ephesians or Romans are often helpful at this point.