

Leadership Development Program

Module 1

Becoming a Follower of Jesus

*So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
(2 Timothy 3:17)*

The Lay Pastor and Spiritual Care Worker Leadership Development program is: A Basic Bible Study designed for Spiritual Development, for review, to stimulate one's heart to seek after the Lord, and to embrace wisdom! It was designed to create Spiritual Development in the New Christian, and to bring an inspirational review to the Mature Saint. It is essential for every Spiritual Care Worker and Minister does a program like this.

LET US PRAY: Heavenly Father, I thank you for this Bible Study which is designed to help me truly get to know you! I ask that you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will enable me to become that person that you see—complete and perfected in you! In Jesus Name, Amen.

MODULE 1 – Part 1 – Lesson 1

“YOU ARE A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS!”

The Bible teaches when you accept Jesus Christ into your heart; you become a new creature in Christ Jesus. **(2 Corinthians 5:17)**

When you were born, you had the old sinful Adamic nature. The sins of Adam were present in your life. **Romans 3:23** *“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”* You were by birth a sinner. Now that you have accepted Christ and the new man has come in, you will begin to feed this new man with the Word of God.

The Word is Christ, and He is the Bread of Heaven. You will seek to establish a prayer life, assemble yourself with the saints in the house of God, and fellowship with the believers. As you do these lessons, you will develop new attitudes, Christian ideas, and set Spiritual goals for your life. What a future, when you surrender your life (past, present, and future) unto the Lord Jesus Christ. Come walk in newness of life!

For the purposes of this program please use New International Bible. Work will be evaluated by the NIV.

You will need a good “STUDY” Bible. We recommend the Dake Annotated Study Bible or a Thompson Chain Bible. A good study Bible is a valuable study guide. Those who use a good study Bible will all attest to the fact that it is the best investment you could make.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Please stop here and read the Scripture References.

- _____ **John, Chapter 1**
- _____ **John 6:35, 47–58**
- _____ **Philippians 3:1–11**
- _____ **John 3:21; 12:16–26**
- _____ **Luke 9:57–62**
- _____ **Matthew 4:18–22**
- _____ **Galatians 5:16–26**

IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL TIME OF SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AS YOU WALK WITH THE LORD IN HIS WORD!

Answer the following questions.

1. I know I am saved from sin. How did this happen? **Romans 8:3**

2. I have found new life. What is this new life called? **John 10:28**

3. What does Jesus say about this new life? **John 10:10**

4. I know I have Salvation. How do I confirm my Salvation? **Romans 10:9-10**

5. What did Jesus tell us a person must do to see the Kingdom of God? **John 3:3**

6. I have new life, and Jesus tells me I am born again. What else does He say to me? **John 1:12**

7. Since I have asked Jesus Christ into my heart, what has happened to my “old” nature? **Romans 6:6-7**

8. I want to show Christ my love for Him. How can I do this? **John 14:21, 23**

9. What am I, now that I am converted to Jesus Christ? **2 Corinthians 5:20**

10. Who is there to assist me when I pray? **Romans 8:26**

PLEASE FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. **John 3:16**For God so loved the _____ that he gave his _____
_____ Son, that _____ believes in him shall not
_____ but have _____.

2. **John 14:6**Jesus answered, “I am the _____ and the _____ and the
life. _____ comes to the Father except through me.

3. **Galatians 2:20**I have been _____ with Christ and I no longer _____,
but _____ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by
_____ in the Son of God, who _____ me and gave himself for me.

*“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”***ACTS 4:12**

Please put your name and address at the beginning of your work so that proper credit may be given to your record. Be sure and fill out the form at the close of this study.

God bless you as you embark upon this great adventure and as you journey through the books of the Bible. May the Lord meet you and walk with you. Oh, that you would feel His touch and give yourself unreservedly to His will!?

LESSON 1 – PART 2
“SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY”

At this point we pray that you have experienced the “new birth” and have given your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is important now that you experience spiritual growth. This spiritual growth will follow along much the same as your natural growth and development.

A new-born baby does not care for himself, but relies totally on his parents in those first few months of development. God has placed within him at birth a deep, unsatisfied longing that can only be fulfilled by milk or nourishment, which causes him to remain healthy.

Likewise, the new-born child of God has also been given an unquenchable thirst for the Word, that he might remain spiritually healthy. **John 7:37** promises, “...**Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.**” Jesus spoke those words. Just as surely as a new-born baby would die without drinking milk, the new-born Christian will die Spiritually if he does not partake of the Word of God.

Therefore, the formula for growth and development of a new-born baby is simply entrusting himself to the care of his parents and using that other instinct that God gave him to cry when he needs special attention.

The new-born Christian also uses this same formula. He simply entrusts himself to the care of his heavenly Father, who has instructed in **Proverbs 3:5**, “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart...**”

The only problem with a new--born Christian is that when a situation arises, his natural adult mentality is tempted to take over and work things out for himself. That is why the Lord had the wisest man in the world finish that verse with these words that every new Christian should memorize, “...**and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**”

Every new Christian should count on the Lord for direction. David depended on the Lord when, in **Psalm 62:5**, **he wrote**, “**Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him...**”

I would encourage the new Christian to expect and rely on the heavenly Father for all their help, and always look to Him for their source of supply. Then there will be growth and rapid development as you learn, enjoy the fellowship of the saints, the guidance of your Pastor, and begin to follow the commandments of the Lord.

Your Pastor is God’s under–shepherd, and your brothers and sisters in Christ will love you and care for you; but at their best, they are just Brothers and Sisters who like you are striving to grow and mature in their Christian experience.

Always remember, your help comes from the Lord. You will grow as your relationship with God becomes stronger. Part II of this lesson will introduce you to your source of Spiritual growth and maturity; and if you follow these principles, you will never be an underprivileged Christian.

SCRIPTURE READING FIRST:

- _____ **John Chapter 3**
- _____ **Colossians 3:1-17**
- _____ **Romans 12:1-12**
- _____ **John 15:1-11**
- _____ **Philippians 3:12-21**
- _____ **Ephesians 4:11-32**
- _____ **John 16:1-14**

Check them off as you finish reading them.

1. What kind of a life can I have as a Christian? **1 John 5:4**

2. Explain what faith means, based on **Hebrews 11:1-3.**

3. There is a way to obtain faith. How does this come about? **Romans 10:17**

4. What are the two statements in **Hebrews 11:6** that I must believe?

5. Who was the founder of the Church? **Matthew 16:17-18**

6. Every Christian desires to live a victorious Christian life. What do the following verses do to assist me in living this victorious life?

A. **Luke 9:23;**

B. **1 John 2:15-17;**

C. **1 John 2:6.**

7. How did the Lord make the Church his own? **Acts 20:28**

8. What relationship does Christ have to the Church? **Colossians 1:18**

9. What is my position in the Church based on **Ephesians 4:3?**

10. From **Ephesians 4:2**, tell me how this can be accomplished.

FILL IN THE BLANKS: (Or you may write out the Scripture)

1. **Mark 11:25-26** “ And when _____ praying, if you hold _____ against _____, forgive him, so that your _____ in heaven may _____ you your _____.”

2. **James 5:16** Therefore _____ your sins to each _____ and pray for each other so that you may be _____. The prayer of a _____ person is _____ and _____.

3. **John 15:7** If you remain in me and my _____ remain in you, ask _____ you wish, and it _____ be done for you.

4. **Matthew 21:22** “If you believe, you will receive _____ you ask for in _____.”

5. **1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God and one _____ between God and _____, the man _____,

6. **Hebrews 10:35-36** So do not _____ your _____; it will be _____.

³⁶ You need to _____ so that when you have done the _____ of God, You will _____ what he has promised.

7. The Bible lists many things for which we should pray. After each Scripture below, list what We are requested to pray for;

Romans 10:1 _____

James 1:5 _____

Mathew 6:13 _____

Matthew 6:12 _____

Matthew 6:11 _____

Christ Jesus.

If you learned this Scripture, please write it out on your worksheets.

Give a final comment on the value of Lesson One in your life.

LESSON 1 – PART 3
“WHAT HAS TO CHANGE?”

What has to change? Sometimes we need to go back to the foundations of our walk with the Lord to really evaluate properly how we are progressing. We have reviewed some amazing verses of scripture and have analyzed briefly what they mean to us. In the introduction to the first session we saw that, as Christians, we would have new attitudes, Christian ideas, and set Spiritual goals. What attitudes have changed and what needs to still change?

What new attitudes have you developed? *(optional)*

What Christian Ideas have you developed and what needs to happen yet in your life? *(optional)*

What Spiritual Goals have you set for yourself? *(optional)*

How would you answer the question “What has happened to my “old” nature? *(optional)*

How would you rate yourself if you were to apply the following verses to your walk with Christ?
(optional)

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

<i>Very Satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat Satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Very Unsatisfied</i>

What has to change? (optional)

Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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What has to change? (optional)

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

“THE HOLY SACRAMENT/ORDINANCE OF WATER BAPTISM”

LET US PRAY: Dear Father, thank You for enabling us through the Water Baptism to be a partaker of showing to others the outward drama of the deep inward cleansing that You have worked in our lives. May we be empowered through Your Holy Spirit to teach others as You have taught us, and may we too go forth and show others the beautiful truths to be found as we study the baptism of Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen.

LESSON 2 – PART 1

“LET’S LOOK AT WATER BAPTISM”

To understand *Sacrament* and *Ordinance*, they can be defined as:

A **Sacrament** is a sacred “act” which has been instituted by Jesus Christ. He is our example in Water Baptism.

An **Ordinance** is a command or rule that has been given unto us by Jesus who is the Word of God.

Water Baptism is a command (Ordinance) of the Lord Jesus Christ, and is a sacred “act” (Sacrament) which Jesus instituted on the day of His own Baptism, which we will study in this lesson.

Therefore, Water Baptism is one of the Sacraments and one of the Ordinances of the Church and follows Salvation. As always, Jesus Christ is our example. God placed His blessing upon this Sacrament by using the occasion of Jesus’ own Baptism to present the message of the Trinity. At Jesus’ Immersion, The Holy Trinity is seen together for the first time.

Matthew 3:13, 16-17; *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water*(This lets us see it was an immersion.). ***At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) descending like a dove and alighting on him.***¹⁷ ***And a voice from heaven (God the Father) said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”***

We follow the teaching of God’s Word concerning Water Baptism. Water Baptism is an “outward drama” of an “inward cleansing.”

THE DRAMA:

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

Colossians 2:12-13 *“having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,”

Jesus died for our sins, was buried in the grave, and rose again the third day in Resurrection power!”

In the waters of Baptism we are buried with Jesus in death (our death to self and sin). Water Baptism typifies a change in our life because of Christ. As we rise from the water, it is to a new life of power and victory in the likeness of the resurrected Lord. This is an “outward sign” of the “inward cleansing” that has taken place by Salvation. It is a divine Drama!

Just as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus as He came out of the water, we can ask for and receive this same gift, according to the Word of God. The following study will strengthen your understanding of the significance of Water Baptism, and will enable you to give an answer to any question concerning this experience.

If you have not followed the Lord in Water Baptism since you have accepted Him as the Saviour and Lord of your life, we recommend that you be baptized at the very first opportunity. You will know that you have obeyed the command of our Lord when He said, ***“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned...”*** Mark 16:16

Water Baptism does not save you. It follows your Salvation, and gives the “outward” sign to all that your sins have been forgiven and you have identified with the Lord in His Baptism.

NOTE SOME FALSE TEACHINGS:

1. **Sprinkling is not Baptism!** Water Baptism is being immersed in Water. Note that Jesus came up out of the water. **(Matthew 3:13-17)** Jesus was placed in the grave, and came up out of the grave. We must follow Him in immersion—total burial!
2. **Baptizing in “Jesus’ Name Only” is incorrect!** We must receive Water Baptism according to the Word of Jesus. In Jesus own words He said, ***“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,.”*** Matthew 28:19

In **Acts 2:38** we have Peter’s expression, **“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.”**

Peter is exhorting them to be Baptized by the Authority of Jesus Christ, which is correct; but then we must seek out what the authority of Jesus is concerning Water Baptism.

It is found in **Matthew 28:19**, where we are admonished by Jesus to be Baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. According to this remark of Jesus, we are to teach it to all nations.

3. **The Sprinkling or Baptizing of an infant or a child** that does not understand forgiveness is not correct. Dedication of infants is the example set by the parents of Jesus in Luke **2:21-38**. A candidate for Water Baptism must believe they have sinned, must confess their sin, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. A young child may be baptized if they are able to understand the basic evidence of Salvation.

BIBLE VERSES TO STUDY BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE WORKSHEET:

- _____ **Acts 8:12-13**
- _____ **Acts 9:18**
- _____ **Acts 16:14-15**
- _____ **Acts 22:16**
- _____ **Acts 16:32-33**

Please check them off as you read them.

Take a separate piece of paper and write the question and then answer the question. Be sure to use pen or felt tip and be sure your paper will fit in a three-ringed binder.

1. When we are “buried with Him” in Water Baptism, what wonderful change happens in our life? **Romans 6:4-5**

2. In the Great Commission, what was the commandment of Jesus regarding Water Baptism? **Matthew 28:19**

3. Explain what Peter meant in **Acts 2:38**.

4. List three false ideas that people have regarding Water Baptism.

5. What does Scripture teach us concerning the blessing of infants? **Luke 2:21-38**

6. Does the Scripture give light concerning immersion? **Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10**

7. At what occasion were 3,000 people baptized on the same day? **Acts 2:1,38-41**

8. Philip lead a man to the saving knowledge of Jesus, how soon after the conversion did Philip suggest this man be baptized? **Acts 8:35-38**

9. Describe in your own words what should take place at a Water Baptism.

10. Who was present at Jesus' Baptism besides John the Baptist and the people? **Matthew 3:13-17**

11. Who is the Trinity? **Matthew 3:13-17**

NOTE:

The Word of God indicates very clearly that in the early Church the first response of faith in Christ was to enter into public Baptism. In fact, the pattern usually seems to be repentance, or faith in Jesus' teaching, Water Baptism, and then the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I believe the obedience of submitting to Jesus' command in this Sacrament of Water Baptism prepares us to accept the precious gift of the infilling of the Holy Ghost. The following Scriptures indicate that it is a normal procedure to believe and expect the infilling of the Holy Ghost at the time of our Water Baptism, if we have not already received it. This is thought for prayer and expectation as you enter into Water Baptism. (It is possible to be Baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost before Water Baptism.)

PLEASE FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. "Peter replied, " _____ and be _____, every one of you, in the _____ of Jesus Christ for the _____ of your sins. And you will _____ the _____ of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38
2. On _____ this, they were _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ When Paul placed his _____ on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in _____ and _____. Acts 19:5-6

One of the precious TRUTHS in Scripture is that the Lord never gets in a rut! In Acts 10, there is an interesting study of God preparing Peter’s heart (by giving him a vision) to preach to the Gentiles at Cornelius’ house. After his vision, he was able to say in **Acts 10:34-35**: “... “I now _____ how true it is that God does not show _____ but _____ from _____ the one who fears him and does what is right..”

In this particular instance, God indicates his sovereignty in that we are not bound by any particular pattern concerning the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

3. **Acts 10:44-46** “While Peter was _____ these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The _____ believers who had come with Peter were _____ that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on _____.⁴⁶ For they _____ them _____ and praising God.”

4. **Acts 10:47-48** “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being _____ with water. They have _____ the Holy Spirit just as we have.”⁴⁸ So he _____ that they be _____ in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

5. Read **Matthew 3** and tell of the events that happened.

6. If you have obeyed the Lord’s Command in the Sacrament of Water Baptism, write in your own words what this experience has meant to you. If you have not been baptized since you believed, please indicate if you desire to follow Jesus in Water Baptism.

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7. State in your own words why you believe Water Baptism is important.

8. State in your own words what you think about the sprinkling of infants.

9. Comment if you have received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. If you have not received the Holy Ghost and are interested in this experience, please make note of this to us.

MEMORIZE: *“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.”Matthew 28:19

LESSON TWO – PART 2

LET’S DISCUSS BEING A “WITNESS” FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS!

Matthew 28:19 records the last words Jesus spoke before He went back to the Father. These words are known to the world as the “The Great Commission:” Therefore ***go and make disciples of all nations.***

We are saved to tell others. Jesus had just completed three and one-half years of concentrated teaching to the twelve Disciples. He had spent this time teaching them the concepts of the Kingdom in order that He might be able to multiply Himself through them. He realized He was leaving the responsibility to evangelize the world to these twelve men, who were living witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ. The Gospels had not been written, and these twelve men were the highest authorities on all matters of Christian faith and practice.

Jesus’ life demonstrated Christian service at its best, as He used all of His life to minister to others. Jesus expects no less from us. We are saved to tell others, and we must be busy about the Father’s business. A most beautiful example of soul winning is found in the 8th Chapter of Acts.

Philip, the evangelist, was in Samaria in a revival meeting. Many people were being helped, and it would seem the natural thing for Philip to continue his good ministry; but the Lord spoke to him and told him to go down from Jerusalem into Gaza, which is desert country.

Philip did not question God’s leading, but immediately obeyed. If we are to become successful witnesses, we must learn to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. There are several noteworthy events mentioned in this Scripture study regarding Philip. Philip had to obey the first instruction before he received further word from God. When he arrived at the place the Lord had told him to go, Philip saw a man riding toward him in a chariot.

Notice that if Philip had hesitated a day or two before he obeyed, he might have missed the chariot altogether. When he saw the chariot, the Holy Spirit spoke again to Philip and told him to, “...***Go to that chariot and stay near it.***” **Acts 8:29**

Philip stopped the chariot and found the Ethiopian reading the Scriptures. The Lord had prepared the heart of the man being witnessed to and, at the right time, the Holy Spirit had prepared Philip with the right words. It is significant that Philip used the Scriptures. This is the

most effective way to witness. Whether you use the “Four Spiritual Laws,” the “Romans Road,” or some other type of teaching tool, we need to use and become familiar with our Bible, the Word of God.

Christians are called to be “witnesses.” **Proverb 11:30: “... he that winneth souls is wise.”(KJV)** Do you want to be a wise Christian? Then seek to be a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ using every opportunity to tell others of His saving “grace.” I pray this Bible lesson will create awareness in us that we will desire to share our “faith” with a lost world.

SCRIPTURES TO STUDY BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE HOMEWORK:

- _____ **Luke 10:1-12**
- _____ **Acts 7:54-60**
- _____ **Acts 9:1-22**
- _____ **Romans 10:1-13**
- _____ **2 Corinthians 9:1-15**

1. What is a Christian Witness? **Acts 22:14-15; I John 1:3**

2. What are we to be for Jesus? **Acts 1:8**

3. What must a person do before he can turn from his sins and be saved? **Romans 10:13**

4. What must an individual do before he can call on the Lord to be His Saviour? **Romans 10:14**

5. If I go with Jesus as He has told me to, what has He promised to do? **Matthew 4:19**

6. Whom must I depend upon to prove to others that they are sinners and need Christ to save them? **John 16:7-8**

7. God has a will for every person. What is His will for me? **2 Peter 3:9**

8. What is the eternal seed God uses to bring people into His family? **Luke 8:11; 1 Peter 1:23—25**

9. The following verses have some facts that will help me point out when I am telling others about Christ. Give the facts in each verse.

Romans 3:23;

Romans 5:8;

Romans 6:23;

Romans 10:13

10. What facts did Paul give about his life in his testimony **Acts 22:3-5**;

Before conversion: **Acts 22:6-13**;

After conversion: **Acts 22:14-15**?

PLEASE FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. Now, Lord, _____ their _____ and _____ your servants to speak your word with great _____. **Acts 4:29**
2. When he saw the crowds, he had _____ on them, because they were _____ and _____, like sheep without a _____. **Matthew 9:36**
3. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was _____. And they were _____ filled with the Holy Spirit and _____ the _____ of God _____. **Acts 4:31**
4. I tell you, whoever _____ me before others, the Son of Man will also _____ before the _____ of God. **Luke 12:8**

5. “When the _____ comes, whom ____ will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will _____ about _____.
John 15:26

6. not looking to your own _____ but each of you to the _____ of the _____. In your _____ with one another, have the same _____ as Christ Jesus: **Philippians 2:4-5**

7. Don’t let anyone look _____ on you because you are _____, but set an _____ for the believers in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____ and in _____. **1 Timothy 4:12**

Think of your family that do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, list them and we will pray with you for them.

List some of your friends who need to know Jesus Christ and we will pray with you for them.

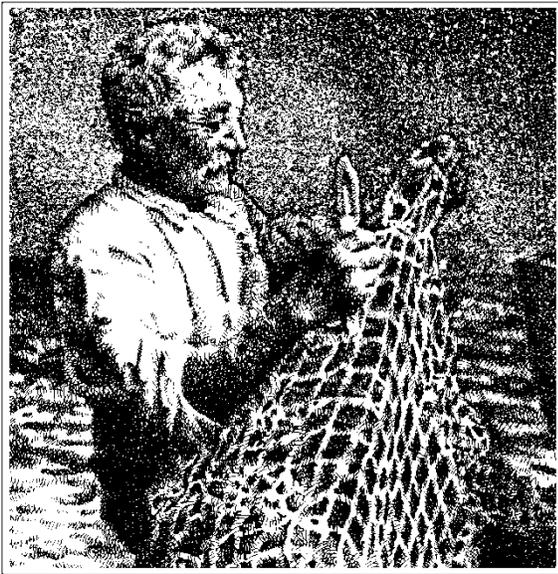
Ask the Lord to give you opportunity to “witness” to them.

Since I have found the Lord Jesus Christ, I have a concern for my friends and relatives. What can I do right away to help them come to Christ?

MEMORIZE: “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”
Matthew 4:19(Be sure to write out the Scriptures that you memorized.)

If you have comments please state them; or if you have questions about anything this study covers, please ask them. Be sure and put your name on your papers.

When your corrected papers are returned, be sure to put them in a very large three-ringed notebook along with your question sheets. When you have completed this course, you will find it to be a helpful manual to refer to in helping others.



“COME, FOLLOW ME,”

JESUS SAID,

“AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

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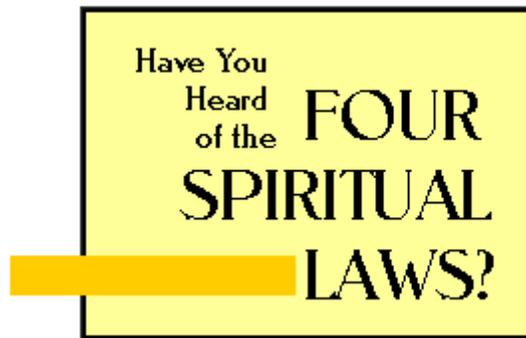
LESSON 2 – PART 3

LEADING A SOUL TO JESUS

As a Christian you now know the importance of telling others about Jesus. How can you lead a person to faith in Christ? There are two very well used ways to lead someone to Christ and you should know about them and how you might use them.

Four Spiritual Laws

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

Law 1

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

God's Love

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

God's Plan

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

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

Because...

Law 2

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

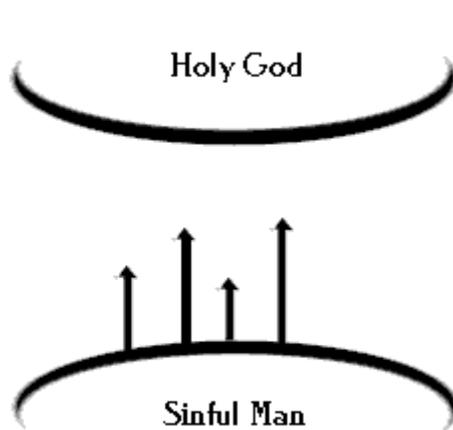
Man is Sinful

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

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

Man Is Separated

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



This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion -but he inevitably fails.

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

Law 3

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

He Died In Our Place

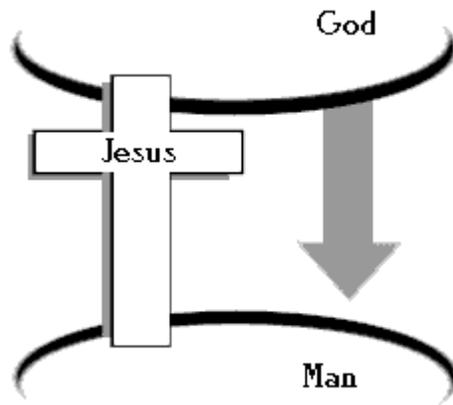
"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

He Rose from the Dead

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

He Is the Only Way to God

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Me'" (John 14:6).



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

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

Law 4

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

We Must Receive Christ

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

We Receive Christ Through Faith

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

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

(Read John 3:1-8.)

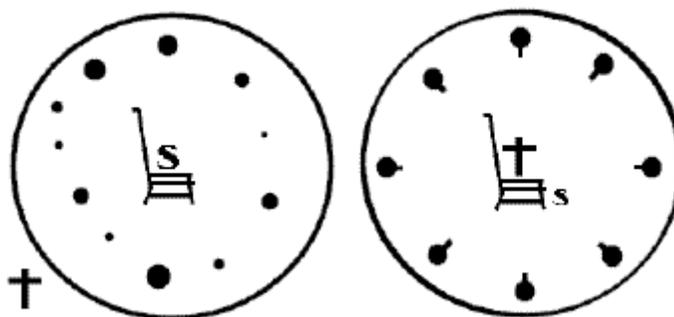
We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation

[Christ speaking] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock;

if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20).

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

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:



Self-Directed Life

S-Self is on the throne

†-Christ is outside the life

- Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration

Christ-Directed Life

†-Christ is in the life and on the throne

S-Self is yielding to Christ,

resulting in harmony with God's plan

- Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan

Which circle best represents your life?

Which circle would you like to have represented your life?

The following explains how you can receive Christ:

You Can Receive Christ Right Now by Faith Through Prayer (Prayer is talking with God)

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

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

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

The Romans Road to Salvation

The ROMANS ROAD....is a pathway you can walk.

It is a group of Bible verses from the book of Romans in the New Testament. If you walk down this road you will end up understanding how to be saved.

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We all have sin in our hearts. We all were born with sin.

We were born under the power of sin's control.

- Admit that you are a sinner.

Romans 6:23a "...The wages of sin is death..."

Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and will last for all eternity. The Bible teaches that there is a place called the Lake of Fire where lost people will be in torment forever. It is the place where people who are spiritually dead will remain.

- Understand that you deserve death for your sin.

Romans 6:23b "...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Salvation is a free gift from God to you! You can't earn this gift, but you must reach out and receive it.

- Ask God to forgive you and save you.

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"

When Jesus died on the cross He paid sin's penalty. He paid the price for all sin, and when He took all the sins of the world on Himself on the cross, He bought us out of slavery to sin and death! The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us, understanding that we are now joined with Him, and that He is our life. He did all this because He loved us and gave Himself for us!

- Give your life to God... His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you -- not religion, or church membership. God loves you!

Romans 10:13 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved!"

- Call out to God in the name of Jesus!

Romans 10:9,10 "...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

*- If you know that God is knocking on your heart's door,
Ask Him to come into your heart.*

Jesus said,

Revelation 3:20a "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..."

- Is Jesus knocking on your heart's door?

Believe in Him.

Ask Him to come in to your heart by faith,
And ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

Open the Bible to the Gospel of John and read what God says about Jesus,
about you, and about being born again.

God will help you. He loves you.

You need to look for a local church where
God's word is preached. The Bible says that we are to desire
God's word like a newborn baby desires mother's milk.
Aren't you hungry to know the truth?

Water baptism is one of the ways you first show that you have been joined to Jesus. This is an action, and actions will not save you. However, it is an act of obedience and a symbol of commitment.

The symbolism is this:

When you go down in the water you show that
You have been crucified and buried with Him,

And when you come up out of the water you show that
you have been raised to walk with Him in newness of life.

(See Romans chapter 6)

You have been born again.

(See John chapter 3)

Your body has become God's temple.

Your heart is where He lives.

Forgiveness is yours in Jesus.

And you belong to Him.

You were sin's slave.

But now...

You are a child of GOD!

John 1:12

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name!"