

FOR THE LEADER

FOLLOW-UP

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.” Acts 20:28

I. Why follow-up?

“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual, but as worldly - mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it.” 1 Corinthians 3:1-2

When you lead someone to Christ or help a young Christian recognize his need to grow spiritually, you are embracing a great privilege and responsibility. You will have become his “spiritual parent” or “spiritual leader”. Just as a newborn baby does not know how to feed himself or even what to eat, a new or young Christian does not know what to do to grow either. He needs you to help him. That is the responsibility part. You have the opportunity to share with him some of the greatest truths that have transformed your own life. You will have a part in helping him understand some of the most fascinating subjects that will be foundational in the growth of his relationship with God for a lifetime.

It is also a great privilege to follow up with a new or young believer. Since the Holy Spirit has shown him his need for Christ to be an intimate part of his life, take advantage of the chance you have to demonstrate all the great benefits that result from walking with God, i.e. joy, peace...the fruits of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

II. How to get the most out of this study

- A. Pray. Ask God to teach you and to give you understanding as you go through "Building Blocks."
- B. Get them in the Word. (See Taste & See)
- C. Allow time to fill out the evaluation grids in your first and last meetings. This will be an encouraging process as they review the progress they have made after completing the study.
- D. Take one lesson a week to allow adequate time to study and meditate over each lesson.
- E. Take time to hide God's Word in your heart and mind by memorizing the bold italic verses in each lesson.
- F. Finish the study by giving some practical application steps, so it will be clear what is next in their spiritual journey.

EVALUATION GRID

Evaluation is an important element in life that most people miss out on. It can help you understand where you have come from, where you are and where you are going. In the following evaluation, please circle the number on the line which best communicates your knowledge of the particular areas listed. This will help you understand where you are in your new spiritual journey and also help your leader get to know you better.

	NONE			SOME				ALL			
The Gospel	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lordship	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The Word of God	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Assurances from God	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Privilege Mentality	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
View of God	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
View of Sin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
View of the Church	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Living by Your Purpose	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Discipleship	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

TIME ALONE WITH GOD

God speaks to us through His Word. As we reflect, meditate and understand, we can communicate this back to God. Definition - Time alone with God is communicating with God for the purpose of building intimacy that leads to oneness with God.

I. Why Spend Time With God?

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| A. Deuteronomy 8:3 | Spiritual sustenance |
| B. Proverbs 13:20
Acts 4:13 | You become like those you spend time with |
| C. Daniel 6:10
Psalm 5:3 | Godly Examples |
| D. Mark 1:35 | Christ receives direction |
| E. Luke 5:16 | Jesus did |
| F. I Corinthians 1:9
James 4:4-5 | God longs for our fellowship |

II. Results From Being With God

You will be transformed to the image of God!

II Corinthians 3:18

Ephesians 4:23-24

Colossians 3:10

TIME ALONE WITH GOD

HOW TO GET STARTED

Commit this time to God. Ask Him to lead you through your time. Here are some suggestions for your time alone.

1. Take time to worship God.
2. Confess any sin that is in your life.
3. Reflect on who God is and who you are in Christ.
4. Meditate on God's Word.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Write out in your own words what the passage is saying. Here are some types of questions and topics to look for.

Topics:

- S** Sin to avoid
- P** Promise to claim
- E** Example to follow
- C** Command to obey
- K** Knowledge of God

Questions:

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- How?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Reflect on what the passage means to you.

WHAT DO I DO?

In light of these verses, how should I view God, others, myself?

What action step(s) can I take?

MAIN THOUGHT

Keep it short and simple - now memorize and meditate

TASTE AND SEE

The 31-Day Experiment

The Gospel

1. Mark 1:14-15
2. I Corinthians 15:1-6
3. Ephesians 1:13

Lordship

4. Deuteronomy 11:26-28
5. I John 2:3-6

The Word of God

6. Proverbs 30:5-6
7. John 5:24
8. Hebrews 4:12

Assurances From God

9. Matthew 6:33-34
10. Romans 8:31-39
11. Philippians 4:13
12. I John 1:8-10
13. I John 4:7-8

Privilege Mentality

14. Job 1:20-21
15. Romans 5:6-9
16. I John 3:1-2

View of God

17. Exodus 34:6-7
18. Psalm 66:3
19. Psalm 139:14
20. Lamentations 3:22-23

View of Sin

21. Romans 6:14
22. Ephesians 6:10-11,16
23. II Peter 2:9

View of the Church

24. Ephesians 3:20-21
25. Ephesians 5:29

Living By Your Purpose

26. Psalm 86:9
27. Matthew 9:36-38
28. John 17:25-26

Discipleship

29. Matthew 28:18-20
30. John 15:8
31. II Timothy 2:2

THE GOSPEL

LESSON 1

Understanding the gospel of Jesus Christ is essential, if not foundational, in your new life with Christ. What do the following Scriptures say about the gospel?

I. What is the gospel?

1. Romans 1:16
2. 1 Corinthians 15:1-6
3. Ephesians 1:13
4. How would you summarize the gospel of Jesus Christ?

II. What is the definition of reconciliation?

1. What do the following verses have to do with reconciliation?
2. Romans 5:9-11
3. II Corinthians 5:17:21
4. Colossians 1:19-22
5. Colossians 2:13-14
6. How does reconciliation play a part in the gospel?

III. What are a few of the benefits that the gospel will provide for you?

1. "The thief comes only to steal, and kill and destroy; I came that they might have _____, and might have it _____." (John 10:10)

2. "And this is _____, that they may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." (John 17:3)
3. "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the _____." (Galatians 4:4-5)
4. "...and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF _____." (Ephesians 6:15)
5. "...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the _____ that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister." (Colossians 1:23)

IV. Who should the gospel be proclaimed to?

1. Matthew 24:14 - To the _____
2. Mark 13:10 - To all the _____
3. Mark 16:15 - To all _____
4. Acts 8:40 - To all the _____

V. What is the proper response to the gospel?

1. Mark 1:15 - _____ & _____
2. Acts 14:15 - _____

VI. The gospel is a very valuable part of your life. Find out how the gospel plays such an important role in the life of a believer. How should you react to the gospel once you have become a child of God?

1. Romans 16:25 - _____
2. II Corinthians 9:13 - _____
3. Philippians 1:15-16 - _____

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

LESSON 2

I. Acknowledging His Lordship

Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, has always existed and always will. Not all people presently acknowledge Him as their Lord, but that does not alter the fact of His lordship. Everyone will one day acknowledge Christ as Lord, but the privilege of acknowledging and obeying His lordship is possible now. Allow Christ to be the lord of your life.

A. Titles reveal important information about the person to whom they refer.

1. What are Jesus Christ's titles in the following verses?

John 13:13 - _____ and _____

Acts 2:36 - _____ and _____

Revelation 19:16 - _____ and _____

2. Summarize what these titles reveal about Jesus Christ.

B. Jesus Christ is Lord of:

Romans 14:9 - of the _____ and of the _____

Colossians 1:16-17 - _____

Colossians 1:18 - _____

C. Write your own definition of the word lord as you feel it applies to Jesus Christ.

D. What place should Christ hold in a believer's life? (Matthew 6:33)

E. Why should someone make Jesus Christ lord of his or her life?

Jeremiah 29:11

Matthew 10:29-31

I John 3:1

F. Prayerfully meditate on the lordship of Christ. Have you decided to acknowledge Jesus' lordship in your life?

II. The Practice of Lordship

Once you have decided to acknowledge the lordship of Christ in your life, you will prove that He is Lord by submitting to Him moment by moment and obeying Him in the daily affairs of life.

A. Take a few moments to evaluate your practice of the lordship of Jesus Christ. A good way to determine if Christ is in control of an area of your life is to ask, "Am I willing to do whatever Christ desires in this area?" or "Will I be able to thank God for whatever may happen in this area?"

1. List any areas that you are not allowing Christ to control.
2. What can you do in these areas to acknowledge Christ's lordship?

B. According to Luke 6:46-49,

1. What is a good way to evaluate if Christ is truly lord of your life?
2. What is the best foundation upon which to build your life?

- C. What does Romans 12:1 say you should do with your life as a Christian?
- D. What three things is the person who follows Christ called to do? (Luke 9:23)
In your own words, write what this means to you.
- E. What does the lordship of Christ mean to you?

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON 3

I. The Credibility of God's Word

A. What is God's Word referred to in the following verses?

Nehemiah 8:2-3 - _____ or _____ of the _____

Romans 1:2 - _____

Philippians 2:16 - _____

B. According to II Timothy 3:16-17, where does Scripture originate?

C. What is one of the purposes for God's Word? (vs. 17)

D. How does the Word equip us for every good work? (vs. 16)

By _____ us

By _____ us

By _____ us

By _____ us in _____

E. Why do we need God's Word?

1. So we may not _____ against God. (Psalms 119:9-11)

2. It gives us _____. (Psalm 119:33)

3. It is a source of _____. (Psalm 119:47, 97, 162)

4. The Word provides spiritual food so that we will _____ in _____ to _____. (I Peter 2:2)

F. How should God's Word be viewed?

1. _____ and _____ (Psalm 19:7)
2. _____ and _____ (Psalm 19:8)
3. _____ (Psalm 119:142, 151, 160)
4. _____ (Isaiah 40:8)
5. _____ (Isaiah 55:11)
6. _____ and _____ (Hebrews 4:12)

G. How should we respond to God's Word?

1. Psalm 119:161 - By standing in _____ of God's words.
2. Psalm 119:162 - By _____ in thy Word.
3. Jeremiah 23:28 - By speaking His Word in _____.
4. Acts 17:11 - By receiving the Word with great _____ and by _____ the Scriptures for ourselves.
5. II Timothy 2:15 - "Be _____ to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, _____ the Word of truth."
6. James 1:22-25 - By being _____ of God's Word.

II. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. Do you personally see a need for God's Word in your life? Explain.
- B. Do you believe that the Bible is "the inspired Word of God"? Explain.
- C. How will you respond to God's Word? Will you make it the priority in your life? Explain.

