

GET A G.R.I.P.

God Restores Individuals Perfectly

Bible Study: Gospel of John
5- Week Bible Study

WEEK 1
LESSON PLAN -- TEACHERS COPY

Session: 1 ½ hour

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Introduction: introduction includes passing out folders with class assignment which includes: description, personal word, syllabus outline, introduction, and GRIP Bible Study A which includes memory verse John 1:12. Be sure each class member understands the assignment for the next session. This Bible study is an overview, teaching the basics of Christianity – read-pray-witness-obey. Suggested lesson plans for the teachers are also included in this document.

Lecture and Discussion: What is a Christian?

In this first week our lecture and discussion is centered upon defining what is a Christian? We do this by having both teachers share their Christian testimonies. No two testimonies are the same so this gives variety and offers interesting interaction. However before the teachers share their testimonies divide the class into groups of 4, or if it is a small group divide into 2 groups. Ask each group to make a list of 4 characteristics that they think best defines what a Christian is all about. Each group must present their list on the white board.

Often you will see written on the white board: faith, love, Bible, prayer, etc. After they have finished putting their list on the white board then the teachers may proceed to give their testimonies. As you share your testimony compare and contrast it with all the characteristics listed on the white board. Has the teacher had a smooth, easy, perfect, or bumpy Christian walk? Did they pray “emergency prayers” before coming to Christ? Broken promises? Did they read their Bible faithfully? Life was it better or worse before salvation? We close the lesson sharing about the biblical origin of the word “Christian” which is found in Acts 11:26 and that Christians were also known as disciples who loved: John 13:35. Put on the white board: LIFE, CONFESSION, NO SIN, and FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT and ask a volunteer student to read the Bible verses for each. Encourage discussion and before ending the lesson play the audio file by Pastor Schultze “Introduction to the book of John.”

Christian:

Acts 11:26

John 13:35

- 1). LIFE: Born-again John 3:16, John 10:10
- 2). CONFESSION: Romans 10:10
- 3). NO SIN: 1 John 3:9
- 4). FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: Galatians 5:22-23

Play in class: 15-minute audio recording “Introduction to the Book of John,” by Pastor Reimar Schultze.

Class closure: Prayer

WEEK 2
LESSON PLAN -- TEACHERS COPY

Session: 1 ½ hour

Opening Prayer

Collect Homework GRIP Bible Study A

Pass out Homework for the next week: GRIP Bible Study B -- John chapters 7-11 memory verse John 1:14

Review Memory Verse: Memory verse for today was John 1:12. Ask each student to write the memory verse on paper and return it to the teacher. After collecting the memory verses on paper recite the memory verse in unison.

Play in class: 15-minute audio recording "Jesus is the Light," by Pastor Reimar Schultze. While this is playing the teachers may review the homework GRIP Bible Study A. If possible return homework before the class ends. We are looking to see if the homework was completed.

Lecture and Discussion: Who is Jesus?

Briefly review in class the main points of this audio "Jesus is the Light" and divide the class into groups of 4, or if teaching a small group divide into 2 groups. Each group is asked to discuss and draw on the white board a picture that describes and defines Jesus. Often you will see: Jesus on a cross, a Bible, etc. Allow each group to discuss their picture and how it represents Jesus.

Then proceed to assign each group a Bible verse from the list below. Ask someone in each group to read their assigned verse. Write on the white board the verses and the names that Jesus says He is such as: Messiah, Christ, Bread of Life, etc.

John 4:25-26

John 6:35

John 6:51

John 8:12

John 10:9

John 10:11

John 10:36

John 11:25

John 14:6

John 15:1

Emphasize Jesus is sharing His personal testimony. It is not an opinion, nor is it a commentary. Jesus says He is: Messiah Christ, Bread of Life, Living Bread, Light of the World, Door, Good Shepherd, Son of God, Resurrection and the Life, The Way, Truth, & Life, and True Vine. Encourage discussion. Also tie together Jesus testimony with the teacher's testimony. Example: Prior to salvation the teacher had no life, truth was difficult to find, lost, doors of sin and misery that looked good but were not, etc. The teacher needed a Messiah, a Shepherd, Life, light, truth, and salvation.

After this topic has been presented please pass out handouts: "Who is Jesus?"

If time allows: Lecture and Discussion: Assurance of salvation this lecture uses an acrostic ASSURANCE. One cannot learn how to be saved, as it is a work of God and the Holy Spirit – salvation is supernatural. Before salvation we were self-directed, self-motivated, and self-centered. Sin and self are twins. When a person believes, repents, and accepts the gift of salvation they enter God's Kingdom. The converted person has a new heart, new life, and the old life of sin has passed away! Every born-again Christian should have assurance that they are born from above. Ask students to read a verse for every word. At the end of the class pass out handout "Assurance of Salvation". Before closing prayer the teacher's can read to the class: Dr. Lockridge Poem "My King." This can be found on the Internet if you choose to use it. This poem reinforces the names of Jesus.

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Session 2
Assurance of Salvation



Before salvation we were self-directed, self-motivated, and self-centered. Sin and self are twins. When a person believes, repents, and accepts the gift of salvation they cross over to a life of self-denial; and living life of Christian service and obedience. The old life of sin is passed away! This rebirth is supernatural. We can have this assurance and know that we are born from above.

A BIDE IN CHRIST “Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.” AMP **John 15:4-5**.

S PIRIT “What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.” AMP **John 3:6**

S IN BEARER “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” **John 1:29**

U NIVERSAL LOVE “For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.” AMP **John 3:16**

R EBIRTH “Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.” AMP **John 3:3** (change, renew, convert, revive, transform)

A BUNDANT “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” AMP **John 10:10**

N EW COMMANDMENT “I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.” AMP **John 3:30**

C ONFESSION “And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.” **John 4: 41:42**

E VERLASTING LIFE “And he who believes in (has faith in, clings to, relies on) the Son has (now possesses) eternal life.” AMP **John 3:36**

Closing Prayer

WEEK 3
LESSON PLAN – TEACHERS COPY

Session: 1 ½ hour

Opening Prayer

Collect Homework GRIP Bible Study B

Pass out Homework for the next week: GRIP Bible Study C – John Chapters 12-17 memory verse John 12:46

Review Memory Verse: John 1:14

Group exercise: John 1:14 including (Messiah/Christ, Bread of Life, Living Bread, Light of the World, and the Door and Good Shepherd, Son of God, Resurrection and the Life, the Way, Truth and Life, and the True Vine). Write 3-5 sentence devotional thought with a picture representing that thought. Present the devotional to the class

Play in class: After the devotional thought play in class the audio “Believers,” by Pastor Reimar Schultze. While this is playing the teachers may review the homework. Return homework to the students before the class ends.

Lecture and Discussion: Believers and Disciples The handouts: Discipleship and Disciple are given to each student after the lecture. Teacher will place on the board two columns: Believers & Disciples Teacher will divide the class in half. Half the class will be asked to make a list of characteristics of what they think defines a believer and the other half of the class will make a list of characteristics of what they think defines a disciple. Place their list on the board. Is there a difference? Teacher may want to share James 2:19 that “devils also believed, but were the devils disciple’s of Christ?” Teacher may also bring into this lecture reviewing their testimony and how that fits in with believers and disciples. Below is a suggested teacher’s list. Often the class members will not think there is any difference between a believer and a disciple. This lecture promotes good discussion. Relate these characteristics with the disciples in the gospel of John.

Believers	Disciples
Participates when convenient	Forsakes All
Selfish	Denies Self
Self will	Obeys
Self motivated	Abides in Jesus Christ
Disobeys	Attends church
Emergency prayer and Bible reading when in crisis	Tithes and offerings
Not faithful	Daily Bible reading
Gives bare minimum	Daily Prayer
Hearers only	Witness at every opportunity
Barren	Makes other disciples
Bored	Goes the extra mile
Only does what is required	Joy
Not willing to witness	Doer of the Word
Love who they want to love	Love for all
Complainers	Rejoices
Sin	Endeavors to live holy
	Life of service

After discussion place on the board the word: Disciple. If possible leave their ideas on the board and write the acrostic **DISCIPLE**. Assigned Bible verses for each letter will be given to students to read to the class. We weave into the lecture from the book of John several disciples such as: the woman at the well. The town was changed because of her testimony. Was she a believer only? If time allows play the other audio “Believers and Disciples.”

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D – DAILY DECISION TO DENY SELF

Jesus said: Luke 9:23 “To them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Matthew got up denied his ideas or plans for the day and followed Jesus when he called him. He made a decision. You can become a disciple the same day you become born-again. It is a DECISION. One cannot drift into becoming a disciple, because spiritual growth is not on automatic but it is a daily moment by moment denial of self to follow. A disciple does not figure it all out but follows.

I - IMMEDIATELY OBEYS JESUS COMMANDS

Jesus said Luke 14:26 “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. This was radical challenge as family was important but Jesus strongly uses the word hate to emphasize that family or anything cannot stand in the way following and obeying Jesus.

S - SUBMITS AS A SLAVE TO JESUS 24/7

John 12:26 “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” Jesus took on a form of a servant in Phil 2:7 and the word servant here in the Greek is duolos or slave. There is a big difference between a servant and slave. A servant has rights and slave does not. A servant can punch the clock 9-5 but a slave is on duty 24/7. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:19 “I made myself a servant.

C - CARRIES HIS CROSS - CHILDLIKE IN SPIRIT

Luke 14:27 Jesus said: And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Jesus also said in Matthew 18:3 “Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted; and become as a little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

I - INWARD TRANSFORMATION

RO 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. EPH 4:24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. We have the OUTER WORK, and the Holy Spirit has the INNER WORK to do in our hearts and mind.

P - POOR IN SPIRIT

Matthew 5:3 Jesus said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God.” Poor in spirit is one who relies on, trusts in and adheres to Jesus Christ. A little child is totally dependent upon his parents for his care. A little child allows the parents to make the decisions of what he wears, where he goes, etc.

L - LOVES AND LIVES IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD -- FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT EVIDENT

John 13:34-35 Jesus said: “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 15:8 Jesus said: “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” Gal 5:22-23 The fruit of the spirit: Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

E - EVANGELIZES -- SHARES THE GOOD NEWS

Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus said: Go ye therefore, and teach disciples all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.”

Class closure: Prayer

WEEK 4
LESSON PLAN – TEACHERS COPY

Session: 1 ½ hour

Opening Prayer

Collect Homework GRIP Bible Study C

Pass out Homework for the next week: GRIP Bible Study D – John Chapters 18-21 memory verse John 12:15, and George Muller booklet available online, George Muller blank page for book report.

Review Memory Verse: John 12:46 Have the class recite the verse out loud. Ask if their any volunteers to recite the verse or the past verses.

Audio file: Going with Jesus. While students listen to this file review the homework.

Lecture and Discussion: Witnessing and sharing the good news.

Witnessing is sharing our faith. A Christian will read the Bible, pray, obey and witness at every opportunity. Unfortunately, many Christians do not share their faith in public. Yes, they may testify at church, but few testify in public places. Fear is a major factor. Lecture using the acrostic: TESTIFY. The teacher should share personal stories of their own witnessing experiences. Encourage discussion. Review the blind man's story in John 9 when discussing witnessing. A testimony is not always a positive experience. (blind man's parents feared because they might be put out of the synagogue, the blind man was ridiculed, etc.)

T - TESTIMONY "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20

E - EVANGELIZE -- SHARES THE GOOD NEWS. "Jesus said: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even until the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20

S - SPEAK WITH BOLDNESS "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." Acts 4:29

T - TRIUMPH OVER EVIL "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev. 12:11

I - IDENTIFIED WITH JESUS CHRIST "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42

F - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED "And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." Acts 11:21

Y - YOKED WITH JESUS CHRIST "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

WITNESS TO A COMMUNITY – CLASS EXERCISE IN WITNESSING: Each student is assigned a profession: Medical Doctor, Evangelist, Carpenter, Tax Collector, Fisherman, and Teacher. They are to make a list of ideas of how they would share the gospel to this community. This community is 10,000 people made up of families and single adults not over 50 years of age. The village has one business which is a seafood factory, one grocery, one school, one police station, one theater, one park and one library. The language spoken is English, but many of the older adults do not read or write English. Have each student or group present their ideas. Note: There is not a church building in this community. See if the students recognize this and make a list of building a place of worship. Often the class does not notice that a place of worship is missing. Encourage discussion. Are their witnessing activites including speaking with boldness, identifying with Jesus, evangelizing, etc.?

WEEK 4
LESSON PLAN – TEACHERS COPY

Lecture and Discussion: Natural, Carnal, Spiritual Man/Woman

The handouts: Neglects & What sin is and what sin is not are given to each student after this lecture and discussion. Teacher will place on the board three columns: Topic: natural, carnal, and spiritual man / woman. Teacher will ask and encourage student participation. Ask a student to read 1 Corinthians 3:1. Teacher will write on the board description of the natural man and relate this to his /her own testimony. Have a student read 1 Corinthians 3:1 and 3:3. The teacher should share personal testimonies of how he /she have struggled with the carnal and the spiritual. This lecture is preparation for the next week when the lecture will be on obedience. Encourage discussion and how this relates to the disciples in the gospel of John.

<p>Natural person 1 Corinthians 3:1 Natural person lives according to their nature. This person has not been converted. He / she has not been saved, or born-again. The natural person is asleep to spiritual things, cannot understand spiritual things, and spiritual stuff is foolish. John 3:3,5,7 “Except a man be born again he cannot see nor enter the kingdom of God.”</p>	<p>Carnal person 1 Corinthians 3:3 Babe in Christ. Born of God, but does not grow up in faith. Remains a babe. Paul says here that a carnal person has envy, strife, jealousy, selfish, and robs God. Whole list of carnal traits on handout pages 25-26. Deeds of the flesh Galatians 5:19-21.</p> <p>Disobedient Robs God Selfish Goes by feelings Disobeys Ten Commandments Envy Jealousy Pride Unbelief Neglect of church attendance Worldly minded Anger</p>	<p>Spiritual Person The Corinthian church had spiritual experiences and gifts, but they were carnal “yet carnal.” Spiritual person has his/ her mind on Christ and is not focused on gifts or power. Spiritual persons exhibit the fruit of the spirit Galatians 5:22 A spiritual person is led of God and obeys God.</p> <p>Obedient Tithes Self Denial Faith Keeps Ten Commandments Loves Gives Thankful Believes Attends church faithfully Spiritually minded Peacemaker</p>
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Class closure: Prayer

WEEK 5
LESSON PLAN – TEACHERS COPY

Session: 1 ½ hour

Opening Prayer

Collect Homework GRIP Bible Study D

Review Memory Verse: John 14:15 Have the class recite the verse out loud. Ask if their any volunteers to recite the verse or the past verses.

Lecture and Discussion: Prayer and George Muller’s life of prayer,

Ask each student to fill out the prayer inventory on pages They may keep it. Handouts on pages 35 and 36 are also handed out to the students.

Play video: Dr. Dr. Wesley Duetel “Asking” Due to time constraints we only play part 1. This video is available online at WGBD http://www.wgbd.org/whats_new.html

Lecture: Hindrances to Prayer disobedience and sin.

As a disciple we should follow the Master and pray. Ask a student to read each verse OBEDIENCE and discuss each hindrance. The teacher should offer personal testimony of their prayer life, answers to prayer, why some prayers were not answered. This offers a good discussion on prayer and the value of prayer. Bring in to the discussion George Muller’s life of prayer.

<p>O - OBTAINS GOD’S FRIENDSHIP. Friend if you do what I command you. John 15:14 “Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.” Hebrews 10:25 Jesus Carnal will skip and miss and not think it is important.</p> <p>B - BETTER THAN SACRIFICE Obedience out of love not duty went to church out of duty for parents not out of love.</p> <p>E - EXHIBITS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. No outward fruit, barren, remained a babe in Christ no growth for years. Is truthful TESTIMONY MJB FOR BAB SALVATION – HER LIFE OF FRUIT</p> <p>D - DEATH TO SELF-I die daily</p> <p>I - INVITATION, INSTANT OBEDIENCE, IMITATORS</p> <p>E -ENTHUSIASM, ENJOYS, EMPOWERED A carnal Christian is frustrated by the law but the Spiritual Christian delights in the law.</p> <p>N - NEEDS SUPPLIED</p> <p>C - CARRIES THE CROSS & CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. Reads the Bible, Prays, witnesses and obeys.</p> <p>E – ETERNAL LIFE.</p>	<p>Conversion Follow Christ Abiding in His Word Obedience Self Denial His wants our wants His plans our plans His desires our desires His delights our delights Carnal man will rob God. Carnal man makes excuses. Carnal man will not obey. Carnal man will not pray.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HINDRANCES TO PRAYER</p> <p>Unconfessed sin... Psalm 66:18 says, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me...Proverbs 15:29</p> <p>Unbelief. James 1:6-7 says, “But let him ask in faith, <u>nothing wavering</u>. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with wind and tossed.</p> <p>Unscriptural motives. James 4:3 says, “Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”</p> <p>Unresolved conflict. Matthew 6:14-15 says, “If ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you.</p>
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Allow each student to fill out a feedback sheet answering what they liked to disliked about the class. Class closed in prayer

	<p><u>Get A G.R.I.P. – God Restores Individuals Perfectly</u> <u>Bible Study: Gospel of John</u> 5 Session Course</p>
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Description:

The purpose of this course is to assist the participant in learning the basics for a successful, victorious faith. Subjects covered: Jesus Christ, reading the Bible, witnessing, obedience, and prayer.

Academic:

Explain who Jesus Christ is.

Explain how to study the Bible.

Explain the importance of reading the Bible, witnessing, obedience, and prayer.

Memorize three Bible verses: John 1:12, John 1:14, John 12:46, John 14:15

Attitude:

Desire to read the Bible, pray, witness, and obey on a daily basis.

Expect victory over sin and selfish attitudes.

Behavioral:

Grasp the keys: 1) Jesus Christ, 2) Bible reading, 3) witnessing, 4) obedience, and 5) prayer

Confess any known sin.

Study and memorize Bible verses.

Seek personal revival.

Course Materials:

1. Each student will need to bring his Bible and pen/or pencil to class.

2. Listen to audio sermon tapes by Pastor Schultze in class.

3. Study the Gospel of John.

4. Complete handouts provided by instructors.

5. View "Asking" video by Dr. Wesley Duewel in class.

Course Requirements:

The participant must:

1. Read the Gospel of John.

2. Listen in class to each audio tape sermon and watch "Asking" video.

3. Memorize assigned Bible verses.

4. Participate in group discussion and attend all sessions unless excused medically.

5. Complete Gospel of John Study Guides A, B, C, and D before the next session.

6. Read George Mueller biography and write a one page book report.

Grading: Pass/Fail

The student passes if he attends all sessions and completes all requirements listed above.

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5 – Session Bible Study: Gospel of John

PERSONAL WORD

When I was a young child, I gave my heart to Jesus. What do I mean? I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins. I was happy and thrilled with my new found conversion to Jesus Christ. But gradually this new found love affair with Jesus began to fade. Why? It was because I was just a believer, but not a true disciple. Oh, yes I went to church each week and even to Sunday-School, but my testimony dried up. My joy of conversion dwindled, and I found I wasn't interested even in attending church. I wasn't praying or reading the Bible either. I had no one to blame but myself. Of course my Christian activities became inactive and the world's entertainments became more exciting. In those days I could tell you more about my favorite television show than I could about answers to prayer. I could tell you more about my favorite subjects at school than I could about my favorite Bible story. My interests in the things of God completely fizzled out and I was just looking religious in name only as I still called myself a Christian. From time to time I asked these questions: "Isn't there more?" "I am missing something, but what?" I couldn't find the answers. Many of the sermons I heard preached from the pulpit were about "how to get saved," but few talked about the steps necessary to become a disciple.

So, as I have said before, the joy of salvation grew dim and dull, and of course things of this world became more interesting. My once fresh Christian life became boring, and the world offered more exciting trinkets and treasures. Yes, for awhile the world's excitements, success and achievements brought satisfaction, but it was only temporary happiness. They never really fulfilled my heart's desires, and I did not have peace of heart or mind.

Now going along like this was okay for awhile, but living this life wasn't as exciting as it appeared. I didn't have peace anymore. I was lying and cheating. I was doing those things which were not pleasing to God. I was guilty, but of course I blamed all these guilt feelings on others. It was my boss who caused the problems. It was my teacher that gave me headaches. I gave excuses, disobeyed God and broke some of the Ten Commandments including the first: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." I was miserable inside, but of course on the outside I looked like a normal human being. I dressed nice, looked good, and was generally pleasant to talk to (if you got me in a good mood), but all this was a charade. God, through His mercy and unfailing love sent conviction and I asked Jesus to forgive me. I confessed my sin. I surrendered to His perfect will. I got a grip on His love and mercy.

Yes. I got a grip on God's love and mercy. He took what was ugly, and restored and revived my heart. His love healed me and inwardly cleansed me. How did I know? I had peace, rest, and joy in my soul. I no longer felt guilty. I had found the Wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace. I made a choice to grip the Master's hand and to become His disciple. I stepped into discipleship and began to abide in the basics which are 1) Read the Bible daily, 2) Pray each day, 3) Witness at every opportunity, and 4) Obey the Holy Spirit.

This Bible study therefore is designed to cover these four basics. I trust that as you participate in this Bible study of the gospel of John you, too, will "get a grip" and choose to become His disciple. Discipleship, in a nutshell, is loving and obeying God with all your whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

Obviously, this Bible study is not exhaustive, but I pray that Jesus will anoint the crumbs, and that Jesus may stir you to walk with God.

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Get a G.R.I.P. BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

Week 1

Prayer

Introduction: What is Get a G.R.I.P

Testimony of Teachers

Lecture and Discussion: What is a Christian?

Listen in class to: "Introduction- Book of John," by Pastor Schultze.

Assignments to complete for next week:

Read: John Chapters 1-6

Complete and answer Get a G.R.I.P Study Guide A and return next week to instructors.

Memorize: John 1:12

Week 2

Prayer

Memory verse review: John 1:12 & review of John Chapters 1-6

Listen in class to: "Jesus is the Light," by Pastor Schultze.

Lecture and Discussion: Who is Jesus? – Assurance of Salvation

Assignments to complete for next week:

Read: John Chapters 7-11

Complete and answer Get a G.R.I.P Study Guide B and return next week to instructors.

Memorize: John 1:14

Week 3

Prayer

Memory verse review: John 1:14 & review of John Chapters 7-11

Write devotional thought

Listen in class to: "Believers & Disciples," by Pastor Schultze.

Lecture and Discussion: Believers & Disciples

Assignments to complete for next week:

Read: John Chapters 12-17

Complete and answer Get a G.R.I.P Study Guide C and return next week to instructors.

Memorize John 12:46

Week 4

Prayer

Group Recitation of John 12:46 review of Chapters 12-17

Lecture and Discussion: Witnessing & Natural, Carnal & Spiritual Man

Assignments to complete for next week:

Read: John Chapters 18-21

Read: The biography on George Mueller, and write a one page book report due next week.

Complete and answer Get a G.R.I.P Study Guide D and return next week to instructors.

Memorize John 14:15

Week 5

Prayer Group Recitation of John 14:15 review Chapters 18-21

Lecture and Discussion: Prayer & Obedience

Book Report Review: George Mueller

Watch prayer video in class: Ask by Dr. Wesley Duewel

Book Report Review: George Mueller

Feedback Form filled out and turned in to instructors

Closure

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5 – Session Bible Study: Gospel of John

INTRODUCTION

Get a G.R.I.P. -- God Restores Individuals Perfectly. God makes no mistakes. God is holy. God is perfect. God can perfect the human heart, and He can heal the broken hearted. God can restore broken relationships, and He can do all things if we only believe. God is able to do more than we can think or ask. GOD CAN!

What does Jesus want me to do once I am converted? The basic essentials are: 1) Read the Bible each day, 2) Pray, 3) Witness at every opportunity, and 4) Obey the Holy Spirit. These four basics will be our focus during these next five sessions.

Get a G.R.I.P. may be conducted individually or within a group setting. This Bible study has been designed to be used with the King James Bible (all scripture references are King James Version unless otherwise noted).

The best preparation before one begins is to pray! Also, you don't have to be a theologian or a Bible scholar to conduct or participate in this Bible study. It is more important that you allow the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct.

Some other helpful hints to consider:

- > Pray that God will provide wisdom and understanding.
- > Find a place to meet that is conducive to study and to prayer.
- > Choose a Bible translation that you can understand.
- > Review the materials.
- > Come to the group prepared by having completed assignments.
- > Participate in the discussion, but be careful not to dominate.
- > Expect God to answer prayer.

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John Chapters 1-6

Memory Verse

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” John 1:12

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 1:

1. Who is Jesus Christ? (1:1)
2. Who created all things?
3. There was a man sent from God. What was his name?
4. The light was the true Light, which _____ every man that cometh into the world.
5. Did the world recognize Jesus? (v.10)
6. Did his own receive him?
7. And the _____ was made _____ and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
8. Who did John the Baptist say he was?
9. Where did John the Baptist baptize?
10. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming what did he say? (1:29)
11. John saw the _____ descending from heaven like a _____, and it abode upon him.
12. Two disciples heard John the Baptist speak, and they _____ Jesus. (v.37)
13. Who brought Simon Peter to Jesus?
14. Who found Philip?
15. What two words did Jesus speak to Philip? (1:43)
16. Who did Philip find?
17. What is your favorite verse in chapter 1 and why?

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Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 2:

1. Jesus attended the marriage at Cana of Galilee. Who went with him to this marriage ceremony?
2. What did Mary tell the servants?
3. What miracle occurred at this marriage?
4. After the marriage, Jesus went to Capernaum and then to Jerusalem for the Passover. What disturbed and angered Jesus at the temple?
5. What did Jesus do at the temple?
6. Jesus was being led of the Spirit of God and obeyed His father in all things. What is your favorite verse in chapter 2 and why?

John Chapter 3:

1. Jesus had a visitor come to him at night. Who was that visitor?
2. What did Jesus tell him? (3:3)
3. How can we have eternal life? (3:15)
4. God so loved the world. Does that include all people in the world?
5. Who are condemned? (3:18)
6. Do men love the light or do they love darkness? (3:19)
7. But he that doeth _____ cometh to the _____, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (3:21)
8. What is your favorite verse in chapter 3 and why?

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Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 4:

1. Jesus traveled to Samaria and met a woman at the well who came to draw water. Jesus said unto her, Whosoever _____ of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever _____ of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a _____ of _____ springing up into everlasting _____. (4:13-14)

2. After talking with Jesus this woman left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, _____, see a man, which told me all things that I did, is not this the _____? (4:28-29)

3. A great revival took place in Samaria as many of the Samaritans came unto him, and they asked him to stay. How many days did Jesus stay in Samaria? What happened? (4:40-41)

4. Then Jesus left Samaria and returned to Galilee and then on to Cana. When he arrived in Cana of Galilee, what second miracle occurred? (4:46-54)

6. What is your favorite verse in chapter 4 and why?

John Chapter 5:

1. Jesus went up to Jerusalem for the feast of the Jews. On his way he stopped at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus met there the impotent man. What did Jesus ask him? (5:6)

2. Jesus told him: Rise, take up thy bed and walk. Immediately he was made whole and took up his bed and walked. Later on Jesus met the man in the temple and said to him, Behold, thou art made whole: _____ no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. (5:14)

3. What does it take to have everlasting life? (v.24)

4. The Jews did not like it because Jesus healed on the Sabbath day. What did Jesus say to them in verse 42?

5. What is your favorite verse in chapter 5 and why?

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Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 6:

1. Now greater multitudes were following Jesus because they saw and heard of his miracles. Jesus asked Philip “Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” Philip and Andrew did not feel that their resources could feed such a large crowd. After Jesus blessed the five barley loaves and two small fishes from a lad, and the food was distributed, how many baskets were filled with the fragments that remained? (6:13)
2. Jesus departed into a mountain alone (vs.15) and the disciples took a ship to cross over, but they ended up in a storm. They saw Jesus walking on the water and were afraid. What happened when they willingly received him into the ship? (6:21)
3. The multitudes caught up with them and Jesus said in verse 35, I am the _____ of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that _____ on me shall never thirst.
4. The Jews murmured and complained because they said, isn’t this Joseph’s son? Jesus said again in verse 48, I am that _____ of life.
5. In verse 51 Jesus said: I am the _____ bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live _____.
6. What happened after he talked to them in verses 53-65? Hint verse 66
7. What is your favorite verse in chapter 6 and why?

Please share below in a few sentences what you have learned from reading John chapters 1-6.

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Week 1

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

Acts 11:26, John 13:35

AFTER SALVATION a person has no desire to sin as they want to please God, Obey God, Share the good news. Read the Bible and pray. A Christian should have a hunger for the Word of God. Should be able to confess their faith publically and exhibit the fruit of the Spirit.

<p>NEW LIFE: Born-again John 3:16, John 10:10</p>	<p>CONFESSION: Romans 10:10</p>	<p>NO DESIRE TO SIN: 1 John 3:9</p>	<p>FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT Galatians 5:22-23</p>
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Get a G.R.I.P. Week 1

S -- Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2:15 Amplified)

T -- Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Ps. 119:11)

U -- Understanding (Give me) and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. (Ps. 119:34)

D -- Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. (1 Peter 2:2)

Y -- Ye children (Come), hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. (Ps.34:11)

The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

The Bible and the study of it provides faith (Romans 10:17)

The Bible is a safeguard against sin (Ps. 119:11)

The Bible and the study of it grants understanding and wisdom (Ps. 119:130)

HOW TO READ & STUDY THE BIBLE

PRAY -- Before you begin to read the Bible, ask Jesus to help you as you read through His Word.

DAILY – Be consistent and read from the Bible each day. Some people start reading the Bible, but when it becomes difficult or when they find they cannot understand it, they give up and stop reading. Reading the Bible is like eating fish. When eating fish, you don't eat the bones. Don't expect to understand everything that you read. Digest what you understand and put the things you do not understand (the bones) aside.

EACH YEAR – To read through the Bible in one year you will need to read three chapters per day and five chapters on Sundays. Besides the King James Version, there are many other Bible translations you may choose to read. Find one you believe God wants you to read and begin.

REVIEW -- Review and meditate on what you read each day.

MEMORIZE BIBLE VERSES -- Memorize the Word of God; it will help you keep from sin and will make you wise.

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Week 2

WHO IS JESUS?

“No man ever loved like Jesus. He taught the blind to see and the dumb to speak. He died on the cross to save us. He bore our sins. And now God says, Because He did, I can forgive you.” -- Billy Graham

Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh, and sin-bearer (John 1)
 Jesus Christ is the Miracle Worker (John 2)
 Jesus Christ is the Divine Teacher (John 3)
 Jesus Christ is the Soul Winner (John 4)
 Jesus Christ is the Great Physician (John 5)
 Jesus Christ is the Bread of life (John 6)
 Jesus Christ is the Water of Life (John 7)
 Jesus Christ is the Liberator (John 8)
 Jesus Christ is the Light of the World (John 9)
 Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd (John 10)
 Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11)
 Jesus Christ is the King (John 12)
 Jesus Christ is the Servant (John 13)
 Jesus Christ is the Comforter (John 14)
 Jesus Christ is the True Vine (John 15)
 Jesus Christ is the Giver of the Spirit (John 16)
 Jesus Christ is the Intercessor (John 17)
 Jesus Christ is the Sufferer (John 18)
 Jesus Christ is the Crucified Savior (John 19)
 Jesus Christ is the Resurrected Savior (John 20-21)

WHAT DOES JESUS EXPECT OF ME?

Believe and receive Jesus Christ.
 Live a holy life that is pleasing to God.
 Read the Bible daily.
 Pray daily.
 Witness at every opportunity.
 Obey the Holy Spirit.

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Week 2

Assurance of Salvation



Before salvation we were self-directed, self-motivated, and self-centered. Sin and self are twins. When a person believes, repents, and accepts the gift of salvation they cross over to a life of self-denial; and living life of Christian service and obedience. The old life of sin is passed away! This rebirth is supernatural. We can have this assurance and know that we are born from above.

A BIDE IN CHRIST “Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.” AMP **John 15:4-5**.

S PIRIT “What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.” AMP **John 3:6**

S IN BEARER “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” **John 1:29**

U NIVERSAL LOVE “For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.” AMP **John 3:16**

R EBIRTH “Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.” AMP **John 3:3** (change, renew, convert, revive, transform)

A BUNDANT “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” AMP **John 10:10**

N EW COMMANDMENT “I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.” AMP **John 3:30**

C ONFESSION “And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.” **John 4: 41:42**

E VERLASTING LIFE “And he who believes in (has faith in, clings to, relies on) the Son has (now possesses) eternal life.” AMP **John 3:36**

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John Chapters 7-11

Memory Verse

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 7:

1. Why does the world hate Jesus?
2. In this chapter many people had different ideas of who Jesus was. List below, beginning with verse 12, those descriptions of who they thought Jesus was. (Example: In verse 12 they thought he was a good man and that he was a deceiver).
3. Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man _____, let him come unto me, and _____. He that _____ on me as the scripture hath said, out of his _____ shall flow _____ of living _____.
4. What is your favorite verse in chapter 7 and why?

John Chapter 8:

1. The scribes and Pharisees brought the adulterous woman to Jesus believing she should be stoned because of the Law of Moses. What did Jesus say to them?
2. Why didn't they cast a stone at her?
3. What did Jesus tell the woman? (8:11)
4. I am the _____ of the world: he that _____ me shall not _____ in _____, but shall have the _____ of life.
5. Many believed in Jesus, but not everyone was a disciple. What did Jesus say a disciple has to do? (8:31)
6. And ye shall know the _____, and the _____ shall make you _____.
7. What does Jesus say about those who commit sin? (8:34)

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John Chapters 7-11

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

8. What is your favorite verse in chapter 8 and why?

John Chapter 9:

1. Why was the man blind from his birth? (9:3)

2. Obedience to Jesus' command gave him his eyesight. What was this command?

3. Sometimes obeying God is not popular with people, and with the blind man they questioned his discipleship. How did they respond to his answers? (9:34)

4. The blind man believed Jesus was the Son of God. Which verse confirms this and what else did he do?

5. What is your favorite verse in chapter 9 and why?

John Chapter 10:

1. He that entereth not by the _____ into the _____, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a _____ and a _____. (10:1)

2. The _____ hear his _____: and he _____ his own _____ by _____ and _____ them out.

3. Verily, verily, I say unto you, _____ the _____ of the sheep.

4. _____ the _____: by _____ if any man enter in, he shall be _____, and shall go in and out, and find _____.

5. Again there was division among the people. What did Jesus say to them in verse 26-27?

6. What are the two key requirements in John 10:27 to receive eternal life mentioned in John 10:28?

7. What is your favorite verse in chapter 10 and why?

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John Chapters 7-11

John Chapter 11:

1. Lazarus of Bethany was sick and when Jesus heard of it he said: This _____ is not unto _____, but for the _____ of _____, that the Son of God might be _____ thereby.

2. How long did he wait before going to Bethany after hearing that Lazarus was sick?

3. How long was he in the grave?

4. Jesus said unto Martha, _____ the _____, and the _____: he that _____ in _____, though he were _____, yet shall he _____.

5. After Lazarus was raised from the dead many believed on him. But the Pharisees took counsel against him to put Jesus to death. Because of this threat what did Jesus do? (11:54)

6. What is your favorite verse in chapter 11 and why?

Please share below in a few sentences what you have learned from reading John chapters 7-11.

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Week 3

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Combine some or all of the following names of Jesus (Messiah/Christ, Bread of Life, Living Bread, Light of the World, and the Door) with John 1:14 and write a paragraph of 3-5 sentence devotional thought and also draw a picture representing your devotional. Select a spokesman to present draw the picture on the white board and to read your groups devotional to the class.

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Week 3

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

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Get a GRIP Week 3

Discipleship is abandoning our schedules
to get on God's schedule in everything!

The Meaning of Discipleship By Pastor Schultze

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

Jesus came into the world to make disciples. Before he went on his first mission to do his first miracle, Jesus called men to discipleship. On the first day of his public ministry, which was the day after his baptism, Jesus was joined by John, Andrew, and Peter. On the next day, he was joined by Philip and Nathaniel; and on *"the third day there was a marriage in Cana..., and both Jesus was called, and his disciples..."* (John 2:1,2).

There you have it! Jesus did not begin his ministry without disciples. By the time of this miracle, he had already several believers, but Jesus was looking for more than plain believers. Jesus would do his work only with disciples! (Please observe that in this article, I shall refer to believers as those who fall short of following Jesus. I refer to disciples as those who have abandoned their schedule to only do what Jesus wants.) So, believers in Christ were all over Israel, but only disciples followed him and obeyed him.

It is a sober fact of history that Jesus did all his work through disciples and none through believers. It was through, and with, his disciples that he ministered to the believing and unbelieving multitudes. And when our Lord departed, he gave this command to his disciples (not to the believers who had not entered into discipleship), *"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matt. 28:19 ASV).

Believers have no authority to teach obedience because they themselves do not obey. Believers cannot make disciples because they themselves are not disciples. Believers are not called by Jesus to become missionaries, pastors, evangelists, or church workers of any kind -- only disciples.

Jesus did all his work on earth with, and through, disciples. He commanded his disciples to carry on his work until the end of the age, and he said that only disciples should be baptized.

How Does a Believer Become a Disciple?

In considering this question, let us take note of the prerequisites for discipleship:

1. We must first confess our sins, repent of our sins, and receive Jesus into our hearts. We must, in short, *"be born again"* (John 3:3,5).
2. We must come to the point of "blessed dissatisfaction." Jesus said, *"Blessed [or happy] are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness..."* (Matt. 5:6).

We will not draw nigh to God if we are satisfied with our religious state. We will not become mighty in prayer unless we are dissatisfied with our prayers. We will not become holy unless we are dissatisfied with our state of sanctification. We will not become more compassionate unless we become painfully aware of the hardness of our hearts.

Paul said, "*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark...*" (Phil. 3:13,14).

Satisfied believers are the headaches of pastors, the grief of the Holy Spirit, and a shame to the kingdom of God. You cannot feed them because they are not hungry. You cannot change them because they have settled into a rut; and you cannot move them because they are dead.

Hence, one of the common characteristics of the first five disciples was a "blessed dissatisfaction." This caused them to be on a constant lookout for something better, greater, and holier, that when found, they would follow without one tinge of procrastination, disregarding any cost to themselves.

What Is Discipleship?

Discipleship is not something you grow into eventually. It has nothing to do with growth! Discipleship is a radical decision of the will coming out of a blessed dissatisfaction of the heart that understands that nothing in the world matters but the will of God. This will lead that person to deny himself and to take up his cross daily to joyfully follow Jesus.

And since this is not a matter of growth, but of a decision, you can become a disciple the same day you are born again. That is exactly what the first Christians did. Before the sun had set on them that first day, they had decided to steadfastly continue in Bible study, in fellowship, in breaking of bread, in prayers, having also decided to sell all their possessions and goods! No one had to plead with these first Christians to give ten percent of anything, for they, from day one on, gave one hundred percent of everything (Acts 2:44,45). My friend, that is the pattern of discipleship laid down by the Holy Spirit on the birthday of the church.

Discipleship Is Abiding in Christ.

The believer's only salvation from spiritual dehydration, from becoming a walking religious corpse is discipleship. Only disciples abide in Jesus. Jesus said, "*I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit... If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned*" (John 15:5,6). The Self-life cannot and will not abide in Jesus! There is no life outside discipleship, but only certain death and impending, everlasting disaster.

Discipleship Means Enthusiasm for Jesus.

You cannot find a dried up disciple any more than you can find a dried up grape on a healthy vine, relatively speaking.

Notice in John 1 that all the first disciples began witnessing about Jesus the same day they met him. This pattern is also repeated in the early church as you can tell by these words, "*Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word*" (Acts 8:4). Our witnessing stops when we lose our enthusiasm for Jesus, when our intimacy with him ceases.

Discipleship Means That We Abandon Our Schedules.

At the wedding of Cana, Mary wanted Jesus to solve the problem of the wine shortage at once. But Jesus said, "*...mine hour is not yet come*" (John 2:4; see also 7:6).

Taking the cross up daily means our giving Jesus our time -- all of our time. Time is life. If you give Jesus your time, you give him your life. Life is time and time is life. To take up one's cross daily means to give Jesus 24 hours each day, and each hour consists of 60 minutes, and each minute consists of 60 seconds. Dying daily means giving Jesus every second of every day!

Disciples never say to Jesus, "I have other plans...; I have prior commitments...; I don't want to disappoint my father, my wife, or my friends, etc...." Jesus took care of all that when he said, "*If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple*" (Luke 14:26).

A disciple will never do anything but that which is on God's schedule, and getting on God's schedule means giving up ours. If watching television is not on God's schedule, a disciple will not watch TV. If going to a ball game is not on God's schedule, a disciple will not go to a ball game. If shopping is not on God's plan, a disciple will not go shopping. If attendance at a wedding of a brother is not on God's schedule, a disciple will not go.

To get personal, I left my home country of Germany at age 19. Three times people have offered me the finance to go back to visit my country, but it was never on God's schedule until 41 years after I left Germany. But, oh, what a wonderful time God gave us when it was on his schedule!

Dear one, to take up the cross daily means to go for Jesus, to be on his schedule 60 seconds of every minute. Anything less is not discipleship. But, oh, what a blessing to have his constant fellowship.

Discipleship Means Blessings and Persecutions.

After Jesus told his disciples how hard it was for a rich man to be saved, Peter said to him, "*Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee*" (Mark 10:28).

To this, Jesus responded, "*Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life*" (vv. 29,30).

If the rich man had forsaken all, if he had sold his property and given to the poor to follow Jesus, he would have received houses a hundredfold in this life and everlasting life in the world to come. But what blinded the rich man to see what Jesus had for him was a greater love for money than for God. If we have a greater love for anything than for God, we are visually impaired or blinded to see what God has for us and how much he really loves us.

Discipleship gives us all these things mentioned plus persecutions, lest we become overly exalted. And why are disciples persecuted? It is because the moment they sign up for discipleship, they become nonconformists, and that always causes division and persecution. Every disciple is a nonconformist. He will not conform to the world: its dress, its food, its entertainment, its music, its scheduling, its value system (Rom. 12:2). And disciples will

experience persecution because the same Jesus who brought a sword of division is now living in them (Matt. 10:34).

Discipleship Means That We Are on the Way to Sanctification.

We cannot become sanctified prior to discipleship, even as we cannot cross an ocean prior to getting into a boat or aircraft. The process of sanctification only begins in discipleship. The disciples, all the apostles that Jesus had called, were unsanctified apostles. They had envy, hardness of heart, cowardice, and a revengeful spirit -- yet, they obeyed Jesus in everything (John 17:6)! And that led to their sanctification not many days hence.

Dear one, are you a disciple? Don't expect to grow into it. Make that conscious decision today to take up your cross, let Jesus take over your schedule, and you shall enjoy his fellowship forever!

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Week 3

DISCIPLESHIP

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Session 3

D – DAILY DECISION TO DENY SELF.

Jesus said: Luke 9:23 “To them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Matthew got up denied his ideas or plans for the day and followed Jesus when he called him. He made a decision. You can become a disciple the same day you become born-again. It is a DECISION. One cannot drift into becoming a disciple, because spiritual growth is not on automatic but it is a daily moment by moment denial of self to follow. A disciple does not figure it all out but follows.

I - IMMEDIATELY OBEYS JESUS COMMANDS.

Jesus said Luke 14:26 “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. This was radical challenge as family was important but Jesus strongly uses the word hate to emphasize that family or anything cannot stand in the way following and obeying Jesus.

S - SUBMITS AS A SLAVE TO JESUS 24/7.

John 12:26 “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” Jesus took on a form of a servant in Phil 2:7 and the word servant here in the Greek is duolos or slave. There is a big difference between a servant and slave. A servant has rights and slave does not. A servant can punch the clock 9-5 but a slave is on duty 24/7. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:19 “I made myself a servant.

C - CARRIES HIS CROSS - CHILDLIKE IN SPIRIT.

Luke 14:27 Jesus said: And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Jesus also said in Matthew 18:3 “Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted; and become as a little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

I - INWARD TRANSFORMATION.

RO 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. EPH 4:24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. We have the OUTER WORK, and the Holy Spirit has the INNER WORK to do in our hearts and mind.

P - POOR IN SPIRIT.

Matthew 5:3 Jesus said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God.” Poor in spirit is one who relies on, trusts in and adheres to Jesus Christ. A little child is totally dependent upon his parents for his care. A little child allows the parents to make the decisions of what he wears, where he goes, etc.

L - LOVES AND LIVES IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD -- FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT EVIDENT.

John 13:34-35 Jesus said: “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 15:8 Jesus said: “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” Gal 5:22-23 The fruit of the spirit: Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

E - EVANGELIZES -- SHARES THE GOOD NEWS.

Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus said: Go ye therefore, and teach disciples all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you:”

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John Chapters 12-17

Memory Verse

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.” John 12:46

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 12:

1. Six days before the Passover Jesus returned to Bethany. There they made a supper. Mary took a pound of spikenard and anointed Jesus. What is spikenard? (Look up in your Bible dictionary-concordance.)
2. Who got upset with pouring out of this expensive ointment?
3. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem what did they say and do? (12:13)
4. He that _____ his _____ shall _____ it; and he that _____ his _____ in this _____ shall keep it unto _____ eternal.
5. If any man _____ me, let him _____ me. (12:26)
6. While ye have _____, _____ in the _____ that ye may be the _____ of _____. (12:36)
7. I am come a _____ into the _____, that whosoever _____ on _____ should not _____ in _____. (12:46)
8. What is your favorite verse in chapter 12 and why?

John Chapter 13:

1. Jesus loved his own which were in the world, and “he _____ them unto the _____.” (13:1)
2. Jesus took on the apron of humility by washing his disciple’s feet, but one of His disciples at the feast said “thou shalt never wash my feet.” Jesus said, “If I wash not now, thou has no part in me.” Who was this disciple?
3. Why was Jesus troubled in His spirit? (13:21)
4. Jesus gave a new commandment at the Passover supper. What was it?
5. Jesus foretold that one of His disciples would deny him three times before the cock crowed. Who was that disciple?

6. What is your favorite verse in chapter 13 and why?

John Chapter 14:

1. Jesus begins to tell his disciples about His Father's house. What is in the Father's house?
2. Jesus saith unto him, I am the _____, the _____, and the _____: no man _____ unto the Father, but by _____.
3. Jesus shares several sentences in this chapter beginning with "if." Fill in the following blanks:
 _____ ye had _____ me, ye should have known my Father also.
 _____ ye shall _____ any thing in my name, I will do it.
 _____ ye love me, keep my _____.
 _____ a man love me, he will _____ my words.
 _____ ye loved me, ye would _____.
4. _____ that hath my _____, and _____ them, he it is that _____ me: and he that _____ me shall be _____ of my Father, and I will _____ him, and will manifest myself to him.
5. Who will teach us all things and bring all things to our remembrance?

6. What is your favorite verse in chapter 14 and why?

John Chapter 15:

1. I am the true _____, and my Father is the _____.
2. Every _____ in _____ that beareth not _____ he taketh _____: and every _____ that beareth fruit, he _____ it, that it may bring forth more _____.
3. I am the _____, ye are the branches: He that _____ in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much _____: for without me ye can do _____.
4. How many times is the word "abide," or "abideth," used in the first ten verses of chapter 15?
5. How can we be a friend to God?
6. Ye have not _____ me, but I have _____ you, and _____ you, that ye should go and bring forth _____, and that your _____ should remain: that whatsoever ye shall _____ of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
7. How will the world respond to us if we follow Jesus Christ? (15:18-20)
8. What is your favorite verse in chapter 15 and why?

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John Chapters 12-17

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 16:

1. Is it possible that those who want to kill us for our faith might be thinking that they are doing God a favor?
2. What will the Comforter do when he is come? (16:8)
3. Howbeit when he, the _____ of _____, is come, he will _____ you into all _____.
4. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall _____ the _____ in my _____, he will give it you. (16:23)
5. Beside peace in Jesus Christ, what can we expect to receive from the world? (16:33)
6. What is your favorite verse in chapter 16 and why?

John Chapter 17:

1. And this is _____ eternal, that they might know _____ the only true _____, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.
2. Chapter 17 is Jesus' high priestly prayer. Who does Jesus pray for in verse 9?
3. In addition to praying for his disciples, Jesus asks for what in verse 17?
4. And for their sakes I _____ myself, that they also might be _____ through the _____.
5. And the _____ which thou _____ me I have _____ them; that they may be _____, even as we are _____. (17:22)
5. What is your favorite verse in chapter 17 and why?

Please share below in a few sentences what you have learned from reading John chapters 13-17

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John Chapters 18-21
Memory Verse

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 18:

1. Judas came to betray him, but who else was with him?
2. What happened to the group when Jesus answered, “I am he.”
3. What did Peter do in verse 10?
4. In which verse is Peter’s first denial mentioned?
5. Who recognized Peter in verse 26?
6. How many times did Peter deny Jesus?
7. Jesus was sent to Pilate. What did Jesus say about his kingdom in verse 36?
8. Did Pilate find fault with Jesus?
9. Whom did the crowd want released?
10. What is your favorite verse in chapter 18 and why?

John Chapter 19:

1. What physical abuse did Jesus suffer? (19:1-5)
2. What did Pilate call Jesus in verse 5?
3. Who gave Pilate control and power over Jesus? (19:11)
4. Where was Jesus crucified?
5. Was Jesus the only one crucified that day?
6. What was the inscription upon the sign above the cross?
7. What did the soldiers do at the foot of the cross? (19:23-24)

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John Chapters 18-21

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

8. What women stood at the cross?
9. Did Jesus die by natural death, or did he give up his life? (19:30)
10. Did they break his legs?
11. Did they pierce his side?
12. Who took the body of Jesus and had it buried?
13. What is your favorite verse in chapter 19 and why?

John Chapter 20:

1. Who was the first person to visit the tomb on the first day of the week?
2. To whom did she run to share the good news that the tomb was empty?
3. Peter and John ran together to the tomb. Who arrived first?
4. What did Peter find in the tomb? (20:6-8)
5. What did Mary see inside the tomb? (20:12)
6. At first sight who did Mary think Jesus was? (20:15)
7. When Jesus spoke her name, what did Mary say? (20:16)
8. The same day in the evening when the doors were shut, Jesus appeared unto the disciples. What did he say to them? (20:19)
9. Who was missing when Jesus came into the room?
10. After eight days, Jesus appeared again and Thomas was there, but he did not believe. What did Jesus have to show Thomas for him to believe?
11. What is your favorite verse in chapter 20 and why?

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John Chapters 18-21

Answer the questions below and fill in the blanks where necessary.

John Chapter 21:

1. Where did Jesus show himself again?
2. What were the disciples doing?
3. Jesus was on the shoreline. What question did Jesus ask of the disciples?
4. They had caught nothing, but after Jesus told them to cast the net on the right side how many fish did they catch?
5. How many times did Jesus say to Peter “lovest thou me?”
6. In verse 25 it is mentioned also that there are many other things which Jesus did. How many books would it take to write about all these things?
7. What is your favorite verse in chapter 21 and why?

Please share below in a few sentences what you have learned from reading John chapters 18-21?

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GEORGE MUELLER BOOK REPORT

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YE ARE MY WITNESSES

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

Be an Over-comer: In Revelation we are taught that the Christians overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.

Express your joy and gratitude: that the Lord has saved you.

Share your personal experience: Witness what the Lord Jesus has done for you. Someone asks you how you are doing and you look them right in the eye and say, "Oh, I'm doing great ever since the Lord saved me and changed me from darkness to light!"

Overcome Your Fears: Many people are so afraid to witness, they don't even think about doing it. They put it out of their mind because they think they can't do it. But the Lord did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline (2 Ti. 1:7).

Start Where You Are: Start at whatever level of witnessing you can. If witnessing is hard, start in some safe place like church or at home. Simply express praise for the Lord saving you. Be faithful to praise the Lord for salvation.

People Are Ready To Hear Good News: Don't forget we are living in a dark and hurting world. People are hungry for good news because so much bad news is around them.

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Week 4

T - TESTIMONY

“For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

E - EVANGELIZE -- SHARES THE GOOD NEWS.

“Jesus said: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even until the end of the world.” Matthew 28:19-20

S - SPEAK WITH BOLDNESS

“And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word.” Acts 4:29

T - TRIUMPH OVER EVIL

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11

I - IDENTIFIED WITH JESUS CHRIST

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” Acts 5:42

F - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED

“And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.” Acts 11:21

Y - YOKED WITH JESUS CHRIST

“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13

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WITNESS TO THIS COMMUNITY



This town's population is 10,000 with families and single adults not over 50 years of age. The village has one business which is a seafood factory, one grocery, one school, one police station, one theater, one park and one library. Their language is English, but many of the older adults do not read or write English.

Assignment: 1. Pick an occupation from our list: Medical Doctor, Evangelist, Carpenter, Tax Collector, Fisherman, and Teacher. Using your occupation and team discussion, list as many methods of how you and your team would share the gospel and fulfill the Great Commission, "Go and make disciples."

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Week 4

“He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.” —John 12:25

They Did Not Confess Him
By Reimar Schultze

Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of man more than the praise of God. —John 12:42–43

What we find here with these chief rulers is people who believe something but they are not willing to embrace what they believe for fear of the consequences. Let us first consider what they believed and then we shall consider the weakness of their faith.

The chief rulers believed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, because that is what the text is speaking about at this point. By now, after three years of ministry, Jesus had done hundreds, if not thousands of miracles. The miracles of our Lord were indeed so abounding that John says at the end of his Gospel that “there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written” (John 21:25).

Now, let me ask you, how many miracles is that? Can you conceive that there was hardly a home that Jesus ever left without everyone in that home having been healed? Can we conceive now that perhaps there were many healed even by the very shadow of our Lord passing by? Can we perceive, in the light of this, that in many a meeting with thousands of people, Jesus could simply have stretched out his hand over the multitude and said, Be healed; be made whole, and all were healed? Could it be that he passed through some villages and by virtue of his healing power, everyone rose up the next morning whole in body and mind? How great is our Savior?

Three years of ministry were now nearly complete. Our text above finds us in the Passion week. All the questions concerning Jesus had been asked, and the only one left to be answered was, “Is Jesus the Messiah or not?” Although this question had been answered in the negative by the Pharisees much earlier, now in the final hours we find that, “among the chief rulers also many believed on him.”

Now, chief rulers here can and should be interpreted quite broadly. They were the community leaders and the nobility; they were the people whom you would find in country clubs and “up the hill.” They were the magistrates, the princes, the mayors, the engineers, the professors, the bankers, the landowners, the diplomats and the

physicians. Jesus could not reach many Pharisees, but he could reach the poor, the unlearned, the wealthy, and the educated! This is exemplified by Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, by the unnamed rich young man who came to Jesus, and by the wealthy tax collector, Zacchaeus. These people, with their brilliant minds having put all the evidence together, could not help but conclude that Jesus was the Son of God. Nicodemus spoke for all of these when he said, “for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him” (John 3:2).

Many intellectuals today believe that if a scholarly investigation of the life of Jesus had been done in the first century, it would have proved that Jesus was not the Son of God. Well, my friend, here we learn that a scholarly investigation had been done, and the verdict was: Christ is Lord, the Messiah, the Son of God.

But there was a problem with the chief rulers. Although they believed Jesus to be the Son of God, they lacked the courage to embrace him, to identify with him, to defend him, and to witness of him publicly. They never said anything publicly to identify themselves with him. They did not do it at the club house; they did not do it on their jobs; they did not do it amongst their relatives for fear of the consequence. “...they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.”

Oh how this stands out as a indictment against almost all church goers today: “they did not confess him, lest...”

Do you believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God? Do you speak of him publicly? Do you identify yourself with him publicly? Do you publicly share what marvelous things he has done for you? Do you share at the gas station, at the store, at the bank, at the family reunion, at work, at school, and at college? Isn't the greatest miracle of all time, in all the ages, the rebirth that makes us sons and daughters of God?

It says that they did not confess him publicly. How serious is this? Can we be Jesus' disciples if we don't confess him publicly? Can we make it to heaven if we do not embrace him publicly? Let us ponder one of the most important biblical passages in this regard: Luke 12:8–9 (AMPLIFIED):

“And I tell you, Whoever declares openly [speaking out freely] and confesses that he is My worshiper and acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man also will declare and confess and acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns and denies and rejects and refuses to acknowledge Me before men will be disowned and denied and rejected and refused acknowledgement in the presence of the angels of God.”

Let me ask you, Do we need to witness? Do we need to confess Jesus publicly? Are we doing it or are we just like the chief rulers in Jesus' days? What does it mean to be disowned by Jesus? What does it mean to be denied, rejected and refused in the presence of the holy angels? Oh, how soul-searching is this Gospel song by Joseph Grigg:

Jesus, and shall it ever be,/A mortal man ashamed of Thee?

Ashamed of Thee whom angels praise,/Whose glories shine through endless days?

If you are ashamed of Jesus, he will be ashamed of you. Yes, you may be the best worker on the job or the best student in your class—punctual, kind, helpful, industrious, honest—but if you pride yourself in these things alone as being a good witness, you are mistaken. Even an atheist can be an excellent worker, showing these same qualities. People will not know that your good character is because of Jesus unless you open your mouth and confess him. If you do not identify your conduct with Jesus, the name of Jesus coming from your lips, all the good you do is nothing but the works of self-righteousness, seeking the praise of men over the praise of God. Yes, you do all this to be popular, to promote your self-image in the eyes of man and God. But, don't be fooled, no man looks good in eyes of God who is ashamed of Jesus.

However, if you add Jesus to your good conduct at work, God will get the glory and then—yes—then you may be scoffed at, laughed at, and demoted! That is what we fear, isn't it? And so it says in the following verse, "For they loved the praise of man more than the praise of God." So, whose praise are you seeking, the praise of God or the praise of men? It is the fear of man and the consequence of witnessing that stops a man from speaking for Jesus publicly.

Now then, you say: I get your point, Pastor Schultze—I want to confess Jesus publicly, but I am timid; I am shy; I am backward!

What inexcusable excuses. If you cannot drive an auto, what do you do—you learn to drive. If you are afraid of computers, what do you do—you overcome that fear and learn computers. Life consists of constantly breaking down barriers.

How then does one get started in their witness? How does one learn to do it?

First: Get excited about Jesus. An empty soul has nothing to shout about. Fill yourself with the Word of God, saturate your life with prayer and praise, so that you come to the point of your life that you cannot but speak as the apostles of "the things which we have seen and heard" concerning Jesus (Acts 4:20). In this passage of Acts 4 when there was the first arrest of people confessing Jesus, Christianity was at the edge of death. If believers would stop confessing Christ out of the fear of man, unwilling to lose their lives, Christianity would die forever. If believers would confess regardless of the consequences, Christianity would live forever. The apostles Peter and John set the stage that Christians must publicly confess, even at the point of civil disobedience and death.

Second: If you are weak and inexperienced, start your witness in the community of believers. Start at church where you will be cheered and not ridiculed, building self-

confidence. The first steps of every marathon athlete were from the baby crib to a chair. Take little steps. Practice!

Here is the case of a shy young girl—extremely shy. In the presence of other girls, she would always be the non-communicator. But she is enrolled in our Youth Discipleship Program, and in that program every youth has to confess Jesus publicly. So her mother said, “Honey, it is time to start the witness.” “But mother, I am afraid.” Mother said, “We must do it.” Take your choice: you either start at church or we will go door to door and do it.” Oh, what a mother! She knew Luke 12:8–9.

The next Sunday, that shy, backward young girl decided to start. She was too afraid at the first opportunity; but at the next, she pulled herself together, stood up and said, “I thank the Lord for his help last week.” This was her first public confession. Now, what do you think happened in that church? The congregation was shocked and amazed and greatly helped for hardly ever did a youth witness in the sanctuary. And what do you think happened in heaven? Do you think the angels in heaven took notice? What do you think they did? Well, they rejoiced and then took a sticker that said “Ashamed” on one side, turned it over to declare the word, “Unashamed!”, and placed it on the girl’s book of records. They took a sticker that said “Rejected & Refused” on one side and turned it to the others side which declared “Accepted & Welcome!”, and put it in her book of records. And what happened to this young teen-ager? The moment she confessed Jesus publicly, the joy of the Lord flooded her soul, for the joy of the Lord is the gift of God to every obedient heart.

Yes, we must confess Jesus. Our destiny depends upon it. Living without speaking is not living! Believing in your heart must be accompanied by confessing with your mouth (Rom. 10:9–10). The chief rulers “believed on him,” but because of the fear of men, because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God, they did not confess him.

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WHAT SIN IS & WHAT SIN IS NOT

What Sin Is.

1. **The Missing of the Mark.** “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).
2. **A Transgression of the Law.** “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). Thus, sin is disobedience to the written and spoken Word of God.
3. **Neglect.** “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).
4. **Unbelief.** Jesus said “he that believeth not is condemned already” (John 3:18). Yet, we must understand that weakness of faith is not necessarily sin. You may have enough faith to follow Jesus, but not enough to walk on water. If we don’t believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we sin. But after that, faith is a matter of growth which comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

What Sin Is Not.

1. **Failure Is Not Sin.** Failure is accidental, and sin is willful. Jesus said in his high priestly prayer to his Father concerning his disciples, “...they have kept thy word...and I am glorified in them” (John 17:6, 10). Jesus is saying that his disciples obeyed him in everything and that his glory was at work in their lives!
2. **Temptation Is Not Sin.** Jesus was tempted in all things. If temptation were sin, Jesus would have been the greatest of sinners. He was tempted in every thing and in every way yet sinless. Do not permit the devil to accuse you of sin when you are tempted. Of course, if, desire is not cut off, then desire will bring forth lust, and lust will bring forth sin and death (James 1:15). In other words, the first look is often accidental and innocent. The second is frequently willful and sinful.
3. **Everything Done While Abiding in Jesus Is Not Sin.** If we abide in Jesus, he abides in us, and his love abides in us. Yes, we still fail while abiding in Christ because of our humanity, but it is not sin. We do not disobey.

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Week 4

Neglect: “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

1. Unthankfulness - How many blessings from God have you received which you have not thanked Him for?
2. Love for God has grown cold - Think of how you would feel if your loved ones never had any affection for you.
3. Neglect of Scriptures - Do you read the Bible daily? Is the daily newspaper, TV, and others things keeping you from reading His Word each day?
4. Unbelief - Have you charged God with not caring?
5. Neglect of prayer - Think of the times you have neglected secret prayer, family prayer, and prayer meeting.
6. Neglect of church attendance - Do you attend church faithfully?
7. Coldness in service - Have you allowed yourself to grow weary in well doing? Is your service to Christ a duty or do you serve with love?
8. Soul Burden - How compassionate are you for the lost? Do you pray daily for souls to be saved? When was the last time you witnessed to someone about Jesus?
9. Devotional life - Do you talk to God each day in prayer and meditate upon His Word?
10. Neglect of fellowship with the godly - Are you more interested in the fellowship of the world? Do TV, ball games, and activities come before church and prayer meetings?
11. Neglect of self-denial - Is the Kingdom of God more important than anything or anyone else?

Get a G.R.I.P. Session 4

Disobedience is the mother of the carnal nature. Carnality is the child of disobedience. Carnality is our enemy. Carnality is killing the church, is envious, and brings distress. Review the list below and circle 3 that you struggle with, and that you know hinder your walk with God. Pray and ask Jesus to help remove these from your heart.

1. Worldly Minded - 1 John 2:15 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
2. Pride - 1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."
3. Envy - Proverbs 27:4 "Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?"
4. Lust - Matthew 5:28 "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
5. Judgment - Matthew 7:1-2 "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."
6. Criticism - Philippians 2:14 "Do all things without murmurings and disputings."
7. Joking - Ephesians 5:4 "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."
8. Lying - Colossians 3:9 "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds."
9. Cheating - 1 Thessalonians 4:6 "That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified."
10. Hypocrisy - Luke 6:42 "Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."
11. Robbing God - Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."
12. Anger - Ephesians 4:31 "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."
13. Hindering Others From Being Useful - Luke 11:52 "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered."
14. Unforgiveness - Mark 11:26 "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

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Week 5

PRAYER INVENTORY

Is your prayer life better now than it was a year ago? Take this assessment as an evaluation!

1. What time of day do you pray? AM Mid-Morning Afternoon Evening Midnight

2. Do you pray at the same time each day?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

3. Do you spend more time in prayer now than you did last year?

4. Do you read your Bible daily during your prayer time?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

5. Do you read through the Bible each year?

6. Do you use a devotional in your prayer time? (Example: Daily Bread)

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

7. Do you routinely keep a prayer journal?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

8. Do you add fasting (abstaining from food, activities) to your prayers?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

9. Do you use praise in your prayer time?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

10. Do you use a songbook in your prayer time?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

11. Do you attend prayer meetings?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

12. Do you have a quiet time with God where you only listen?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

13. Do you pray for the persecuted church?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

14. Do you have a prayer partner?

15. Do you routinely pray for the pastors and teachers of your church?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

16. Do you pray for souls to be saved?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

17. Do you pray for your children?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

18. Do you pray for your spouse?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

19. Do you pray for world wide revival?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

20. Do you receive answers to your prayers?

NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES OFTEN ALWAYS

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PRAYER IS ASKING IN JESUS' NAME

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees. And looks to that alone, laughs at impossibilities and cries it shall be done." -- Charles Wesley

Biblical Examples

Abraham had a closet of prayer. Genesis 21:33: "And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God." Abraham planted a grove. He planted a group of trees in a dry place. What for? So he could have a quiet, shady, private place of prayer.

Jacob, when coming to the brook Jabbok, sent his wives and servants away in order to be alone with God. "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day" (Genesis. 32:24). Jacob was accustomed to the secret place of prayer. It is in those places where we can wrestle with God to receive the blessing, that otherwise would not be ours.

David made many a hillside and valley his closet of prayer when he served as a shepherd. Later, as a fugitive, he prayed in caves. Oh, what tremendous prayer literature is recorded in the Psalms of David which has come out of his secret prayer closets.

In Daniel, it is recorded: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforesaid" (Daniel 6:10).

Jonah apparently did not have his regular times of secret prayer. And so, unbeknownst to himself, he developed an attitude that stirred up the whole eastern Mediterranean Sea. What all are you stirring up by not frequenting the secret place of prayer, by not having a prayer closet where you meet with God alone? What are you stirring up in your marriage, in your church, or on your job because you are prayerless?

Hannah had her place of prayer. As a woman in those days, she found it difficult to find a geographical place of prayer. But she was shut up in her soul and prayed silently, only her lips moving. And, yet, God heard her just the same and gave her the first prophet of Israel: Samuel.

Jesus knew the power of shutting himself in. He admonished us to do likewise. It was said of him, "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray" (Mark. 6:46). In this passage, Jesus sent the multitudes away. Why? Because it was time to pray. What are you willing to send away so that you might get to prayer?

Cornelius prayed always and the angel told him to send for Peter.

Peter found a closet of prayer wherever he went. In Joppa, he found it on a rooftop: "On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour" (Acts 10:9).

List 3 reasons why you think people fail to pray each day?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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GEORGE MUELLER'S PRAYER LIFE

In November, 1844, I began to pray for the conversion of five individuals. I prayed every day without a single intermission, whether sick or in health, on the land or on the sea, and whatever the pressure of my engagements might be.

Eighteen months elapsed before the first of five was converted. I thanked God and prayed on for the others.

Five years elapsed, and then the second was converted. I thanked God for the second, and prayed on for the other three.

Day by day I continued to pray for them, and six years passed before the third was converted. I thanked God for the three and went on praying for the other two.

These two remained unconverted.

“The man to whom God in the riches of his grace has given tens of thousands of answers to prayer in the self-same hour or day in which they were offered has been praying day by day for nearly 36 years for the conversion of these individuals, and yet they remain unconverted. But I hope in God, I pray on, and look yet for the answer. They are not converted yet, but they will be.”

This was the faith that carried him through every difficult place. He met emergencies by asking and in due time God supplied whatever the need might be.

Were those prayers unanswered you ask? In 1897, those two men, sons of a friend of Mr. Mueller's youth, were not yet converted, after he had entreated God in their behalf for 52 years daily. But after his death, God brought them into the fold. (Excerpt from the book George Mueller by Basil Miller pg. 146)

P – PETITION

R – RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND MAN

A – ABIDING IN CHRIST AND ADORATION OF PRAISE

Y – YIELD AND SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL

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OBEDIENCE

O – OBTAINS GOD’S FRIENDSHIP. John 15:14 “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” We can be friends with God. Abraham was a friend of God. (James 2:23)

B – BETTER THAN SACRIFICE & BRINGS BLESSINGS. 1 Sa. 15:22 Samuel the prophet shares “...to obey is better than sacrifice.” Deuteronomy 28 lists blessings and the curses. Deuteronomy 5:29 “O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!”

E – EXHIBITS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. John 15:5 “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” The fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

D – DEATH TO SELF-LIFE & DISCIPLINE. Hebrews 12:5-6 “My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and disciplines.” Discipline must be joined with death to self. It is dying out to what we want, what we plan and so forth. Luke 9:23 “If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Paul said: “I die daily.” 1 Co 15:31

I – INVITATION, INSTANT OBEDIENCE, & IMITATORS OF CHRIST-LIKE BEHAVIORS. Mark 2:14 “Follow me.” Levi got up and followed Christ. John 1:43 to Philip he said: “Come follow me.” Ephesians 5:1 “Be imitators of God.”

E – ENTHUSIASM, ENJOYS, and EMPOWERED when we obey. John 15:10-11 “If ye keep my commandments, These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

N – NEEDS SUPPLIED Philippians 4:19 “But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” We all have lots of “wants,” but God only promises to supply our needs!

C – CARRIES THE CROSS & CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. Luke 14:27 “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

E – ETERNAL LIFE. Rev. 22:14 Eternal life is promised to those who obey. “Blessed are they who do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

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