

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.?

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