



EQUIP **Guide**





¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20





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How To Use This Tool

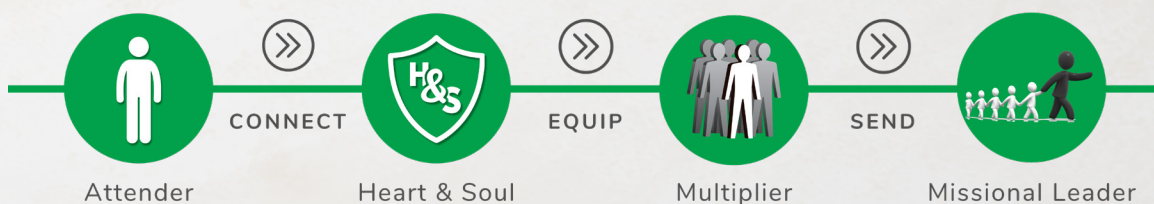
Making disciples who are making disciples will always be the primary goal of God's church. If you are reading this, it means you have decided to take a big step in your faith and begin this process of making disciples. Once you've identified someone who has a desire to grow deeper in their faith, utilize this tool to help guide you in your discipleship journey. This will include 20 sessions of focused personal development that will help us develop and equip leaders within our church. These are designed to be conversations about the most essential topics of Christianity. The ultimate goal of this is to help people grow personally and equip them to make disciples.

When it comes to discipleship, it is important to know that there is no $A + B = C$ to it. Every relationship is different. Discipleship at its core is about meeting people exactly where they are and helping them get to where God wants them to be. Meeting people where they are is all about asking good questions and being transparent. Helping people get to where God wants them to be is all about knowing that God desires for all believers to be disciples that make other disciples. Keep this on the forefront of your heart and mind as you use this guide.

Every conversation will not look the same and that is okay. Approach each session prayerfully and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. If He leads in a different direction during a meeting, follow His lead, He is our greatest helper.

Flow of Meeting:

- **Check In** - Discipleship is gospel-centered friendship, nothing more, nothing less. The first part of your meeting should be about growing your friendship. What's going on in their life? What's God teaching them? How's their marriage? How's their kids? How can I pray for you?
- **412 Reading Plan** - After the first meeting, connect them into the 412 reading plan and start reading it together. The greatest thing you can ever teach somebody is how to read their Bible and hear from God. Use this time to focus on that. Create questions to help them if needed.
- **Equip Conversation** - Use this time to really dive into the topics listed below.



**For more resources for each session, visit <https://ccvidalia.com/equip>*





Session 2: What is the Gospel?

Session Goal: The person would grow in their understanding of the gospel and be equipped to share it with others.

Scripture: Rom 1:16; Eph 2:1-10; Col 2:13-15; 2 Cor 5:21; John 3:16

Memory Verse: Rom 1:16

Helpful Questions:

1. How has your week been spiritually? / What is God teaching you through 412?
2. What sins are you struggling with that you need to confess?
3. If someone asked you the question, "What is the gospel?" How would you respond? What Scriptures would you go to? Address common misconceptions.
4. According to Romans 1:16, what does the Gospel have power to do?
5. Read Eph 2:1-10. What do these verses teach us about the good news of Jesus?
 - a. What does this passage teach us about who we were before Christ?
 - b. What does this passage teach us about how we can be saved?
 - c. What does this passage teach us about God's purpose for our lives after salvation?
6. Read Col 2:13-15. What do these verses teach us about the good news of Jesus?
 - a. How do these verses change the way you view the cross?
 - b. How do these verses change your view of sin?
7. Read 2 Cor 5:21.
 - a. What does this passage teach us about how we gain the righteousness of God?
 - b. How does thinking about Jesus in your place stir your affections for Him?
8. Read John 3:16. What does this verse teach us about the good news of Jesus?
 - a. What does this verse say about God's love for you? (See Romans 5:8)
 - b. How do we see all 4 components of the gospel in this passage?
(4 components: Character of God, Sinfulness of man, Sufficiency of Christ, Our Response)
9. What is your next step when it comes to the gospel? Living it? Sharing it?

The Gospel



Creation



Sin



Redemption



Restoration



Common Misconceptions

- *The Intellectual Only gospel* = This person can recite John 3:16 but the gospel hasn't transformed their heart & lives.
- *The Good Ole Boy gospel* = This person believes that being a good person is enough. They don't understand the wages of sin or their need for a Savior.
- *The Prosperity gospel* = This person believes that Jesus guarantees a happy, healthy life with no troubles. They refuse to believe Jesus' teaching in John 16:33.
- *The Self-Help gospel* = This person has a small view of sin & believes that sin is not the issue, it's an issue. Therefore, they don't really need a Savior, just to channel their inner good and be a better person. This distortion plays on our self-esteem & feelings.
- *The Works Based gospel* = This person believes that faith alone is not enough for salvation. We need to add something to it: good works, rule following, traditions, etc. But we cannot add one thing to the saving work and person of Jesus Christ.
- *The License to Sin gospel* = This person believes that Jesus is their righteousness and perfection, so they can live however they want because in the end, they're saved! They use God's grace as a license to sin. However, Paul says in Romans 6 that we have been set free from the lifestyle of sin to live for Christ. To follow Jesus is to turn away from sin.
- *The Overnight Perfection Gospel* = This person believes that salvation equals immediate perfection. In their eyes, salvation immediately eliminates all sin and struggles in our lives. This person has a misunderstanding of the process of salvation: justification, sanctification, & glorification.

Common Next Steps

- **Live the Gospel:** Often in the Bible, we see Paul tell believers to live in a manner worthy of the gospel. What he means is that we never move past the gospel. As we continually reflect on God's grace, it fuels everything we do. How we live. How we talk. How we treat others. The purpose of our lives. Everything in our lives is shaped by Christ: Who He is & What He's done. Talk to them about what it looks like to really live our lives in response to the gospel.
- **Share the Gospel:** When we become a Christian, we are empowered with the heart of God for people and entrusted with the gospel message. And this message is the power of God for salvation to all people. And here's the crazy reality, statistics show that most church goers never share the gospel. How in the world can we have the cure for mankind terminal sickness and not share it. God's heart is that we would be his rescue team to the world. He's given us the incredible privilege of being a part of His mission to reconcile people back to himself.

Notes:



Session 3: What is a Disciple?

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of what a disciple is.

Scripture: Luke 9:21-27, John 13:34-35; Matt 4:18-22; John 8:31-47; Luke 14:25-35

Memory Verse: Matthew 4:19

Helpful Questions:

1. How has your week been spiritually? / What is God teaching you through 412?
2. What sins are you struggling with that you need to confess?
3. What does it mean to be a disciple?
4. Is there a difference between being a Christian and being a disciple? Explain
5. Read Luke 9:23-24. What do these verses teach us about being a disciple?
6. Read John 13:34-35. How do we recognize disciples of Jesus?
7. Read Matthew 4:18-22. What exactly did Jesus say when he first called his disciples? What does it mean to “follow” someone?
8. Read John 8:31-47. How do true disciples respond to Jesus’ teaching?
9. Read Luke 14:25-35. What do these verses teach us about a disciple?
10. Based on what we’ve talked about today, what is your next step when it comes to being a disciple?

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Characteristics of A Disciple

- 1 ♦ Self Denial
- 2 ♦ Love for Others
- 3 ♦ Living Sent
- 4 ♦ Love for God & His Word
- 5 ♦ Unconditional Commitment



Session 4: Identities of a Disciple: Worshiper

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of what worship is and embrace it as their lifestyle.

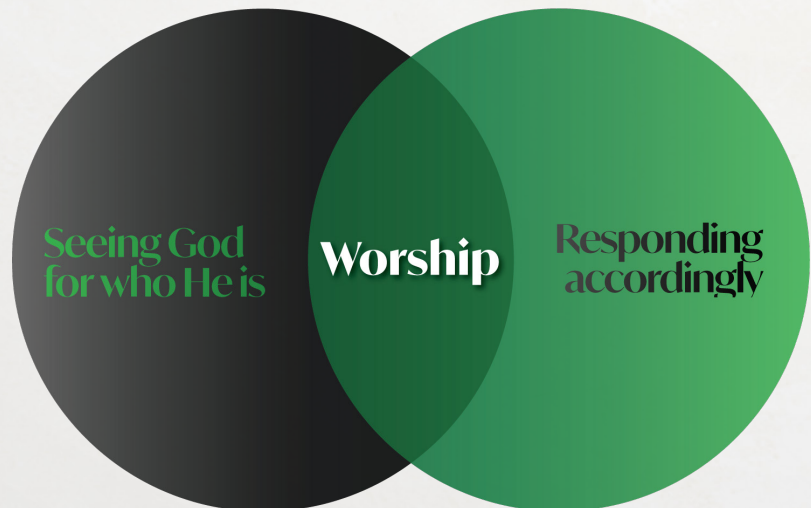
Scripture: Romans 12:1; Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Chronicles 16:23-31; Psalm 95:1-11; John 4:23-24; Romans 1:25; Exodus 20:2-6

Memory Verse: Rom 12:1

Helpful Questions:

1. How would you define the term worship?
2. Read Romans 12:1. What does this passage teach us about worship?
 - a. What is true and proper worship?
 - b. What does it mean to worship in view of God's mercy?
 - c. How do we present ourselves as a living sacrifice?
3. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. What does this passage teach us about worship?
 - a. How did Isaiah respond to seeing God and experience His grace?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 16:23-30. What does this passage teach us about worship?
 - a. What are some characteristics of worship described in this text?
5. Read Psalm 95:1-11. What does this passage teach us about worship?
6. Read Romans 1:21-25. What does this passage teach us about idolatry?
 - a. What is idolatry? How does this passage show us the process of idolatry?
 - b. What is your time, talent, money, thoughts, energy, and affections devoted to?
 - c. What would you say you are worshipping right now?
7. Read Exodus 20:2-6. What does this teach us about idolatry?
 - a. Why is God warning His people about worshipping idols?
 - b. How strongly does God love His people and want their worship?
 - c. What are some common idols today that we are tempted to worship over God?
8. Read John 4:23-24. What does it mean to worship in Spirit & Truth?
 - a. Why are both important when it comes to true worship?
9. Based on what we've talked about today, what is your next step when it comes to being a worshiper?

*Worship involves seeing
God for who He truly
is and responding
accordingly.*





Session 5: Identities of a Disciple: Servant

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of serving & embrace it as a lifestyle.

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11; John 13:1-17; Mark 10:35-45; Galatians 5:13; 2 Cor 5:14-15

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:3-4

Helpful Questions:

1. What does it look like to embrace the lifestyle of a servant?
2. What is the purpose of serving? Why is serving a big deal in the kingdom of God?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-11. What does this teach us about being a servant?
 - a. What do v3-4 teach us about the motivation of our service?
 - b. Why does Jesus care about our motivation in serving?
 - c. What was the mindset of Christ? How can we learn from it?
4. Read John 13:1-17. What does this teach us about being a servant?
 - a. How would you respond if Jesus were to wash your feet?
 - b. Would you have washed Judas' feet? Why does Jesus?
 - c. How is humble service a picture of the gospel to an unbelieving world?
5. Read Mark 10:35-45. What does this teach us about being a servant?
 - a. Who did Jesus say would be the greatest in the kingdom?
 - b. How would your life change if you truly believed the greatest thing you could do is serve?
6. Read Galatians 5:13. What does this teach us about being a servant?
 - a. What does it look like to indulge the flesh rather than humbly serve and love others?
7. Read 2 Cor 5:14-15. What does this teach us about being a servant?
 - a. What compels us to serve God? How do we resist living for ourselves?
8. What is one area of your life where you can become a better servant?
9. What are some action steps to begin taking to help you in becoming a faithful servant?
(Ex. Start serving at church, having a servant's heart at work, serving your spouse)

Saved People
erve People.



Session 6: Identities of a Disciple: Missionary

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of what it means to be a missionary & embrace it as a lifestyle.

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 5:16-6:2; Romans 10:8-15; Matthew 24:14

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:18-20

Helpful Questions:

1. What is a missionary?
2. Read Matthew 4:19. Who is called to be a missionary in the Christian faith?
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What does this teach us about the mission?
 - a. What does it mean to “go and make disciples”?
 - b. What does it mean to “baptize”?
 - c. What does it mean to “teach to obey”?
4. Read Acts 1:8. What does this teach us about being a missionary?
 - a. What is a witness? Who gives us power to be witnesses?
 - b. Where are we called to go?
 - c. What does it look like for you to live sent where you are?
5. Read Romans 10:8-15. What does this teach us about being a missionary?
 - a. Who will be saved?
 - b. How will people hear the good news?
 - c. How do you share the gospel? (ask them to verbally share the gospel with you)
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2. What does this teach us about being a missionary?
 - a. What does it mean to be an ambassador?
 - b. How do we live as an ambassador for Christ on this earth?
 - c. What does it look like for you to live as a minister of reconciliation to the world?
7. Read Matthew 24:14. Where will the gospel ultimately go?
 - a. Talk about our role as disciples in this movement of the gospel
8. Based on what we’ve talked about today, what is your next step when it comes to being a missionary?

Saved People Live Sent.



Session 7: The Bible

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of the Bible and how to connect with God through it.

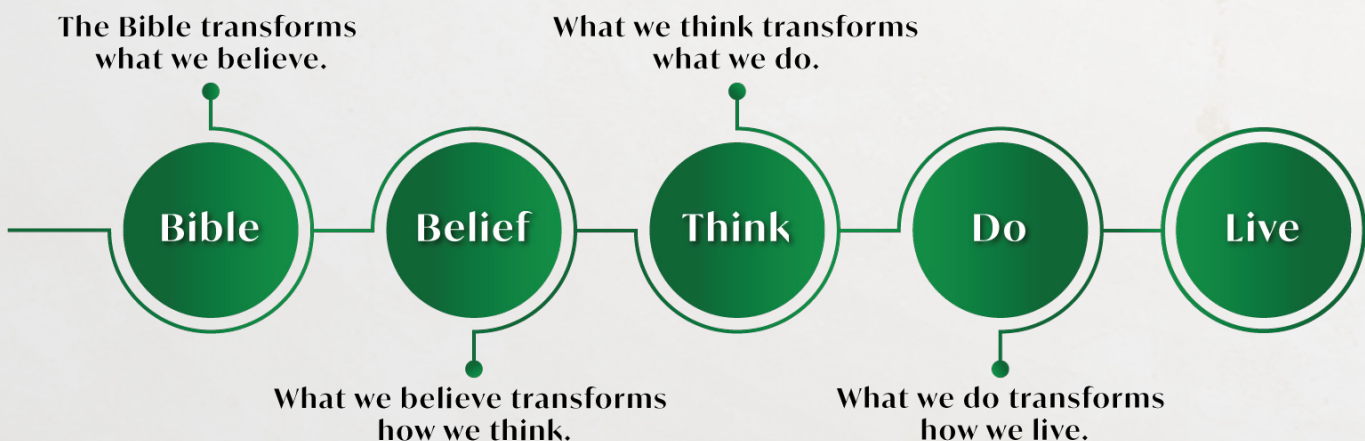
Scripture: Table of Contents, John 5:39-40; 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 12:2

Memory Verse: 2 Tim 3:16-17

Helpful Questions:

1. When it comes to studying the Bible, what is the most helpful thing you have learned?
2. What is the difference between the Old Testament and New Testament?
3. Open up to the table of contents and talk through how the Bible is broken down:
 - a. Genesis - Esther = Historical Books of Old Testament
 - b. Job - Song of Solomon = Writings of God's People
 - c. Isaiah - Malachi = Writings of the Prophets
 - d. Matthew - Acts = Historical Books of the New Testament
 - e. Romans - Jude = Letters (from specific people to specific people)
 - f. Revelation = Prophetic Vision from God to John
4. How does knowing the breakdown and context of the Bible help us read it?
 - a. Check out The Bible Project for book summary videos (<https://bibleproject.com>).
5. Read John 5:39-40. Why do we read the Bible?
 - a. How does reading the Bible to know God change the way you read it?
6. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does this teach us about the Bible?
 - b. What does it mean that "all Scripture is God breathed"? Why is it important?
 - c. What is Scripture useful for? What does it look like for God's Word to teach us? Rebuke us? Correct us? Train us?
 - d. What does it mean for the Bible to be the "ultimate" authority in your life?
 - e. How does it change the way we read God's Word when it has the ultimate authority in our lives?
7. Read Hebrews 4:12. What does this teach us about the Bible?
 - a. What does it mean that the Word of God is living and active?
 - b. How do we know when God is speaking to us through His Word?
8. Read Romans 12:2. What does it look like for God's Word to renew our minds?
 - a. How do we know God's will for our lives?
 - b. What happens when our mind is not being renewed by God's Word?
9. How can I help you to be more faithful in studying God's Word as you grow in your faith?

How the Bible Renews Our Mind





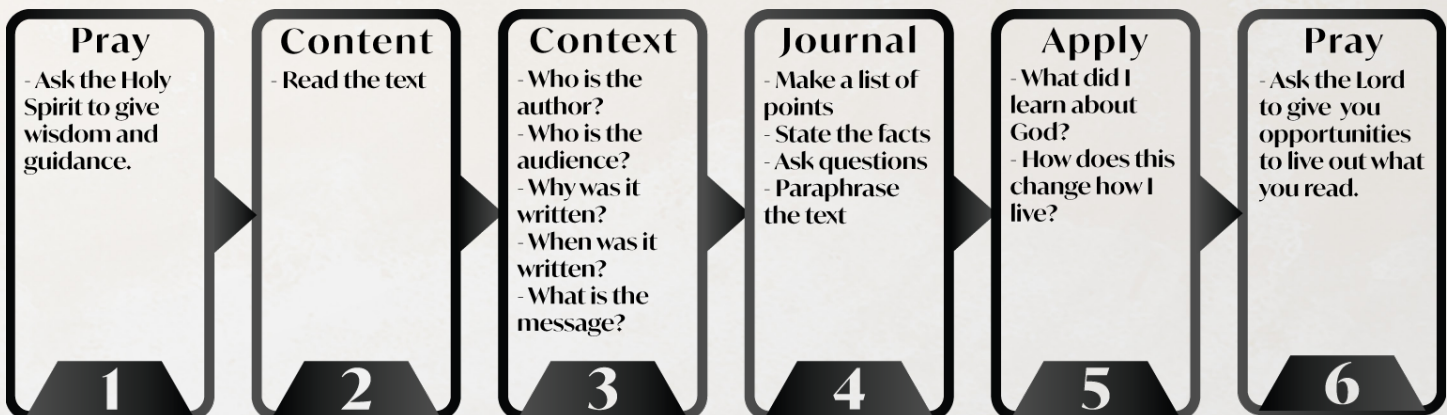
Common Misconceptions

- The most common misconception is that people read the bible for information instead of transformation.
- People think the Bible is too hard to understand
- People think the Bible is just a rule book.
- People think the Bible is not relevant to their life.
- People think the Bible is not trustworthy.

Common Next Steps

- People begin to consistently read the Bible. (412 Reading Plan)
- People begin studying the Bible more deeply.
- People begin Memorizing Scripture
- Purchase a study Bible.
- People start journaling what they learn.
- People begin to obey what they already know.
- People begin to share the gospel with someone.
- People begin to invite a person into a discipleship relationship

How to Study the Bible





Session 8: Who is God? The Father

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of God the Father.

Scripture: Psalm 99:9; Psalm 89:14; Isaiah 46:9-10; Isaiah 43:13; Malachi 3:6; Psalm 139; Romans 5:8; John 14:6; Psalm 145:8-9

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 9:24

Helpful Questions:

1. If you were asked, “Who is God the Father?” How would you respond?
2. Who has shaped your view of God the most?
3. How does truly knowing someone and their character help you trust them more?
4. Read through each attribute and scripture, then discuss:
 - a. What does each attribute mean?
 - b. How does the attribute help you trust God more?

- God is Holy (Read Psalm 99:9 & Revelation 4:8)
- God is Creator (Read Genesis 1:1)
- God is Righteous and Just (Read Psalm 89:14)
- God is Sovereign (Read Isaiah 46:9-10 & Romans 8:28)
- God is Eternal (Read Psalm 90:2 & Revelation 22:13)
- God is Immutable (Read Malachi 3:6)
- God is Omniscient (Read Psalm 139:1-6)
- God is Omnipresent (Read Psalm 139:7-12)
- God is Love (Read Romans 5:8 & 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)
- God is Truth (Read John 14:6)
- God is Merciful (Read Psalm 145:8-9 & Ephesians 2:4-5)

5. Based on our conversation today, what is your next step?

**Many people’s view of God has been shaped by something other than the Bible (ex: family, life experiences, opinions, or something they’ve been taught). It’s important to uncover the person’s view of God. Then, you can begin to help them base their view of God on the Truth of God’s Word.*





Session 9: Who is God? The Son

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of Jesus, God the Son.

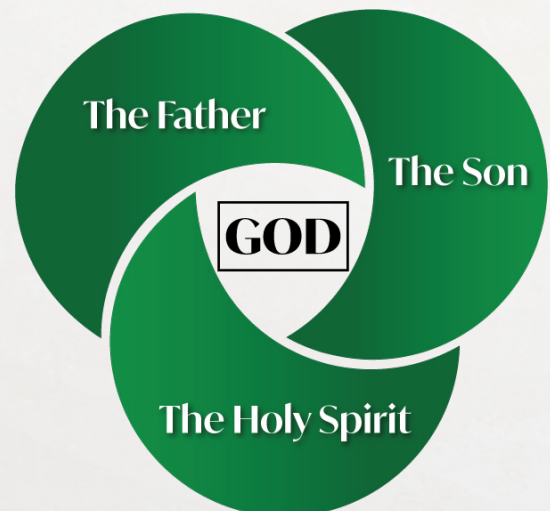
Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4, Col 1:15-20, John 6:35; John 8:12; John 10:7-18; John 11:25-26; John 14:6-7; John 15:1-8

Memory Verse: John 14:6

Helpful Questions:

1. If you were asked, “Who is Jesus?” How would you respond?
2. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. What does this teach us about Jesus?
 - a. If Jesus is the exact representation of God, where is the best place to look to truly know God?
3. Read Colossians 1:15-20. What does this teach us about Jesus?
 - a. What does it mean that you were created by Him and for Him?
4. Read John 6:35. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Bread of Life?”
 - a. What would it look like if Jesus was as essential as food in your life?
5. Read John 8:12. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Light of the World?”
 - a. What are the implications of this in your life?
 - b. How does John 3:19-21 help us understand this more?
6. Read John 10:7-10. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Gate for the Sheep?”
 - a. What is the only door to salvation? What other doors do people try to use?
7. Read John 10:11-15. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Good Shepherd?”
 - a. How does knowing this help you follow Jesus more passionately?
8. Read John 11:25. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Resurrection and the Life?”
 - a. How does knowing this change your view of death?
9. Read John 14:6. What does it mean that Jesus is “The Way, The Truth, and The Life?”
 - a. What are the implications of this verse in your life?
10. Read John 15:1-15. What does it mean that Jesus is “The Vine?”
 - a. What does it mean to abide in Christ?
11. How does understanding the claims that Jesus made about Himself change your view of Him?

*When we create our own Jesus,
the list of false belief is endless.
Most people create their own view
of Jesus based on what they want
or what their experiences have
led them to believe.*





Session 10: Who is God? The Holy Spirit

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of the Holy Spirit.

Helpful Questions:

1. If you were asked, “Who is the Holy Spirit?” How would you respond?
2. How has your view of the Holy Spirit changed since becoming a Christian?
3. Read through each of these Scriptures in the chart below. Talk about what each of these passages teach us about the Holy Spirit.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He saves us (Titus 3:5-6)• He convicts us (John 16:8)• He regenerates us (John 3:6-7)• Causes us to feel Christ’s heart for us (Rom 5:3-8)• He seals us (Eph 1:13)• He dwells in us (1 Cor 6:19; Rom 8:11)• He transforms us into the image of Christ. (2 Cor 3:18)• He enables us to kill sin (Rom 8:13)• He produces fruit in you (Gal 5:22-23)• He guides us into Truth (John 16:13) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He empowers us to be witnesses (Acts 1:8)• He intercedes for us when we don’t know what to pray (Rom 8:26-27)• He reminds us what’s true (John 14:26)• He fills us (Eph 5:18)• He points us to Jesus (John 15:26)• He equips us with Gifts (1 Cor 12:4-7)• He testifies in our hearts that we are God’s children (Gal 4:6)• He leads us (Gal 5:18, 25)• He grants and nurtures in us resurrection life (Rom 8:11) |
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4. Read John 16:7. Why did Christ say it was better that He send us the Holy Spirit?
 - a. God in us is better than Jesus beside us.
5. Read Titus 3:3-7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in salvation?
6. Read John 15:1-17. How do I know if I have been filled with the Spirit?
7. Read Romans 8:1-11. What is the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer?
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19. What does it mean to “quench the Spirit”?
 - a. How do we quench Him?
9. Read Galatians 5:16-24. How do I know that I am walking by the Spirit?
 - a. Am I pursuing Jesus? (John 15)
 - b. Am I more focused on things of the flesh or of the Spirit? (Galatians 5)
 - c. Am I producing good fruit? (examples?) (Galatians 5)
 - d. Am I being disciplined or making disciples? (Matthew 28)
10. What is your next step based on our conversation today?

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Session 11: Salvation

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of salvation and its evidences.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10, Acts 2:37-38; Romans 10:9-10, Ezekiel 36:26-27; James 2:14-26; Romans 6:17-18; Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 7:21-24, 1 John 5:11-13

Memory Verse: Romans 10:9-10

Helpful Questions:

1. What does it mean to be saved?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What does this teach us about salvation?
 - a. What is man's spiritual condition before salvation?
 - b. How are we saved?
 - c. Why is it important to understand that salvation is a work of God and not something we can do in and of ourselves?
 - d. What does v10 teach us about our purpose after salvation?
3. Read Acts 2:37-38 & Romans 10:9-10. What is man's responsibility in salvation?
 - a. What is repentance? What is faith?
 - b. Why is baptism important?
4. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27. What does this passage teach us about salvation?
5. Read James 2:14-26. What are the evidences of true conversion?
6. Read Romans 6:17-18. What are the evidences of true conversion?
7. Read Galatians 5:22-25. What are the evidences of true conversion?
8. Read Matthew 7:21-24. What was Jesus warning about salvation?
9. Read 1 John 5:11-13. How can we be sure that we are saved?
10. What is your next step based on our conversation today?

We're not saved by our good works.

We're saved for good works.



Session 12: Sin

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of sin and how to fight it.

Scripture: Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8; John 8:34; 2 Peter 1:3; Romans 7:14-25, Romans 6:1-14, Galatians 5:16-25, Ephesians 4:17-32; Hebrews 3:12-13

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:8

Helpful Questions:

1. What is sin? What have you learned about sin since becoming a believer?
2. Read Romans 3:10-18; 23. What does it mean that we have all sinned & fallen short of the glory of God?
3. Read 1 John 1:8. Why is it important to understand that we all struggle with sin?
4. Read John 8:34: What does it mean that we are slaves to sin?
5. Romans 6:1-14. What does this passage teach us about sin?
6. Romans 7:14-25. How can you relate with Paul's words here?
7. Read 2 Peter 1:3. How does the Holy Spirit give us the ability to say no to sin?
8. Read Galatians 5:16-26. When we become a Christian, how does our relationship with sin change?
9. Read Ephesians 4:17-32. What does this passage teach us about fighting sin?
10. Read Colossians 3:5-10. Why does God want us to put sin to death?
11. Read Titus 2:11-14. What is the best way to fight sin in our lives?
12. Read Hebrews 3:12-13. How does community help us fight sin?
13. What is your next step when it comes to fighting sin?

***Be killing sin
or sin will
be killing
you.***

- John Owen



Session 13: Spiritual Warfare

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of spiritual warfare.

Scripture: John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:10-20; Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, James 4:7

Memory Verse: James 4:7

Helpful Questions:

1. When you think about spiritual warfare, what comes to mind?
2. Read John 10:10 & 1 Peter 5:8-9. What is Satan's plan for your life?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-7. What does this teach us about the schemes of Satan?
4. Read Matthew 4:1-11. How does Satan attack specifically in this passage?
 - a. How does Jesus resist?
5. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. How does each piece of armor help us fight the enemy?
 - a. Talk about each piece.
 - b. How does spiritual warfare drive us to prayer?
6. Read 2 Cor 10:3-5. What does this teach us about spiritual warfare?
7. Read James 4:7. What does this verse teach us about spiritual warfare?
8. What is your next step when it comes to spiritual warfare?

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.

- CS Lewis



Session 14: Money

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of money and how to honor God with it.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Luke 12:15; Hebrews 13:5; Proverbs 15:27; Mark 10:17-31; Malachi 3:6-12 Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:1-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; 1 John 3:17

Memory Verse: 2 Cor 9:11

Helpful Questions:

1. How do we honor God with our money?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10;17-19. What is God's warning to us about money?
3. Read Luke 12:15, Heb 13:5, Prov 15:27. What do these verses teach us about money? How does it change the way you view money?
4. Read Mark 10:17-31. What kept the Rich Young Ruler from following Jesus?
5. Read Malachi 3:6-12. What is tithing? What is God's promise when it comes to tithing?
6. Read Matthew 25:14-30. What does this teach us about how to honor God with our money?
 - a. What does God judge these men based on? If you were God, would you trust you with your money?
 - b. What is stewardship? How does understanding this principle affect the way you think about money?
7. Luke 19:1-10. How did Zachaeus' view of money change after meeting Jesus?
8. Read 2 Cor 9:6-15. What does God want us to do with our money & wealth?
 - a. What does it mean to "give what you have decided in your heart to give"?
 - b. Why does God want his people to be characterized by generosity?
9. Read 1 John 3:17. What is one of the fruits of the love of God at work in us?
10. What is your next step when it comes to honoring God with your money?

Three Primary Teachings on Money in Scripture:

- 1. A warning against greed and idolatry.***
- 2. A responsibility to be a good steward.***
- 3. A call to live with extravagant generosity.***



Session 15: Prayer

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of prayer, it's purpose, and how they can grow in it.

Scripture: Exodus 33:7-11; John 14:13-14; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7; James 5:16-18; 1 Thess 5:16-17; Matt 6:5-15; Colossians 1:3-14; Psalm 86; Psalm 66:18; James 4:3; James 1:5-8; John 15:7; Isaiah 59:1-2; Prov 21:13; 1 Peter 3:7

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6

Helpful Questions:

1. When it comes to prayer, what have you learned since becoming a Christian?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your prayer life? Explain.
3. Read Exodus 33:7-11. In Christ, who else has this type of access to God?
4. What is the purpose of prayer? What are God's promises when it comes to prayer?
 - a. Read John 14:13-14, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:6-7, James 5:16-18, and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17.
5. How did Jesus teach us to pray?
 - a. Read Matthew 6:5-15.
 - b. Use ACTS acrostic: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication.
 - c. Read Colossians 1:3-14. What can we learn about prayer from Paul?
6. Read Psalms 86. What can we learn about prayer from David?
7. What has the power to hinder our prayers?
 - a. Read Psalm 66:18, James 4:3, James 1:5-8, John 15:7, Isaiah 59:1-2, Proverbs 21:13, and 1 Peter 3:7.
8. How can we help each other grow when it comes to prayer?

A *Adoration*

Confession **C**

T *Thanksgiving*

Supplication **S**



Session 16: Obedience

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of obedience.

Scripture: John 14:15-31; Romans 6:17; James 1:22-25; 1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 5:2-3; Matthew 7:24-27; Matthew 22:37-40; 2 Cor 10:5; 1 Cor 6:9-11

Memory Verse: 1 John 5:2-3

Helpful Questions:

1. Why is obedience so important in the life of a believer?
2. Read John 14:15-31. How do we know if we love God?
 - a. Are we alone in trying to walk in obedience? Who is our Helper? How does he help us?
3. Read Romans 6:17. What is obedience from the heart? Why is our attitude and action important to God?
4. Read James 1:22-25. What is James' definition of spiritual deception?
 - a. Why does James relate disobedience to looking in a mirror and forgetting your own reflection?
5. Read 1 John 2:3-6. What does this teach us about obedience?
 - a. Is it possible to be a Christian and not walk in obedience? (hint: answer is yes and no)
6. Read 1 John 5:2-3. What is the love of God?
7. Read Matt 7:24-27. What does this teach us about obedience and disobedience?
8. Read Matt 22:37-40 & Matt 28:18-20. What are the greatest commandments? What is the great commission?
9. Read 2 Cor 10:5. Where does the fight of obedience start? How is the mind involved?
10. Read 1 Cor 6:9-11. What are the consequences of disobedience?
11. In your life, what are the greatest enemies of obedience?
12. Based on our conversations today, what is your next step?



Love God



Love Others



Make Disciples



Session 17: Suffering

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of suffering and God's purpose in it.

Scripture: James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 3:7-10; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Romans 8:28; 2 Cor 1:3-11

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

Helpful Questions:

1. What do you believe about suffering?
2. How do you differentiate between suffering and the consequences for our sin?
3. Read James 1:2-4. What does this passage teach us about the purpose of trials & suffering?
 - a. Why can we "consider it joy" as we walk through trials?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What does this passage teach us about suffering?
 - a. How do we find hope in the midst of suffering?
 - b. Is suffering forever?
 - c. What does this passage teach us about the purpose of trials and suffering?
5. Read Romans 5:1-5. What does this passage teach us about suffering?
6. Read Philippians 3:7-10. What does this passage teach us about Paul's view of suffering?
7. Read 2 Cor 4:16-18. What does this passage teach us about how we walk through suffering?
8. Read Romans 8:28. How does this truth help us navigate trials and suffering in our lives?
9. Read John 16:31-33. How do we not live in fear and anxiety if suffering is sure?
10. Read 2 Cor 1:3-11. What does it mean that God comforts us in our trouble?
 - a. Why does God comfort us?
11. How does our conversation today change your view of suffering?



The promise of the Gospel is not that if you follow Jesus everything will go well for you, it's that, no matter what comes, Jesus will be with with you and He's enough.

- Matt Chandler





Session 18: The Church: Community

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of the Church, it's purpose, and how every person plays a part in it.

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:3-8, Matt 16:18; Hebrews 3:12-13; Hebrews 10:24-25

Memory Verse: Acts 2:42

Helpful Questions:

1. When you hear the word "church," what comes to mind?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47. What does this teach us about God's Church?
 - a. What characterized the early church?
 - b. What four things were they devoted to? Discuss each.
 - c. Would you fit in with the early church? Why or why not?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What does this teach us about God's heart for His church?
4. Read Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8. What is God's mission for His Church?
5. Read Romans 12:3-8. What does it mean that the church is a body?
 - a. How does one body part not functioning affect the whole body?
6. Read Matt 16:18. Why is God committed to building His Church? Are you?
7. Read Heb 3:12-13 & Heb 10:24-24. What does this teach us about the importance of our involvement in the church community?
8. Based on today's conversation, what is your next step?

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THE CHURCH IS NOT
AN EVENT TO ATTEND.
IT IS A FAMILY WHERE
YOU BELONG.
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- J.D. GREAR



Session 19: The Church: Spiritual Gifts

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of spiritual gifts, their purpose, and how they can utilize theirs in the church.

Scripture: 1 Cor 12-14; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11-13

Memory Verse: 1 Cor 12:27

Helpful Questions:

1. What do you think of when you hear the term “spiritual gifts?”
2. Read Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor 12:1-11, & 1 Peter 4:10-11.
 - a. What are spiritual gifts? What are their purpose?
 - b. Why is it important to understand the function of spiritual gifts in the church?
3. Read 1 Cor 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11, v28; Ephesians 4:11-12.
 - a. List out each specific spiritual gift.
 - b. How do we identify our spiritual gift? (affinity, ability, affirmation)
 - c. What is your spiritual gift? How can you use it to strengthen the faith of others?
4. Read 1 Cor 14:1-40.
 - a. How does this passage give us more clarity about the gift of tongues and prophecy?
 - b. How they should be used according to God’s Word?
 - c. Why do you think these gifts are so abused in some churches today?

Spiritual Gifts

- Administration
- Apostleship
- Encouragement
- Discernment
- Exhortation
- Evangelism
- Giving
- Faith
- Healing
- Service
- Intercession/Prayer
- Hospitality
- Gifts of Knowledge
- Leadership
- Mercy/Compassion
- Miracles
- Prophecy
- Pastoring / Shepherding
- Tongues
- Teaching
- Interpretation of Tongues
- Wisdom

EVERY PERSON HAS A PURPOSE



Common Misconceptions

- *Myth #1:* Spiritual gifts are not real.
- *Myth #2:* People believe they don't have a spiritual gift.
- *Myth #3:* Spiritual gifts are not important. (underemphasis)
- *Myth #4:* Spiritual gifts are all that matter. (over emphasis.)
- *Myth #5:* One person can possess all the Spiritual Gifts at one time. (Only Jesus)
- *Myth #6:* Certain Spiritual gifts are more valuable than others.
- *Myth #7:* People believe if a certain spiritual gift makes them uncomfortable, they can write it off.

** Disclaimer: There is some controversy around the topic of spiritual gifts. Namely, if God still gives the miracle gifts we see in the Bible (tongues, prophecy, and healing.)*

- *Certain people, who identify as **cessationists**, contend that such supernatural gifts were primarily designed to confirm, and attest to, the truth of the message and ministry of the Apostles. When the apostles passed from the scene in the latter years of the first century AD, the gifts that bore witness to their identity and ministry likewise ceased.*
- *Other people, who identify as **continuationists**, agree that these gifts function in that way. But they contend that all spiritual gifts, even the more miraculous ones, also serve to build up the body of Christ and contribute to the progressive growth of believers throughout the course of the present church age.*
- *See: 1 Cor. 12:14-26; 14:3-6, 12, 26, 31; Eph. 4:11-16*

Common Next Steps

- People will identify their spiritual gift and begin operating in it..
- People gain a clearer understanding of spiritual gifts.

Notes:



Session 20: The Church: Evangelism

Session Goal: The person will grow in their understanding of spiritual gifts, their purpose, and how they can utilize theirs in the church.

Scripture: Mark 16:15-16; Matt 9:36-38; Romans 10:12-15; 1 Cor 9:19-23, Mark 2:1-12; Acts 8:26 -40; 1 Cor 1:17

Memory Verse: Matt 9:37-38

Helpful Questions:

1. Have you ever shared the gospel with someone? Why or why not?
2. Read Mark 16:15-16. What did Jesus command his disciples to do?
 - a. Where did Jesus tell us to go and preach the gospel?
 - b. What is the gospel? (refer to session 2 if needed)
3. Read Matt 9:36-38 & Romans 10:12-15. Why is it so important that we take evangelism seriously?
 - a. What happens if the Church doesn't evangelize?
 - b. What happens if you don't evangelize?
4. Read 1 Cor 9:19-23. What can we learn about evangelism from Paul?
5. Read Mark 2:1-12. What can we learn about evangelism from the friends of this paralytic?
6. Acts 8:26-40. What can we learn about evangelism from Phillip?
7. Read 1 Cor 1:17. What are your biggest insecurities when it comes to sharing the gospel?
 - a. How can I help you overcome them?
8. Practice sharing your story, and the gospel, with someone as if they were sharing with a lost friend.
9. What is your next step when it comes to evangelism?





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