# Kingdom Discovery Bible Study English

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## **Foundational Introductory Teachings**

## Lesson 1: The Creation, Fall of Man and Ransom of Man

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Genesis 1:1 and 1:26-28

- Who made everything?
- Who was given dominion over the Earth?

#### Read Genesis 2:16-17

- What was the one law God gave to man?
- What was the consequence of breaking that law?

#### Read Romans 5:12

- Since Adam sinned, what two things entered the world?
- Why did death spread to all men?

#### Read Hebrews 2:14-15

- Jesus became flesh and blood and died to make someone powerless. Who was He sent to defeat?
- Who had the power over death and subjected all men to slavery through fear of death?
- Therefore, who were men enslaved to?

#### Read Luke 4:5-7

- When Satan was tempting Jesus, who indicated that all the kingdoms of the world were under his control?
- Therefore, who was the ruler of the fallen world?

#### Read John 3:16

- Who sent Jesus, God's only begotten Son, into the world?
- Why did He send Jesus into the world?

#### Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6

- Who is the mediator to reconcile sinful men back to the one true God?
- Jesus gave Himself as a ransom. Describe a ransom.
- Who do you think we were ransomed from?

<u>Summary:</u> God made everything that is and man was the last of His Creation. Man was given one Law and was deceived by Satan and broke that Law. As a result, sin entered the world and all men sinned and were separated from God. Man became enslaved to Satan who then became the ruler of all the kingdoms of the world. But God loved the world so much He sent His only begotten Son Jesus as a ransom to set men free from slavery to Satan and to reconcile men back to the one true God.

- Someone repeat this story in his/her own words
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about Man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 2: Dying with Christ**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Romans 6:22

- Through the ransom of Jesus, what were we freed from?
- What is the benefit (result)?
- What is the outcome?

#### Read 1 John 1:7

• Jesus died on the cross and his innocent blood was shed. What does the blood of Jesus do for us?

#### Read Acts 2:24

• Jesus died, but the Law of sin and death says only sinners die. What happened to Jesus after He died just because he had never sinned?

#### Read Romans 6:2-7

- When we are baptized, what are we baptized into?
- What is the outcome of participating in the death and resurrection of Jesus through water baptism?

#### Read Acts 2:38

• What two things must we do to receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

#### Read John 3:5

- How do we enter the Kingdom of God?
- Someone tell us these teachings about dying with Christ in your own words
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about Man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
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#### Lesson 3: The Theme of the Bible

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 6:9-10

- Jesus told His disciples to pray this way.
- What two things did Jesus ask to be accomplished on Earth the way it is in Heaven?

#### Read Matthew 9:35

• What was Jesus proclaiming everywhere He went?

#### Read Luke 4:43

• What was Jesus sent to preach?

#### Read Acts 1:3

• What did Jesus teach His disciples for 40 days after His resurrection?

#### Read Acts 8:12

• What two things was Philip preaching?

#### Read Acts 28:30-31

• What was Paul teaching and preaching?

#### Read Matthew 24:14

• What must be preached in the whole world before the end will come?

#### Read Revelation 11:15

- What happens after the sounding of the last trumpet?
- How does this compare to what Jesus told us to pray for?
- What do you think the theme of this lesson is?
- Someone summarize these teachings about the theme of the Bible in your own words
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about Man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
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## **Lesson 4: The Kingdom of God**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### All Kingdoms Have Four Things

1) A King; 2) Territory; 3) Citizens; and 4) Laws

#### Read John 18:37

• Who is the King in the Kingdom of God?

#### Read Luke 17:20-21

• Where is the Kingdom of God being planted?

#### Read John 3:5

• How do we become a citizen of the Kingdom of God?

#### Read John 15:1-10

- We become a branch on the vine through repentance, baptism, and being born again. What must we do to remain on the vine?
- Will branches that do not bear fruit remain on the vine?
- What must we do to bear fruit?
- Is citizenship in the Kingdom of God permanent for all citizens?

#### Read John 12:47-50

- What will we be judged by on the last day?
- What are the laws of the Kingdom of God?
- Someone tell us these teachings about the Kingdom of God in your own words
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about Man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 5: Entering the Promised Land**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-12, Hebrews 3:16-4:1 and Jude 5

The Israelites were enslaved in Egypt for 430 years. Then God set them free through the blood of the lamb and making a dry path through the Red Sea. After saving 660,000 men and their families, only two of those men entered the promised land.

- Someone please describe this story in his/her own words.
- How did they die in the wilderness?
- Why did they die in the wilderness?

This event was given by God as an example for Christians. We are saved from Satan, Sin and the World through the blood from the ransom of Jesus and born again, set free in water baptism. We are still in the wilderness (World) after being saved but look forward to the promised land (Heaven).

- What do we learn from this lesson?
- Will all who are saved from Satan, Sin and the World enter the promised land (Heaven)?
- What should we do now that we are saved?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about Man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 6: Surrendering to God**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 14:25-33

- What must we surrender to be a disciple of Jesus?
- What will people do to us if we fail to count the cost and finish what we start?
- Jesus is the strong King and Satan the weak. If we are following Satan, Sin, and the World (the weaker King), what should we do, since the strong King (Jesus) is coming back soon?

#### Read James 4:4 and 1 John 3:15-17

- Can we serve the Kingdom of the world *and* the Kingdom of God?
- Which Kingdom will you serve?
- What must we do to change sides?
- Someone tell us these teachings about *surrendering to God* in your own words
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about Man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 7: Surrendering Everything**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

A young man was visiting a friend and while on the way saw something shiny in a field. He inspected it closer and saw it was a pure gold coin. He then saw the corner of a box sticking out of the soil revealing thousands of gold coins. He looked over his shoulder to confirm he was alone and quickly covered the box with soil. He visited his friend; while visiting he could not get that treasure out of his mind. He knew, being a stranger, he could not simply dig in the field by day or people would see the treasure. He knew he could not get it by night because the neighbors would assume he is a robber and attack him. He knew the only way to get the treasure was to buy the land. So he asked his friend who owned it. It was a widowed old man. He told his friend he wished to move closer and wanted to buy a small plot to build a house. His friend thought that was odd since he already had a nice farm with a nice house. The man then met with the old man and offered him 50,000 shillings for a point of land. The old man refused. But the young man was not deterred. He offered him 100,000. The old man still refused saying he wanted the land to stay in the family. The young man then offered 300,000 shillings. The old man, seeing a big opportunity to get even more land for his grandchildren, counter-offered 500,000 shillings. The young man hastily agreed! But he had one problem. He did not have 500,000 shillings. He quickly went home and sold his two cows, his bicycle, his radio, his phone. But that only gave him under 50,000 shillings. He then looked at his two-acre farm and semi-permanent house. He decided they had to be sold. He told his neighbors he had to sell fast and offered everything for 450,000 shillings. It sold very fast to a rich neighbor. Now the rumors were spreading that he was selling his big farm and house to buy an empty point of land. They were convinced he had gone crazy. After the young man purchased the land, he waited until night to go see if the buried treasure was still there. It was! More gold than he could ever spend in his entire lifetime. He was rich indeed!

- Someone please summarize the story in his/her own words.
- Was the man wise or foolish to sell all that he had to get the farm?
- What would you do if you faced such a great opportunity?

A famous quote: "He is no fool who gives up what he can't keep to gain what he can't lose."

#### Read Matthew 13:44

- Someone explain the parable in your own words.
- What does this lesson tell us about surrendering to God?
- What is more valuable, the things of the world or God's Kingdom?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 8: Entering the Kingdom of God: Baptism that Saves

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read 1 Peter 3:21 and Acts 2:38

Now imagine two bottles. One containing poison and the second something sweet such as juice. Can one drink the poison without harm? Can you pour the juice in the bottle containing poison and drink it? No, it would likewise kill you. Can you simply wash the outside of the bottle containing poison and then drink the contents? No, you will still die. What if you dumped the poison out and then poured the juice in the filthy bottle; will you be safe? No, the poisonous residue will certainly finish you. So is there any way to redeem that bottle full of poison? Yes, there is one way! What if you dumped the content of the bottle, washed the outside of the bottle with water, and washed the inside of the bottle with soap. Then you are free to use that bottle for juice.

The bottle containing poison is us. The poison is sin. The juice is the Holy Spirit. Can the Holy Spirit dwell in an unholy vessel? Absolutely not! First we must empty the contents of the unholy vessel. That is, REPENT! Without repentance, baptism is simply taking a bath, or in our example, washing the outside of the bottle. When we sincerely repent, and are then baptized, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us. That is, when we dump the poison (sin) and are baptized, the blood of Jesus (the soap) cleans the inside of the bottle. After baptism, we lay hands on the candidate and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. Now that they are empty of their sin and cleansed, the Holy Spirit is welcomed.

- Someone explain the parable in your own words.
- Will someone who has been baptized without repenting of his sins be forgiven?
- Will someone who has not repented be born again (filled with the Holy Spirit)?
- Can someone be born again without baptism?

Now I want to emphasize that many have washed the outside of the bottle (been baptized) but few have dumped the poison (sin), been cleansed and born again.

#### Read 1 John 3:4-10 and 5:18

- Can someone who is born again continue practicing sin?
- If a professing Christian is practicing sin, what must we assume about his condition?
- What does this lesson tell us about entering the Kingdom of God?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 9: Repentance—Changing Your Mind

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read 2 Corinthians 7:10

A person sees a cellular phone unattended and steals it. He puts it in his pocket. Then the owner asks if anyone has seen his phone. The thief lies. The owner asks a third person to call his number and the phone rings in the thief's pocket. The owner confronts the thief and he insists (in spite of the obviousness of the situation) that he did not take it. He tosses the phone to the owner and departs upset. That is an example of worldly sorrow. The thief is not upset that he stole the phone. He is upset that everyone knows he stole the phone.

The next day the thief sees the phone unattended again. He steals the phone again but this time removes the sim card (that is the data card that contains the line in foreign phones—when removed the phone is untraceable). The thief is happy. He got away with it.

You see, the thief only experienced worldly sorrow. He was sorry he was caught. He does not fear sin or God. He has not repented (which means "change of mind") about stealing. He just resolved to be more careful to not get caught. That is why people can be unfaithful to their spouses when the wife is away, how people can view pornography, how people can steal when no one is looking. People have not repented and simply care what the world thinks about them and do not fear God. They will repeat the sin and will be condemned in the end. Worldly sorrow leads to death.

Now enter a second scenario. A thief steals an unattended phone. The owner gets a third person to call the line and it rings in the thief's pocket. The thief produces the phone and is very downcast. He confesses he took it to sell it and solve a big family problem. He begs the owner to forgive him. The owner forgives him.

The next day thief number two sees the unattended phone again. This time he runs and grabs the phone and immediately returns it to the owner and warns him to be more careful because someone else might steal it. You see, he repented or "changed his mind" about stealing and can't repeat the sin. We also must "repent" and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Baptism without repentance is simply taking a bath.

- Someone summarize this story in your own words?
- What does this lesson tell us about Repentance?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 10: Confession**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 12:2

I describe our life as a house. We, as citizens of the domain of darkness have sin in every room: pride, lust, greed, and so on. Satan has authority over that house granted him by our sin. He comes and goes as he pleases. In order to clean that house we need to shed light on the darkness. Then the blood of Christ can cleanse us. Then authority is stripped from Satan and the house changes ownership. We are born again and enslaved to God.

I ask the person I am teaching if they clean their house in the dark or in the light. They answer in the light. Well, for the blood of Christ to cleanse us we must shed light on the darkness by public confession. They often ask me if we can simply confess to God or if public confession to one another is necessary. I respond that their choice is public confession to a few now accompanied by forgiveness and cleansing, or keeping their sin secret for now and everything being made public at the judgment accompanied by condemnation. Their choice!

Someone summarize this story in your own words?

#### Read 1 John 1:9 and James 5:16

- What does this lesson tell us about Confession?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### Lesson 11: Do Not Backslide

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 14:28-29 and 14:34-35

- What does Jesus teach us about persevering in the faith?
- What will happen if we fall away?

#### Read 2 Peter 2:20-22 and Hebrews 6:4-6

- According to the Bible, can someone who has fallen away repent again?
- What reason does the Bible give that he can't repent again?

#### Read Hebrews 10:26-31

- If someone willfully sins after receiving the knowledge of the truth, what should he expect?
- Someone summarize these teachings on backsliding.
- What does this lesson tell us about backsliding?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 12: Bear Fruit**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 3:7-10

• Describe fruit in your own words based on this passage.

#### Read John 15:1-10

- Describe fruit according to this passage.
- How do we bear fruit according to Jesus?
- How do we prove that we are a disciple of Jesus?
- What happens to branches that do not bear fruit?

#### Read Matthew 7:15-20

- How do we discern sheep from wolves?
- Can good people have bad fruit and bad people have good fruit?

#### Read Galatians 5:16-25

- Describe bad fruit.
- Describe good fruit.
- Which one do you have?
- Someone summarize these teachings on fruit.
- What does this lesson tell us about fruit?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
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# The Teachings of Jesus

## Lesson 13: Prayer

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 6:5-13

- Someone summarize these teachings in your own words.
- What are the points Jesus is making?
- Is Jesus suggesting how to pray or commanding it?
- What are the elements of the prayer Jesus commands us to pray?

## Read James 4:2-3, James 1:6-8 and Matthew 7:9-11

• Summarize and discuss these teachings.

#### Read Luke 18:1-8

- What is Jesus trying to teach?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 14: The Judgment**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 25:31-46

- Someone summarize these teachings in your own words.
- Based on what will we be judged?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 15: The Four Soils**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 13:3-9 and 18-23

- Someone summarize these teachings in your own words.
- What is the seed, specifically?
- How many of the four soils receive the Word of the Kingdom?
- How many of the three soils that receive the Word of the Kingdom bear fruit?
- What does the Bible say will happen to those who do not bear fruit (was in a prior lesson)?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 16: Build on the Rock**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 7:21-27

- Someone summarize these teachings in your own words.
- Will all who proclaim the Name of Jesus go to Heaven?
- Who will make it to Heaven?
- How do will make sure we build on the rock?
- What did the one who built on sand fail to do?

#### Read 1 John 2:3-6

- If someone does not obey Jesus, what is he called?
- What do these lessons tell us about God?
- What do these lessons tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on these teachings?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 17: Beatitudes**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 6:21-26 and Matthew 5:3-12

- Someone summarize these teachings in your own words.
- Does God care more about our comfort or our character?
- Do God's values match man's values?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 18: God's Two Promises**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 6:25-34

- What two things did Jesus tell us to seek?
- What two things did He promise in return?

#### Read James 2:14-17

- What two things are we commanded to provide to brothers in need?
- What does the Bible say about our faith if we fail to help?

## Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10

- What two things are we commanded to be content with?
- What often happens to disciples who are not satisfied with those two things?
- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 19: Bread of Life

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John Chapter 6

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Was the crown following Jesus for good teachings or for physical food?
- What did Jesus offer them instead of physical food?
- What does this teach us about the importance of taking communion...the body and blood of Christ?
- After this hard teaching, did Jesus remain with a large crowd or just a few loyal followers?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### Lesson 20: Parable of the Tares and Wheat

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 13:24-30 and 13:36-43

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 21: The Parable of the Dragnet**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 13:47-50

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 22: Wedding Feast**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 22:1-14

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 23: Forgiveness**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 21:21-35

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 24: Kingdom Seed**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Mark 4:30-34

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 25: Unrighteous Manager**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 16:1-13

• Someone summarize these teachings.

The manager is us. All we have was given to us by God to manage, but truly belongs to Him. When we assist others with these possessions we will be welcomed in eternal dwellings.

#### Read Luke 12:33-34

- How does this teaching compare to the parable?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### Lesson 26: The Rich Man and Lazarus and the Afterlife

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 16:19-31

• Someone summarize these teachings.

Matthew 25:31-46 says we will go to Heaven or Hell only after judgment. Therefore, this is the place men go before judgment. Read Acts 2:31 which discusses where Jesus went after He died.

- Where did Jesus go when He died?
- Therefore, where were Lazarus and the rich man in the story?
- Do both the righteous and wicked go to Hades when they die?
- Are they in the same place in Hades or are they separated?
- Where do the wicked go after judgment? (Read Matthew 25:31-46 if no one answers)
- Where do the righteous go after judgment?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 27: The Prodigal Son**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 15:11-32

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 28: The Parable of the Guests

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 14:7-15

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 29: The Minas**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 19:11-27

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 30: Kingdom Finances**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 12:13-34

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Should we worry about the things of the world?
- What should be our focus?
- How do we store up treasure in Heaven?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 31: More on Money**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 19:16-29

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Is it easy or hard to get a camel through the eye of a needle?
- What does that teach us about the risks and benefits of being rich?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### Lesson 32: Do not Resist an Evil Person

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew 5:38-48 and Romans 12:17-21.

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- If someone tried to rob your house and you killed him with a machete, who committed the greater sin: the robber or you, the murderer?
- Does God permit returning violence for violence?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# The Life of Jesus

## **Lesson 33: The Nature of Jesus**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 1:1-5 and 1:14 and 1:18.

- Did Jesus exist before He was born?
- Who is the only One who has seen God the Father?

## Read Philippians 2:5-11

- Did Jesus submit to God the Father?
- What did God do to Jesus because He was obedient?

#### Read Hebrews 1:1-4 and Colossians 1:13-20

- For whom and through who was everything created?
- Through whom do we have redemption and forgiveness of sins?
- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 34: The Birth of Jesus

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Matthew Chapters 1 and 2

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 35: The Temptation of Jesus**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 4:1-13

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

#### **Lesson 36: Lazarus**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 11:1-46

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 37: Man Born Blind

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read John 9:1-34

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 38: Paralytic Healed**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Mark 2:1-13

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

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## Lesson 39: Jesus in Samaria

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 4:1-42

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 40: Jesus and Nicodemus**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 3:1-21

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 41: Who is Your Father?**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 8:31-59

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 42: Jesus and the Adulterous Woman

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 8:1-11

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 43: Jesus Heals the Sick**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Mark 5:21-43

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 44: Zaccheus Converted**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 19:1-10

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 45: The Rich Young Ruler**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 18:18-30

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 46: The Transfiguration**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read Luke 9:28-36

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 47: Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read John 16:5-15

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 48: Jesus Prays**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read John 17:1-26

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 49: The Last Supper**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Luke 22:1-23

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# Lesson 50: The Crucifixion of Jesus

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read John Chapters 18 and 19

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 51: The Resurrection of Jesus**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Luke Chapter 24

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Other Teachings**

# **Lesson 52: Humility**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read Luke 22:24-30

• Someone summarize these teachings.

# Read 1 Peter 5:5-7 and Philippians 2:3

- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 53: Submit to Authorities**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Romans 13:1-7

- Does God intend us to submit to governments?
- Who institutes government?
- If we rebel against governing authorities, are we honoring God?

# Read Ephesians 6:5-9 and 1 Timothy 6:1-2

• When we work for others, why are we expected to do our best work, even when our boss is not watching?

# Read Hebrews 3:17

• Why are we commanded to submit to church authorities?

### Read Acts 4:1-22

- Someone summarize this story.
- Did Peter and John submit to the command not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus?
- What did they answer the authorities (see verse 19)?
- When an authority commands us to do something against the Lord's commands, who do we obey, God or man?
- Someone summarize all the teachings for today.
- What does this lesson tell us about God's will concerning submitting to authority?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 54: Marriage**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Ephesians 5:22-33 and 1 Peter 3:1-9

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What is the wife's responsibility with respect to her husband?
- What is a husband's responsibility with respect to his wife?
- Is a husband or wife permitted to ignore their commanded responsibility just because their spouse does not comply with their commanded responsibility? (For example, is a husband free not to love his wife if his wife does not respect him?)
- Will we be judged by how our spouse treats us, or how we obey or disobey the commands directed at us personally?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 55: Child Training**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Psalm 127:3-5

• Are children a blessing or curse?

# Read Ephesians 6:1-4 and Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Who is responsible for training and instructing children in the Word of the Lord?

### Read Hebrews 12:5-11

- Is discipline good or bad for our children?
- What is the result of proper discipline?

## Read Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 19:18, Proverbs 29:15 and Proverbs 29:17

- Summarize these teachings in your own words.
- Who commands parents to discipline children?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 56: Divorce and Remarriage (and Polygamy)**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

Read Luke 16:18, Mark 10:6-12 and Romans 7:2-3

• Someone summarize these teachings.

Marriage is a lifelong covenant between two previously unmarried people. The father of the bride has authority over his daughter and must grant the daughter in marriage by agreement for the marriage to be valid. Dowry can be negotiated with a promise to pay, but the agreement must be made.

- Who has the authority to give a girl away in marriage (see above)?
- Who has the authority to separate a married couple?
- Death is the only thing that can break a covenant; who has authority over death?
- Is it lawful to marry another person if your first spouse is still alive?
- What does Jesus call the second relationship?
- If someone is in a forbidden sinful relationship [either 1.) no agreement with the father or 2.) marriage after divorce or 3.) polygamy], what must be done in order to repent?
- If children were conceived from a forbidden relationship, who is responsible for caring for those children?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 57: Dressing Properly**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

- Are Christian woman supposed to be covered?
- Is this something Paul made up, or was it practiced by all the churches (see verse 16)?

# Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 3:3

• Someone summarize these teachings.

### Read Matthew 5:27-28 and Mark 9:42

- If a woman dresses in a way to cause someone to lust after her, what is the outcome for the man who lusts after her?
- What is the outcome for the woman who causes him to lust after her by dressing inappropriately?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

### Lesson 58: The Great Commission

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Matthew 28:19-20. Mark 16:15-18 and Luke 24:45-48

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- After one goes out and makes disciples through preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, bringing them to repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and baptizing them, what did Jesus say to do with the new disciple?
- What is the end product of the Great Commission?
- If the Great Commission is to make disciples: repentant, baptized believers taught to obey all that Jesus commanded; describe how that compares to common evangelism methods of most churches.
- Do modern evangelism methods, church attendance, or church membership commonly make obedient disciples of Christ?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# Lesson 59: Evangelism

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Luke 9:1-6 and Luke 10:1-11

• Someone summarize these teachings.

## Note the following points:

- 1. The harvest is ready, but workers are lacking.
- 2. Preach the Kingdom and heal the sick.
- 3. Pack light.
- 4. Do not be distracted, but seek the Man of Peace. The Man of Peace is the person God has prepared to reach with the message who will become the center of a new home fellowship.
- 5. Stay with that person discipling them and make them strong. Do not extract them from their environment by inviting them to an existing fellowship.
- 6. Do not waste your time with those who reject the message.

### Read an example of the Man of Peace evangelism in Acts Chapter 10

- Who orchestrated that event?
- Did Peter bring a lot of supplies?
- Was Peter distracted with others on the way to Cornelius?
- Who was the Man of Peace?
- Did Peter go from house to house after ministering to Cornelius or did he stay with Cornelius (verse 48)?
- Did Cornelius gather a group to hear the message or was he baptized alone?
- Do you think Cornelius was invited to an existing fellowship or was a church started in his home?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 60: Suffering and Persecution**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read 1 Peter 2:19-21, 1 Peter 4:1-2, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 1 Peter 5:6-11 and James 1:2-4

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Is suffering for doing good a good thing or a bad thing?
- What does suffering do to our personal character?

### Read Acts 5:17-42

- Did the Apostles consider suffering for Jesus good or bad?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

### **Lesson 61: The Great Commandment**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read James 2:8, Matthew 7:12 and John 13:34-35

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What is the Kingdom Law?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

### Lesson 62: Build to Last

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

Chris was given 10 million shillings and told to build two houses. The conditions were he was to live in the first house for just one day. He would live in the second house for the rest of his life. The man proceeded to build the first house; it was a beautiful house costing nine million shillings. There only remained one million shillings for his permanent house.

Was Chris wise or foolish?

#### Read Matthew 6:19-20

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What mistake did Chris make?
- Where did Chris store his treasure?
- Where are you storing your treasure?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# Lesson 63: Dead yet Alive!

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read Romans Chapter 6

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 64: The Battle**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Romans Chapter 1Peter 8:11

- Who wants to hurt us?
- What is the end result?

### Read Romans 8:28

- Are all things good?
- If we love God and are called according to His purposes, do all things work out for our good?

### Read James 1:2-4

- How should we receive trials?
- What do various trials and testing lead to?
- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 65: Spiritual Warfare**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read James 1:13-15

- Does God tempt us?
- What are we tempted by?
- What does lust lead to?
- What does sin lead to?

### Read 2 Corinthians 7:10

- Does all sorrow lead to salvation?
- Worldly sorrow is to please the eyes of men; where does that lead?

### Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-6

- What are our weapons made to destroy?
- What is a stronghold of the enemy: truth, or a lie?
- How do we wage the war? What do we take captive to be obedient to Christ?

# Read Ephesians 4:20-24

- Summarize this passage in your own words.
- How do we wage war against sin?
- What do we lay aside?
- What do we put on?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 66: Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read 1 Corinthians Chapter 12

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Do all Christians have gifts?
- Do all Christians have the same gifts?
- Because we have different gifts, does that make some better than others?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 67: The More Excellent Way**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read 1 Corinthians Chapter 13

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What is the greatest: faith, hope or love?
- Describe the attributes of love?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 68: Martyrdom**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Acts Chapter 7

Someone summarize this event.

#### Read Matthew 10:28

- What is the point Jesus is making?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 69: The End Times**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read Matthew 24:3-31

- What are some signs to look for in the end times?
- What must happen before the end comes (verse 14)?
- Does Jesus gather the saints before or after the tribulation (see verse 29)?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# Lesson 70: Be Ready for the Return of Christ

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Matthew 24:32 through 25:30

- Someone summarize the theme of these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# What the Bible Says About Church

# Lesson 71: What is "Church?"

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

Imagine a field with cows scatters throughout. But in one corner there is a group of cows gathered together separated from the other cows. We would call the separated group of cows a "herd" of cows. Now we decide to build a barn for the cows to stay in. Years later people begin to call the barn a "herd."

• Is that acceptable?

Read Colossians 1:13-14

Many years ago people were in darkness serving Satan, sin and the world. They were called from darkness and separated from this world through Jesus Christ and transferred into His Kingdom. The word used to describe people called out from the world and gathered together in Christ Jesus is "church." Then hundreds of years later the people began to meet in special buildings to worship God. Since that time we have called the building or man-made organization who owns the building a "church."

• Is that acceptable?

In the times before Jesus Christ, people worshipped God in special buildings called synagogues or the Temple in Jerusalem. But something big changed after Christ.

Read John 4:21-24

Jesus said that a time would soon come that people would no longer worship in special places, but rather in spirit and in truth.

Where is spirit in truth, something outside of us or within us?

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10, Ephesians 2:19-22 and 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

- Where is the temple of God now?
- Are you God's temple?
- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 72: Where does the Church Meet?**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read Colossians 4:15, Romans 16:3-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19 and Philemon 1-2

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Where did the New Testament churches meet?
- Did Paul greet the buildings they met in or the people who met in the buildings?
- Were the churches people or buildings?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

### Lesson 73: What is a Church Service Like?

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

#### Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-37

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What was a church service like?
- Did a man lead the service or did the Holy Spirit lead?
- Were women permitted to teach during a church service?
- Who commanded that women were to be silent in churches (see verse 37)?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 74: Church Service Continued**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-33

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- The church met and shared a meal together, confessed sins to each other and partook in the sacrament of communion. How does that compare to a modern church service?

## Read John 13:14-15

- The early church also washed each other's feet. Why do you think they did that based on the passage we just read?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## **Lesson 75: Church Leaders**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Did the churches have leaders before they were started or were the leaders appointed from disciples within the fellowship after some time?
- Were women appointed as church leaders?
- What were some qualifications of a church leader?
- Was a Bible college education or preaching talent a qualification?
- Was someone with an unruly family qualified for leadership?
- Was personal character important for leadership?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 76: Church Discipline**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

Jonah is very sick with cancer and visits his friend Doctor Sam. Sam likes Jonah very much and Jonah likes Sam. So when Sam sees Jonah has cancer he does not want him to feel bad so he tells him he will be fine, but just eat ugali and work hard. Two weeks later Jonah dies of cancer.

• Was Sam a good doctor or a bad doctor?

Now your brother Tom is in sin. You know he is in sin and you ignore his sin because you do not want to make him feel bad. Tom dies and burns in hell forever.

• Are you a good brother or a bad brother?

Read Matthew 18:15-20, Luke 17:3 and Galatians 6:1

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Who is responsible for church discipline, the leaders or any brother?
- Is discipline an act of love or hatred?
- If we do not perform discipline, are we obeying or disobeying Christ?
- Who will be judged for not performing church discipline?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 77: The Early Church**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35

- Someone summarize the early church.
- What did they do together?
- Were there any needy among them?
- Who provided for the needs?
- How did God bless the church?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# The Events of the Early Church

## **Lesson 78: Pentecost**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

## Read Acts Chapter 2

- Someone summarize these events.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 79: Saul's Conversion**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Acts 9:1-31

- Someone summarize these events.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

## Lesson 80: Peter's Arrest

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Acts 12:1-19

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 81: Greed Destroys**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Acts 5:1-11

• Someone summarize these teachings.

# Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11 and Ephesians 5:5-6

- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# Lesson 82: Be Ready to Teach

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Acts 8:25-40

• Someone summarize these teachings.

#### Read 1 Peter 3:15

- Why was Philip effective teaching the Ethiopian Eunuch?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 83: Jerusalem Council**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

### Read Acts 15:1-35

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What was the problem that prompted the Jerusalem Council?
- Did the Jewish Christians obey the Law of Moses (Old Testament)?
- What was the judgment of the Holy Spirit at the meeting concerning Gentiles following the Law of Moses (Old Testament)?
- What requirements were given to the Church concerning Old Testament teachings?

### Read Hebrews 8:7-13

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.

# **Lesson 84: Shipwrecked**

- Opening prayer
- What did God do in your life this week?
- What struggles are you experiencing for which you need prayer?
- What problems exist in your community that need prayer?
- What will you do this week to assist with these community problems?

# Read Acts Chapter 27 and 28:1-10

- Someone summarize these teachings.
- Why was Paul confident even when things looked very bad?

## Read James 1:5-8

- What is the point of this teaching?
- What does this lesson tell us about God?
- What does this lesson tell us about man?
- What do you think God wants you to change in your life based on this lesson?
- What will you do this week to change your life?
- Who will you share this story with before next week?
- When will we meet next time?
- Closing prayer...be sure to address items cited above.