FOLLOW UP STUDY - #1

AFTER BAPTISM, NOW WHAT?

A. Discuss first few days as a Disciple

B. Pray together

1. The Conversion of the 3000..
   A. Acts 2:36-47
      1) Review how to become a Christian
      2) Reinforce the joy of salvation
   B. Devoted – Apostles Teaching – the Word
      1) Help new disciple with some daily readings
         of scriptures, suggestions:
         a) Colossians 3
         b) I John 1:5-10
         c) I Peter 1-5
      2) Help with their actual study, show how to
         mark your Bible, A Quiet Time book
         or journal is helpful
   C. Fellowship
      1) Discuss the purpose of each gathering of the
         body: Sunday worship, midweek services,
         devotionals, etc.
      2) Discuss their contribution and help them
         decide on an amount if they want. Read
         Malachi 3:6-12.
   D. Prayer
      1) Discuss faith (Mark 11:22-24)
      2) Share answered prayers
   E. Communion-Breaking Bread – I Corinthians 11: 23-32
      1) Discuss purpose of bread and fruit of the vine.
      2) Are there any aspects they don’t understand?
      3) Prevents a hardness of heart

   A. Paul immediately begins to preach.
      1) Have you shared with anyone?
      2) Make a list of those you would like to share with.
   B. Paul grows powerful.
   C. Paul is persecuted.
FOLLOW UP STUDY – #2

A. Discuss:
   1) How are quiet times going?
   2) Have you had an opportunity to share your faith?
   3) How are you feeling about being a disciple now?

B. Pray together

1. Colossians 3:1-4
   A. Raised with Christ in baptism
      (Colossians 2:12)
   B. Set your mind (thoughts) and set your heart (emotions)
      on things above.
   C. Christ is your life.

2. Put to death (Colossians 3:5-11)
   A. What have been your greatest struggles this week?
   B. Discuss practical ways to overcome these struggles.

3. Put on (Colossians 3:12-14)
   A. Compassion
   B. Kindness
   C. Humility
   D. Gentleness
   E. Patience

4. New attitudes (Colossians 3:5-11)
   A. Peace (v.15)
   B. Thankful (v.15-16)
   C. Wholehearted (v.17)
   D. Family interaction (v.18-21)
   E. Employer–employee relationship (3:22, 4:1)
FOLLOW UP STUDY - #3

A. Discuss:
   1) Your relationship with God
   2) What are you reading, - (book, scriptures)
   3) Have you had an opportunity to share your faith?

B. Pray

1. One another Passages:
   A. Love one another (John 13:34-35), Jesus teaches that Christians should
      have better relationships than people in the world. Set your mind
      to make the Christians around you your best friends.
   B. Teach one another (Colossians 1:28-29). God’s plan for maturing each
      other.
   C. Restore one another, bare each other’s burdens. (Galatians 6:1-2). Share
      struggles and victories with one another.
   D. Attitudes towards one another (I Thessalonians 5:12-14, 22)
   E. Discuss the importance on how to have daily contact with one another
      (Hebrews 3:12-14)
   F. Prevent “bad attitudes” in one another (Hebrews 12:15).
   G. Confront one another as scriptures describe in Matthew 18:15-17.
   H. Pray for one another –it makes a difference (Ephesians 6:18)

2. Additional scriptures for personal study:

   Romans 12: 4-8             Philippians 3: 17
   Romans 12:9-16             I Thessalonians 2: 8
   Romans 13: 7               I Thessalonians 2:19-20
   Romans 14:1                I Thessalonians 5: 11
   Romans 15:14               Titus 3:1-9
   Ephesians 4:25-32          Hebrews 10:24-24
   Ephesians 5:19             James 2:15-16
FOLLOW UP STUDY- #4

A. Discuss:
   1) How are you feeling about your discipling relationship?
   2) How are you feeling about your relationship with God?

B. Pray.

1. Jesus’ Mission
   A. Luke 19:10
   B. I Timothy 1:15
   C. Acts 20:24
   D. Matthew 28:19-20
      1) what was Jesus’ mission?
      2) what should be our mission?

2. Disciples must go….
   A. John 15:1-6
      1) Relationship with God
      2) Jesus’ plan to multiply
   B. See the growth of the church when all Christians are fruitful (making disciples)
      1) Acts 2:41
      2) Acts 2:47
      3) Acts 4:4
      4) Acts 5:14
      5) Acts 6:1
      6) Acts 8:4

3. Persecution will come…
   A. John 15:18-16, 16:4 Jesus was called these name, lies and half-truths
      1) Matthew 11:19
      2) Mark 3:21 (by his family)
      3) Mark 3:22
      4) Luke 23:2
      5) John 8:48
      6) John 9:16
   B. Attitude of Jesus
      1) Luke 23: 24
      2) Hebrews 12:1-2
   C. Attitude of Apostles
      1) Acts 5:40-42
   D. II Timothy 3: 12 – (everyone who lives godly life will be persecuted)
FOLLOW UP STUDY -#5

LESSON 5. – Relationship With God/Quiet Times
Purpose – to teach the importance of daily bible study and
Prayer in our spiritual growth.

I Peter 1:13-2:3
We must prepare our minds for action. Are you preparing your mind for actions every single day” Are you
disciplined or lazy? We must train for boldness. The Bible and prayer are tools for training in holiness.

Romans 10:15-17
The Bible produces faith in our lives.

II Tim. 2:14-19
Be a student.
We are to be students of the Word. We must learn to correctly handle the Bible. We need to have a daily,
rewarding quiet time with God. (Analogy of exercise and practice to be excellent in a sport). Consistency
is very important.

Hebrews 5: 11-14
Desire the Word of God.
We must desire the milk of God’s Word. Start simple – save the steak for later. Read a gospel, some of the
Proverbs or some Psalms. The Bible trains us to distinguish good from evil.

II Tim. 3:16-17
The Word equips us.
The Bible is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. It will thoroughly
equip us. You are personally responsible for your spiritual growth. How well you are equipped is up to you.
(Example of Batman’s utility belt.)

Why Study the Word?
To know the Bible and be fed by God’s Word.
To stay away from evil.
To give our hearts to God

How to Study Your Bible:
Pick a place and time where you will not be disturbed.
Start easy and then go to tougher scriptures.
Underline, make notes, think about what is written.
Try to find one idea that you can think about during the entire
day.

Ask these questions as you study:
What does this teach me about God?
What do I need to change to be more like Jesus?
What do I need to obey in this passage?
What do I need to confess?

Prayer:
MARK 1;35-39
Jesus got up very early in the morning to spend time with God. (If Jesus needed to pray, what does that tell
us about our need to pray?) We are all busy, but we should never be too busy to pray.

Luke 11:1-10
Prayer is talking to god. Pray about daily needs, desires, avoiding temptation, relationships. Don’t give up –
always seek/be persistent in prayer.
II Cor. 1:8-11
Prayer teaches us to depend on God and not ourselves. When we struggle, we should ask others to pray for us. We should pray for others who are suffering hardship.

Mark 11: 20-25
Faith must be present in our prayers. If we ask with faith, then God will answer our prayers.

How to Pray:
A good model to follow:
    A – Adoration, praising God.
    C – Confession, admission of sins, weaknesses, and struggles
    T – Thanksgiving, giving thanks for our blessings, answered prayers
    S – Supplication, “ask and you will receive”

In prayer we should remember our relationships:

    With God
    With our family
    With the church
    With the lost
    At work or in our school
LESSON 6 – The Church/Relationship With Others
Purpose – To teach the importance of the church and the value of relationships.

Acts 2:42-47
When we were baptized, God added us to the number of the saved – his church.

What is the Church?
Eph. 1:22-23 - The church is the body of Jesus. We cannot have a relationship with Jesus and not have a relationship with his body.

I Cor. 12:12-26
Unity in the church.
The church is the body of Christ. We are all members of that body. The members of the body must work together. UNITY is extremely important. (Analogy of a team in sports – one weak/selfish can hurt the team.)

Romans 12:1-8
Talents – Using your gift for the church.
We all bring different talent into the kingdom. We must use our talent for the kingdom. What unique gift do you bring to the church? How do you resolve to use this talent for God?

Relationships in the Body of Christ
Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16
Unity is valuable – “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.” Unity means that we don’t avoid conflict, instead we speak the truth in love. Matt. 18: 15-17 gives us the model for resolving conflict. Our goal is to help each other become mature in Christ. We must have the welfare of others in our minds.

I Thess. 2:3-6
Honesty in relationships.
In our relationships with one another we must be honest- no masks to cover up motives, no “smiling lies”.
How is your fellowship? Is it superficial or deep?

James 5:16
Confession.
If you continue to struggle with the same sin, then confess to a trusted brother/sister so he can help you and pray for you to overcome that sin.

Acts 16:1-5
Trust.
Timothy trusted Paul. He trusted him to the point that he allowed Paul to circumcise him. We must trust that we can learn from others. We must have trust in our discipling relationships.

James 4:4, II Cor. 6:14-16
Friendship.
Our best friends should be in the kingdom. After all, what fellowship can light have with darkness? Who are your best friends/ which people do you want to get closer to in the kingdom? How are you going to get close to them?
FOLLOW-UP STUDY #7

LESSON 7 – Evangelism/Relationship With The Lost
Immediately after Paul was baptized, he began sharing about Jesus. Share what you know---

II Corinthians 5:11-6:2
We should no longer judge people from a worldly point of view. Share with everyone. You don’t know who might be open. We are all ministers of reconciliation.

I Corinthians 3:5-8
Teamwork—we must work together to be fruitful. Paul planted, Apollos watered, and God gives the increase. We all have something to give that will help someone become a disciple. Romans 10:14-15 – You might be the only Bible that someone will read.

Philemon 6
Must be active in sharing our faith. Have a vision for people you can share with.

I Thessalonians 2:8
Share your life with people: serve them, make time for them, think of ways to help them. How can you become more of a servant?

II Timothy 1:7
God did not give us a spirit of timidity.
We all know 2 types of people—those we bump into and may never see again (John 4—Jesus and the woman by the well). Make the most of these opportunities—share an invitation to church or to a Bible Talk.
People that we see every day—our neighbors, friends at school, colleagues at work, family members. We need to build a relationship with these people, share our lives with them.

Matthew 9:35-38
Jesus said “the harvest is plentiful”.
**FOLLOW-UP STUDY—#8**

**LESSON #8 – Fighting the Good Fight/Perseverance**

I Timothy 6:11-12
You are now part of God’s army. That makes you Satan’s target—number one on his hit list. He will do everything in his power to get you out of God’s army. You must be ready to fight.

Hebrews 10:26-39
Consequences of not fighting the fight.

Ephesians 6:10-18
God has given us the power over Satan. We have a full armor…
- Belt of truth – be honest about everything.
- Breastplate of righteousness – have a heart that desires to do what is right
- Feet fitted with readiness – be ready to serve
- Shield of Faith - stay faithful in every situation.
- Helmet of salvation - because of your obedience to scriptures, be confident of your salvation.
- Sword of the spirit – be in the scriptures, study the Word, Pray daily

Satan will attack:
- With Lust - II Samuel 11:1-5 – King David chose lust over righteousness – we have to guard our lives.
- With Materialism/Worldliness – Hebrews 13:5 – don’t be selfish, use your talent for God and his kingdom.
- With Persecution – II Timothy 3:12-14 - Persecution will come, from family, friends, business associates, other churches, news media, the internet. Guard your heart against Satan’s attacks.
- With Bitterness/Ingratitude – Hebrews 12:15 – Never lose your gratitude for salvation
- With Doubt – Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1 – “Did God really Say….” Satan can attack us with doubts, and negative thoughts, about baptism, about evangelism, about who is saved, and etc. Guard against any negative attitudes.

Temptation:
1. I Corinthians 10:13
God will always provide a way out of temptation…Look for and recognize it!
2. Hebrews 12: 1-3
Keep your eyes on Jesus
3. Hebrews 3:12-13
Stay close to the fellowship and other disciples
4. Romans 12:21
Replace evil thought and/or actions with good thought and/or actions
5. Matthew 4:1-4
Stay in the Word. Jesus fought temptation by quoting scripture. Remember Revelation 2:10 – remain faithful to the point of death. We are not in this for one month, one year, or one decade, but for Eternity……