

## **Bible Study, Your Congregation For God, Week 2**

### **Day: 1 Faith That Leads To Deeds**

*Read Ephesians 2: 1-10*

1. Why is it important that our faith goes over into deeds?
2. Can we say that our good deeds guarantee that we are saved in Jesus Christ?
  - Ephesians 2:8-9
  - James 2:14-17
3. Do you think there will be a reward for good deeds?
  - Mark 9:41
  - Matthew 25:34-40
  - 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
4. What does Isaiah 29: 13 teach us about "pretend faith?"
5. What are the practical deeds you can do to show that you believe:
  - Your congregation's numbers are going to grow
  - Your care groups are going to increase
  - Thousands of people will be saved
  - Poor and sick people are going to find Jesus
  - That your children will grow spiritually and serve God
  - That your congregation will be a blessing for the church and the community
6. Further Reading:
  - 2 Timothy 4:6-8.                      A winner's crown
  - 1 Peter 5:1-4.                         An incorruptible crown
  - Revelations 3:7-13.                 Persevere in hard times
  - Mark 4:35-41.                         Power over storms
  - Amos 9:13-15.                         Speed and momentum

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### **Day: 2 Faith Is A Battle**

*Read Revelations 2: 12-17*

1. Why is real faith a battle?

2. In which ways does Satan attack our faith?
3. Why is faith a battle according to?
  - James 1:2-8
  - Revelations 2:12-17
4. What are the weapons we have to use in this battle?
  - Ephesians 6:14-18
  - 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
5. Name examples battles in faith that people have.
6. Name examples of battles in faith that your congregations have.
7. How can all Christians help each other when there are battles?

8. Further Reading:

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| • 1 Peter 1:3-9.        | The blessing of hardships     |
| • Revelations 3:7-13.   | An open door                  |
| • 2 Chronicles 7:12-16. | A promise for the new church  |
| • Ezekiel 47:9-12.      | A stream of living water      |
| • Hebrews 11:6-7.       | Build in spite of the teasing |

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**Day: 3 To Whom Should We Reach Out**

*Read Matthew 28: 16-20*

1. To whom are we supposed to reach out according to?
  - Matthew 28:19-20
  - Luke 14:21-23
2. What does the word "outreach" mean to you?
3. To whom can your congregation reach out?
4. How can your care group reach out?
5. What do the following verses say about the character of an "outreach?"

- Mark 10:41-45
- Matthew 9:12-13
- Galatians 6:2
- Acts 4:32-35

6. What is our reward when we reach out to others?

- Revelations 22:12
- Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21

7. Further Reading:

- 3 John 5-8. Let your love go into deeds
- 1 John 3:5-10. Help people to become saved
- Romans 15:1-3. The strong should help the weak
- Psalm 23:1-6. God cares for His sheep
- Ephesians 4:30-32. Healing and forgiveness
- Isaiah 53:1-6. Healing through Christ

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#### **Day: 4 What Does It Mean To Love**

*Read 1 John 3: 11-24*

1. What is Satan's and the World's plan with man? (Verse 12-15)
2. What is God's plan with man? (Verse 11 & 18)
3. What is godly love? (Verse 16-17)
4. What did godly love look like under the Christians? (Acts 4: 32)
5. What stops us from loving like the first Christians?
6. What does Christ like love look like for?
  - Uninvolved members of a congregation
  - Unsaved people
  - Ill people
  - Poor people
  - Care group members
  - Your enemies

7. How will the love shown by a church differ from worldly organisations when it comes to reaching out to the less privileged?

8. Further Reading:

- Acts 6:1-7.            Make a plan to deal with the need
- Romans 13:8-14.    We owe love
- Romans 15:1-6.     Build each other's faith
- John 3:14-18.       Love wants to save
- 3 John 5-8.           Practical love

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### **Day: 5 A "Community" heart**

*Read Luke 12: 22-34*

1. But does it mean to have a "community" heart?

2. What does the Bible say our responsibility is toward others?

- Luke 12:33-34
- Galatians 6:1-2, 9-10

3. What are the borders to a "community" heart?

- Matthew 25:35-40
- Romans 12:20-21

4. Think of examples of places that your congregation can make to help those that are less privileged.

5. What can your congregation do to help the unemployed members of your congregation?

6. Further Reading:

- Deuteronomy 15:1-11.      Acquittal of debts
- Deuteronomy 24:14-15.    Oppression of the poor
- Matthew 6:1-4.            Charity and our own honour
- Acts 11:27-30.            Care for each other
- 2 Chronicles 28:12-15.    Merciful charity

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## Day: 6 Inner Healing

*Read Psalm 147*

1. Inner healing implies that there is inner pain, name a few examples.
2. Say someone in your care group has just had big back operation and another had a death of a loved one.
  - How does their pain differ?
  - Describe the support you can give to them
  - Who will most probably be neglected and why?
3. Name examples of methods people use to hide their inner pain.
4. What is the result when someone hides their inner pain?
5. What is the sense in pain and difficulties according to:
  - Romans 5:3-5
  - 2 Corinthians 7:10
6. What does inner healing mean?
  - Psalm 147:2-3
  - Matthew 6:25-27
  - 1 Timothy 4:4, 5:23
  - Galatians 6:2
  - Mark 11: 25
  - Ephesians 4:31-32
7. What is the wrong way to react on something unfair?
8. What is the right way to react on something unfair?
9. Further Reading:
  - Isaiah 61:1-7. Joy in the place of heart ache
  - Romans 15:1-6. Carry each other's weaknesses
  - Psalm 142:1-7. Listen to my cry for help
  - Romans 8:12-17. The Spirit helps us
  - Isaiah 43:1-10. Do not be afraid

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## Day: 7 Who Has To Witness

*Read Acts 8: 1-25*

1. Why is it necessary to do Bible Study about witnessing on a regular basis?

2. Why does every Christians has to witness?

3. Who has to spread the gospel?

- Acts 8:1, 4
- Acts 4:31
- 1 Peter 2:9

4. Why do we have to witness?

- 1 Timothy 2:3-7
- Romans 10:10-15

5. What are the lies Satan tells us when we want to witness?

6. Why don't you have to be afraid to witness?

- Acts 1:8,
- Luke 12:12, 21:12-15

7. Name a few ways you and your congregation can spread the gospel?

8. Further Reading:

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| • Matthew 5:13-16.  | Let your light shine         |
| • Matthew 10:28-33. | Do not be ashamed            |
| • 2 Peter 3:7-15.   | Everyone has to be saved     |
| • Acts 2:1-13.      | Spirit filled witnesses      |
| • James 2:14-19.    | Deeds are witnessing as well |

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