

## **Bible Study, Your Congregation For God, Week 3**

### **Day: 1 Your Congregation Witnessing**

*Read Matthew 4: 18-22*

1. In which way can a congregation (not individuals) witness?
2. What do you understand "anointing" to be?
  - Exodus 28:41
3. Do you think your congregation has been "anointed" and called to bring your nation and your continent to God and to be a blessing to them? Motivate your answer.
4. Why has God's promise of a second coming of Jesus not been fulfilled yet?
  - 2 Peter 3:9
  - Matthew 24:14
5. What is our responsibility as far as the unfulfilled promise goes?
  - Psalm 96:2-3
6. How can your congregation do to speed up His promise of a second coming? Give a few practical examples.
7. What can we do to make our children witnesses for God?
  - Spiritual Joel 2:28
  - Practical
8. What can your congregation do to reach the people living in close proximity of your church?
9. Further Reading:
  - Isaiah 62:1-7.           The nations will see
  - Isaiah 8:11-18.           Living witnesses
  - Isaiah 49:5-7.           An important command
  - Isaiah 1:4-8.           No excuses
  - Colossians 1:26-29.   Broadcast Jesus

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### **Day: 2 Notice The Unsaved**

*Read John 8: 21-30*

1. What does the Bible teach us about unsaved persons?

- John 8:24
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8-9
- Romans 6:19-23

2. Read Matthew 9:35-38.

- What does Jesus see when He looks at a person?
- What does Jesus do when He sees people's hearts?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-18.

- What should NOT be the content of our witnessing?
- What should be the center of our witnessing?
- Name the steps of leading someone to Jesus.
- What should we do immediately after someone gave their life to Jesus?

4. Further Reading:

- Romans 10:16-21. Listen believe and live
- Luke 16:19-31. No second chance
- 1 Timothy 6:11-16. Keep the command to the letter
- 1 Peter 4:7-11. Serve each other

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### **Day: 3 Harvesting Souls**

*Read Psalm 16*

1. Read Exodus 23:14-17 and identify the three big festivals Israel celebrated every year.

2. What is the purpose of Biblical festivals?

- Deuteronomy 14:22-23
- Psalm 118:27-29

3. What are the festivals we celebrate today?

4. Read Leviticus 27:30-32 and say what were given as gifts to God on these festivals.

5. What should our attitude be when we give? (2 Corinthians 9:7)

6. How do you feel about tithing?
7. Is your tithe the maximum or the minimum? (Malachi 3:10)
8. Why do we have to give such a lot? (2 Corinthians 9:6-14)
9. Does the harvest we have to bring to God only consist of material things? (Matthew 9:37-38)
10. Further Reading:
  - 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Greed
  - 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Generosity and a willingness to share
  - Matthew 6:19-21. Wealth in heaven
  - Luke 18:18-30. The wrong choices
  - Luke 12:13-21. All for nothing

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### **Day: 4 Mentorship**

*Read 2 Timothy 2: 1-13*

1. Think about the following definition about mentorship:

In everyday life a mentor is someone that has experience that put his experience at the disposal of others in order to lead and encourage them to success. A mentor is a willing trusted person with empathy and a mentor advises people but he also criticize them if need be. Mentorship is mainly about the fact that the parties should communicate with each other freely.

2. To what extend can these principles be used in terms of spiritual growth in the following situations?

- In the vicinity of the house
- In care groups
- In a social situation amongst friends

3. What can we say to parents that think they are not experienced enough to mentor their children towards spiritual development.

4. What are the principles of spiritual mentorship according to the following?

- Matthew 28:20
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Deuteronomy 4:9-10

- Galatians 6:1-2

5. Name a few characteristics of a good mentor.

6. Discuss how mentorship worked in the following situations to lead to spiritual maturity:

- Jesus' relationship with His disciples
- Paul's relationship with Timothy
- Eli en Samuel

7. Who stands out in your life as a person who's mentorship really meant a lot to you?

8. Further Reading:

- Philippians 2:25-30. Epaphroditus mentors Paul
- Numbers 27:15-18. Moses mentors Joshua
- Acts 11:22-24. Barnabas 'a leaser par excellence
- John 6:60-71. Discipleship is not easy

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## **Day 5 The Bible Our Foundation**

*Read 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16*

1. Do you believe in the Bible? Motivate your answer by saying why you believe in the Bible.

2. What is it that makes some people believe in the Bible with their whole heart? 1 Corinthians 2:14-16.

3. Why do reborn children of God have to believe in the Bible?

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13

4. Why are some people completely against the Bible and do they use the Bible in anyway that suit them?

5. What does the Bible say about it? 2 Timothy 4:1-4.

6. What does the Bible say will happen to those that interpret it and teach it in a way to suit themselves?

- Galatians 1:7-9

- Revelations 22:18-19
- Matthew 18:6

7. How are we supposed to deal with members of a congregations that undermine the Bible on purpose?

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

8. Further Reading:

- Galatians 1:11-12.           The Word is a revelation.
- 1 Timothy 6:20-21.       Guard the Word
- Philippians 1:7.           Defend the Word
- 1 Peter 3:15-17.         Be ready with an answer at all times
- Luke 4:14-22.            Jesus upholds the authority of the Bible.

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### **Day: 6 Equipped For Your Service**

*Read Galatians 5: 13-26*

1. Make a list of the gifts of the Spirit
2. Write down the gifts that functions most in you personally
3. Think about the following: “Just as each congregation each member should stand in service (preaching the gospel and everything else associated with witnessing and helping those in need and spreading the gospel) to the outside.”
4. What is the purpose of the gift God gave us? Ephesians 4:12-16
5. How will it hamper our spiritual growth if we do live our gifts in service?
6. What keeps people from living their gifts?
7. How can you live your gift in?
  - The church
  - In a care group
  - The community

8. Further Reading:

- Romans 12:4-8.           The "body of Christ" model
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.     You serve even if you are scared
- Philippians 2:12-18.    Torch bearers for the world

- 1 Peter 4:7-11.                      Serve each other with your gifts
- 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, 28.      A list of the gifts

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### **Day: 7 Godly Descendants**

*Read Luke 2: 21-40*

1. Think about your history concerning your parents and your grandparents and their lifestyle and faith.
2. Now think about your parents and grandparent's feelings about your lifestyle and your faith.
3. How did Joseph and Mary bring up Jesus? Luke 2:21-40
4. What do we know about Timothy's upbringing? 2 Timothy 1:3-9
5. Name the characteristics Of a Christian home.
6. Think about the influence and result each of these characteristics have on the members of the family.
7. What does God promise a Christian family?
  - Deuteronomy 7:12-15
  - Psalm 103:17-18
8. How can parents determine if their children love, honour and serve God?
9. Further Reading:
  - 1 Kings 3:2-10.                      Solomon follows his father's example
  - 1 Kings 11:1-8.                      Solomon stumbles
  - 2 Chronicles 12:1-2.                Rehoboam does not know God
  - Joshua 24:14-15.                  Joshua chooses to serve God
  - Romans 12:1-2.                      A new life in Christ

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