

Bible Study, Something New, Week 2

Day: 1 Become A Church Doing Things

Read John 15: 1-8

1. How important is it to carry out Christ's love in what we say and what we do?
 - Matthew 7: 2
 - James 2: 14-17
 - 1 John 3: 16-18
2. Discuss the following: "Some members of the congregations that are disobedient to God try to still their conscience by their tithe and church attendance."
3. What are the steps after you have led someone to Christ?
4. What is a maker of disciples? 2 Timothy 2: 2
5. What is the most important task of a maker of disciples? 1 Corinthians 10: 33-11: 1
6. What is the most important sign of a disciple maker? 1 Corinthians 4: 1-4
7. Further Reading:
 - 1 Timothy 3: 1-13. Characteristics of a maker of disciples
 - Philippians 2: 3-8. It is not easy
 - Colossians 3: 12-17. Guidelines for the disciple maker
 - Ephesians 4: 11-16. Growth equipment
 - 2 Corinthians 10: 3-5. What stops a good deed?

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Day: 2 Using The Word As Point Of Departure

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

1. Discuss the following: "The culture and spirit of our times robs the Word Of God of it's authority."
2. Name examples of how the Bible is watered down these days.
3. Why is The Word the foundation and is it non negotiable?
 - 2 Timothy 3: 12-14 and 4: 1-5
 - 1 Peter 1: 10-16

- Psalm 1: 1-6
4. What can we do to get to know The Word better in?
- Our personal life
 - Our care group
5. What do you have to be careful of when you are studying The Word and Listening to it? Nehemiah 10: 28-29
6. Further Reading:
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| • Psalm 119: 101-106. | The blessing of Bible Study |
| • Psalm 94: 12-23. | The best advice |
| • John 14: 5-11. | Jesus is the Word |
| • Matthew 22: 23-33. | The authority of the Word |
| • Matthew 4: 1-11. | Jesus stands on the Word |

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Day: 3 Prayer As Point Of Departure

Read Matthew 6: 5-15

1. Why is prayer one of the foundations of a congregation?
2. What do the following say about it?
 - Luke 11: 1, 9-13
 - Acts 4: 31
 - James 4: 2-3
 - James 5: 16-18
 - Acts 12: 5-7
3. Why does prayer have so little place in the life of some members of the church?
4. What is the relationship between prayer and reaching a congregation's goal and its journey?
5. What can we do to make intercession for the lost come to its own more?
 - In our personal life
 - In our care groups

6. Further Reading:

- Daniel 3: 16-30. The power of prayer
- John 16: 23-27. Prayer will be answered, guaranteed
- 1 Samuel 1: 9-19. Childlessness healed
- Acts 9: 36-43. A wonder
- Isaiah 29: 10-14. A pre-requisite for prayers to be answered

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Day: 4 Being Spirit Filled As A Point Of Departure

Read Acts 2: 1-21

1. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the live of someone who wants to become more like Jesus?
2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the process of taking someone along for the journey?
3. What is the reason why some Christians are not filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. What does Galatians 5: 16-25 say about it?
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? Ephesians 5: 18

6. Further Reading:

- John 14: 16-28. Who is the Holy Spirit?
- John 16: 7-14. The work of the Holy Spirit
- Acts 19: 1-10. Ignorance is the problem
- 1 Corinthians 3: 1-4. Obstacles in the path of the Spirit
- Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 4. Sins that test the Holy Spirit

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Day: 5 Spiritually Forward With Jesus

Read Hebrew 6: 1-4 And Romans 8: 28-30

1. What is really important?

- God takes a journey with us
- Be careful of the things you like to talk about
- Go further with God
- What God has in mind for us (Romans 8)
- Spiritual growth

2. Read Ephesians 4: 22-25

- What is God's purpose with every person He saves?
- What does it mean to be "reproduced" in the image of God?

3. Read Romans 12: 2

- How does God change us and make us like Jesus?
- You must not stagnate, move forward all the time

4. Read 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

- What do we have to use the Bible For?
- Is it always a pleasant experience?
- How are we supposed to use the Word of God?

5. Read 1 John 2: 6

- How are we supposed to live?
- Can we choose who we are going to help and who we are not going to help?
- What did Jesus do?

6. The most prominent characteristics of Jesus' life:

- His prayer life
- Humility
- Preaching the truth
- Love

7. Read Ephesians 5: 1-5

- Stay under the control of His Spirit
- Learn at His feet like children
- Learn real love from God
- What real love is not?
- How we as Christians should live

8. Questions about Spiritual growth:

- Are you prepared to grow spiritually?
- How fast are you busy growing to spiritual adulthood?
- What are the practical steps you are taking to grow?

9. Read James 3

- More about how a Christian should live

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Day: 6 The Gift Of The Spirit

Read Galatians 5: 22-26

1. How did the apostles' lives change when they were filled with the Holy Spirit? Acts 5: 12-20

2. Read Corinthians 12: 1-11

- Why does the Spirit bless us with gifts? (1-3)
- Why does the Spirit bless us with gifts? (4-7)
- Who does the Spirit bless with the gifts? (11)

3. Explain what each of the gifts mean (8-10)

- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Discernment
- Faith
- Wonders
- Healing
- Prophecy
- Speak in languages
- Explanatory

4. Witness of the gifts you have received already.

5 Further Reading:

- 1 Corinthians 14: 1-19. Gifts must be used to build spiritually

- 1 Corinthians 14: 26-40. Guidelines for the functioning of the gifts
- 1 Timothy 4: 6-16. Do not neglect your gifts
- Romans 12: 3-8. More gifts
- Acts 4: 24-31. A prayer for gifts

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Day: 7 The Pleasure Of Serving

Read Philippians 3: 1

1. Should Christians be known for happiness and joy?
2. What is the fruit of a Spirit filled life? Galatians 5: 22
3. Why aren't Christians always filled with joy?
4. Discuss the following: "There should be no greater joy than to work for the Lord, yet it is not always like that in real life."
5. What do we learn about happiness and joy in life from the following?
 - Nehemiah (Nehemiah 8: 10-13)
 - David (Psalm 32: 3-11)
 - Paul (Philippians 4: 4-8)
6. How are we, as Christians, going to keep our happiness and joy amongst all the hardships, problems, stress, injustice, shortages and persecution?
7. Further Reading:
 - Acts 16: 16-34. Happiness in the face of injustice
 - 1 Chronicles 20: 1-12 and 20-30. Victory through praise
 - Revelations 5: 1-14. Happiness in heaven
 - Jeremiah 33: 1-14. God the origin of happiness
 - Psalm 51: 9-17. Forgiveness brings joy

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Last Day In This Series: Involved With Those Outside The Church

Read Hebrews 10: 18-25

1. Why do some members of the Church get lost?
2. Discuss the following: The pressures of the community today are changing and it is resulting in people getting lost from the Church?
3. What does Matthew 21: 28-32 teach us about people that are in the church but are not of God's church?
4. How are form church members described by Jesus in Matthew 23: 5-8 and 25-28?
5. What will happen if members of the Church are filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - John 7: 37-39
 - Acts 2: 47
 - Matthew 9: 35-38
6. If we want to reach people outside the church:
 - What should we not do?
 - What should we do?
7. Further reading:

• Acts 5: 26-33.	Set the world alight by speaking
• Luke 5: 1-11.	Called to witness
• Luke 6: 46-49.	Ready to be tested
• Matthew 9: 9-13.	Follow Jesus to the world
• 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6.	Write in the dark world

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