

Disciplines of the Christian Life



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Introduction

The Christian life is a process of transformation. Stage by stage, “from glory to glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18), God changes the believer to become like Christ. This is in accordance with God’s will that every believer “become conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29). The goal of this course is to advance this process by providing biblical instruction in seven disciplines of the Christian life.

1. Discipleship—“Come, follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

Students will learn of the high calling of Christian discipleship. The discipling ministry of the Lord Jesus will serve as the example.

2. Prayer—“Pray for one another” (James 5:16)

The Lord taught His disciples to pray by praying with them. Here mentor and student will approach the throne of grace together in prayer.

3. Memorization—“Thy word I have treasured in my heart” (Psalm 119:11)

The Holy Spirit’s primary instrument for sanctification is the Word of God. Through the Scriptures we come to know God as He truly is and learn to be more like Him. Students will learn how to memorize Scripture and during the course of this study commit to memory twenty-two Bible verses on the attributes of God.

4. Daily Time with God—“In the morning my prayer comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Time alone with God is indispensable in maintaining a close and holy walk with the Lord. Here students will learn how to establish a daily time with God in prayer and in His Word.

5. Commitment to Christ’s Church—“I will build My church” (Matthew 16:18)

Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. He now calls us to do the same. We accomplish this as we devote ourselves to “the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42).

6. Character Growth—“We shall be like Him” (1 John 3:2)

Here students will evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. They will learn how to apply biblical principles to one of their weaknesses that it might become a strength.

7. Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

Following His resurrection, the Lord instructed His disciples to spread the good news of salvation and to invite all people to become His disciples. Under the heading of “Evangelism,” the student will learn how to reach out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This course is intended to be conducted as a mentored study in which a person young in the Christian faith, the student, is paired up with an experienced Christian, the mentor, who tailors the instruction to the student’s needs and provides guidance, accountability, and encouragement. Mentors may choose to meet with one or more students at a time, going through the material one-on-one or as a group of three or four.

There are twenty-four lessons in this course. Each corresponds to one meeting of mentor and student. Students should answer each numbered question in a lesson prior to meeting with their mentor. Assignments labeled *Mentor/Student Exercise* are to be completed during the mentor/student meeting.

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

According to the following verses, what godly virtues and values will be needed if you are to be able to successfully complete this training?

1. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

2. 2 Corinthians 1:17-19

3. James 1:22-27

Spiritual growth requires commitment, discipline, and careful time management. What do the following verses tell us about the days of our lives?

4. Psalm 90:9-12

5. Ephesians 5:15-17

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

7. Shortly before Christ ascended into heaven, He appeared to His disciples in Galilee and commanded them:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).

This text is commonly referred to as the *Great Commission*. In it the Lord commands His disciples to go into all the world and to call men and women to follow Him as His disciples. Is the Lord speaking here of Christians preaching the gospel, establishing local churches, or both? Explain your answer.

Mentor/Student Exercise: Effective discipleship takes place within a loving, trusting relationship. This takes time to develop. Begin at your first mentor/student meeting by sharing with one another something of your background. Include a description of your family and how you were brought up. (Later there will be an opportunity to discuss your religious backgrounds.) Note some things you learn about the other person in the space below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

During the last months of His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus met three would-be disciples. What do we learn about the high calling of Christian discipleship from these encounters.

1. Luke 9:57-58

2. Luke 9:59-60

3. Luke 9:61-62

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

4. How were the Hebrews supposed to keep God’s Word continually before them (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)? What similar things might we do?

5. Psalm 119 lists some of the many benefits of knowing God's Word and meditating on it daily. Select three of these that you particularly appreciate from Psalm 119:97-105.

6. According to the New Testament, what place should God's Word have in our lives (Colossians 3:16)? What does this mean for you and how can you achieve it?

7. Many people think they have poor memories and that they are unable to memorize Scripture, when in fact they have amazing memories; they just don't realize it. To gauge your own ability to memorize facts, list ten categories of items you have committed to memory, for example: phone numbers, names of friends, locations of places you go. What does this list tell you about your ability to memorize?

How to Memorize Scripture

During the course of this training, you will memorize twenty-two verses on the theme of the attributes of God. These verses can be found at the end of this manual. They are formatted for printing on Avery Business Card stock. The text is from the New American Standard Bible (1977). Each card includes a subject title.

Scripture memorization requires concentration and disciplined effort. If you use the right technique, however, it can be enjoyable and highly productive. The following step-by-step method has proven to be effective for many.

Step 1

Read the verse in the Bible, seeking to understand the context. Get the big picture. The better you understand what the verse means, the easier it will be to retain it in memory. If you can't figure out its meaning, ask your mentor for help or check a Bible commentary.

Step 2

Read the verse several times, a minimum of four or five.

Step 3

Read the Scripture topic and reference over and over until they are fixed in your mind. For example, if you were memorizing the first verse, Psalm 90:2, you would say: "Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2." Repeat this until you could say it from memory.

1. Eternity

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were born,
Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
Thou art God.

Step 4

Add to the topic and reference the first phrase of the verse, repeating them together several times. For example: "Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born. . . . Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born. . . . Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born. . . ." Repeat this until you can say it from memory and without error.

Step 5

Next add the second phrase of the verse to what you have just memorized: "Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born,/Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world. . . . Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born,/Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world. . . . Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born,/Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world. . . ." Repeat this over and over, looking at the memory card, until you can say it accurately from memory.

Step 6

Continuing to break the verse into its natural phrases, add them one phrase at a time until you have the whole verse memorized. Continue until you can say the entire verse perfectly and without hesitation.

Step 7

Many people find remembering the reference the most difficult part of Bible memory. For this reason, say the reference at both the beginning and the end of the verse. For example: “Eternity. Psalm 90, verse 2. Before the mountains were born,/Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world,/Even from everlasting to everlasting,/Thou art God. Psalm 90, verse 2.”

Step 8

Testing is an important step in the learning process. Recite your memory verses to your mentor each time you meet.

Step 9

Reviewing the verses you have memorized frequently will move them into your long-term memory. To accomplish this, you will need to review them every day for about two months. After that reviewing them once every two months should be enough to keep them fresh and accurate in your memory, providing you with a lifetime of blessing.

Memorizing the First Verse

(to be done during the meeting with your mentor)

Review the nine step process outlined above on how to memorize. Then commit Psalm 90:2 to memory.

1. Eternity

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were born,
Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
Thou art God.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “God of all grace” (1 Peter 5:10).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

What do we learn about being a disciple of Christ from the following verses.

1. Luke 14:26

2. Luke 14:27

3. Luke 14:28-32

4. Luke 14:33

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review also Psalm 90:2.

2. Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23

The Lord’s lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Memorization Tip

Bible memorization is a spiritual exercise, not just an academic one. Ask God for help, knowing it is His will for you to learn His Word and to meditate on it regularly (Colossians 3:16).

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

We are to obey the Lord’s command to make disciples of all the world by *going* to them with the gospel. Too often we emphasize the opposite. We invite unbelievers to church, Bible study, or other Christian activities, and pray that they will come to us. Effective evangelism, however, must also include an emphasis on going. This requires us to leave the security of our Christian circles and to involve ourselves in our communities; in the lives of our unsaved family, friends; and, in some cases, moving overseas to regions where there is little Christian witness.

6. Describe the last time you reached out to an unsaved person with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

7. List six ways that you can “go” to unbelievers in the next two weeks, bringing the gospel to them.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: During your mentor/ student meeting, take time to become better acquainted by summarizing your religious background. Explain also how you became a believer in Jesus Christ.

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before “God our Father” (Philippians 1:2).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

Describe the personal love that Jesus showed toward His disciples as seen in the following Scriptures.

1. John 1:37-39

2. John 10:11-15

3. John 11:33-36

4. John 13:1-17

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

3. Goodness

Psalm 119:68

Thou art good and doest good;
Teach me Thy statutes.

Memorization Tip

You can memorize! You have memorized telephone numbers, names, places, and thousands of other details. God has given you an incredible mind. Use it to His glory, trusting Him to bless you.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

Jesus was called the “friend of tax-gatherers and sinners” (Luke 7:34). List three unsaved people whom you know that you consider friends. Describe your relationship with each and how you spend time with them.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before “God in heaven” (Lamentations 3:41).

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

1. Record below the benefits of knowing God’s Word listed in Psalm 19:7-11.

2. Record and define the four ways which God’s Word can be a benefit as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16? For what purpose has God given us His Word according to 2 Timothy 3:17?

3. What can we learn from Mark 1:35 about the Lord Jesus’ commitment to personal time with His Father?

4. What principles do you find in Psalm 5:1-3 that express King David’s commitment to spending time with God?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

4. Grace

Exodus 34:6

Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed,
“The Lord, the Lord God,
compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in lovingkindness and truth”

Memorization Tip

Being accountable to someone who will check your memory work is a valuable step toward developing the discipline necessary to make progress. Be thankful for a mentor who faithfully holds you accountable.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

One means of introducing unbelievers to the Savior is through use of evangelistic materials. Establish a personal stockpile of these for free distribution. The most effective evangelistic material, of course, is the Word of God. You can purchase Bibles, New Testaments, and booklets containing the Gospel of John inexpensively from Christian publishers. Gospel tracts and other media, such as evangelistic movies and audio sermons, are also available. Ask your mentor for advice on which materials to acquire and where to purchase them economically.

Think big and gather together a large quantity of good, evangelistic material. The Bible says, “He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6). So set a goal to distribute materials to others as a regular part of your everyday activities. If you live in a multicultural community, as most people do these days, consider acquiring materials in each of the languages represented in your region.

Once you have obtained a supply, place some materials near the front door of your home so that they will be readily available for distribution to visitors and neighbors. Place some also in your vehicle for use when you are out. Pray for those you meet during the day and ask God to guide you in your evangelistic efforts. When the Spirit prompts you to reach out to someone, obey His voice. A word of introduction is usually all that is needed. You might say to the person, “I would like to give you something that is important to me. It’s from the Bible. I hope it is a blessing to you.” Some people may turn your offer down, but don’t be deterred. Most people will receive your offer politely, read the material, and give it some thought. In a future day, you will reap the fruit of your labors as you rejoice with God in the harvest. “Already he who reaps is receiving wages,” the Lord taught, “and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together” (John 4:36).

6. List the evangelistic materials that you presently have on hand. Then make a shopping list of items you would like to purchase in the weeks to come so as to be better prepared to reach out to unbelievers. Start acquiring these soon so as to be ready for upcoming lessons in which you will be asked to distribute them.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the Father, remembering Christ’s promise that “if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name” (John 16:23).

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

1. What can we learn from Psalm 100:1-5 about how to begin a time alone with God?

2. Sin blocks our communication with God. What promise concerning sin can we claim from 1 John 1:6-9?

3. In Joshua 1:8, what promise did God make to Israel concerning the value of meditating on His Word?

4. List the benefits of mediating on God’s Word found in Psalm 1.

5. Set a goal to have a personal time alone with God each day in prayer and in His Word. Make it specific.

When will you meet with God?

Where will you meet?

Approximately how much time will you spend alone with God?

In which book of the Bible will you begin?

Elements of a Daily Personal Time with God

Opening prayer (Psalm 100:1-5)

Begin your time alone with God in prayer, acknowledging His presence.

Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there are any unconfessed sins in your life that might be hindering your fellowship with God. Repent of these, confessing them to God.

Meditation on the Word (Psalm 119:97)

Select a book of the Bible and meditate on a few verses each day. Typically three to ten verses is enough. Vary the amount as appropriate for the content. Be careful to observe the context. Use the plain parts of Scripture to interpret those sections that are difficult. The next day take the next few verses. Work your way through this book until you complete it.

Personal Application (James 1:22)

Ask God to give you a personal application from the Scriptures each day. Try to find something specific that you can use that day. Consider writing it down to make it more concrete.

Intercession (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

Pray for others, bringing their needs before God.

Supplication (Matthew 7:7-11)

Ask your heavenly Father to supply that which you need.

Thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2)

Express your gratitude to God for all that He has already done for you.

Worship (Revelation 4:9-11)

Give honor and praise to the Lord for He is worthy.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

6. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

5. Holiness

Isaiah 6:3

And one called out to another and said,
“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory.”

Memorization Tip

Be precise when learning a new verse. Each time you say the verse repeat it exactly as it is found in your Bible or on the memory card. It is the Word of God.

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: In an effort to learn more about your discipling partner, describe the kind of work that you do, your work environment, and the people with whom you work.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Give special attention to the prayer needs of your workplace. Bring them together then through the Son in the Holy Spirit to the Father (Ephesians 2:18).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

What did Jesus teach His disciples through His example in the following verses?

1. Matthew 17:14-20

2. Matthew 26:39-45

3. Luke 23:34

4. What positive Christian virtues or practices have you learned from the example of others? List the name of the person and what you learned from him or her.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

6. Immutability
Hebrews 13:8
Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today,
yes and forever.

Memorization Tip

Don't guess at the wording when memorizing a verse. Each time you hear it a different way the verse will become more difficult to keep straight. If you don't know the correct wording, look at the memory card and read it repeatedly until it is fixed in your memory.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

6. Though most Christians will never have the privilege of serving the Lord overseas as a missionary, every Christian can participate in Christ's worldwide harvest. The first step is to learn about world missions. Begin by becoming acquainted with the missionaries sent out from your church. Start receiving their letters and begin praying for them regularly. Then attend a conference on missions. They are a great way to learn about various mission fields and meet missionaries. Consider also joining a short-term missionary team. Two or three weeks in a foreign country is a great way to get firsthand experience in world missions. It is usually best to do this through your church or in connection with missionaries whom you know and trust.

To get started in learning more about international missions, write to one of the missionaries from your church. Introduce yourself and tell him or her about interests in serving God. If your church does not have any overseas missionaries, ask your mentor for the name of a missionary whom you might contact for this assignment. Write below the name of the missionary to whom you wrote and a summary of his or her response when you receive it.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/Student Exercise: At each student/mentor meeting, share with your partner how your daily personal time with God is going. Discuss the following questions.

- ◆ Have you been able to meet with God consistently?
- ◆ Have the times been meaningful?
- ◆ Have you had a good balance between time in the Word and time in prayer?
- ◆ Are each of the elements listed in the previous lesson present?
- ◆ Have you experienced specific answers to prayer?
- ◆ Have you sensed that you have come into the presence of God?

Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word that week. Read the text. Explain the insight. Share how you will personally apply it to your life. Applications should be clearly based upon the plain meaning of the passage. Occasionally a subjective application loosely connected to the passage is acceptable, but this should not be the norm. Seek to be open and transparent with your discipling partner.

If you are struggling with consistency, ask your mentor for more accountability. Don't become easily discouraged. Developing a daily discipline can be difficult. Often it takes weeks before an activity becomes a natural and regular part of your life.

Sharing what you are getting from the Word each day will begin at your next meeting, so be in the Word and come ready to contribute.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the Father, remembering the Lord's promise, “All things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive” (Matthew 21:22).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

1. Jesus told His disciples, “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Explain how our love for one another shows the world that we are disciples of Christ?

2. What two elements does Paul say characterized his ministry among the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)? Describe each.

3. Identify the four generations of discipling relationships found in 2 Timothy 2:2.

4. Some Christians live godly lives, but do not influence many others. What things must be true of us if others are to learn from our example?

5. Some of us may have godly Christians all around us, yet fail to benefit from their examples. What are some of the things we must do if we are going to be able to learn from such Christians?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

6. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the previous verses and come ready to recite all seven.

7. Infinity

Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the Lord,
the Creator of the ends of the earth
Does not become weary or tired.
His understanding is inscrutable.

Memorization Tip

Pray through a verse you want to memorize, making the thoughts that are expressed in it your own and offering them back to God. For example, with the verse above, you might pray, “Lord, I do know and I have heard. You are the Everlasting God. You are the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth. You never become weary or tired. Your understanding is inscrutable. I worship you as my great God.” In this way the truths expressed in the Word become impressed on your heart, mind, and spirit, making it easier to commit to memory.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

7. Prayerfully consider some specific ways that you can distribute evangelistic materials to those who need them. Consider first those people whom you frequently encounter on your way to school or work, during your breaks, in your neighborhood, or at the gas station, grocery store, and the like. Set a goal to distribute at least one Gospel of John, evangelistic tract, or something similar each day this week. Record below a summary of each time you successfully passed on the good news to someone. Describe the setting, the person, the evangelistic material that you used, and the person’s reaction. The Bible says, “He who wins souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30), and again: “He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, / Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psalm 126:6-1). So, trust God to guide you where to sow the good news. The joy of the Lord will be your reward.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: For the remainder of this course, begin your student/mentor meeting with each person sharing one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. The person should read the passage from the Bible, explain his insight, and share how he will specifically apply it to his life. Write your insight into Scripture and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “God of glory” (Psalm 29:3).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

Sanctification is a work of God in the life of the believer, making him to be like Christ. The primary method God uses is summarized in Ephesians 4:11-16. Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions below.

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16

1. List the five kinds of gifted individuals God has given to the church for the equipping of the saints.

2. The phrase translated “for the equipping of the saints” means *for the preparation of the saints* or *for the perfecting of the saints*. What does this mean to you?

3. According to Ephesians 4:11-16, how long is this process of equipping to continue?

4. According to Ephesians 4:11-16, what affect does this kind of ministry have upon the saints with respect to false teaching?

5. What does it mean to speak “the truth in love”?

6. According to this passage, who in the church is supposed to be involved in this process of building up the church?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

8. Justice

Jeremiah 9:24

“let him who boasts boast of this,
that he understands and knows Me,
that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness,
justice, and righteousness on earth;
for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

Memorization Tip

Discuss the verse you are memorizing with your mentor or another friend. Talk about what it means to you and what difference it makes in your life. This will deepen your understanding of the verse and give you insight into applying it to your life. It will also make memorizing it more meaningful and enjoyable.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share with your partner how your daily time with God is going. Have you been able to meet with God consistently? Have the times been meaningful? Each person should then share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight into Scripture and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the Lord, knowing “the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16).

Commitment to Christ’s Church—“I Will Build My Church” (Matthew 16:18)

1. How important is the church to Christ (Ephesians 5:25-30)?

2. Christ said, “I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it” (Matthew 16:18). What does this statement mean to you?

3. We become members of the body of Christ, which is the church, the moment we are saved (1 Corinthians 12:13). Are you sure that you are saved? If not, explain the nature of your doubts.

4. Though one is not saved through baptism, it is the responsibility of every believer to obey the Lord’s command to be baptized (Matthew 28:19-20). When and where were you baptized? What did this mean to you?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

9. Love

1 John 4:8

The one who does not love
does not know God,
for God is love.

Memorization Tip

Long breaks between reviews while you are still learning a verse will greatly decrease your efficiency. Try to review your verses once or twice a day.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

6. Your most effective evangelism will probably occur within the circle of your family, friends, neighbors, classmates, and coworkers. Accordingly, think of these as your personal mission field, the people to whom God has sent you as His representative. Pray for them regularly and look for opportunities to deepen your relationship with each of them.

Assignment: List the names of ten unsaved people for whom you sense a particular burden. Begin praying for them regularly.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Share with your partner how your daily personal time with God is going. Have you been able to incorporate the various elements of a time with alone with God? These are:

- ✦ Opening prayer (Psalm 100:1-5)
- ✦ Confession (1 John 1:8-9)
- ✦ Meditation on the Word (Psalm 119:97)
- ✦ Personal Application (James 1:22)
- ✦ Intercession (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
- ✦ Supplication (Matthew 7:7-11)
- ✦ Thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2)
- ✦ Worship (Revelation 4:9-11)

A useful acronym which many have found helpful is C-A-T-S (*Confession, Adoration, Thanksgiving, Supplication*). It provides a good summary of the above points.

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “Lord God of hosts” (2 Samuel 5:10).

Commitment to Christ’s Church—“I Will Build My Church” (Matthew 16:18)

1. List the four primary activities of the local church as practiced by the first Christians (Acts 2:42). When do these take place in your church?

2. Why should we remember the Lord with bread and wine (Luke 22:19)?

3. What principles concerning the Lord’s Supper are found in 1 Corinthians 11:20-34?

4. How often did the first Christians remember the Lord with bread and wine (Acts 20:7)?

5. Have you been faithful in obeying the Lord’s request that we remember Him with bread and wine? If not, what has hindered you?

6. What error does Hebrews 10:24-25 warn us to avoid?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

10. Majesty

Jude 25

to the only God our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,
before all time
and now and forever. Amen.

Memorization Tip

Set up a review program for all of your verses. Remember that it takes about seven weeks to get a verse into long term memory. That means reviewing it everyday for 49 days. After that all that will be needed is a quick review every 90 days or so.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

8. Online evangelistic video clips have opened up exciting new opportunities for the spread of the gospel. They are available for free distribution and can easily be passed on to others via email or through social networking sites. In preparation for this form of ministry, select three video clips that you consider particularly effective. List them below, describing each. Get advice from your mentor if you find it difficult to locate three good ones.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “God of our salvation” (Psalm 65:5).

Commitment to Christ’s Church—“I Will Build My Church” (Matthew 16:18)

1. Describe the prayer life of the early church as found in Acts 1:13-14; 2:42; 6:4?

2. Describe your prayer life? When do you pray with other Christians?

3. What kind of relationship does the Lord tell us to have with respect to the elders of the church (Hebrews 13:17)? In what practical ways do you observe this?

4. List the principles of Christian giving found in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

5. List the principles of Christian giving found in 2 Corinthians 8:1-9?

6. Evaluate your stewardship of the resources the Lord has placed in your charge. Have you been faithful in the use of what God has placed in your care?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

11. Mercy

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore draw near with confidence
to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and may find grace to help in time of need.

Memorization Tip

Look for opportunities to apply the verses you are memorizing to everyday life. Sometimes it is enough simply to bring the verse to mind and think about it. Other times you may want to quote it, blessing another person with the very words of Scripture. Each time you use the Word in this way, it will become more fixed in your mind and heart.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

8. In the previous lesson you selected three online video clips for use in evangelism. Your assignment this week is to pass one or more of these on to three unsaved people. Write a short letter to each, introducing the clip. Include the video’s Internet address, inserting it into the letter as a webpage hyperlink, such that the person needs only to click on it to access it. List below the name of each person you contacted and the title of the video clip that you sent him or her.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “God of deliverances” (Psalm 68:20).

Commitment to Christ’s Church—“I Will Build My Church” (Matthew 16:18)

1. Read John 21:12-17. According to this passage, what should we do if we love the Lord Jesus?

2. According to 1 Corinthians 12:7-27, what is the responsibility of every Christian?

3. In what ways are you presently ministering to others in the church?

4. Review the following list of ministries in which a person can serve in his or her church. Write the ministries in which you might possibly want to serve in the box below. If there is an area in which you would like to serve that is not listed, feel free to include that also.

Ministry Opportunity List

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| Administration | Furniture maintenance | Preaching |
| Audio sound room | Girls’ ministry | Premarital Counseling |
| Audio tape duplication | Graphic Arts | Prayer |
| Baptistery preparation | Grounds maintenance | Prison evangelism |
| Boys’ ministry | High school ministry | PowerPoint operation |
| Building maintenance | Hospitality teams | Secretarial work |
| Chapel retreat | Hymn book maintenance | Sunday school |
| Childcare | Literature ministry | Adult teaching |
| College ministry | Library | Transportation |
| Crisis counseling | Meals ministry | Ushering |
| Deaconing | Missionary support | Video ministry |
| Eldering | Music ministry | Washing linens |
| Finances/Accounting | Nursery | Writing/Proofreading |

I am interested in possibly serving in the following ministries:

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

12. Omnipotence
Jeremiah 32:17
Ah Lord God! Behold,
Thou hast made the heavens and the earth
by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm!
Nothing is too difficult for Thee,

Memorization Tip

Set a regular time to do your memory work. Many find that linking it to their daily personal devotional time to be effective. Others like to memorize at night, just before they go to sleep. Whatever time you choose, be consistent.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

A great way to help an unbeliever come to Christ is to give him or her a high quality, nicely bound Bible. This will cost you a fair amount of money, but when given under the direction of the Holy Spirit it may prove to be the greatest single investment you could possibly make in the person’s life. So, save up your money and purchase a really nice, leather bound Bible, something you would like for yourself. Then prayerfully select someone to receive it, possibly someone who has been on your heart lately. Fill out the inscription page in your best handwriting. Then wait for a special occasion in the person’s life, such as graduation from school, marriage, the birth of a first child, a change of jobs, or an important holiday such as Christmas. Include mention of this event on the inscription page. Place a book marker at the start of the Gospel of Luke or the Gospel of John with the note, “Start Reading Here.” If appropriate, wrap the Bible in gift wrap and include a card with it, expressing your love for the person. Then present the Bible to the person in a formal manner, explaining why you are giving the person the Bible, telling him or her how important his or her friendship is to you. Express your hope that this Bible will be a blessing to your friend and to his or her family. If presented properly, that Bible will likely become a lifelong possession, one that will also probably be passed on to the person’s descendants. It will remain in the person’s house as a silent witness of God’s offer of salvation, waiting for the day when sensing his need your friend will pick it up and begin reading it. Do not be afraid to give such a gift to a devout Muslim, Hindu, or member of some other nonChristian religion. Religious people assign special reverence to sacred books and are actually more likely to receive the gift graciously than irreligious people.

6. When you pass on your first high quality Bible to an unbeliever, record the person’s name and the person’s reaction below.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Read the passage on which you meditated, explain your insight, and share your personal application. Check that your partner’s application from the Word is clearly based upon the plain meaning of the passage. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “God of gods” (Psalm 136:2).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

Victory in the Christian life has been compared to Israel’s conquest of the Promise Land. As Joshua faced physical foes, so we must face spiritual foes, such as sin and temptation. In both cases victory is in God through believing His promises.

1. List the promises God made to Joshua as Israel entered the land of Canaan (Joshua 1:1-9).

2. Describe how Israel failed to fully conquer the land of Canaan (Judges 1:1-2:5).

3. The Israelites called a truce with the inhabitants of Canaan and tried to coexist with them. Are there strongholds from your life before Christ with which you have done the same? List these below.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

4. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

13. Omnipresence

Jeremiah 23:24

“Can a man hide himself in hiding places,
So I do not see him?” declares the Lord.
“Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?”
declares the Lord.

Memorization Tip

If you are having difficulty memorizing a verse, write it out several times. Another technique some have found helpful is to put the verse to a simple melody or cadence. Then sing it repeatedly. Using several techniques on the same verse can be most effective. Write it; read it; sing it; recite it to someone else.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

Your personal story of salvation is unique, and God can use it to convince others of the life-changing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Consequently, in your efforts to make Christ known make use of opportunities to tell others about what God has done for you. Include information about what you were like as an unbeliever, how you came to faith in Jesus Christ, and how you are different now that you are born again. In preparation for this kind of evangelism, write the story of how you came to Christ. Make sure to include information about all three stages of your life: the before, how, and after.

A. Before—In the first section of your personal testimony, describe what your life was like before coming to Christ. Say something about your childhood, your religious upbringing or lack of one, and the time leading up to your salvation. Include at least one telling event that reveals what you were truly like at that time. For example, let’s say a person struggled with the sin of stealing. He might write, “I stole everything I could get my hands on and finally got caught.” Though this states the facts, it fails to communicate the true wickedness of sin. Providing one or two examples is the best way to correct this deficiency. For example, the same person might write, “I once stole the Bible of a missionary who was visiting our church. I didn’t even want it, but I couldn’t resist the challenge.” This helps the reader to see the enslaving power of sin. The person might continue, writing, “Another time I stole my grandmother’s favorite ring and sold it to a guy on the street so I could buy a carton of cigarettes.” This helps the reader to understand how heartless this thief had become. The writer might continue, “A month later I got caught burglarizing the house of an elderly woman who lived next door to us.” This helps us to see the progression of sin. The person has become a professional thief. “I went to jail for that one.” We want to say, “Good, you deserved it. You were really a creep on your way to hell.” Your life before coming to Christ may not have been as dramatic, but, regardless, you too were a wicked sinner under the judgment of God. Tell about one or two incidents in your life that communicates this.

How—In the second section of your personal testimony, explain how you came to Christ. Describe the events leading up to your salvation. Introduce the people who were involved. Share any Bible verses that were particularly helpful to you at this time. Be sure to include a *full explanation of the gospel*, such that a person listening to your story would know how to be saved from what you say. Explain the way of salvation as clearly as you can,

even if at the time you were saved it was less clear to you. Your goal is to help people come to Christ, so tell them what He did for you on the cross and make it as clear as possible.

C. After—In the final section of your testimony, tell briefly how your life has changed since coming to Christ. Here again, one good example is worth more than a hundred descriptive words and bland generalities. It is usually best to explain how the sinful area that you described in the first section of your testimony has been affected by your new relationship with God. For example, the thief described above might say, “Since coming to Christ, I haven’t taken a thing, not even a newspaper left on a city bus. In fact, I’ve been returning things, going back to the people I stole from, confessing my sin, and offering restitution. I thought my grandmother was going to disown me when I told her it was I who had stolen her ring. Instead, she started to cry and gave me huge hug. I never felt so ashamed.” Such reporting makes the changes God has made in you come alive for your audience. (It also helps your listener to stop despising you for the evil things you did as an unbeliever.)

5. Write your personal testimony in the space below. Keep it short. It should take about five minutes to read. Make sure it communicates all three parts of your story: before, how, and after. Check also that the gospel is clearly explained. Use at least one verse to explain it. Practice giving your testimony once or twice so that you can tell it to your mentor at your next meeting.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the “God of heaven” (Psalm 136:26).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

As God promised the Israelites victory over their enemies, so He has promised the Christian victory over sin. Summarize God’s promises to us as Christians in the following verses.

1. Romans 6:14

2. Romans 8:29

3. 1 John 5:4-5

4. How important is it to you that the sins and character deficiencies in your life are conquered, or are you content to live with them? Are you willing to address the sin and character weaknesses that remain in your life?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the previous verses and prepare to recite all 14 for your mentor.

14. Omniscience

Psalm 147:5

Great is our Lord,
and abundant in strength;
His understanding is infinite.

Memorization Tip

Don't be discouraged if at first you seem to be making slow progress. Your ability to memorize will improve with practice.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

We might picture sinners coming to salvation in terms of a glorious wedding ceremony. The Lord Jesus is the groom. Those receiving His offer of salvation are the bride. The evangelist is the minister presiding over the ceremony. Paul employs this imagery when writing to the Corinthians. He writes, “For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin” (2 Corinthians 11:2).

You also can serve as Paul did in betrothing needy sinners to Christ. This is the work of the evangelist. To see fruit in this kind of ministry, however, you must know how to present the gospel and extend God's offer of salvation effectively. There are many ways to do this. Here a three step process will be presented.

The Gospel in Three Steps

Step 1—Help Sinners to See God in Jesus

Step 2—Help Sinners to See Their Sin

Step 3—Help Sinners to See Jesus as Savior

This lesson will present the first of these three steps.

Step 1—Help Sinners to See God in Jesus

Satan, “the Father of lies” (John 8:44), has deceived the whole world. As a result, people have terrible misconceptions about God and many in Western countries have embraced agnosticism and atheism. Aggravating the problem are the large number of apostate Christian churches which now teach doctrines contrary to Scripture. Scandals have also shown much of Christendom to be corrupt and hypocritical.

All this this has created a formidable barrier to evangelism. It can be overcome, however, through Jesus Christ, God's perfect self-revelation. The Bible teaches, “No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him” (John 1:18). Jesus did this through His teaching, miracles, and example, such that at the end of His ministry on earth He could say to His disciples, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). The same is true today. In a world filled with wrong ideas about God, it is through Jesus that sinners come to know God as He truly is. For this reason, our objective in evangelism should always be to point sinners to the Lord Jesus. As they see Him and the beauty of His character they begin to

understand what God is truly like and to desire a right relationship with Him. John speaks of this when he writes, referring to Jesus, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

With this in view, one strategy for developing spiritual interest is to encourage people to read the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. “Faith comes from hearing,” Paul writes, “and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). It was with this purpose in mind that John wrote his gospel, stating in the closing chapters, “Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30-31). Luke had a similar objective in mind when he wrote. He begins his gospel, writing, “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word have handed them down to us, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught” (Luke 1:1-4). Luke’s gospel reads like an orderly history of Jesus’ life and includes valuable information on His conception and birth in the opening pages. For these reasons, the third gospel is especially valuable in helping modern people understand who Jesus is and what He taught and did.

6. Reach out to three people this week with the objective of encouraging each to read one of the four gospels. The Gospel of John in booklet form is readily available for purchase. Inexpensive New Testaments are also available. Consider also printing out one of the gospels with wide margins and binding it in a folder. Pass it on to one of your unsaved friends, encouraging him or her to study as they might an essay in school, marking it up with their insights and writing their questions in the margin. Then list below the names of the people to whom you reached out and the reaction of each.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. If you are struggling with consistency, ask your mentor for more accountability. You may want to meet more often or touch bases on the phone daily for a time. Write your insight into Scripture and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before our “great God” (Psalm 95:3).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

1. As we saw in the previous lesson, God has destined us “to become conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29). This process is called *sanctification*. Through it we become more Christ-like, living holier lives. What do we learn about sanctification from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8?

2. The process of sanctification begins in this life. According to 1 John 3:2, when is it completed?

3. Though sanctification is a work of God, the rate at which it progresses in the life of the believer is dependent upon his willingness to trust and obey the Lord. As we yield ourselves to God, believing His Word and disciplining ourselves for the purpose of godliness, sanctification progresses most quickly. In this lesson, you will identify some of your strengths and weaknesses. Then in future lessons, you will select one character weakness on which to work. As a starting point, list some of the character areas in which you excel.

4. Next identify your weaknesses. Consider areas in which you have struggled, have had repetitive failures or strife, things that have hindered your spiritual growth, and things about which your conscience bothers you. List these below. Later you will select a character weakness on which to work.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

15. Personality

Exodus 3:14

And God said to Moses,
“I AM WHO I AM”;
and He said,
“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel,
‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

Step 2—Help Sinners to See Their Sin

As we saw in the previous lesson, the first step in evangelism is building spiritual interest. Once that has been accomplished, the next step is to help the person understand why God seems so distant and separated from us and why the world is such a sad and troubled place. The reason, of course, is sin. Begin with a good definition of sin. Use the Bible to do this. Here verses such as Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4; and Exodus 20:1-17 can be helpful. It is usually best to show the person each verse directly in the Bible and have him read it for himself. Then further his understanding of the verse by asking two or three questions about it with comments in between in an *ask-tell-ask* pattern. For example, the first verse states, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). You might ask, “What do you think God’s glory refers to in this verse?” Discuss the person’s answer and provide additional insight. Then ask another question about it and comment again on the person’s answer. You might ask the person, “What do you think it means to ‘fall short of the glory of God?’” Or: “Who has sinned according to this verse?” A dialogue in a normal tone of voice will accomplish more than a preachy monologue. Practicing good listening skills, you will also learn more about how the person views himself, God, and salvation, and so be better able to tailor your presentation to help the person.

When you think the person adequately grasps the meaning of the verse, move on another verse. Other verses that are useful when explaining the meaning of sin are Matthew 5:21-22 and 5:27-28.

Once the person understands the biblical meaning of sin, explain that death—both physical and spiritual—is its penalty. Again, do this by showing the person verses in the Bible that state this truth and discussing them with them using the ask-tell-ask approach. When explaining the penalty for sin, the opening pages of the Bible are a good place to start. God told Adam, “From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17). Help the person see that Adam disobeyed God and sinned. The result was death. Adam sinned only once and that was enough to incur the death penalty. Show the person that death came into the world through Adam and spread to all mankind (Romans 5:12). As a result, we are all sinners and alienated from God. Romans 6:23 and Revelation 20:11-15 are other texts that clearly set forth the seriousness of sin and its penalty.

As you present the biblical meaning of sin and its punishment, help the person to apply the teaching to his or her life. Ask questions such as: “What does this mean with respect to your life?” “Is this how you see yourself?” “Do you think God will judge you?” To get right with God it is necessary for a person to see himself as a sinner and to take full responsibility for his sins. The prodigal son of Jesus’ parable serves as a good example of this. Financially broke, hungry, and miserable, he came to his senses and decided, “I will get up and go to my father, and will say

to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son” (Luke 15:18-19).

What you are looking for at this stage of the presentation is that the person has a firm grip on the fact that he is a guilty sinner, under the judgment of God, and headed for hell. This is often referred to as *conviction of sin*. It is a sign that the person is responding to the work of the Holy Spirit in his life. Speaking of the Spirit, the Lord Jesus taught, “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged” (John 16:8-11).

You can test whether a person is under conviction of sin or not by asking, “Have you ever done anything that you are ashamed of?” Shame is an indication that a person recognizes that he has done someone bad and that he takes responsibility for it. You might also ask, “Have you ever done anything bad enough to land you in hell?” A yes or no answer is sufficient. You are not asking the person to confess his sins to you, but simply trying to determine if he realizes the seriousness of his sins before God.

Next you need to determine whether the person is repentant. Repentance is an inward response to the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit. It goes beyond ownership of sin to a decision to turn away from it. It involves a change of mind about God, sin, and self. The sinner owns up to his sin, acknowledges God’s rightful authority over his life, and exhibits what the Scriptures calls “the fear of the Lord” (Proverbs 1:7). This is the person to whom God shows mercy. The Scriptures teach, “Let the wicked forsake his way, / And the unrighteous man his thoughts; / And let him return to the Lord, / And He will have compassion on him; / And to our God, / For He will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:7). And again: “He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, / But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion” (Proverbs 28:13).

It is for this reason that we, even as the Lord Jesus, must call upon men and women to repent. The Lord taught, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). Paul preached the same message to sinners, “solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). And so, before moving on to the next step, call the person to repentance. Ask: “Are you willing to turn from your sin and live life God’s way?”

Sometimes a person needs help understanding what this would mean for him or her. Ask: “If God were to give you the ability to overcome the sin in your life, is there any sin that you would not be willing to give up?” Or, you might say, “God is willing to forgive your sins and come into your life and change you to become morally like Christ. Is this something that you want for your life?” Even more simply: “Are you willing to follow Christ and be His disciple?”

Go slow at this point. It may be good to give the person a few days to think about what he has learned so far. If he is not ready, don’t rush him into a decision. In the next step, you will be explaining to him the saving work of Christ on the cross and God’s offer of salvation to all who put their trust in Jesus. This is not something that a person can understand purely on an intellectual basis. God’s help will be needed and He will only help the repentant sinner. Speaking of God the Father, Jesus promised, “If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself. (John 7:17). Consequently, ask the person if he is willing to do God’s will. If he is not, provide time for the convicting work of the Holy Spirit to show its fruit. If he is willing to repent, you can be confident that God will give him the ability to understand the gospel of Jesus Christ, which you will be explaining in the final step.

One last point on this subject. Make sure that the person does not confuse the call to repentance with a call to reformation. In no sense are we asking the person to reform his life, clean up his behavior, or to make amends for past sins before God will forgive him. Rather, we are asking if he *is willing* to have God reign over him and change him to be like Christ.

6. Present the problem of sin and the call to repentance to one of your unsaved friends. (If none of them are ready for this step, practice the presentation of these with one of your Christian friends or your mentor.) Evaluate how your presentation went and describe the person's reaction below.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before God, knowing “the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer” (1 Peter 3:12).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

Read Colossians 3:1-17

1. List the negative character traits and practices found in Colossians 3:1-17. Note that according to the passage, these are things that a Christian can and should put aside.

2. List the positive character traits and practices found in Colossians 3:1-17. Note that these are things that a Christian can and should put on as part of new life in Christ.

3. List everything in Colossians 3:1-17 that we as Christians supposed to do that we might lay aside the negative traits and put on the positive ones.

4. Review the list of positive character traits below. Write the three traits that you consider to be your three greatest strengths in the box below. If a characteristic that describes you is missing, add it to the list.

Positive Character Traits				
ambitious	forbearing	hospitable	patient	steadfast
balanced	frugal	humble	peacemaker	straightforward
charitable	fruitful	industrious	persevering	sympathetic
chaste	generous	joyful	polite	tactful
cheerful	gentle	just	prudent	teachable
confident	giving	kind	pure	temperate
conscientious	good judgment	longsuffering	purposeful	thoughtful
considerate	graceful	loving	realistic	tolerant
courageous	gracious	loyal	reasonable	trusting
decisive	grateful	meek	scrupulous	unselfish
diligent	hard worker	merciful	self-control	willing to serve
discerning	helpful	moral	self-denial	wise
disciplined	holy	obedient	self-starter	zealous
enthusiastic	honest	open-minded	sensitive to others	
faithful	hopeful	organized	sincere	

I consider my three greatest strengths to be:

5. Review the list of negative character traits below. Circle the three that you consider to be your three greatest weaknesses. If a characteristic that describes you is missing, add it to the list. If you are not sure which ones to select, ask your mentor for help. Sometimes we have blind spots that others see but we do not.

Negative Character Traits				
aimless	dishonest	immodest	negligent	stubborn
angry	disloyal	immoral	overly humorous	suspicious
anxious	doubtful	impatient	overly talkative	unbelieving
bitter	egotistic	imprudent	pessimistic	uncompassionate
careless	envious	impulsive	prideful	unforgiving
contentious	extravagant	impure	procrastinating	ungrateful
covetous	fainthearted	indecisive	rash	unstable
cowardly	fearful	indifferent	rebellious	untruthful
crafty	foolish	inhospitable	resentful	vengeful
critical	frivolous	intemperate	self-focused	vindictive
cruel	gluttonous	irritable	self-indulgent	violent
cynical	gossip	jealous	self-willed	vulgar
disagreeable	half-hearted	lazy	sensual	wavering
discontent	harsh	lustful	silly	weak-willed
discouraged	hateful	malicious	slothful	worldly
discourteous	haughty	messy	stingy	

I consider my three greatest weaknesses to be:

6. Select the character weakness which you would like to address first. It is usually best to start with the one that is most foundational. For example, a person might have listed laziness, lustfulness, and aimlessness as his top three negative character traits. In selecting the one to address first, this person might think it best to pick lustfulness. If the person's lustfulness, however, is the byproduct of a life that is lazy and aimless, then it will be difficult to make progress. It would be better to start with the more foundational problem of a lack of direction and purpose in life.

Write the character area with which you will start in the space below. You may want to ask your mentor for input on your selection

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

16. Righteousness

Deuteronomy 32:4

The Rock! His work is perfect,
For all His ways are just;
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Righteous and upright is He.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the Lord, knowing that when we do not know how to pray “the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

1. Describe how the character weakness that you have selected to address can be seen in your life.

2. Scripture tells us that we should glorify God with our lives (1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31). If by God’s grace this weakness were turned into a strength, how would God be glorified?

3. If by God’s grace this weakness were turned into a strength, how would you be blessed?

4. Explain Galatians 2:20 in your own words. Then specifically apply it to your character weakness.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

17. Self-existence

John 5:26

For just as the Father has life in Himself,
even so He gave to the Son also
to have life in Himself;

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

Step 3—Help Sinners to See Jesus as Savior

John the Baptist called upon the Jewish people to confess their sins and repent of them “so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17). The same is true today. The person who confesses that he is a sinner and is repentant is properly prepared to receive Jesus as Savior. And so, the third and final step in evangelism is to explain the saving work of Christ and to call the sinner to faith in Jesus.

Begin by making sure that the person understands who Jesus is. This is best accomplished by having the person read one of the gospel accounts of Jesus’ birth. Here Luke 1:26-2:20 might be the best place to start as this text provides the fullest record of the events concerning Jesus’ conception and birth. Help the person to see that Jesus is God come in the flesh. He is the “Son of God” (Luke 1:36), the God-man, the “one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

Next, help the person to understand what Jesus did for us on the cross. He took the penalty of our sin upon Himself (1 Peter 3:18). He died in our place, giving “His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Consequently, He is “the Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14). Once again, use the ask-tell-ask method to present these verses. Other verses that you may want to use when explaining Christ’s saving work are John 3:16 and 1 Peter 2:24.

Once a person sees what Jesus did for him on the cross, help him to understand that God’s offer of salvation is received by faith (John 3:16; Roman 10:9-10). God freely offers salvation to all sinners as a free gift (Romans 6:23). To receive this offer, one must place his faith in Jesus to save him.

Saving faith is more than agreeing with the facts about Jesus life and death or repeating a prayer or creed that state these. Rather, saving faith is placing one’s trust in Jesus to save him. It is believing that Jesus died in my place, took the punishment that was rightly mine, and believing that He will save me from the consequences of my sins and give me eternal life.

Saving faith can be understood to have four components: a basis, content, an object, and an action. The Scriptures are the *basis* of saving faith. They tell us about Christ, His saving work on the cross, and God’s gracious offer of salvation. As such, they are the foundation on which saving faith rests.

The *content* of saving faith is the gospel of Jesus Christ, namely: “that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). This is what we must believe about Jesus to be saved.

Jesus is the *object* of saving faith. He is the one whom we must trust to save us. The Bible cannot save us. Neither can the Ten Commandments, our church, our parents, our minister or priest, or any other object or person can save us. Jesus alone must be the object of our faith. He is the Savior. We must place our faith in Him to save us.

The *action* of saving faith is an act of our will in which we place our complete trust in the Lord Jesus to save us. This is best done in prayer by formally and officially telling God that we accept His gracious offer of salvation.

We can help a person receive God's gift of salvation by making sure that he sees for himself God's message of salvation in the Scriptures, for they are the basis for faith. In this way, the person's faith will rest on God's Word, not ours.

We should make certain that the person understands what Jesus did for him on the cross and how to receive God's offer of salvation. One way to do this is to have the person repeat back to you gospel. In this way we can ensure that person grasps the content of faith.

We should point the person to Jesus that He might be the sole object of the person's faith for salvation. Here we should stress that receiving God's forgiveness involves entering into a personal relationship with Jesus as one's Lord and Savior.

We should encourage to the person to act on his faith by formally and officially expressing his faith to God, stating that he is a sinner, that he wants to live under God's authority, and that he has decided to place his trust in Jesus to save him. Give room for the person to express these things in his own words. This is far better than having him repeat a prayer after you. Instead, encourage the person to express what is on his own heart that the prayer might be truly his. If he does not know what to say on his own, he probably is not ready to trust Christ and needs more time.

If the person is ready to receive Christ and wants to do so with you, it is usually best to find a private location where you will not be interrupted. Kneel before God. Your role at this point as the evangelist is much like that of a minister at a wedding. You are merely officiating. What is important is what is about to take place between God and the sinner. To help the person enter into God's presence in prayer, you may want to start the time in prayer, addressing God on behalf of both of you and thanking God for His gracious offer of salvation. Then encourage the person to speak directly to God and to tell Him what is on his heart. Listen carefully to what the person says to God. If it is a clear expression of repentance before God and faith in Jesus Christ, rejoice with the angels above. If it is not, further explanation will be needed, and next time go slower.

6. In preparation for sharing the good news of salvation, memorize the abbreviated three-step outline and Scripture references below for your next meeting with your mentor.

The Gospel in Three Steps

Step 1—Help Sinners to See God in Jesus (John 1:4; 14:9)

Step 2—Help Sinners to See Their Sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23)

Step 3—Help Sinners to See The Savior (Luke 1:26-2:20; 1 Peter 3:18; Mark 10:45; John 3:16)

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the Lord, “praying in the Holy Spirit” (Jude 1:20).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

1. Define the character trait on which you are working. Start with a dictionary. Then learn more about the character area by examining what the Bible has to say about it. Consult a Bible concordance, Bible dictionary, or topical index of the Bible. If you are unfamiliar with these resources, ask your mentor for help. Describe the negative character trait as fully as possible.

2. Identify the positive character trait that most closely is the opposite to the negative character trait which you have selected (for example patience for short tempered). Record it in the space below. Then write a definition for this positive trait. Once again start with a dictionary. Then add to that definition what the Bible has to say about it.

3. Identify someone in the Bible whose life illustrates the negative character trait on which you are working. Write a brief summary of the person’s life, explaining how it reveals the negative character trait.

4. Identify someone in the Bible whose life illustrates the opposite of the negative character trait on which you are working. Write a brief summary of the person, explaining how his or her life reveals this positive trait.

During your discipleship meeting, discuss with your mentor the biblical principles for sanctification taught in Romans 6:1-14. You will need to understand this passage in order to complete the next lesson.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

18. Sovereignty

1 Chronicles 29:11

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth;
Thine is the dominion, O Lord,
and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

To be effective in evangelism, we must incorporate outreach into our everyday lives, telling people regularly about the Lord. This might mean sharing our personal testimony of salvation, giving away evangelistic material, presenting Bibles to people at important junctures in their lives, or just speaking up for the Lord as the Spirit gives opportunity. Whatever the case, make this a part of your normal life, spreading the good news of salvation wherever you go.

6. Reach out to someone this week with the gospel. Record what you did and the person’s reaction.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the one whom we can address as “Abba! Father!” (Romans 8:15).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

Romans 6:1-14 explains how we as Christians can have victory over sin. In this lesson you will apply this important passage to the character weakness on which you are working.

1. Through Christ’s representative death, we have been raised to the newness of life (Romans 6:1-5). Explain what this means with respect to your specific character weakness?

2. Our old self was crucified with Christ. We are no longer slaves to sin (Romans 6:6-10). What does this have to do with your specific character weakness?

3. We are to consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:11). Explain how you would apply this to your specific character weakness.

4. We are to yield our lives to God not sin (Romans 6:12-14). How might you apply this to your character weakness?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

19. Spirit
John 4:24
God is spirit,
and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

6. Reach out to someone this week with the gospel. Record what you did and the person’s reaction.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the One with whom “all things are possible” (Mark 14:36).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

Read Romans 12:1-3

1. What are we called to do according to Romans 12:1? What does this practically mean for you? Why should we do it, according to the verse?

2. According to Romans 12:2, what are we not to do? What are we supposed to do? Give examples of each as they relate to your life.

3. According to Romans 12:2, what goal is in view in these commands? What does this mean?

4. What sin does Romans 12:3 warn us about?

5. Describe a situation, real or imaginary, that illustrates how the character weakness with which you are working might show itself in your everyday life. For example, if you were dealing with anger, you might tell how after a hard day at work you returned home and took out your frustrations on your family, being irritable and argumentative. Similarly, describe a situation that you might actually face in which your character weakness would come into play. Describe how it might turn out if you were to respond from a your sinful flesh rather than from God's grace. You may change the details for the sake of privacy, if you wish.

6. Rewrite the situation above. Assume the same initial circumstances, but now instead of responding sinfully, rewrite the end of the story with you responding from a Spirit controlled heart. Specifically apply the principles of Romans 6:1-14. In the illustration given above, for example, the person might pray before going home, "Lord, this has been a difficult day. Everything has gone wrong and I am tired and frustrated. I need your help. I know how I would have responded in the past, arguing with my family and shouting at everyone. But the old me is dead. I am a new person in Christ. I have been crucified with Christ. I am no longer a slave to anger. I am alive in Christ. This means that I am your child. I am forgiven and am blameless in Your sight. With your help, I will not yield to sin. I will not give my mouth to shouting. I will not give my mind to anger. I yield myself to You. Help me to be a blessing to my family. Help me to do what I am supposed to do. Help me to show love and patience. Help me to use my speech to build my family up. I am trusting in You."

Apply the truths of Romans 6:1-14 to your character weakness and the situation you described above, writing an ending to your story that would reflect the kind of actions that would be pleasing to God.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

20. Trinity

Ephesians 2:18

through Him we both have our access
in one Spirit to the Father.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before “the Father of mercies and God of all comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

1. Rewrite 1 Corinthians 10:13 in your own words, applying it specifically to the character weakness you have selected.

2. Sometimes we make life difficult, putting ourselves into situations in which temptation is great. List three things you can do to avoid temptation in the area of your character weakness.

3. How does Romans 13:14 apply to your character weakness?

4. Select three verses that specifically deal with the character weakness you have selected. Write the reference and text of each below. You may want to consult a Bible concordance or topical index. Your mentor can also be an assistance to you. Consider the truths found in these verses and how you might apply them to your area of weakness. You may also wish to commit them to memory.

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

5. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

21. Truth

John 14:6

Jesus said to him,
“I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father, but through Me

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

6. Reach out to someone this week with the gospel. Record what you did and the person’s reaction.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before “the Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth” (Exodus 34:6).

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

1. What does Proverbs 24:16 say is true of the righteous man?

2. According to 1 John 3:6-10, what distinguishes a true Christian from a false one?

3. What should you do when you fail, sinning before God (Proverbs 28:13)? Explain what this means.

4. Summarize the promise of 1 John 1:8-9.

5. What should you do if your sin offends or hurts other people (Matthew 5:23-24)? Explain how you would specifically apply this to the character area in which you are working.

6. Being accountable to a trusted mature Christian can help significantly when trying to overcome a longstanding character weakness. He or she can pray with you and advise you on how to overcome sin in the future. Do you want to receive this level of support? How could your mentor be of greater help to you?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. In preparation for your discipleship meeting, memorize the following verse. Review the verses you have already learned.

22. Unity

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel!
The Lord is our God,
the Lord is one!

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Each person should share one insight that he or she received from the Word during the past week. Write your insight and the reference below.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/Student Exercise: Share prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the One whose “compassions never fail” (Lamentations 3:22).

Discipleship—“Come, Follow Me” (Luke 18:22)

This is the final lesson of *Disciplines of the Christian Life, Part I*. Over the past months you have learned much about what it means to follow Christ. You have seen that the call of discipleship is a high one, requiring submission to the will of God. You have also learned how the church is at the center of Christ’s plan for Christian growth. It is as we serve together in the strength that Christ’s supplies that the body is built up and we grow to be like Him.

1. As Jesus’ training of the Twelve came to a conclusion, He told them, “If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them” (John 13:17). State your commitment to follow through with the things you learned in this course.

Daily Time with God—“In the Morning My Prayer Comes before Thee” (Psalm 88:13)

2. One of the goals of this training has been to develop a daily time alone with God. Summarize how your time with God each day is presently going.

3. What steps might you take to improve your daily time alone with God?

Commitment to Christ’s Church—“I Will Build My Church” (Matthew 16:18)

4. As an expression of their love for the Lord, the early Christians “were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). Summarize your present personal commitment to these four ministries of the church.

Character Growth—“We Shall be Like Him” (1 John 3:2)

5. Recently you have been working on strengthening one of your character weaknesses. What progress have you made toward becoming more like Christ in this area?

6. Though this course is concluding, God’s work of sanctification in your life will be ongoing. What might be the next character area on which He would have you to work?

Memorization—“Thy Word I have Treasured in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11)

7. Review all 22 verses on the attributes of God. Your mentor will be testing you on these at your final meeting. Practice them until you can recite them with fluency and accuracy.

Evangelism—“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)

6. Reach out to someone this week with the gospel. Record what you did and the person’s reaction.

Prayer—“Pray for One Another” (James 5:16)

Mentor/ Student Exercise: Complete this meeting by sharing prayer requests with one another, listing them below. Bring them together then before the One for whom “nothing is too difficult” (Jeremiah 32:17).

<p>1. Eternity</p> <p>Psalm 90:2</p> <p>Before the mountains were born, Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.</p>	<p>2. Faithfulness</p> <p>Lamentations 3:22-23</p> <p>The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.</p>
<p>3. Goodness</p> <p>Psalm 119:68</p> <p>Thou art good and doest good; Teach me Thy statutes.</p>	<p>4. Grace</p> <p>Exodus 34:6</p> <p>Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;"</p>
<p>5. Holiness</p> <p>Isaiah 6:3</p> <p>And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."</p>	<p>6. Immutability</p> <p>Hebrews 13:8</p> <p>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever.</p>
<p>7. Infinity</p> <p>Isaiah 40:28</p> <p>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.</p>	<p>8. Justice</p> <p>Jeremiah 9:24</p> <p>". . . let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord.</p>

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<p>9. Love</p> <p>1 John 4:8</p> <p>The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.</p>	<p>10. Majesty</p> <p>Jude 25</p> <p>to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p>11. Mercy</p> <p>Hebrews 4:16</p> <p>Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.</p>	<p>12. Omnipotence</p> <p>Jeremiah 32:17</p> <p>Ah Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee,</p>
<p>13. Omnipresence</p> <p>Jeremiah 23:24</p> <p>“Can a man hide himself in hiding places, So I do not see him?” declares the Lord. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the Lord.</p>	<p>14. Omniscience</p> <p>Psalms 147:5</p> <p>Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.</p>
<p>15. Personality</p> <p>Exodus 3:14</p> <p>And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"</p>	<p>16. Righteousness</p> <p>Deuteronomy 32:4</p> <p>The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.</p>

<p>17. Self-existence</p> <p>John 5:26</p> <p>For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;</p>	<p>18. Sovereignty</p> <p>1 Chronicles 29:11</p> <p>Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O Lord, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.</p>
<p>19. Spirit</p> <p>John 4:24</p> <p>God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.</p>	<p>20. Trinity</p> <p>Ephesians 2:18</p> <p>. . . through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.</p>
<p>21. Truth</p> <p>John 14:6</p> <p>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."</p>	<p>22. Unity</p> <p>Deuteronomy 6:4</p> <p>Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!</p>