

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON EIGHT

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- ☐ 1. Prepare to give from memory John 13:34, 35.
- ☐ 2. Read and study Ephesians 1 - 6 using "My Daily Time With God" sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- ☐ 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- ☐ 4. Complete all material in Lesson Eight, "Reaching Out to Others."
- ☐ 5. Read the booklet "Would You Like to Know God Personally?" (Obtain a copy from your discipler.)

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- ☐ 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Seven emphasizing the importance of worship and fellowship. Discuss applications.
- ☐ 2. Quote from memory John 13:34, 35.
- ☐ 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- ☐ 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- ☐ 5. Review Lesson Eight emphasizing sharing Christ and making disciples of those who receive Christ.
- ☐ 6. Demonstrate how to share the gospel booklet "Would You Like to Know God Personally?"
- ☐ 7. Discuss your future plans e.g. Dynamic Sharing, Dynamic Discipling or other ministry areas. Go over the "Dynamic Sharing, An Opportunity" sheet together.
- ☐ 8. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Nine". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- ☐ 9. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet. Pray for the disciple you will each train next.

DYNAMIC

--- Discipling ---

Lesson Eight

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

In the last lesson, we learned about the purpose of the church as it relates to worship and fellowship. Now let's look at the purpose of the church and its product, disciplers.

Disciple-making is a process that begins by sharing Christ and then continues by helping those who receive Christ grow toward maturity. When they lead others to Christ and disciple them, they become disciplers. When you received Christ as your Savior, you began a life long process of becoming a disciple. Now it is time for you to begin to disciple others. The church is a family, not an orphanage, and in a family where there are several children the older ones help the younger ones as they grow together.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

What are the marks of a disciple?

Mark 1:17 _____

John 1:41 _____

2 Timothy 2:15 _____

John 14:21 _____

John 16:13, 14 _____

Ephesians 5:18 _____

Acts 1:8 _____

You need to keep growing. What has God provided in the church to help you grow?

Ephesians 4:11,12 _____

The pastor and other leaders are equippers of those who like yourself are to be ministers to do works of service.

CHRIST'S COMMAND

"Jesus didn't say, 'How would you like to go?'. No, He commanded and they did it.
That is how disciples are made."

Disciple by Juan Carlos Ortiz

What was the first thing Jesus told his disciples to do?

Mark 1:17 _____

What were His last instructions to His disciples?

Acts 1:8 _____

As His disciples, we too must be witnesses of what He has done for us and share the gospel with those around us. This is one way that we can minister to others.

"God's dwelling place on earth is no longer conceived of as a building set apart from the world, but as a people sent into the world." Thomas Gillespie

Read Mark 5:1-20. Jesus delivered a man who was demon-possessed and living in the tombs. As Jesus was leaving, the man begged to go with Him. Jesus' reply was that the man should return home and share his new-found life with his family and friends.

What did Jesus say he should tell his family? (v.19) _____

Briefly describe his life before he met Jesus. (v. 2-5)

What did Jesus do for him? (v.6-13) _____

What changes had Christ made in his life? (v.15) _____

The man went home and told his family. As he shared his story with them, how did they respond? (v.20)

You too have been delivered from Satan's control and have a story to tell.
Write out 1 Peter 3:15.

WITNESS BY TELLING YOUR STORY

Use the following workshop to help you to summarize what God has done for you.
"MY LIFE STORY" WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to help you write a testimony and present it to others.

HOW TO PREPARE "MY LIFE STORY" - PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Any subject matter can be presented more effectively by careful organization. A carefully prepared testimony, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can be of immediate and effective use in nearly every witnessing situation. It should be our desire to present Christ in such a clear, attractive, yet simple way, that those who hear will want to know Him too, and will also know "how" to receive Him personally.

Do's and Don'ts of a Personal Testimony

Do's:

1. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you write. (James 1:5,6)
2. Follow a four-point outline: "My Life Story" (see sample worksheet).
 - a. Share about your life before knowing Christ.
 - b. Explain how you came to know Christ (be specific).
 - c. Tell about your life after you received Christ (positive changes He has made, what He means to you now).
 - d. Give an appropriate Bible verse.
3. Emphasize point "c" above if you became a Christian as a young child.
4. Use approximately 10 seconds for point (a), 20 seconds for point (b), 25 seconds for point (c), and 5 seconds for point (d). Points (a) and (b) are past history. Once you have prepared them you will not necessarily be changing them. Point (c) should be kept current and fresh - what Christ is doing in your life now.

5. Begin with an interesting, attention-getting sentence and close with a good conclusion. Try to follow a theme throughout. Examples are:

Purpose for living	Sense of belonging
God's Word	Assurance of Salvation
Freedom from fear of death	Freedom from fear of living
Freedom from self	Peace of mind
Fulfillment	God's love
God's forgiveness	Success
6. Write in such a way that others will feel associated with you in past and present experiences. Talk about changes in attitudes such as: apathy or hate to love; resentment to concern; depression to joy; anxiety to peace; impatience to patience; lack of discipline to temperance.
7. Edit carefully and rewrite as necessary before final draft.
7. Memorize your testimony and practice it until it becomes natural.

Don'ts:

1. Don't use Christian jargon - words such as: saved, converted, convicted, born again, and sin. Though these words and phrases are precious to us, they are often misunderstood by non-Christians.
2. Don't be too wordy, beat around the bush, or emphasize how bad you used to be.
3. Don't use words like wonderful, glorious, fantastic, etc.
4. Don't mention church denominations, especially in a derogatory way.
5. Don't speak negatively about any other individual or group.
6. Don't give the impression that the Christian life is a life without problems.

EVALUATE YOUR "LIFE STORY"

1. What is my theme? _____
2. Will my opening statement catch their attention? _____

My life before I received Christ:

1. Remember, I will be talking to non-Christians. Could they relate? Is it realistic?
2. What caused me to realize that I needed Christ?

How I received Christ:

1. Did I say specifically "how" I actually invited Christ into my life?
2. Would a non-Christian know how to and want to receive Christ as a result of hearing my testimony?

My life after I received Christ:

1. Did I use simple, clear illustrations of ways in which Christ has changed me?
2. Is it realistic? Remember, no one is perfect.
3. Does it show that it is Christ making the difference in my life?

Appropriate Bible Verse:

1. Does this verse tie in with the theme of "My Life Story"?

When Sharing Your Testimony, Be Sure to:

1. Share it with loving enthusiasm in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
2. Speak clearly in a natural, relaxed tone of voice.
3. Avoid mannerisms when you speak, such as: rubbing your nose, clearing your throat and using "ums" and "ahs".
4. Avoid using high pressure methods to get a "decision" for Christ. Remember men are "born of the Spirit", not through the persuasiveness or logic of men, though God may use both.
5. Avoid preaching at people. Present **a testimony**, not a preachimony. Say "**I**" not "**you**". Remember, it is **your** story.
6. **Smile often!** Ask the Lord to give you a happy, radiant face.

"MY LIFE STORY" WORKSHEET

MY LIFE BEFORE I RECEIVED CHRIST

HOW I RECEIVED CHRIST (Be Specific)

MY LIFE AFTER I RECEIVED CHRIST

APPROPRIATE BIBLE VERSE

WITNESS BY PRESENTING CHRIST

There are many ways to present the gospel of Jesus Christ. In this training we recommend using a prepared booklet such as "Would You Like to Know God Personally?" or "Have you Heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?" both by Bill Bright or "Steps to Peace with God" by Billy Graham. Your discipler should have supplied you with a copy.

READ THE GOSPEL BOOKLET

Read the booklet and become familiar with it. Your discipler will demonstrate how to use it to share your faith with another person.

The Apostle Paul tells of his conversion experience in Acts 22. What did he ask when he met Jesus? (v.8)

Every seeking person needs to understand who Jesus is. As you present the gospel, be sure to talk about Jesus.

Not everyone you share with will be ready to receive Christ as their Savior, but many will. Those who do, will need help to grow.

What was the second question Paul asked Jesus? Acts 22:10

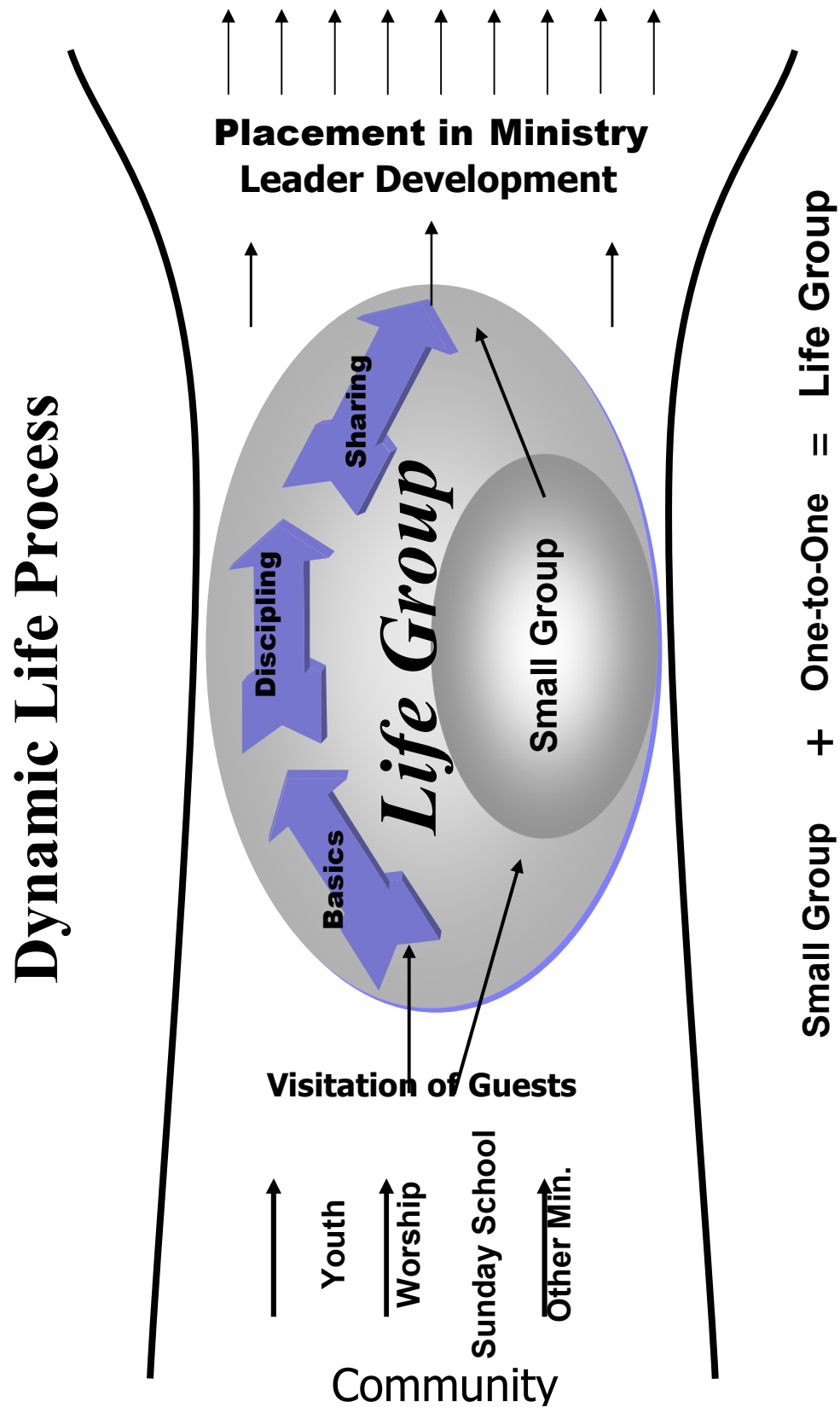
MAKE DISCIPLES

Sharing Christ is the first step in making disciples. What do you teach a new disciple? Matthew 28:20

They will be a long time learning to obey everything Jesus taught, but your part as their discipler will be to help them grow.

APPLICATION

Study the following diagram and discuss it with your discipler.



PERSONAL GROWTH

Identify where you are in this process. How have you benefited from your growth experience so far?

For you to continue your growth, the next step is Dynamic Sharing. You will learn how to share Christ with those who have had contact with our church. This will equip you and give you greater confidence to share with others. (Read through the "Dynamic Sharing, An Opportunity" sheet at the end of this lesson.)

Do you plan to take One-to-One Dynamic Sharing? _____

Discuss with your discipler about arrangements to begin.

WITNESSING OPPORTUNITIES

What can you do to acquaint a non-Christian friend with the gospel?

(e.g. Friendship Party, Church Outreach, etc.)

With whom would you like to share Christ? _____

Would you like help? _____ When? _____

DISCIPLING OPPORTUNITIES

In what areas could you involve a new Christian?

(One-to-One, Life Group, Sunday School etc.)

Why would it be important for you to help them grow?

DYNAMIC

--- Sharing ---

ONE -TO-ONE

AN OPPORTUNITY

Most Christians today would like to experience that same supernatural, dynamic and fulfilling life that is described in the New Testament epistles. It was not merely performance to them, but an invasion of their lives by a new quality of life which they described as **Christ living in them**.

That same life is available to us as we respond to God's Word.

GOD'S PLAN

God's plan is for every believer to be a witness for Him. You are a vital part of that world-wide work which He would have His people accomplish in this age. Is there anything more important?

GOD'S POWER

God's promise: ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*** Acts 1:8

WHAT IS DYNAMIC SHARING?

1. It consists of six one-to-one training sessions which are used by one person to train another who will in turn train another person.
2. We will meet together once a week for 2 hours to share, practice, pray and go out on an evangelistic appointment together.

WHY ONE-TO-ONE?

1. Short term one-to-one evangelism is easily reproduced. (The most effective way to pass on training to another)
2. Almost anyone can do individual training. A man trains a man, a woman trains a woman.

3. It provides potential for you to develop as a leader.
4. You will become more accountable.
5. It helps you become more committed in obedience to Christ as you model effective evangelism.
6. You will have an opportunity to develop strong Christian relationships.
7. It gives flexibility in scheduling our Dynamic Sharing times together.

THE GOALS OF DYNAMIC SHARING ARE TO:

1. Help you gain a vision for evangelism.
2. Help establish your confidence in the Holy Spirit as He empowers and directs in witnessing.
3. Help you learn how to share your personal testimony
4. Help equip you to be a witness for Christ.
5. Help you plan effective follow-up for new believers.
6. Help you begin training others to be witness (to reproduce).

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men (mankind) who will also be qualified to teach others”.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN DYNAMIC SHARING?

1. A desire to grow in your relationship with Christ.
2. A teachable attitude - willingness to learn from and interact with others.
3. Purchase the training manual
4. A commitment to attend weekly sessions.
5. A commitment to complete assignments.

HAVE YOU MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO GO ON TO DYNAMIC SHARING? CAN I MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU?

MY DAILY TIME WITH GOD

Week of _____ to _____ 19 ____

This Week's Memory Verse: (Review Each Day)

_____ Reference: _____

Day 1 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 2 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 3 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 4 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

Day 5 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 6 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

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**MUCH PRAYER -
MUCH POWER -
MUCH PRAISE!**

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MESSAGE OUTLINE

Topic _____

Date _____ Speaker _____

Scripture Reference _____

List Main Points and Key Thoughts for Each

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON NINE

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- ☐ 1. Prepare to give from memory II Timothy 2:2.
- ☐ 2. Read and study Galatians 1 - 6 using "My Daily Time With God" sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- ☐ 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- ☐ 4. Complete all material in Lesson Nine, "God's Will for My Future."
- ☐ 5. Study the Dynamic Life Process in General Instructions for Disciplers. Be prepared to describe the diagram on the next page to your discipler.

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- ☐ 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Eight emphasizing sharing Christ and making disciples of those who receive Christ. Discuss application.
- ☐ 2. Quote from memory II Timothy 2:2.
- ☐ 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- ☐ 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- ☐ 5. Have disciple explain the Dynamic Life Process on next page.
- ☐ 6. Review Lesson Nine emphasizing knowing God's will and opportunities for ministry.
- ☐ 7. Discuss your future plans e.g. Dynamic Sharing, discipling another person or other ministry areas. **Complete and present "Certificate of Achievement"** now or at Life Group.
- ☐ 8. Discuss Membership Orientation Class and Baptism
- ☐ 9. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet. Pray for those you will each train next.