

Discipleship Lessons

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How to use this booklet

Introduction:

There are 16 lessons in this book.

The purpose of these lessons is to help all who follow Jesus to obey Him. The best way we can obey Jesus is by learning from God's Word and doing what it says.

As you meet daily or weekly, each discipleship lesson should be taught in order beginning with the lesson "Repentance and Faith".

Follow the lesson. Don't do all the talking. Give new believers time to answer questions.

Every lesson has 3 important parts:

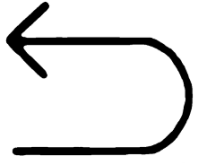
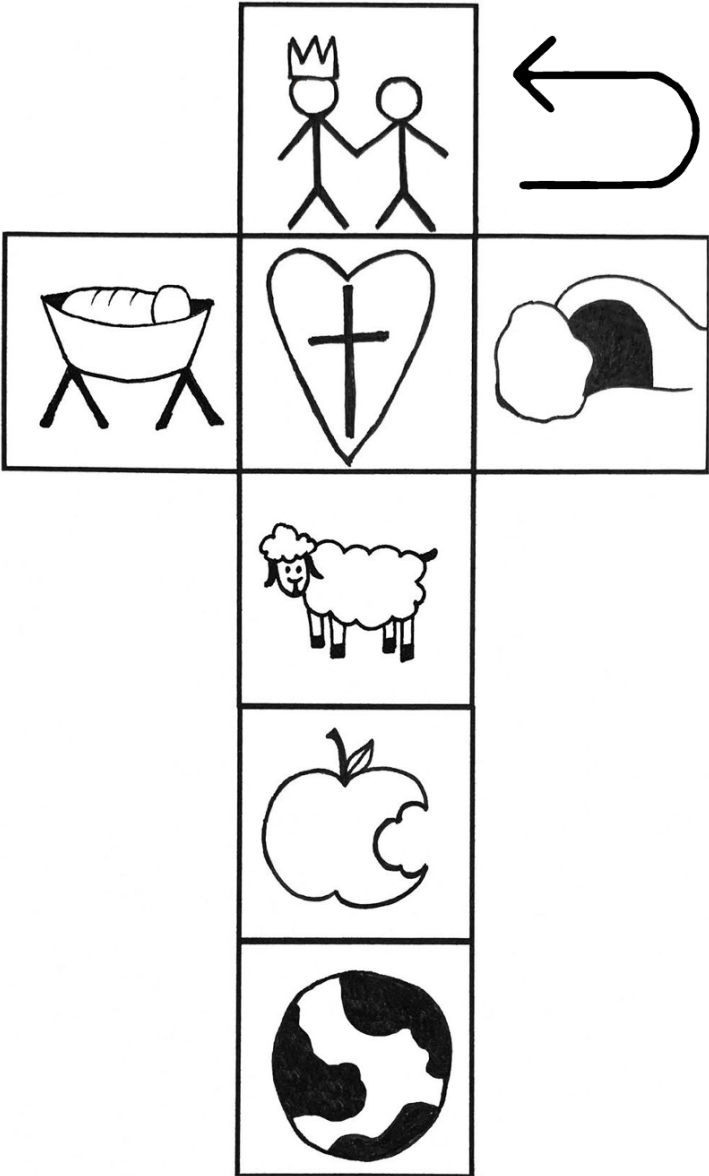
- 1. Look Back (Review):** Every lesson will begin by reviewing what we learned and talking about how we obeyed since the previous lesson.
- 2. Look Up (New Teaching):** The focus of every lesson will be on learning something new from God's Word.
- 3. Look Ahead (Obedience):** Every lesson will end with a plan for how we will obey what we have learned from God's Word. We obey out of love for God.

Plan: God's Word and the Holy Spirit will be our guide as we make disciples and establish churches.

Acts 10:9-33: God's desire is for your family and community to be saved. So, begin using this booklet to reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors.

Luke 10:1-12: God shows us that He sends us to new places (even to people whom we do not know) so that we can tell them about His Kingdom. There may be a person of peace who receives this message and is interested in allowing others to learn more about Jesus in their home. Stay in that house and begin teaching the people from God's Word.

2 Timothy 2:2: As you begin to teach these lessons, you should bring someone with you. They can help lead your group and will learn how to establish their own groups also.



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Lesson 8: Repentance and Faith

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Relationship with God*]
- Whom was the story about? [*A father and his two sons*]
- What happened? [*The young son wasted all of his inheritance on reckless living but was restored with his father in the end.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

If you have repented of your sins and have decided to follow Jesus alone, then you should learn how to be His disciple. Being a disciple means that we need to continue believing in Him and repenting of sin every day so we can live in a close relationship with God. Today, we will read about how a man named Zacchaeus was changed when he met Jesus.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Mark 1:15: Repent and Believe in the Gospel
- Luke 19:1-10: Story of Zacchaeus
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Man is searching for God.
2. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
3. Jesus loves all people, no matter who they are or what they have done.
4. Zacchaeus repented (turned from his sin) and followed Jesus.
5. Repentance is an inward decision to turn away from sin, which produces obedience to God.
6. Jesus tells all people to repent (turn from sin) and believe in the Gospel.
7. Believing in Jesus and repenting of sin allows us to live in a close relationship with God.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To which five people will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give five specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God loves all people and desires that they know Him. Let's commit to make disciples among all people. (Read **Matthew 28:19-20** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- In 2 Corinthians 13:5 it tells us to examine ourselves. Take a few minutes and examine your lives.
- Together, commit to repent (turn away) from any sin in your lives.

Pray: Ask God to help us all to run from sin and run to Jesus.

Lesson 9: Baptism

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Repentance and Faith*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Zacchaeus and Jesus*]
- What happened? [*Jesus came to Zacchaeus. He turned from his sin (repented) and believed in Jesus. God changed him.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

When someone chooses to follow Jesus, his or her desire is to obey Him. Today, we will learn another command that Jesus has given us. That command is to take baptism.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Romans 6:3-6: Baptism is a picture of what Jesus did for us on the cross.
- Acts 16:25-34: Story of the Philippian Jailer
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Just like the Philippian Jailer, when someone chooses to follow Jesus, they should **immediately** take baptism.
2. Baptism does not save us from our sin.
3. Followers of Jesus take baptism out of obedience to Jesus.
4. Baptism is a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
5. Baptism is symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
6. Baptism shows others that we have died to sin and have been raised with Christ to walk in a new life.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God's Word tells us that if we love Him, we will obey His commands. Let our love for God lead us to obey His word! (Read **John 14:15** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience: (Ask them.)

- Is anyone ready to be obedient to Jesus and take baptism?
 - If yes, then make a plan for them to take baptism.

Note: For a more detailed explanation on baptism see page 66.

Pray: Ask God to help us learn His Word and then do what it says. May we be people who always obey Jesus.

Lesson 10: Prayer

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Baptism*]
- Whom was the story about? [*The Philippian Jailer, Paul and Silas*]
- What happened? [*The Philippian Jailer and his family chose to follow Jesus and they immediately took baptism in obedience to God.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

Last lesson, we learned that all true followers of Jesus choose to be obedient and take baptism. One of the privileges of the Christian life is that God hears our prayers. Jesus has given us prayer as a way of talking to Him. He uses our prayers to bring about His will. Let’s read His Word to learn about prayer.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- John 16:24
- 1 John 5:14
- Matthew 6:5-15: Story about the Lord’s Prayer
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Prayer is a conversation between a person and God.
2. God wants all of us to come to Him in prayer.
3. We don't pray so others will see us or hear us.
4. We should pray **like** Jesus prayed - not word for word as He prayed.
5. We can pray at any time - alone or with others.
6. God knows what we need before we ask Him.
7. If we do not forgive others, then God will not forgive us.
8. Jesus always answers our prayers. Sometimes the answer is no, and sometimes the answer is yes. He answers us according to His will. He knows best.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God deserves for His glory to be known among all people and places. Let's commit to tell of His glory with all people. (Read **Habakkuk 2:14** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience: (Take a few minutes; have everyone pray to the Father.)

- Use Jesus' example from Matthew 6:9-13 and pray as a group.
 - If the people in the group are nervous, show them and then have them pray in their own words.
 - Explain that sometimes we close our eyes. This is just to help us to focus.

Pray: (Choose someone new to pray.) Ask our heavenly Father to help us always to remember to come to Him in prayer. Thank Him for listening to our prayers.

Lesson 11: Abide in Christ

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Prayer*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Jesus and His disciples*]
- What happened? [*Jesus taught His disciples how to pray.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

When we met last time, we talked about the importance of prayer. Today, we are going to learn how to abide in Christ.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- 1 John 4:16
- John 15:1-17: The Vine and the Branches
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Without abiding in Christ, we cannot bear good fruit.
2. Those who abide in Christ will bear much fruit.
3. We should spend time in God's Word every day.
4. When we abide in Christ, we will pray like Jesus would pray.
5. Jesus is our friend.
6. We didn't choose Jesus, but He chose us so we will bear much fruit.
7. Followers of Jesus should show love to one another.
8. God's Word must abide in us.
9. Abiding in Christ means to pray to Him.
10. It is out of love for God that we keep His commandments.
11. It is important for us to abide in His love. (Remember that we are loved by Jesus.)

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- One day every nation (ethnic group), tribe, people and language will stand before the throne of God in worship. Let's commit to take the Gospel to everyone. (Read **Revelation 7:9-10** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Go to page **65** and teach them how to abide in Christ - through prayer, confessing sins, fellowship with believers and reading God's Word. (Help them choose a Scripture to begin with.)

Pray: Ask God to help us abide in Christ and live a life surrendered to God. Thank Him for using His Word to bring us closer to Him.

Lesson 12: Love

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Abiding in Christ*]
- What happened in the story? [*Jesus talked about the importance of abiding in Him. Without Him, we will fail.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

God shows us His love every day. We should imitate Him and show His love to everyone around us. It is because of His love for us that we desire to make His name known among all people and places.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Matthew 22:34-40: The Importance of Love
- Luke 10:25-37: Story of the Good Samaritan
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. God commands us to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
2. God commands us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
3. During this time, Samaritans and Jews hated each other.
4. We should be like the Good Samaritan.
5. We should show love to all people no matter their position.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God desires for every person in the world to repent of their sins. Let's commit to preach the Gospel among all people. (Read **2 Peter 3:9** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Think of a person or family in your community that you or many people do not like and commit to show them the love of Christ this week.

Pray: Ask God to help us to show the love of Christ to all the people around us. May we love Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Lesson 13: The Lord's Supper

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: "How are you doing?"
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus' story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Love*]
- Whom was the story about? [*A Samaritan and a Jew*]
- What happened? [*The Samaritan showed love to the Jew.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus' story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

Today, we are going to learn about the Lord's Supper. When Jesus met with His disciples before He died, they all took the Lord's Supper together.

Read from God's Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
- Luke 22:14-23: The Lord's Supper
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn't in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. We take the Lord's Supper to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.
2. The bread reminds us of how Jesus' body was broken, and the drink reminds us of Jesus' blood that was shed for us.
3. We should not take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.
4. Before we take the Lord's Supper, we should examine our lives, confess any sin and make the decision to turn from it.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God desires that His gospel would be known among all people as a testimony. Let's commit to share it with the world. (Read **Matthew 24:14** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience: (Follow Jesus' example.)

- Bring some bread or chapati and some juice or water and take the Lord's Supper with those in the group who are following Jesus and have been baptized.
- Before taking the Lord's Supper, spend time examining your life, and turn from sin.

Pray: Spend time together thanking Jesus for what He did for us all when He sacrificed His life for us on the cross.

Lesson 14: Giving in the Church

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*The Lord’s Supper*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Jesus and His disciples*]
- What happened? [*Jesus took the Lord’s Supper with His disciples.*]
- Have someone in the group tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

As we grow in Christ, we should aim to obey Him in all areas of our life. Today, we will focus on the area of giving.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Acts 20:35: The Importance of Giving
- Acts 4:32-37: The Church Helps One Another
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. It is more of a blessing when we give to those who are in need than when we receive.
2. The Church came together and used what had been given to help one another.
3. There was no one needy among them.
4. The people of the Church shared all the things that they had.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God's name will be made great among all people and places. Let's commit to give our lives for the sake of His name going forth. (Read **Malachi 1:11** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Give everyone an opportunity to give an offering (money, food, etc.).
- Use what is given to help those in need and to further God's Kingdom.
 - Let the group decide for what the offering will be used.
 - Keep a notebook with a responsible person in the group to keep account of how this money is used. Calculate this weekly for the group.
- Challenge each person to help one another as the need arises.

Pray: Ask God to help us use what we have been given to bless others and to bring glory to God.

Lesson 15: Go and Make Disciples

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Giving in the Church*]
- What happened in the story? [*The Church used what they had to help those who were in need.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.
(*If you need to learn how to tell your testimony, refer to the end of lesson 18, pg. 50*)

Look Up (New Teaching)

We have a responsibility to tell others about Jesus. How can we do this effectively? Let’s read God’s Word and do what it says.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus’ Command to Go and Make Disciples
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Luke 10:1-12: Jesus Sending Out His Disciples to the Villages
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Jesus commands all who follow Him to go, make disciples and baptize. This is not an option.
2. We make disciples by teaching them to obey. **Show** them how to obey Him!
3. We should go to new places and look for people of peace.
4. If we go to a house and they are not interested in the Gospel, we should go to the next house.
5. If possible, travel two by two when you go to preach the Gospel.
6. Follow Paul's example to teach others who will teach others who will teach others. This plan will cause many to be reached with the Gospel!

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- Many people have never heard the Gospel and will never hear unless someone goes to them and tells them. Let's commit to share the Gospel with them. (Read **Romans 10:14-15** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Make a plan to go to a new village that does not know Jesus and look for people of peace.
- If someone chooses to follow Jesus, then start teaching him or her how to tell **Jesus' story (the Gospel)**.
- Take a believer with you as you go out so that they can learn.

Pray: Ask God to show us where He wants us to do ministry. Ask Him to provide us with people of peace. Ask Him to prepare the hearts of those who will hear.

Lesson 16: Persecution

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Making Disciples*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Jesus and His disciples*]
- What happened? [*Jesus sent His disciples out to search for the person of peace.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

Ever since Jesus came into the world, people have encountered persecution because of their faith in Him. But following Jesus is worth it! Today, we will learn what God’s Word says about facing persecution.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Matthew 5:10-12: Blessed are the Persecuted
- John 16:33: All Believers Will Face Trouble
- Acts 4:1-31: Story about Peter and John
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Peter and John were common, uneducated men that did God's work.
2. When we are persecuted, Jesus says that we will receive an eternal reward.
3. Persecution **will come** to all who follow Jesus.
4. Just as Peter and John did, we must obey God instead of man when persecution comes.
5. God is with us when persecution comes.
6. We should pray for boldness.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God loves all people and desires that they know Him. Let's commit to make disciples among all people. (Read **Matthew 28:19-20** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Commit to respond to persecution in the same way as Peter and John.

Pray: Ask God to help each of us with boldness as we face persecution from the world.

Lesson 17: Healthy Church

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Persecution*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Peter and John*]
- What happened? [*Peter and John were being persecuted for telling people about Jesus, but they chose to obey God and not man.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

The church is not a building or a place we meet. The church is a group of people who follow Jesus and come together to worship Him, learn about Him, and then go out together and do what He says. **We** are the church!

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Acts 2:37-47: The Fellowship of Believers
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. The Church is made up of those who follow Jesus.
2. Jesus has given us all different gifts. We must use them for His glory!
3. Each person is equally important. No one is better than another.
4. As the Church, we should learn from God's Word, pray, take the Lord's Supper, help one another, and praise Jesus.
5. If we will do like the first Church did, then we will grow and many more will be added to God's Kingdom.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God's Word tells us that if we love Him, we will obey His commands. Let our love for God lead us to obey His word! (Read **John 14:15** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Teach everyone how to draw a healthy church (which can be found on page **67 & 68**). Decide together if your group is a healthy church.
- Let's be a healthy church that goes out and does what we learn together from God's Word. (Follow the example found in Acts 2.)

Pray: Thank God for His church. Ask Him to use this church in this place for His glory. Pray that everyone who surrounds this church will come to know and follow Jesus.

Lesson 18: Priesthood of the Believer

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Healthy Church*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Followers of Jesus*]
- What happened? [*Believers met together to worship Jesus so they could be equipped to go out and make His name great.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

God has called all His children to do His work. He can use anyone to do anything. Today, we will learn that we are all called and able to do His work.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- 1 Peter 2:9
- John 4:1-42: Story of the Samaritan Woman
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. All who follow Jesus are equal. This means that He does His work through all of us.
2. Because of the testimony of an uneducated, poor, sinful woman, many people came to know Him.
3. We are all equal in Christ, and we are all equipped to do God's work.
4. Jesus knows everything.
5. We should worship God in spirit and in truth.
6. He can use anyone to do anything.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

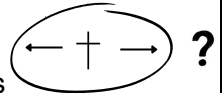
- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God deserves for His glory to be known among all people and places. Let's commit to tell of His glory with all people. (Read **Habakkuk 2:14** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience: (Teach them how to share their testimony.)

- Your testimony is made up of **three parts**:
 1. My life before I chose to follow Jesus
 2. How I repented from my sin and believed in Jesus
 3. How my life changed after I started following Jesus
- Tell them: Sit in groups of two and learn to tell your testimony.



Pray: Ask God to give us confidence in Him to do His work. Ask Him to use each of us to make His name great throughout this place.

Lesson 19: Pastor (Shepherd)

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Priesthood of the Believer*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Jesus and the Samaritan Woman*]
- What happened? [*God used a common, uneducated sinful woman to expand the Kingdom.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

The church is a **group of people** who worship and serve Jesus together. The Bible shows us that it is best to have a pastor (shepherd) lead each church.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Titus 1:5: Appointing Elders
- 1 Timothy 3:1-7: Qualifications of a Pastor
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. God desires for every church to have a pastor (shepherd).
2. A pastor should be a man who will shepherd the church.
3. To be a pastor you do not need to go to Bible College.
4. A pastor must meet the qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-10.
5. The qualifications are focused on a man's character, but he should be able to teach and should not be a recent convert.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- One day every nation (ethnic group), tribe, people and language will stand before the throne of God in worship. Let's commit to take the Gospel to everyone. (Read **Revelation 7:9-10** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- As a group, focus on the qualifications of a pastor.
- Ask them: Does someone in this group meet these qualifications?
 - If yes, help them appoint someone to begin leading this group. He must meet the qualifications found in the Scriptures.

Note: If the group appoints a pastor, spend extra time discipling him so that he can begin shepherding this group with God's Word.

Pray: If no one meets the qualifications, ask God to raise up someone to lead. If there is someone in the group who meets these qualifications, pray for them to lead Christ's Church for God's glory.

Lesson 20: God's Word

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: "How are you doing?"
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus' story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Qualifications of a pastor*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Pastor (Shepherd)*]
- What happened? [*Paul wrote about who can be a pastor.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus' story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

Every time we meet together, we read from God's Word. Today, we are going to learn why God's Word is so important.

Read from God's Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Matthew 7:24-27: Building Your House on the Rock
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn't in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. The Scriptures are from God.
2. God's Word is given to us so we can be equipped to do His work.
3. If we do not obey God's Word, we are as foolish as a man who builds his house on the sand.
4. When we obey God's Word, we are building our life on a strong foundation.
5. If we build our life on God's Word, we will not fall.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God desires for every person in the world to repent of their sins. Let's commit to preach the Gospel among all people. (Read **2 Peter 3:9** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Commit to spend time reading or listening to God's Word every day.
- Choose and read any Scripture. Then answer the two questions we always ask:
 - What did I learn from this Scripture?
 - How will I obey what I have learned?

Note: After repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus, we need to learn how to become disciples of Jesus and abide in Him. Go to page **65** to learn how to abide in God's Word.

Pray: Thank God for His Word and ask Him to help you understand His Word and obey it.

Lesson 21: Suffering

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*God’s Word*]
- What happened in the story? [*Those who build their foundation on God’s Word will not fall.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

Throughout the world there are many people who suffer physically. Even in our suffering, we should choose to praise God.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Philippians 1:29: Suffering for Jesus
- Job 1:1-22: Story of Job
- Job 2:1-10
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. Job was a godly man who turned away from sin.
2. Job was blessed with a family and many possessions.
3. Job cared greatly for his family.
4. Satan cannot do anything without God's permission.
5. God is in control in all things.
6. God allowed Job to be tested by Satan.
7. Satan took Job's property and the life of his children.
8. Through suffering, Job did not sin, and he continued to worship God.
9. Satan attacked Job's health and gave him a skin disease.
10. Job's wife told him to curse God, but he chose to trust God through the suffering he received.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God desires that His gospel would be known among all people as a testimony. Let's commit to share it with the world. (Read **Matthew 24:14** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Commit to worship and praise Jesus even as you suffer.
- Memorize **James 1:2-3**, which says, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

Pray: Thank Jesus for the suffering He endured for us on the cross. Ask Him to help us follow Job's example and praise Jesus even when suffering comes.

Lesson 22: Worship

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Suffering*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Job*]
- What happened? [*Job received suffering but continued to worship and honor Jesus.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

God created us for His glory. We can bring Him glory by worshipping Him alone. Today, we will read a story from the Bible about worship.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Luke 4:8
- Daniel 3:1-30: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego worship the Lord.
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. We should worship Jesus alone no matter the cost.
2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not worship the idol set before them.
3. Shadrach Meshach and Abednego were willing to die in order to obey and worship the Lord.
4. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace for not worshipping the idol and serving the gods of the King.
5. The Lord delivered Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fiery furnace.
6. Because of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's faith in God, the King instructed the people to worship the true God.
7. The Lord is the only one that deserves our worship.
8. When we surrender our lives to God's perfect will, that is the worship He desires.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- God's name will be made great among all people and places. Let's commit to give our lives for the sake of His name going forth. (Read **Malachi 1:11** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- Ask them: Are you worshipping anyone or anything other than Jesus?
- If yes, take time now to repent of this and fix your eyes on Jesus and worship Him alone.

Pray: Ask God to help us worship Him alone. May we be people who are willing to follow Jesus and obey His commands no matter the cost.

Lesson 23: Marriage

Look Back (Review)

Praise and Pray:

- Ask them: “How are you doing?”
- Pray for your meeting together.
- Sing some simple songs together about Jesus in their heart language.

Accountability and Review: (Let them give the answers; share your answers too.)

- To whom did you tell Jesus’ story and the story from the last lesson?
- What was the topic of the last lesson? [*Worship*]
- Whom was the story about? [*Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego*]
- What happened? [*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose to worship the Lord alone—no matter the cost.*]
- Have one person in the group tell his or her **testimony** and another person tell **Jesus’ story**.

Look Up (New Teaching)

Since the creation of the world, God saw man’s need for a woman. The world teaches us many wrong things about marriage. Today, we will look at what God requires of husbands and wives.

Read from God’s Word: (Have each Scripture read by two people.)

- Colossians 3:18-19
- 1 Peter 3:1-2
- Ephesians 5:22-33
 - Have someone tell this Scripture in his or her own words as a story.
 - The group should correct the person telling the story when they add something that wasn’t in the story or forget something important.
 - Get into groups of two. Each person should tell this story to the other person.

Ask these questions: (Listen and help when needed.)

1. What did you learn from these Scriptures?
2. How will you obey what you have learned?

Important Truths:

1. When a man and a woman are married, they become one.
2. Wives should submit to their husbands.
3. Husbands do not be harsh with your wives.
4. A husband should love his wife like Jesus loves the Church and gave Himself up for her.
5. Wives should be respectful to their husbands even if their husband is not obedient to Jesus. Through this they may be won to Christ.

Look Ahead (Obedience)

Make a Plan: (Ask them the following questions.)

- To whom will you tell Jesus' story and the story from today's lesson? (Have them give specific names.)

Vision Casting:

- Many people have never heard the Gospel and will never hear unless someone goes to them and tells them. Let's commit to share the Gospel with them. (Read **Romans 10:14-15** for encouragement.)

Immediate Obedience:

- **Husbands:** Do something for your wife to show her how much you love her. Remember as a husband, Jesus calls you to love her like He loves the Church.
- **Wives:** Do something for your husband to show him that you love and respect Him.

Pray: Those who are married should pray for their husband or wife. If your husband or wife does not follow Jesus, pray that they would come to know Him.

What's Next?

After teaching through the lessons in this book, you have taught those in this group about what it means to be a disciple and a healthy church.

If there are any lessons that this church has not understood or is not obeying, then this group is not yet a healthy church and requires more modeling and teaching. Teach through those lessons again so that the group can walk in obedience to all the things they have learned - and become a healthy church!

Here are a few examples:

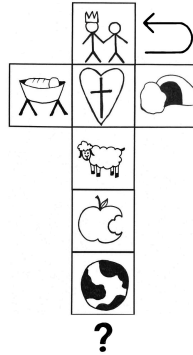
1. If you taught the church about pastors (shepherds) in lesson 19 but still no one has been appointed to shepherd and teach the church, then **review this lesson again** and **guide the church to appoint a pastor/shepherd.**
2. If you see that the people in the church are not sharing the Gospel with their family, friends, and neighbors, then **review lesson 15, which is called "Go and Make Disciples."** **Make a plan to go out together to share the Gospel!**
3. If the people in your church are not abiding in Christ each day, then review lesson 11 and take time to make sure everyone understands the importance of abiding in Christ and knows how. **Encourage them to ask each other daily what they are learning from God's Word.**

The goal of accountability and encouragement is for every group to become a healthy church that obeys God's Word!

Once you have revisited any past lessons and have found this church to be in obedience to God from each lesson, guide them to continue growing by teaching the Bible Foundations lessons starting from lesson 24 in the 50-lesson discipleship book.

Notes:

Tell Jesus' Story (The Gospel)



In the beginning, God created everything. When He created man and woman, He created them in His image. Everything He made was good. God and man had a perfect relationship.

One day God put man in a garden. Their relationship was perfect. God told man that he could eat any fruit in the garden. But God gave him one command saying, "Do not eat the fruit of one of the trees in the garden." The man and the woman ate of the fruit that God told them not to eat. Because of this, sin has come into the world. Sin is when we do not obey God's commands. **"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** (Romans 3:23) God is holy. This means that God is perfect. God cannot be with sinners because He hates sin. Since all people are sinners, we are all separated from God.

In order for man to be in a good relationship with God, payment for man's sin must be given. **"For the wages of sin is death..."** (Romans 6:23) People tried to offer sacrifices to pay for their sin, but these sacrifices were not enough. The payment for our sin is death and eternity separated from God. This is bad news for all people. But there is good news. *Do you want to hear the good news?* The good news is that God loves all people, and He has a plan.

His plan is through His son. He sent His son to this earth. He was hungry and thirsty just as we are hungry and thirsty. He grew in knowledge and in wisdom. He was fully man. He was also fully God. He lived a perfect life without sin. He caused the blind to see and the lame to walk. He brought the dead to life. He did many miracles. He has authority over all things. This man is Jesus - God's perfect son.

God sent His son Jesus to the earth to pay the penalty for our sin. Jesus chose to go to the cross, and he died for our sin. It was a very painful death. **"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** (Romans 5:8) Jesus sacrificed His life so that all people could be in a good relationship with God. He was the perfect sacrifice.

When Jesus died, they placed his body in a grave. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead proving that He is God. He appeared to His disciples and ascended into heaven.

Jesus is the King of heaven and earth. Trusting in Jesus' death on the cross, all people can be restored into a right relationship with God. If you repent of your sin and place your faith in Jesus Christ alone, you will be brought into a perfect relationship with God and will spend eternity with God in heaven. If you choose **not** to repent of your sin and believe only in Jesus, you will be judged by God for your sins, and your relationship with God will remain broken. You will spend eternity separated from God in hell. Jesus said, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**" (John 14:6)

Jesus is the only way! To come to Him, we must confess that He is Lord - repenting of our self-rule - and believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. (**Romans 10:9**) What must you do to be saved by God? (Let them answer) Repent from your sin and believe only in Jesus. Repent means to turn away from sin because we choose to follow a new way – Christ Jesus' perfect way. This doesn't mean that we will live a perfect life without sin, but we ask God daily to help us turn from sin and pursue Him.

(Ask them) "**What is keeping you from following Jesus?**"

2 Responses:

1. If they say that they want to follow Jesus, then tell them:

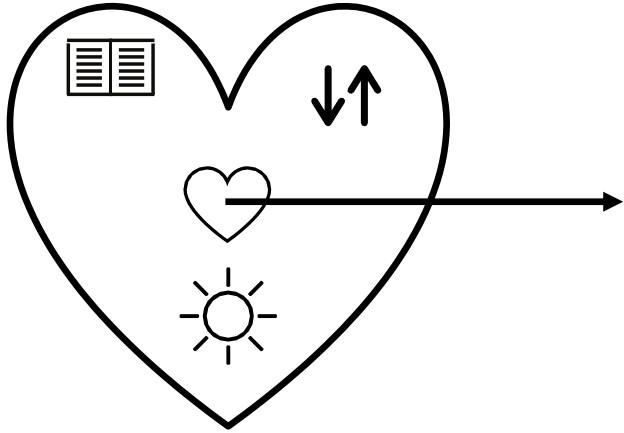
- **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."** (**Romans 10:9**)
- God is everywhere. He hears all things and understands all languages. In your own words, from your mouth, confess to God that Jesus is the Lord of your life. That means that Jesus has authority over every part of your life. Trust Him to save you from your sin.
- If you have decided to follow Jesus, you will want to **tell someone!** Make a plan to tell someone today about your decision.
Immediately teach them to tell Jesus' story to others. Then make an appointment with them (tomorrow or sometime next week) and begin teaching them more about Jesus from the "Creation to Christ" booklet.]

2. If they are not ready to follow Jesus, ask them if they would like to continue learning about Jesus.

- If they say **yes**, make an appointment to teach them the seven stories from "Creation to Christ".
- If they say **no**, pray for them and go to the next place to tell the Gospel.

What does it mean to abide in Christ?

John 15:1-16



1 John 1:5-10

How do we abide in Christ?

Choose a Scripture and do the following:

1) Read the Scripture twice.



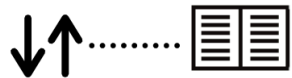
2) Ask two questions:

1. What did I learn from this Scripture?



2. How will I obey what I have learned?

3) Pray through the Scripture.



4) Take one important truth with you throughout the day.



What are you taking with you today?

More About Baptism

1. What is baptism?

- a. A way to identify with Jesus in His death, burial & resurrection. Going under the water symbolizes death and burial to our old way of life; rising up from it proclaims new life with Him as Lord & Savior. (Rom. 6:1-12)
- b. It is the first evidence of Jesus being Lord (owner) of your life (1 John 5:1-3, John 14:15) & should be followed by “putting off” old faith, habits & sin. (Col. 2:11-12)

2. What is baptism NOT?

- a. Baptism does not save (Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Cor. 1:17, 1 Pet. 3:21). It is the first step in following Jesus as Lord (Luke 6:46-49).

Examples: Thief on the cross – saved, not baptized (Luke 23:39-43) & Simon the magician – baptized, not saved (Acts 8:12-24)

- b. Baptism is not for infants & takes place only after someone is saved (Acts 2:41).
- c. Baptism doesn't give you the Holy Spirit; only salvation by faith does (Acts 10:44-48, 1 Cor. 1:17, Acts 19:1-5).

3. Why baptize?

- a. Jesus commanded us to (Matt. 28:19-20) & He began His ministry by being baptized (Matt. 3:15).
- b. Baptism unites us into the fellowship of the Church (Acts 2:41-42, Eph. 4:4-7).

4. Who can baptize?

- Any disciple of Christ (John 4:1-2, Matt. 28:19-20, 1 Cor. 1:10-17, Acts 2:41-42); preferably the one who led them to faith. Jesus baptized in the beginning (John 3:22) but quickly gave responsibility to His disciples (John 4:1-2).

5. How do we baptize?

- By immersion. (Mark 1:9-11, Acts 8:38-39)

6. When do we baptize?

- Immediately after someone is saved. We should not judge if people are ready. Baptism is linked to salvation, not how much you've grown in Christ (sanctification).

7. Ten Examples of immediate baptism:

1. Acts 2:41 3000 baptized in one day after confession of faith
2. Acts 8:6-13 Samaritans, former demon-possessed/sorcerers/sick
3. Acts 8:36-38 Ethiopian eunuch while traveling on road
4. Acts 9:18-19 Saul (arrested and murdered believers)
5. Acts 10:47-48 Gentiles, Peter commanded the Jews not to wait
6. Acts 16:13-15 Women by riverside
7. Acts 16:33 Roman jailer
8. Acts 18:8 Ruler of synagogue
9. Acts 19:1-5 John's baptism not enough
10. Acts 22:14-17 “Why are you waiting?” (Ananias speaking to Saul)

Healthy Church

Acts 2:37-47 What do we see in this healthy church?



– "**Repent** and be baptized" (V. 38)



– "those who received his word were **baptized**" (V. 41)



– "they devoted themselves to the apostles **teaching**" (V. 42)



– ". . . and the **fellowship**" (V. 42)



– ". . . and to the **breaking of bread**" (V. 42)



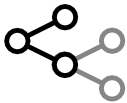
– ". . . and the **prayers**" (V. 42)



– ". . . selling their possessions . . . distributing the **proceeds** to all, as any had need" (V. 45)



– ". . . **praising God** . . ." (V. 47)

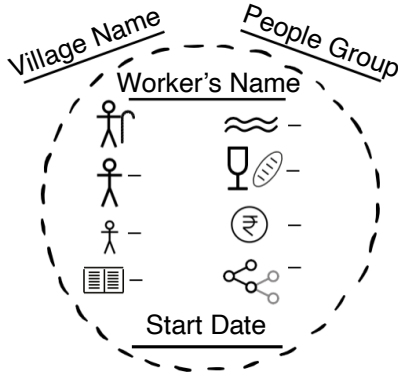


– "And **the Lord added to their number** day by day those who were being saved." (V. 47)

"...how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 20:20-21

Healthy Church Mapping



- Pastor/Shepherd



- # of Adults



- # of Children



- # of Last Lesson Taught



- # of People Baptized



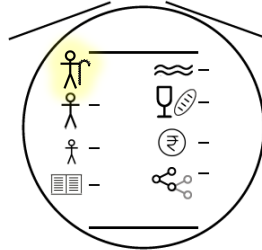
- # of People Taking the Lord's Supper



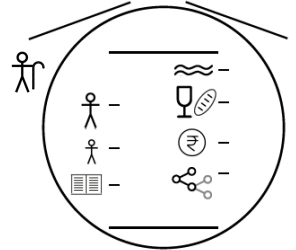
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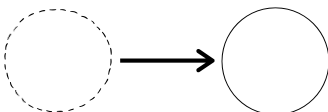
- # of People that have Started a New Group



- Put the shepherd inside the circle if there is a **local pastor** who has been appointed to shepherd Christ's church in this village.



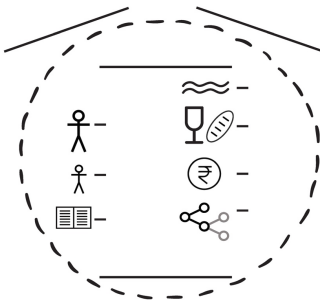
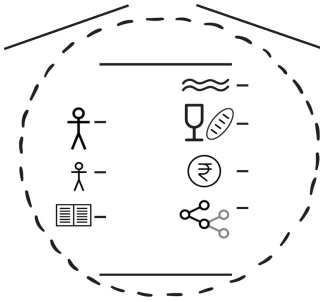
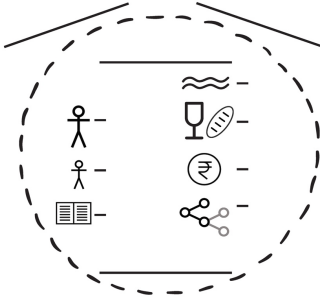
- Put a shepherd symbol **outside** the circle if there is no pastor or another pastor is coming from outside to give baptism and the Lord's Supper.



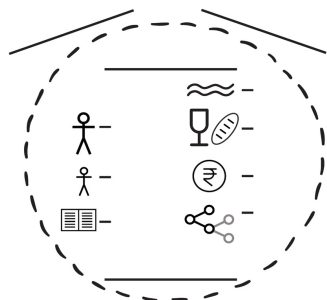
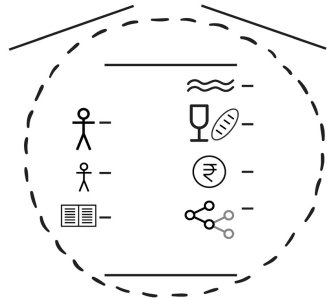
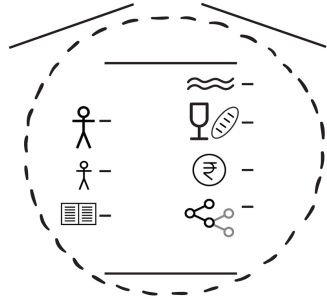
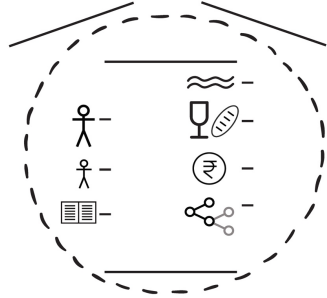
- When a house group chooses to identify as a church, change the dotted line to a solid line.

Generational Mapping

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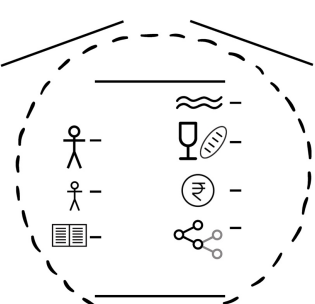
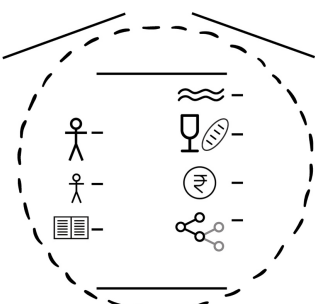
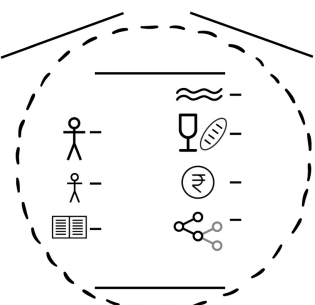
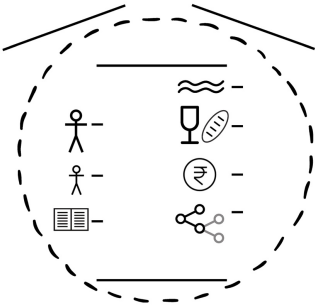
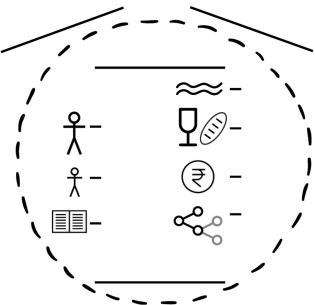
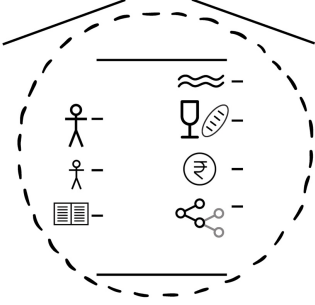
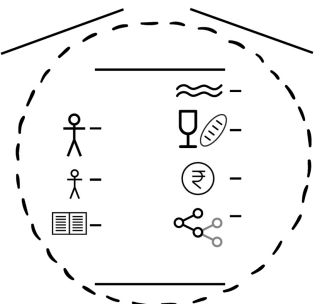
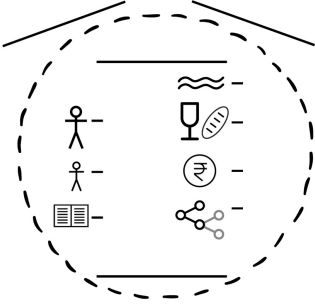
2nd GENERATION



Generational Mapping

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION



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