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INTRODUCTION

The compelling vision of Church Planting through evangelism is to train leaders who will train Multiplying Trainers who will make Multiplying Disciples who plant Multiplying Churches through evangelism. As churches filled with multiplying disciples are multiplied, the Gospel will be preached to everyone on earth and the values and principles of Christ's kingdom will be demonstrated in communities and societies.

Training multiplying leaders and disciples does not happen through events. For you to become a godly and multiplying leader is a lifelong process. It involves study, prayer and obedience to the Lord. It requires personal discipline and dependence on the Holy Spirit. It best happens in community - in a relationship of encouragement and accountability with a few others.

The book of Acts in the New Testament shows the exciting expansion of God's Kingdom in the first century. It reveals the acts of the Holy Spirit through God's people in Christ's church as they obeyed His commission to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth (1:8). As these believers took the message to the world, we see a developing church structure. First, we see the Jerusalem church, Acts 1-7, then the Antioch church (Acts 11-13) and finally the Gentile churches that Paul planted (Acts 14-20).

One of the most exciting churches we find is the Ephesian church. While Paul was in Ephesus, Acts 19:9-10 reveals that he "took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord." Through the "School of Tyrannus," Paul made multiplying disciples who went and planted multiplying churches all over the Roman province of Asia with the result that every person living in that region heard the Gospel! How exciting!

One of those multiplying disciples was Epaphras. Apparently he became a Christian and was discipled by Paul in Ephesus during this time. He then traveled to the city of Colossae, which is in the province of Asia (perhaps this was his home town) and evangelized and started the church there and in the neighboring towns of Hierapolis and Laodemia (see Colossians 1:6-7; 2:1; 4:12-13). We know from these verses that Paul had never been to these cities (2:1), yet churches were planted there as a result of his ministry in Ephesus.

Scripture also indicates that some of those who were won and discipled and sent out by Paul during this time in Ephesus traveled to Rome and helped start churches there (see Romans 16:5 which mentions Epenetus, who was the first convert that Paul had in Asia!)

The Great Commission given by Jesus and the model of the “School of Tyrannus” in Ephesus form the basis of the “*Church Planting Discipleship School*” which is in your hands. If this you have this material, you most likely just completed a *Leadership Thrust*. We pray that God used this training to encourage you in your personal growth as well as learn valuable leadership skills. You also heard and studied “10 Steps To Start a Movement of Multiplying Disciples to Reach Your Nation.” We also believe that you saw God use you, along with others, to experience leading others to faith in Christ and to help start a new church in the community.

Your growth and development in these matters is not complete! We must all devote ourselves to continue to excel in these areas. Attending the *Thrust* was only the beginning. It is important to continue the process of growth as a multiplying leader. The following lessons are designed to reinforce what you have learned in the *Leadership Thrust* and to expand on these topics. These lessons are devoted to each of the following three major areas in rotating order:

1. Personal Growth and Development
2. Leadership Skills
3. Church Planting

Each lesson is designed to be completed in one week. Ten lessons are designed to be completed each quarter (3 month period) of the year. To successfully complete this first quarter of the *School* (and be allowed to continue), you must fulfill the following 4 requirements:

1. **Meet each week** with your fellow disciples in your “*Life Transformation Group*” to discuss the 10 accountability questions.
2. **Complete the “Action Steps”** on your own during the week following each “*Life Transformation Group*” meeting.
3. **Share the Gospel** with 10 to 30 people who do not know Christ.
4. **Start a Cell Church** with 2 to 10 people.

God bless you as you continue to follow and serve Him in fulfilling His Great Commission!

“Equipping Nationals to Reach Nations”

VISION:

The VISION of Church Planting is to partner with God the Holy Spirit in order to give all 7 Billion people alive on earth today a clear presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by igniting a Self-Multiplying, Church-Planting Movement through evangelism among every people group on earth through the vehicle of Leadership Development and Multiplication.

MISSION:

To train leaders who make multiplying disciples who will launch a church planting movement among every people group in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

STRATEGY:

To multiply church planting disciples in every major city of the 12 major regions of the world.

“(Paul) took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.”

Acts 19:9-10

PROCESS:

I. **VISION SEMINAR** - A one day seminar offered to any pastor or Christian leader in an area. This seminar introduces Church Planting through evangelism and provides sample training in our three areas emphasis:

1. Personal Growth and Development
2. Leadership Skills
3. Church Planting

II. **Church Planting Seminar** - A two-day intensive training for ~50 invited pastors and leaders committed to fulfilling the Great Commission. The training provides in-depth teaching in the three areas of emphasis along with instruction and experience in the church planting process.

III. **Church Planting Discipleship School** - A one-year, Biblically-based, application-driven, and relationally-oriented curriculum for ongoing training in our three areas of emphasis as well as personal accountability, and the multiplication of leaders.

- Relational - *Each participant meets weekly with a Life Transformation Group of 3 or 4 for accountability and encouragement.*
- Self Taught - *“If you can read it, you can lead it.” Though each site has a coordinator to make sure things progress, the SCHOOL is designed to be learned without an instructor.*
- Evangelistic - *Each participant seeks to share the Gospel at least once per week.*
- Application - *Participants are not allowed to progress to the next quarter until the lessons have been implemented through the daily Action Steps.*
- Ongoing - *The training is set up to take place in weekly meetings over 4 Quarters 4, with 10 lessons each quarter for a total of 40 lessons.*
- Multiplication - *Before progressing into the second quarter of training, each leader is to plant a new Cell Church. Before progressing into the third quarter, each must recruit at least 2 other leaders to begin training in the first quarter training material. Each subsequent leader trained has the same requirements in order to progress to the second quarter material.*
- Expansion - *Throughout the process, those leaders who catch the vision move to new cities or areas and repeat the strategy there.*

10 STEPS TO START A MOVEMENT OF MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES TO REACH YOUR NATION (v2.1)



STEP 1: CHANGE YOUR THINKING

CHANGE your THINKING from the goal of “building my church” to “reaching my lost community → country → world.” (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 20:24)



STEP 2: PRAYER

*PRAY for laborers for the Harvest!
(Luke 10:2; Acts 13:1-3)*



STEP 3: CAST A VISION

Cast a VISION to God’s people for reaching your area with the Gospel. (Acts 1:8; 13:1-3)



STEP 4: GATHER AND EQUIP A TEAM

Identify, select, GATHER AND EQUIP a team of at least two multipliers each year. (Acts 14:21-28; 19:9-10; Colossians 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:2)



STEP 5: SELECT A SITE

*PRAYERFULLY SELECT A SITE or a group of people God is leading you to reach with the Gospel.
(Acts 16:6-40)*

- A. *DISCERN* where the Holy Spirit is leading you to start a new church.
- B. *INVESTIGATE* needs, strongholds, and activities in the area that would affect the new church.



STEP 6: EVANGELIZE

EVANGELIZE the people in the area. (Acts 5:42; 14:21,25; 20:20)



STEP 7: DISCIPLE THE NEW BELIEVERS

DISCIPLE the new believers in groups of two or three. (Acts 14:22; 20:20)



STEP 8: GATHER THE NEW BELIEVERS

GATHER the new believers together for:

- A. Welcome & Fellowship,*
- B. Worship & Prayer,*
- C. Study of the Word,*
- D. Work & Witness.*

(Acts 2:42,46; 12:12; 16:40; Romans 16:15; 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15)



STEP 9: MULTIPLY THE DISCIPLES

MULTIPLY the disciples in the new church by repeating the first 8 steps. (1 Thessalonians 1:7-8)



STEP 10: LOCK ARMS TO LAUNCH A MOVEMENT

LOCK ARMS with other Pastors/Leaders to launch a movement of multiplying disciplers to fulfill the Great Commission.

MY School COORDINATOR IS:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

MY LIFE TRANSFORMATION GROUP MEMBERS ARE:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD:

Location: _____

Day: _____ Time: _____

WE HAVE AGREED TO READ:

Chapters of Scripture each day: _____

Starting in (book of Scripture): _____

LIFE TRANSFORMATION GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS*

THESE QUESTIONS ARE MEANT TO HELP IN GROWTH IN CHARACTER AND CONFESSION OF SIN. THEY ARE TO BE ASKED AND ANSWERED WITH HONESTY, GRACE AND CONFIDENTIALITY. NOTHING SPOKEN IN THIS GROUP SHOULD BE SHARED OUTSIDE THIS GROUP.

- 1. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?**
- 2. Did you finish your Scripture reading this week? What did God say to you? *(Agree about what Scripture to read for next week; do not choose a new passage until everyone completes the previous reading.)***
- 3. Did you listen to, obey and depend on the Holy Spirit this week to be and do what God wants? In what ways?**
- 4. Have you read, viewed or been involved in inappropriate sexual material, thoughts or actions; or given into any other addictive behavior this week?**
- 5. Have you lacked integrity in your financial dealings this week or coveted something that does not belong to you?**
- 6. Have you walked in love in your important relationships in your family, friends, neighbors and church this week?**
- 7. Have you continued to remain angry and unforgiving with someone or damaged another with your words, either to their face or by gossip and complaining to others this week?**
- 8. Have you been a good witness this week to the greatness of Jesus Christ both in your words and your actions? Who is someone who did not know Christ that you talked to about Him?**
- 9. Did you finish your Action Steps for the week? What was the best thing you learned? What was your greatest challenge you faced in doing them? Why? *(Do not proceed to the next lesson unless everyone did the actions steps)***
- 10. Have you been completely honest with me?**

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RECORD OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

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LESSONS

LESSON 1 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
“FOUNDATION OF THE WORD OF GOD”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

In all of life, there are few decisions that will determine the course of your lifetime as much as the commitment to spend personal time alone with God every day, seeking to encounter Him through His Word. King David was a man after God’s heart. He had a passionate devotion to the Word of God. Psalm 119 describes his commitment and relationship to the Scriptures.

Notice King David’s relationship to the Word of God:

Read the following verses and in your own words answer the following questions:

**“With all my heart I have sought You;
Do not let me wander from Your commandments.” [Psalm 119:10]**

**“My soul is crushed with longing
After Your ordinances at all times.” [Psalm 119:20]**

**“O how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the day.” [Psalm 119:97]**

DISCUSSION QUESTION: In what ways did David HUNGER FOR the Word of God?

Read the following verses together:

**“If Your law had not been my delight,
Then I would have perished in my affliction.” [Psalm 119:92]**

**“The law of Your mouth is better to me
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.” [Psalm 119:72]**

**“My eyes anticipate the night watches,
That I may meditate on Your word.” [Psalm 119:48]**

DISCUSSION QUESTION: What was David’s ATTITUDE TOWARD the Word of God?

Again, read the following verses together:

**“Those who love Your law have great peace,
And nothing causes them to stumble.” [Psalm 119:165]**

**“Your word I have treasured in my heart,
so that I may not sin against You.” [Psalm 119:11]**

**“This is my comfort in my affliction,
That Your word has revived me.” [Psalm 119:50]**

DISCUSSION QUESTION: What BENEFITS did David derive **FROM** the Word of God?

Share with others in the group the greatest benefit the Word of God has been in your life.

***KEY CONCEPT: CHRISTIAN LEADERS MUST DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO DAILY
SEEK THE LORD IN HIS WORD.***

ACTION STEPS this week:

- Day 1:** Will you commitment to spend time **every day** seeking the Lord in His Word? Write out **your** commitment to the Lord:

- Day 2:** Specifically, **when** will you spend time seeking the Lord in His Word every day? Write this in your daily schedule.

- Day 3:** **Where** will you spend time every day seeking the Lord in His Word? Selecting a consistent place in your home, office or somewhere else is very helpful in developing this habit.

- Day 4:** What plan of reading and study of the Bible will you follow as you seek the Lord in His Word every day?

- Evangelism:** Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

LESSON 2 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

"WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?"

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

Many men and women are gifted by God to lead, but do not fully use their leadership abilities. If you are going to accomplishing God's purpose for your life, you will need to develop your leadership capabilities. Let's take some time today to clearly understand the nature of leadership. A very important question is:

WHAT is LEADERSHIP?

A simple definition is this: **Leadership is motivating people to accomplish a goal.** There are three elements of leadership. First, leadership is motivation. Second, leadership involves motivating other people. And third, leadership involves a purpose. Leadership is motivating people for the purpose of accomplishing a very clear goal.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Describe a leader who has motivated you. How did he/she do it? What did they say or do that motivated you?

If you cannot motivate others to follow you, then you are not a leader! But leadership is not only motivating people. There are many people who can motivate others. There have also been many leaders in history who have motivated people for evil purposes.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Can you give some examples of leaders from history who have motivated people for selfish or evil purposes? Can you also give examples of leaders who have motivated people for good and godly purposes?

As a godly leader, you must also have a clear goal in mind that is from God and fulfills God's purposes on the earth. This goal comes from a clear vision of what God has called you to do. In some ways, every godly leader has the same goal – to fulfill the Great Commission. However, your vision and goal will be a specific way that God has called you to fulfill His purposes on earth. To formulate this goal takes prayer, time and careful thought.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What goal is God calling you to accomplish at this time and in your place? Does this goal fit in with God's overall purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission? [Matthew 28:18-20]*

KEY CONCEPT:

If you don't have MOTIVATION, you don't have LEADERSHIP.

If you don't have PEOPLE, you don't have LEADERSHIP.

If you don't ACCOMPLISH a GOAL, you don't have LEADERSHIP.

ACTION STEPS this week:

- Day 1:** Think about what other leaders have done to motivate you to action. Write down several characteristics of a good motivator:

What can you specifically do to develop these characteristics that will help you motivate others?

- Day 2:** Who are the people that God has called you to lead?

Why are you their leader?

Evaluate if they are willingly following you or not. How can you increase their motivation to follow you?

- Day 3 and 4:** Spend the next two days praying and asking God to give you a clear goal from Him that He wants you to accomplish in this time and place. Write down a clear, brief statement of that goal here: _____

Evaluate this goal. Is it in line with God's Great Commission purpose?

- Evangelism:** Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.



LESSON 3 - CHURCH PLANTING “STEP 1: CHANGE YOUR THINKING”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

You can carefully and repeatedly read and study the New Testament and never find the command to do what many pastors and church leaders are doing today. While many, if not most, pastors and leaders have a noble ambition, it is not one the Lord wants us to have. What is this misguided ambition that so many leaders have? It is to build a great church. But, Jesus never called any of us to build a great church for God! He never commanded us to build a great denomination. In fact, you will never even find the command to plant a church! Yet isn't it true that many of us who serve the Lord are seeking to do these very things? We have mistakenly adopted the wrong goals. We often define a “great” church as one with many people, great programs, a big budget, and a great reputation. Let's be clear: a church with these elements **may** be great in God's eyes, or it may **not**. Similarly, a small church with few programs or no building may not be great, either. The important thing is NOT the size or presence of buildings or programs. What is most important is the church fulfilling God's **primary purpose**. The pressure to pursue these added things as necessary to be a great church along with ungodly comparison with other churches according to these “standards” is something the Lord never intended. *Brothers and Sisters, we must change our thinking about what God has really called us to do.*

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How have you felt the pressure to build a great church for God according to these standards?*

If Jesus never called us to build a great church or even to plant churches, what, then, are we to do? Jesus made it very clear in His last command. We are to “Go and make disciples of all the nations...” Matthew 28:19. This is our Great Commission from Jesus. Our primary goal is *to take* the Gospel to the people of our neighborhoods, villages, cities, nations and world, *to win* as many as possible to faith in Christ, *to disciple and train* these believers and then *to send* them to multiply the Kingdom of God. This is the pattern we see in the book of Acts. The apostles and disciples spread the message of the Gospel all over the world. As a result, churches were started, they grew and they multiplied (See Acts 6:1, 7; 9:31; 19:10). But, the primary focus was not on planting churches but on making disciples. As they did,

multiplying churches through evangelism were the result of obeying the Great Commission. This is an important distinction. Our goal is not to build great churches but to **make multiplying disciples**. As we keep this goal in mind, good, healthy, multiplying churches will result!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What changes in your ministry would you make if you concentrated on making multiplying disciples (instead of building a great church)?*

As you read the New Testament you find a simple church. It had a simple structure, which was easily multiplied. It was led by growing leaders (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1) and engaged in simple practices such as worship, serving one another, mutual discipleship and witnessing to others (see 1 Corinthians 14, Colossians 3:15-17; 4:2-6). One church leader says that these simple New Testament churches focused on three crucial elements:

- 1) A devotion to God's Truth,
- 2) loving and serving others in the church and,
- 3) carrying out a witness to the world.¹

In contrast, many churches today are complex. Our structures and practices often distract us from developing believers into multiplying disciples - the main focus and purpose of the church. We must concentrate our efforts on what others are able to reproduce.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What things can we do to make our churches simpler according to the three practices above?*

So, our focus and priority must shift from building great churches to making multiplying disciples. We must be serious about developing disciples who reproduce and not be satisfied with people who just attend church gatherings. At the same time, we must simplify our church structures and activities so that they are easily reproduced and multiplied. The rule for any church activity is this: if it cannot be replicated by another disciple, then don't do it!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What things do you do in your church ministry that would be difficult for any ordinary Christian to reproduce? Why do you think this might hinder the multiplication of disciples?*

KEY CONCEPT: OUR CALL IS NOT TO BUILD A 'GREAT CHURCH' BUT TO MAKE MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.

As you think about and review the issues in this lesson, evaluate your current church ministry as you work through the ACTION STEPS for this week:

ACTION STEPS this week:

Day 1: Review the activities of your ministry over the last month and honestly answer this question - Would you say that your goal and efforts as a pastor/ leader is primarily:

to build a great church?

to make multiplying disciples?

Why did you give the answer you did?

Day 2: What activities or programs are you currently involved in your church that distract you from your priority of making multiplying disciples?

Day 3: Which activities or programs in your church is the Lord leading you to eliminate or change in order to develop a simple church structure for fulfilling the Great Commission?

Day 4: Read over the following tool, "Start Your New Cell Church." **Who** have you been talking to about Jesus that you can ask to begin your new Cell? **When** will be your first meeting? **Where?**

Evangelism: Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

¹Neil Cole, Organic Church, Chapter 8.

TOOL: START AND LEAD YOUR NEW CELL CHURCH v1.2

As we change our thinking about ministry our goal becomes making multiplying disciples which results in multiplying churches.

One requirement during the first quarter of the *Church Planting Discipleship School* is for you to start a new Cell Church with at least 2 (but no more than 10) people. This simple cell will include the essential elements for a church:

Believers who regularly meet together to:

- A. Nurture and serve each other in their faith (WELCOME)
- B. Grow in the knowledge of God and His Word (WORSHIP/WORD)
- C. Serve and share their faith with others in a lost world (WORK/WITNESS).

As you evangelize others during this first quarter, you will find those who respond to the Gospel of Christ. Some might be curious about Jesus and need to discover more before they put their saving faith in Him. Others will say “yes” to Him and trust Him as their Savior for eternal life. You might even find some who are already Christians but are not connected to a church or involved in a growing relationship to the Lord. No matter where a person is in their relationship to Christ, ask them to meet with you to form a new Cell Church.

The following Cell Church Tool will help you lead your new group as you begin to meet and help them grow in their faith in Christ.

Set a time and place for your Cell to meet. It could be in a home, office, park, school – or any other place convenient for everyone. Decide and communicate the day and time when everyone will gather.

- A. When the people first gather, **WELCOME** each one and have each share how they are doing.
 - 1. If you have new people in the cell, have them introduce themselves. Ask questions for everyone to answer that helps get to know each other better.
 - 2. After the first meeting, make sure that you always ask “How did you see God work in your life and use you in others’ lives last week?” Specifically ask how each one did in applying their answers to Questions 5 and 6 below, that they stated during the previous meeting.
 - 3. Make sure and pray for each other as people share.

NOTE: It is important that you do not move on to a new passage of Scripture until everyone has obeyed what they stated they would do from the previous week! Do not train for information but for obedience!

B. Spend time in **WORSHIP** to God as the result of sharing.

Pray and thank the Lord for who He is and what He has done. If possible sing simple worship and praise songs. Have someone who can play an instrument to help lead in this worship. Make sure you keep it simple so that everyone can learn and participate.

C. Discuss a story or passage from the Bible (passages listed below after Step D), the **WORD** of God, using the six “I Am Second” questions below:

Have someone **read the passage aloud** while others listen or read along in their Bibles. Ask the first two questions and allow people to discuss and interact:

1. *What did you like about this story (passage)?*
2. *What did you not like, or find confusing, about this story (passage)?*

After a time of discussion, have someone **read the passage aloud again** and then discuss the next two questions:

3. *What do you learn about people from this story (passage)?*
4. *What do you learn about God?*

After a time of discussion, have someone **read the passage aloud for the third time** and then discuss the final two questions:

5. *In light of this story (passage) how will your life be different this week? Be specific.* (Note: Write down answers of people and ask them at the beginning of next week’s discussion how they did during the Welcome time).
6. *Who do you know that needs to know what you learned from this story or passage? Name someone and tell why and when you will tell him or her. Again, write down who each says they want to talk to and ask them about it the next time you gather during the Welcome time.*

D. Questions 5 and 6 emphasize **WORK** and **WITNESS**.

As you start your new Cell, it will be best to concentrate on **Foundations of the Faith**. The following stories and passages from the Bible are suggested for the first 10 weeks that you meet together. The first four weeks are designed for those who may not be Christians but are open to investigating the claims of Christ. However, you can begin with anyone at Week 1.

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Who is Jesus?

Week 1 - John 4:1-26

Week 2 - John 11:17-46

Week 3 - John 14:1-11

Week 4 - John 3:1-18 - Trusting in Christ for eternal salvation

Week 5 - Ephesians 2:1-10 - New Life in Christ

Week 6 - John 10:1-30 - Secure in Christ

Week 7 - 1 John 1:5-2:2 - Dealing with sin and accountability

Week 8 - Psalm 1 - Word of God

Week 9 - Galatians 5:16-26 - Walking in the Spirit

Week 10 - Acts 1:1-11 - Witness to others

Finally, as a result of your new Cell meeting together and engaging in WORK and WITNESS to others, new people will likely join your cell. However, it is important that your Cell Church does not grow too large. 6 to 10 people is the ideal size for a Cell Church. Instead of adding more people to your own Cell, encourage people in your Cell to **start their own**. Use this tool to help them begin.

Encourage multiplication of Cell Churches instead of addition to a single Cell Church so that you can start a new Cell Church within walking distance of everyone in your village, city, nation and region!

LESSON 4 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT “THE MODEL FOR PRAYER”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

READ: Matthew 6:5-15

Prayer is your direct line to God. As a believer, you are given the right, privilege and command to come before the Creator of all things, the sovereign Ruler of the universe, the Owner of all things in creation. Since Scripture includes instructions regarding how to pray, there is a proper and improper way to approach God in prayer. Jesus tells us directly how to pray. In Matthew 6:5-8 He provides some pre-prayer instructions, in Matthew 6:9-13 He provides a model prayer, and in Matthew 6:14-15 He provides insight to the sincerity our prayers should have.

PRE-PRAYER INSTRUCTIONS:

Matthew 6:5-6 says not pray as the “hypocrites” do. You do not pray in order to bring attention to yourself. You do not pray to impress others with how well you can craft beautiful words and phrases. Most people have been guilty of doing this at some time, just waiting for the opportunity to pray before a group in order to impress them so others will think highly of us and how spiritual we are. In reality, with our heart being focused on our own glory, we have revealed we are NOT very spiritual!

You are to go into a private place to pray. God hears you, even when you are in secret. Does this mean you are to never pray in front of others? How could that be? The model prayer in verses 7-13 was prayed in front of those Jesus was teaching. There are many accounts of public prayers throughout the New Testament. No, it is not sin to pray in public, but it is sin to pray as the hypocrites do - to bring attention to yourself. If you cannot pray in public without falling to that temptation, then retreat to a private location to pray.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: How can we guard against praying to impress others?

Second, we are not to pray as the “Gentiles” do - praying with empty words and at great length. This refers to praying in a heartless and disconnected manner. Often we memorize a prayer and say it out of habit, no longer recalling the original meaning or intent of the words. Sadly, for many, the model prayer of Christ has become this type of prayer. The words have become meaningless to several people. Christians should not pray hollow chants over and over, piling up words in order to get God’s attention. NO! Verse 8 says we already have God’s attention. The Father already knows our needs BEFORE we bring them to Him! God is sovereign, so when we pray, we are not bringing any NEW information to Him.

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How can we avoid meaningless repetition and ritual praying that Jesus warns about?*

Since God already knows our needs, why do we pray? There are several reasons to pray: 1) We are commanded to - It is a matter of obedience. 2) It reveals our priorities - The fact that we take time to pray and the things we pray about reveal the priorities of our heart, what is most important to us. 3) It reveals our dependency - If we come to God and make requests, we are affirming that we are completely dependent upon Him for all our needs. Most importantly, 4) It deepens our relationship with God - Intimacy is born out of time together. The more time we spend communing with God in prayer and in reading His word, the closer we draw to Him. The better we know Him.

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How has praying helped you develop your relationship with God?*

THE MODEL PRAYER:

In Matthew 6:7-13, Jesus gives us the model prayer. We glean many insights regarding **HOW** and **WHAT** Jesus prays. Let’s start out with **HOW**. First, He prays relationally. Not to some distant deity who is detached, but to an intimate Creator, the Father! But not just any Father, the Father who is in heaven. Second, He prayed within community. He always uses a plural term, “our,” “us,” “we”. He prays for Himself, but also for His fellow believers at the same time. He is joined with the rest of the children of God in this prayer. Third, He prayed BIG! The items addressed in the prayer are things that only can come from God.

Now for **WHAT**. Jesus makes 6 petitions in His prayer. Three are God-oriented (God's name to be kept holy, God's kingdom to come, God's will to be done on earth) and three are man-oriented (daily provision, forgiveness as we have forgiven, protection and deliverance). Note the God-oriented petitions are the priority. The holiness of God's name is first. Second is the advancement of God's kingdom - that is, both the maturing of believers into Christ-likeness and the taking of the Gospel to all those who have not heard. Third, that God's will would be done in this sinful world just as it is done in heaven, that God would be obeyed and His purposes be carried out here and now, just like it happens in heaven. THEN Jesus moves to the secondary priority of the needs of daily provision. He also prays for forgiveness AS we forgive others. This clarifies the seriousness of walking in unity. Christ shows us to seek unbroken fellowship with God through repentance, but also shows us to seek unbroken fellowship with our brothers in Christ by forgiving them when they sin against us. Finally, Jesus prays for protection and deliverance from temptation and evil, both very real and dangerous enemies.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How can we use this model prayer to guide our own prayers and not just repeat the words in a meaningless way?*

The last and most important observation we can make is that Jesus actually prays. He does not just talk about it. He does not just give instructions on how to pray. HE PRAYS. HE REALLY DOES IT. It is tempting as pastors and leaders to instruct others in prayer and then not take time to pray, ourselves. We must not be hypocritical. We must not just talk about it. We must pray! If we are to follow Christ, prayer is a necessary portion of our day.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Share with others what has helped you develop a consistent and effective prayer life.*

KEY CONCEPT: *WE MUST CONSISTENTLY, EXPECTANTLY PRAY TO OUR FATHER USING THE GUIDELINES JESUS GAVE US.*

ACTIONS STEPS this week:

Day 1: Examine your usual prayer life.

How often do you pray?

What are the focal points of your prayers?

Have some of the word or phrases become empty because of their frequent use?

Day 2: Make Prayer the focus of this week of ministry by praying morning, mid-day, and evening. How will you do this?

Day 3: In your prayers, pray with God-oriented and man-oriented petitions. Pray with your spirit and your mind (1 Corinthians 14:15).

Day 4: Pray daily for “laborers unto the harvest” (Luke 10:2) and for opportunities to share the hope of the Gospel and make disciples.

Evangelism: Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

LESSON 5 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

“WHAT IS A LEADER?”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

In lesson 2, leadership was defined as motivating people to accomplish a clear goal. In light of this definition, we will concentrate in this lesson on the specific factors of what makes a leader.

WHAT is a LEADER?

A leader is a person who knows 3 basic truths:

- 1) Knows WHERE to go,
- 2) Knows HOW to get there, and
- 3) Knows how to MOTIVATE others to go with him.

First, a leader has a clear direction, goal or purpose. A leader has a clear picture of the thing to accomplish. Further, a leader not only knows where to go, but knows the specific steps of how to accomplish the goal. In other words, a leader has a plan to accomplish the goal. Finally, a leader also knows how to motivate others to cooperate with him or her to accomplish the goal. If a person cannot influence others to help in reaching the goal, that person is not a leader!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Why do you think each of these three elements are essential for a leader? How would the lack of any one affect leadership?

KEY CONCEPT: THE THREE COMPONENTS OF LEADERSHIP ARE:

- 1) VISION: knowing where to go
- 2) STRATEGY: knowing how to get there
- 3) MOTIVATION: knowing how to solicit desire from others to participate

DISCUSSION QUESTION: How can we develop these three components in our lives to make us better leaders?

LESSON 6 - CHURCH PLANTING "STEP 2: PRAYER"

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

READ: Acts 2:42, Colossians 4:2-4, Romans 12:12, 1 John 5:14-15, & Luke 10:2-3

Once you have begun to change your thinking from building your own kingdom (church buildings/programs/budgets, etc.) to building God's kingdom, you will most likely see the immensity of the task before you. The task we are called to is the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8). But making disciples is a work of the Spirit (John 6:65, 3:27). Additionally, the command of the Great Commission involves the whole world. There is no way we, as individuals, could visit every "end of the earth" location.

God has commanded us to do a work that is beyond our human capabilities. How quickly we forget portions of the Great Commission. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." He also said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." If God gives us a command, we trust that He will also give us all we need in order to obey what He has commanded - if we will only ask Him by faith! In 1 John 5:14-15, Scripture tells us, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." I ask you: Is fulfilling the Great Commission something in the will of God? YES! YES!! YES!!! Does Jesus have the power to fulfill the Great Commission? YES! YES!! YES!!! How will He fulfill it? By His power and His work being carried out in and through **you!**

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Why do we often depend on our own abilities, gifts and skills to do the work God has called us to do?

Prayer, then, is our most powerful tool. Prayer reveals our humble dependency upon God's infinite strength. Prayer reveals our dependency upon His glory and power to accomplish His purposes. Through prayer, we express our gratitude for Christ's finished work on the cross, His constant provision and work in our lives, and we find

His direction in how to glorify Him by encouraging fellow disciples and making new disciples.

Every aspect of our ministry and lives must be soaked in prayer. We are devoted to prayer, but that does not mean that prayer is all we do. We dare not carry out a single step of a plan without bringing that plan before the Lord. Once we have entrusted the plans to the God, we then move forward with confidence that He will direct our steps.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What activities are you are involved in right now that you feel you need to give more time to prayer?*

One of the most important prayers we can pray is for workers. In Luke 10:2-3, Jesus tells His disciples, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.”* He tells his followers to ask for more workers, but also that He is sending them out RIGHT NOW! We ask for workers, but do not wait for them to come before we enter the harvest. In fact, for the Great Commission to be fulfilled, most of the workers will come FROM the harvest! Think about that for a minute. Most of the workers who will participate in fulfilling the Great Commission have yet to trust Christ for salvation! So, when we ask the Lord for workers, we are asking for souls to be won - for disciples to be made! WE MUST ASK! We must get direction from the Father! We must be working in His power, not ours. WE MUST BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER, and we must gather our people to do the same! Many of us have set an alarm for 10:02 AM every day to pray for laborers for the harvest according to Luke 10:2.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Stop right now and have everyone set their watch or cell phone alarm to 10:02 AM. Pray at this moment for laborers for the harvest!*

Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth. We have been charged by Him to fulfill the Great Commission. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest! Truly, with God all things are possible. (Matt 19:26)

KEY CONCEPT: *PRAYER MUST PERMEATE OUR MINISTRY OF MAKING MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

Day 1: This week, pray daily for the Lord to provide laborers for the harvest at 10:02 AM. Check the box as you complete each day.

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

Day 2: Schedule a time for your people to gather and pray for God's kingdom to be advanced - laborers for the harvest, the Great Commission to be fulfilled, opportunities to share the Gospel, pray for the lost by name, pray for the coming work of evangelism of the church.

Location: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Day 3: Schedule a time for a Prayer Walk to be carried out by your people - Walk the neighborhoods where you plan to plan the new church and pray for the Lord to open hearts there and pray for the needs of that community.

Location: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Day 4: What other ways might you lead your people toward being a people of prayer?

Evangelism: Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

LESSON 7 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT “WALKING IN THE SPIRIT”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

God designed your Christian life to be a dynamic personal relationship with Jesus Christ by means of His indwelling Holy Spirit (Read Romans 8:9-14). God never intends for you to follow and serve Him by your own efforts. Rather, He has given you the Holy Spirit so that you might know Him personally and experience His power to please Him and accomplish what He desires. Every person who has been born again by His Spirit has the Holy Spirit indwelling their human spirit (Romans 9:9; Galatians 3:2-3). The Holy Spirit desires to minister to you and through you as you walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16) What does this mean specifically?

First, He desires to **comfort and encourage you** (John 14:15-21). The Lord promised that He would send us the Holy Spirit as Comforter (Counselor). We can experience His comforting presence in our hearts and minds. However, verse 21 says that we must **obey His commands** in order to experience this intimacy with the Lord (see John 15:14-15). As our obedience increases, we will experience greater intimacy, comfort and encouragement from the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How have you experienced the comfort of the Holy Spirit in the last week? What command do you sense the Lord asking you to obey today?*

Second, the Holy Spirit promises to **guide you into all truth** (John 16:12-15). The primary application of these words of Jesus was for His original apostles to write the God-breathed Word of God which we now have in the New Testament. This is called *inspiration*. The secondary application for every one of us believers is that the Holy Spirit will teach you through the words of Scripture (Ephesians 1:17-18). This is called *illumination*. The Holy Spirit has a voice and the language He speaks is “Bible.” So we must **read the Bible with openness to the voice of the Spirit**. When you read the Bible, pray, “Lord, speak to me.”

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What truth from Scripture is the Holy Spirit impressing on you at this time?*

Third, the Holy Spirit desires to **reproduce the life of Christ in you** (Read 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:16-17). When you became a new person by the Holy Spirit, He came to dwell in you (2 Corinthians 5:17). However, the new birth does not mean we are instantly mature in Christ. The work of Christ **for** us is perfect and complete. But, the work of Christ's Holy Spirit **in** us is not complete. The Holy Spirit desires to transform us increasingly into the image of Christ. This is described by the fruit of the Spirit (Read Galatians 5:22-23). He produces this fruit as we walk in the Spirit (Read Galatians 5:16). We walk in the Spirit by **daily choosing to say "Yes" to Him** and "no" to the desires of the Flesh (your sinful nature). You will continue to experience both of these conflicting desires of the Flesh and the Spirit until you meet the Lord in heaven. As we consistently **choose to follow the desires of the Spirit**, the character of Jesus will be developed increasingly in our lives.

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** What sinful desire do you need to say "No" to at this time? Which fruit of the Spirit do you feel you need to cooperate most with the Holy Spirit in your life at this time?*

Fourth, the Holy Spirit desires to **lead you** to do certain things and say certain words (Read Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:21; Philippians 2:12-13). He prompts us to will and act according to God's good purposes. His voice speaks to your heart and mind. But, we must be careful. Satanic and demonic voices can also influence your thoughts. So, make sure the prompting you follow agrees with Scripture. The Spirit will never lead you to do anything that is contrary to the Bible. We need to be sensitive to His prompting moment by moment! Stop and listen.

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to do or say anything at the present time? What is it?*

Fifth, the Holy Spirit desires to **win and disciple others through you** (Read John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 4:10-11). He wants to use you to tell others how they can know Jesus and to help those who know Jesus to grow to be more like Him. This wonderful mission requires you to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. As we tell others about Jesus, He will bear witness with us and draw others to faith in Christ. We cannot successfully witness if He does not work in and through us! So, **cooperate** with the Holy Spirit and **initiate** conversations with others about Christ, expecting Him to do His convincing work as you do.

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Who is someone the Holy Spirit is prompting you to tell the Gospel about Christ and when will you initiate this conversation?*

Jesus promised after He left this earth that He would send His Holy Spirit to dwell in each of us (John 16:7). He comforts, teaches, transforms, leads and uses us to win others to Christ! You will have a joyful and fruitful Christian life as you fully cooperate with the Holy Spirit and walk with Him moment by moment of every day.

KEY CONCEPT: GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO MINISTER TO US AND THROUGH US.

ACTION STEPS this week:

For each of the next five days review one of the five ministries of the Spirit to you described in this lesson.

Day 1: Memorize Galatians 5:16. Say it repeatedly every day this week to help you memorize it.

Day 2: Which of the five ministries of the Holy Spirit is most meaningful to you today? Why? Write out how you can better relate to the Holy Spirit in this area.

Day 3: Read John 15:26-27 and Acts 1:8. Define what the responsibility of the Holy Spirit is, and what your responsibility is whenever you evangelize others.

Day 4: Write out what each of these commands means specifically for your own life:

Ephesians 4:30:

Ephesians 5:18:

Galatians 5:16, 21:

1 Thessalonians 5:17:

Evangelism: Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

LESSON 8 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
“CHARACTER: THE ESSENTIAL QUALITY OF A LEADER”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

A leader can have a great vision, a great strategy and be able to greatly motivate others, but there is one other factor that is essential for Christian leadership. That factor is trust. No matter how visionary and motivational a person is, if people do not trust him or her, they will not follow! If a leader ever violates the trust of others, they will not follow him or her any longer. So, for a godly leader to motivate others to accomplish a great vision, they must have the indispensable quality of CHARACTER.

What is character? A good definition of character is trust that results from demonstrated integrity.

One of the greatest leaders of the Bible is King David. Why was he a great leader? Psalm 78:72 gives us a clue. “And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.” David not only was skilled as a leader but he demonstrated integrity. Integrity is being ‘whole and undivided.’ It is being honest and sincere and consistent. A person of integrity is one who is pure in heart. They are the same person in private as they are in public. They are dependable and trustworthy. They do what they say and keep their promises. A person of integrity is not one without faults or one who does not sin. That would be impossible. Instead, they are quick to admit their faults and confess their sins. Because they demonstrate consistent trustworthiness, others learn to depend on them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why do you think character or integrity is essential for godly leaders?*

- 2. Why does moral failure threaten Christian leaders?*

- 3. In what areas must a Christian leader show that he or she is trustworthy?*

KEY CONCEPT: WITHOUT GODLY CHARACTER, A LEADER HAS NO CREDIBILITY.

ACTION STEPS this week:

- Day 1:** What areas of your life do you feel that you need to develop more consistent character and integrity? What are the greatest temptations that threaten your integrity?

- Day 2:** Develop a strategy for increasing character/integrity in your life. What will help you?

- Day 3:** Three areas that Christians leaders often fail in their character are: 1) Money, 2) Sex and 3) abuse of power. Are there any ways you can insure that your character is without fault in each of these areas? Is there anything you need to stop doing? Is there anything you need to start doing?

- Day 4:** One of the ways to help you be consistent in character is to have at least one accountability partner who you can trust to ask you about each area of your life. That is why your *Life Transformation Group* is so important, in fact, it is the heart of the *Church Planting Discipleship School*. Make a commitment to meet with your group each week. Who is in your group? When, where, and at what time do you meet? Fill in this information on page 11 of this manual

- Evangelism:** Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

LESSON 9 - CHURCH PLANTING

“STEP 3: CAST A VISION FOR MAKING MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

Any Christian leader who has a great impact on the world does so with the help and involvement of others. Even the Lord Jesus Christ had a ‘team’ of twelve disciples whom He trained and sent into the world. The major emphasis of His life while He was on the earth was in choosing and training the men who would carry out God’s work after His death, burial and resurrection.

The great Apostle Paul continually disciplined, trained and sent out teams of multiplying disciples. He did not do ministry alone. In fact, his success in ministry is best summarized in what he wrote to Timothy, “*And what **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others also**.”* (2 Timothy 2:2). Paul disciplined and taught Timothy (1st generation). He instructed Timothy to entrust what he had learned to faithful men (2nd generation). These faithful men taught others also (3rd generation). Multiplication never ended! This ministry of multiplication explains how the Gospel spread so rapidly through the first century church. If you are going to accomplish God’s call to reach your neighborhood, city, nation, region and world with the Gospel, it will only be through developing a team of faithful multiplying disciples.

(Note: the word for *faithful men* in this verse is not gender specific and can refer to both men and women. The *School* includes both men and women. However, it is best that you challenge only those of your same sex to go through the *School* with you.

Groups and churches should have both men and women involved, but in the *School* men should train men and women should train women).

This is the key element in the *School*. It is designed to train **multiplying leaders** who make **multiplying disciples** who plant **multiplying churches** which reach the world with the Gospel. Your involvement in the *School* is not to just give you information, but to give you training and tools to accomplish this goal. Your involvement in the *School* requires you to do the Action Steps, share the Gospel, start new Groups/churches and train and disciple new leaders. In order for rapid multiplication of disciples and leaders to occur, you must look for and recruit two or three new potential leaders to take through the *School*. Then your team of disciples/ leaders must also recruit and challenge two or three potential leaders to take through

the *School* as well. You will be asked to complete a “ministry map,” tracing your trainees through the 3rd generation and helping them to grow and train others. Ultimately, your responsibility is not just what your 1st generation does, or even your 2nd, but only if the 3rd generation of your trainees multiply can you insure that the ministry of multiplication will continue.

So, at this point you must begin praying for your next generation of leaders to train. Ask God to give you 2 or 3 faithful people whom you can take through the *School*. As you share the Gospel, start discipling and gathering new folks into a Cell Church. Pray that God will raise up potential leaders that you can share this vision with and ask to join you. Always be casting this vision with those in your Cell Church and with those you are discipling. The leaders for the spiritual harvest come from the harvest!

You will continue to lead your Cell Church and disciple new believers through the second quarter of the *School*. Before you can continue into the 3rd quarter of the *School*, you must have 2 or 3 new leaders whom you have identified to begin the 1st quarter training along with you. NOW is the time to start praying and asking God for your next generation!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *Why do you think it is important that everyone has two or three new people to begin leading through the Church Planting Discipleship School before they themselves continue into the 3rd quarter of the School?*

As you gather and equip your team to fulfill the Great Commission consider the following:

1. PRAY - Ask God to raise up a TEAM to help fulfill the Vision.

Read Luke 6:12-13. In these verses we see that Jesus spent a whole night in prayer before he chose 12 apostles from among His disciples. He asked God for men before He asked men to follow Him!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Have you been praying daily that God will raise up “laborers unto the harvest”? (Luke 10:2) Who are those God is impressing on you to ask to start the School?*

2. Cast the Vision to those God leads you to ask:

You must take several specific steps in the process of casting this vision to others.

- Make a LIST of the men and women you feel the Lord is directing you to work with, and then, over the next few weeks, set a time to challenge them to join with you in fulfilling the Great Commission in our lifetime.
- It is best that you meet with them individually to share your vision and make the challenge.
- Explain to them the vision of reaching the world with the Gospel through making multiplying disciples. Show them the strategy of training these new multiplying leaders and disciples through the *Church Planting Discipleship School*.
- Share with them the benefits you have experienced as you have gone through the *School* this quarter.
- Then, ask them to join your team. Tell them when and where you will meet and what will be involved as you meet together (the accountability questions, lessons, Action Steps).

Do not expect them to give you an answer at this meeting. Give them some time to pray, then follow up and ask for their decision.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How can you best explain the Vision to make multiplying disciples to start multiplying groups/churches to others?*

How would your city be changed if new multiplying disciples were being trained every 10 weeks?

KEY CONCEPT: *PRAY FOR, CAST A VISION TO, AND ASK OTHERS TO JOIN YOUR TEAM IN THE Church Planting Discipleship School.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

Day 1: At this point, who are the potential people that you think you could invite to be on your team that will help you carry out the vision and strategy of reaching your city or nation through training leaders to make multiplying disciples who start multiplying groups/churches? List your team below or, if you do not yet have a team, ask God to give you the names of potential people.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Day 2: Set a time to meet with each of these team members over the next few weeks to cast a vision for reaching your world with the Gospel by making multiplying disciples. Clearly think about what you will say to them. Write out your thoughts here:

Day 3: Check with your pastor or the local coordinator for the *School Leaders* and find out when the next *Church Planting Seminar* training will be held. Invite potential leaders for your team to attend this training.

When: _____

Where: _____

Day 4: What particular area of the city, or what particular group of people, are you (and your team) called to reach with the Gospel?

Evangelism: Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

LESSON 10 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT “FULFILL YOUR ROLE IN YOUR FAMILY”

As you begin to meet, break into your Life Transformation Group of 4 or less for 30 minutes. Pray for one another and ask each other the accountability questions on page 15, or from your accountability cards. Then gather as a group and read through the following lesson, discussing the questions together.

When God looks for a leader in His church, He begins by looking at that person’s relationship to family. 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 give the qualities that must be present in a person’s life to be a leader of Christ’s church. The starting point for God’s leader is how a person relates to family members (Read 1 Timothy 3:1-2, 4-5; Titus 1:5-6). The principle is: if a person does not lead their family well, they cannot lead the church well (see 1 Timothy 3:5). While family is not a leader’s **only** ministry, his or her family must be their **first ministry priority**.

God is the author of marriage and family. He has provided our spouse to meet our needs and desires and also to bring glory to Himself. He has designed marriage to be a wonderful relationship that will bring many blessings to us (See Psalm 128). He gives us children to raise for His honor and glory and to also bless our lives (See Psalm 127:3-5). In order for us to most enjoy our relationship to our spouse and children, God defines how we are to relate to them in our role as a husband, wife or parent. As each one of us pays careful attention to fulfilling our unique role in our family, God will bless us, and we will experience marriage and family as He intends. This lesson will investigate the specific roles of a husband and wife. If you are married, evaluate your life to see how you are doing in your priority ministry role in marriage.

(NOTE: Men and women should divide into two separate groups to discuss their particular roles for this lesson).

The Role of the HUSBAND

Read Ephesians 5:25-33. The role of a husband toward his wife is summed up in one primary word: **love**. The measure of how a husband is to love his wife is the same way that Christ loved the church. He should sacrifice his own interests for her (verse 25). This means that a husband should not act selfishly. He should always ask how his decisions and actions will affect the well being of his wife. The way that a husband is to treat his wife is the same care that he gives to himself (verse 29). Related to this is God's command to husbands in Colossians 3:19: "Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them." The opposite of love is abuse! Husbands are never to abuse their wives - physically, emotionally or verbally. Rather, we are to be tender with them, nourishing and cherishing them, as Jesus does for each one of us (Ephesians 5:29).

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** What are practical ways that you can show sacrificial love to your wife? Can you give an example of how a husband can be harsh with his wife? How can we avoid this?*

Another important responsibility of a husband is found in 1 Peter 3:7: "Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." (ESV). Husbands are commanded to **understand** their wives. We are to be students of the woman God has given us so that we may understand her needs, desires and limitations. God has not called us to understand all women, but He has called us to understand the particular woman He has given to us as our wife. This means that we show love to her according to her individual desires and needs. We honor her as a fellow heir of eternal life that God has granted. We do not push her beyond her physical capabilities as the 'weaker vessel.'

***DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Discuss how women are different from men and the particular needs that they have. If you are married, can you share at least one thing you have learned about your wife that helps you to love her in a unique way? What is the warning to us husbands at the end of verse 7 if we do not understand and honor our wives?*

A third important responsibility of a husband is found in Scripture. It is based on the teaching found in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10 and 1 Timothy 5:6 (Please read). In God's order of creation, He has designed that the husband be the **primary provider** for his family. This means that he works to provide food, clothing, shelter and the other physical needs for his wife and children. This does not mean that the wife cannot work to make money, but that her primary responsibility is to work in the home, especially when children are young (see 1 Timothy 2:3-5). In many cultures

husbands put an unhealthy burden on their wives to make money or provide other necessities for the family. This is a special danger for pastors and leaders of the church. Sometimes husbands can give so much time and energy to the ministry, that they neglect providing for their family's basic needs. The reality is that most pastors and church leaders will be bi-vocational. Though the church is responsible to provide for at least a portion of a pastor's physical provision, many churches are unable to do so (see 1 Corinthians 9:7-14; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17-19). So, if a church or ministry cannot pay their pastor, husbands will need to find ways to work to provide for themselves and their families, much like the Apostle Paul did as a tent maker (see Acts 18:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9).

Of course a wife can help with family income. She may have great skill as a business woman (see Proverbs 31), but it is important that the burden for providing the needs for the family is not put on her. In God's plan, this responsibility belongs to the husband.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What are some creative ways for pastors and leaders to provide for their family while also leading God's church? How can we better educate the church about helping to provide for their leaders' needs?*

A fourth responsibility of the husband is seen in 1 Corinthians 7:1-7 (Please read). This responsibility is in the area of sexual relations with his wife. First of all, he should be **devoted emotionally and sexually** only to his wife! (verse 2). He must be a "one woman man" (see 1 Timothy 3:2). There should be no sexual infidelity with others who are not his wife. Further, in his sexual relationship to his wife, he must put **her** needs first. His body is not his alone, but also belongs to his wife, and he must seek to satisfy her according to her wants and needs (verses 3-4) This means being sensitive to her wishes and seeking to fulfill her desires. Your approach to your wife sexually should not be for self-fulfillment alone. You should not demand or force sex on your wife. Rather, your first priority is to fulfill her needs. As both partners take this approach, then both partners' needs will be satisfied.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How can we men guard against sexual temptation and infidelity? How can you balance having your own sexual needs met with the command of Scripture to fulfill your wife's needs?*

Conclusion: God has given husbands very clear and specific directions in fulfilling their role in relationship to their wife. Please note that God never gives you the freedom or responsibility to demand that your wife fulfill her roles! You should concentrate on being the husband that God wants you to be, and let her answer to the Lord for being the wife that He wants her to be!

The Role of the WIFE

Read Genesis 2:15-25. God created Adam, the first man, to worship Him and do His work in the world. Yet, God declared that it was not good for Adam to be alone. So, God made Eve to be “a helper suitable” for Adam. In God’s order of creation, He gives a wife to a man to be his **suitable helper** (verse 18). This is her primary role. A wife is to be a companion for and complement to her husband. She is to comfort, encourage, support and assist him in worshiping and serving God in all of life. She makes him better than he could be alone, and helps him accomplish more than he could on his own. As a result, the two are “one flesh” (verse 24) and together they are to reflect the glory and honor of God in this world. This is a high calling and privilege. She is not to be independent and self seeking, but rather interdependent with her husband, and seek to help him fulfill what God has called him to do.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How do you feel about being called to be a “helper suitable” to your husband? In what practical ways can you better help your husband worship and fulfill God’s call on his life?*

In fulfilling her role as a suitable helper for her husband, the Lord gives a specific duty to a wife. Read Ephesians 5:22-24. She is to **submit**, or yield, to her husband. The way she is to do this is as the church submits to Christ. Submission does not mean that she is inferior to her husband (see Galatians 3:28-29; 1 Peter 5:7), nor does it mean that she is less intelligent or talented than her husband. Submission has to do with authority in the family. God has given the husband the responsibility to be the leader of his wife and family. This means the wife is to yield to his decisions and direction. To submit does not mean you may not share your opinion or insight about decisions, but it does mean that you let your husband be the leader God created him to be. To submit does not mean that you always agree with your husband, but it does mean that you accept his decisions and leadership. Related to this is showing respect to your husband, Ephesians 5:33. You respect his role as the leader of the family. You tell him that you value him as the leader of the family and honor him as he seeks to do so.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What fears do you have when you consider submitting to your husband as the leader in your family? How can you overcome these fears (see 1 Peter 3:1-6). Share with each other practical ways that you can demonstrate respect for your husband.*

A third important role in relationship to your husband is found in 1 Corinthians 7:1-7 (Please read). This responsibility is in the area of sexual relations with her husband. First of all, a wife should be **devoted emotionally** and **sexually** only to her husband! (verse 2). There should be no sexual infidelity with others who are not her husband. Further, in her sexual relationship to her husband, she must put his needs first. Her body is not hers alone, but also belongs to her husband, and she must seek to satisfy his wants and needs (verses 3-4) This means never using sex as a reward or punishment. It means being available to her husband to meet his sexual desires. Your approach to your husband sexually should not be for self-fulfillment alone. You should not demand or withhold sex from your husband. Rather, your first priority is to fulfill his needs. As both partners take this approach, then both partners' needs will be satisfied.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How do you handle meeting your husband's sexual needs when you do not feel in the mood yourself? What is the danger of using sex as a reward or punishment with your husband?*

Conclusion: God has given wives very clear and specific directions in fulfilling their role in relationship to their husband. Please note that God never gives you the freedom or responsibility to demand that your husband fulfill his roles! You should concentrate on being the wife that God wants you to be, and let him answer to the Lord for being the husband that He wants him to be!

KEY CONCEPT: *GOD HAS DESIGNED SPECIFIC ROLES FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES SO THEY MAY EXPERIENCE A LOVING MARRIAGE AND BRING GLORY AND HONOR TO HIM.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

- Day 1:** Review your roles as a husband or wife from this lesson. Evaluate how you are doing in each area. Be honest. Which role do you most need to improve?
- Day 2:** Set aside a time with your wife or husband and ask her/him the following question. **Listen carefully** and **do not interrupt** or try to defend yourself when you hear their answer.
- For the wife: “In what ways do you appreciate that I show love to you? In what ways would you like me to show love to you more?”
- For the husband: “In what ways do you appreciate that I show you honor and respect? In what ways would you like me to show you respect more?”
- Day 3:** In light of your spouse’s answer to the questions, write a plan to improve how you fulfill God’s role in relation to her/him.
- Day 4:** Schedule a romantic date or extended time away with your spouse. This does not have to be expensive. Have someone watch your children. Plan an uninterrupted time that you both would enjoy.
- Evangelism:** Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

Q1 REVIEW OF KEY CONCEPTS

Lesson 1 - Personal Development: “Foundation of The Word of God”

KEY CONCEPT: *Christian Leaders must dedicate themselves to daily seek the Lord in His Word.*

Lesson 2 - Leadership Development: “What is Leadership?”

KEY CONCEPT:

If you don't have MOTIVATION, you don't have LEADERSHIP.

If you don't have PEOPLE, you don't have LEADERSHIP.

If you don't ACCOMPLISH a GOAL, you don't have LEADERSHIP.

Lesson 3 - Church Planting: “Step 1: Change Your Thinking”

KEY CONCEPT: *Our call is NOT to build a ‘great church’ but to Make Multiplying Disciples.*

Lesson 4 - Personal Development: “The Model for Prayer”

KEY CONCEPT: *We must consistently, expectantly, pray to our Father using the guidelines Jesus gave us.*

Lesson 5 - Leadership Development: “What is a Leader?”

KEY CONCEPT: *The three components of Leadership are:*

1. *VISION: knowing where to go*

2. *STRATEGY: knowing how to get there*

3. *MOTIVATION: knowing how to solicit desire from others to participate*

Lesson 6 - Church Planting: “Step 2: Prayer”

KEY CONCEPT: *Prayer must permeate our ministry of Making Multiplying Disciples.*

Lesson 7 - Personal Development: “Walking in the Spirit”

KEY CONCEPT: *God has given us His Holy Spirit to minister to us and through us.*

Lesson 8 - Leadership Development: “Character: The Essential Quality of a Leader”

KEY CONCEPT: *Without Godly character, a leader has no credibility.*

Lesson 9 - Church Planting: “Steps 3: Cast a Vision for Making Multiplying Disciples”

KEY CONCEPT: *Pray for, cast a vision to, and ask others to join your team in the Church Planting Discipleship School.*

Lesson 10 - Personal Development: “Fulfill Your Role in Your Family”

KEY CONCEPT: *God has designed specific roles for husbands and wives so they may experience a loving marriage and bring glory and honor to Him.*

Q1 COMPLETION CHECKLIST

In order to advance to the next training manual (Q2), you must have completed the following requirements:

1. Have met weekly in your Life Transformation Group for accountability questions and to discuss the SCHOOL Lesson and have completed all Action Steps for each Lesson. *(Please review your manual and check the appropriate boxes for what you have completed)*

	Attendance & Accountability	Lesson Completed	Action Steps Completed
Lesson 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesson 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Have shared the Gospel with 10-30 people (minimum of 10) during your Q1 training (see pages 16-17):
 1 2 3 4 5
 6 7 8 9 10

3. Have **started** a Cell Church with 2-10 people. When and where does this meet?

When: _____

Where: _____

4. Complete your Ministry Map (next page) down through Quarter 1.

Church Planting Discipleship School
MINISTRY MAP

Quarter 1	<p>Start a <u>Cell Church</u> with 2 to 10 people through <u>Evangelism</u> and <u>Discipling</u>:</p> <p>1. _____ 2. _____</p> <p>3. _____ 4. _____</p> <p>5. _____ 6. _____</p> <p>7. _____ 8. _____</p> <p>9. _____ 10. _____</p>
Quarter 2	<p>Enroll <u>two New Leaders</u> (G²) (“disciples”) to start Q1 of the <u>SCHOOL</u>:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. _____ (G¹)</p> <p>Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2. _____ (G¹)</p>
Quarter 3	<p>Help your <u>two “disciples”</u> start <u>Cell Churches</u> through <u>Evangelism</u> and <u>Discipling</u>:</p> <p>1. _____ (G¹)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. _____ 2. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3. _____ 4. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5. _____ 6. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7. _____ 8. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9. _____ 10. _____</p> <p>2. _____ (G¹)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. _____ 2. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3. _____ 4. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5. _____ 6. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7. _____ 8. _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9. _____ 10. _____</p>
Quarter 4	<p>Help your two “disciples” (G¹) enroll <u>two New Leaders</u> (G²) each to start Q1 of the <u>SCHOOL</u>:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3. _____ (G²)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. _____ (G¹)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4. _____ (G²)</p> <p>Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5. _____ (G²)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. _____ (G¹)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6. _____ (G²)</p>

Quarter 5	Multiply your <u>Cell Church</u>: A. Your two disciples (G ¹) continue to lead their <u>Cell Churches</u> . B. Help your <u>2nd Generation Leaders</u> (G ²) start their <u>Cell Churches</u> .
Quarter 6	Make sure your 2nd Generation (G²) enrolls two New Leaders each to begin Q1 of the SCHOOL with them. (Complete your 3rd Generation (G³) Ministry Map, 2 Timothy 2:2) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 1. _____ (G¹) 2. _____ (G¹) 3. _____ (G²) 4. _____ (G²) 5. _____ (G²) 6. _____ (G²) </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> 7. _____ (G³) 8. _____ (G³) 9. _____ (G³) 10. _____ (G³) 11. _____ (G³) 12. _____ (G³) 13. _____ (G³) 14. _____ (G³) </div> </div> Me
Quarter 7	Make sure your <u>3rd Generation</u> (G³) have started their <u>Cell Churches</u>.
Quarter 8	Make sure your <u>3rd Generation</u> (G³) enroll <u>two New Leaders</u> (G⁴) to start Q1 of the SCHOOL. By the time you finish the SCHOOL, you should have your Ministry Map complete (see next page).

If you have completed the above requirements, please go to:

<http://globalmissions.lifepointplano.org> to

download and print the next CPSD Manual for your continued training.

MINISTRY MAP to the 4th Generation - 2 Timothy 2:2

Generation 1	Generation 2	Generation 3	Generation 4
			15. _____ (G ⁴)
		7. _____ (G ³)	
			16. _____ (G ⁴)
	3. _____ (G ²)		
			17. _____ (G ⁴)
		8. _____ (G ³)	
			18. _____ (G ⁴)
1. _____ (G ¹)			
			19. _____ (G ⁴)
		9. _____ (G ³)	
			20. _____ (G ⁴)
	4. _____ (G ²)		
			21. _____ (G ⁴)
		10. _____ (G ³)	
			22. _____ (G ⁴)
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			23. _____ (G ⁴)
		11. _____ (G ³)	
			24. _____ (G ⁴)
	5. _____ (G ²)		
			25. _____ (G ⁴)
		12. _____ (G ³)	
			26. _____ (G ⁴)
2. _____ (G ¹)			
			27. _____ (G ⁴)
		13. _____ (G ³)	
			28. _____ (G ⁴)
	6. _____ (G ²)		
			29. _____ (G ⁴)
		14. _____ (G ³)	
			30. _____ (G ⁴)

All we have to do to fulfill the Great Commission is to make sure each disciple continues to multiply to the 4th generation!

TOOL: EVANGELISM TRACT v4.0

- ⦿ As we go into neighborhoods or villages to share the Gospel, we will go in teams of 2 or 3 to visit door-to-door, on the streets, in the markets or to pre-arranged appointments. As we visit with each person we want to accomplish 5 things with each one.

5 IMPORTANT THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH ON EACH EVANGELISTIC VISIT

1. Share your personal testimony.

- Introduce yourself and explain that we are in their neighborhood to tell people about the difference that Jesus Christ has made in our lives.
- Ask each person if you may briefly share with them how God has worked in your life.
- Take no more than 1 or 2 minutes to tell what your life was like before Christ, how you trusted in Christ as your personal Savior and the difference your life is now because you know Christ.
- At the end of your testimony ask, “Would you like to know how you can have a relationship with God and be sure you have eternal life?”

2. Share the Gospel Using the Cross Tract

3. Invite the person(s) to the evening meeting in the neighborhood.

- Write down the time and place on the tract and leave it with them.
- Encourage them to bring friends and family with them.

4. Make an appointment to visit them again for a follow up Bible study the next day.

- Record the decision they made on the tear off portion of the SI tract.
- Record their name and address and phone number.
- Record the time of the follow up appointment.
- Tear off this portion to keep and then give them the tract.

5. Pray for God’s blessing on the person and their family.

- Ask them if they are sure they now have eternal life with God.
- Ask for anything that you can pray for them.
- Pray for them to grow in their faith and for the requests that they have given you.

NOTE:

- **Do not argue** with someone over their beliefs.
- If someone wants to argue or is angry and resistant, thank them for their time and **move on to the next house** or person. There are many more who would like to listen!

Make sure that **Ephesians 2:8-9 is clear!**

- Most people in the world think they must somehow **earn** eternal life with God.
- You will want them to be sure that it is by grace and a free gift from God based on Ephesians 2:8-9.

NOTE: If you find the person very open and eager to talk about spiritual things, before you lead them in a salvation prayer ask if they know of others in their family or among their friends who would like to discuss these questions.

If they say Yes, then ask them to get their family and friends together right then! Then, you can discuss these questions as a group and share the Gospel with all of them. Often this will be the beginning of the brand new church. This person may be the “Person of Peace” Jesus talked about. (See John 4:1-42 and Luke 10:1-6).

A Person of Peace is someone who...

- 1) is friendly toward you, the evangelist,
- 2) is open to spiritual matters,
- 3) is a person of influence in the community
- 4) can gather others to hear about the Gospel.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Date _____ Age _____

I accept Christ as my Savior today.

I would like to know about how I can grow in my new faith in Christ.

Date _____ Time _____

I am interested in Bible Study Group in my neighborhood.

Person sharing this message:

1. GATHER THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION for a follow up Discipleship Meeting. Check the appropriate boxes.

2. Tear off and keep this portion.

3. Leave the Tract with the person you led to Christ.

4. Turn in the contact information to the Pastor or Team Leader for your area.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24, 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14

We believe that there is one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain His creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 20:28; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; 1 John 2:2

Jesus Christ is the eternal second Person of the Trinity who was united forever with a true human nature by a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned for (made a payment for) the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation and eternal life for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended to heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, where He, the only Mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT and THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

John 15:26, 16:8-11

The natural accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, attained by believers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them a recognition of their need of a Savior and regenerates them (gives them new life). At the point of salvation He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and He uniquely endows each believer with gifts for the building up of the body. The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are applied by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christlike character and to bear fruit to the glory of the Father.

THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament. We believe that the Scripture in its entirety originated with God, and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture thus one and at the same time speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and without error in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

SALVATION

Romans 3:23; 5:8; Ephesians 2:1, 8-9

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call all people into fellowship with Himself. Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied God, choosing to go his independent way, and was thus alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall of man took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result, in whole or in part of human works or goodness, and must be received by faith on an individual basis. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation.

HUMAN DESTINY

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Hebrews 9:27

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world, and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. There is an eternal state of punishment for the unsaved and an eternal state of blessing for the saved. Those who have trusted Christ will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in life.

THE CHURCH

Acts 2:42; Romans 12:1-6

The result of union with Jesus Christ is that all believers become members of His body, the church. There is one true church universal, comprised of all those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, observance of baptism and communion as the ordinances established by Jesus Christ, fellowship, service to the body through development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the watch care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent upon the ultimate purpose of exalting Christ for the glory of God and the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission

FAITH and PRACTICE

1 Corinthians 10:24, 31; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We recognize that it cannot bind the conscience of individuals in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.