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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations! You are about to begin the 4th quarter of the School of Multiplying Leaders. We hope and pray that this has been a great experience for you so far, and that God has used this training in your life to grow you into more of the person and leader He intends you to be. We are confident that as you continue to be faithful and diligent to complete these lessons in the School, that these four things will happen:

First, you will grow in your relationship to Christ and in your relationship with a few other brothers or sisters in Christ. Through your Life Transformation Group you have been with since the start, and the one that you now lead, you will be encouraged to make changes in your life that are pleasing to the Lord. You will learn more and more of Scripture as you read together. The Holy Spirit will use your experiences to help you become the man or woman of God He intends.

Second, you will make new multiplying disciples and leaders for the Great Commission. While you have completed the third quarter with your original group, you have started leading at least 2 others through the first quarter lessons. By this point, you should have helped each of them start their own Cell Church of 2 to 12 persons. Do not let them begin the 2nd quarter unless they have begun their Cell Church. When they have fulfilled this requirement, they can then begin going through the 2nd quarter lessons. As you lead them through the 2nd quarter lessons, you will help them identify at least 2 others whom they can begin equipping through the CPSD for when they finish the 2nd quarter and begin the 3rd. If everyone is faithful to do this, we will insure that multiplication continues to take place. If your two enroll two more, and their two enroll two more each at the end of their second quarter, and this cycle continues - by the time you complete the School after 9 quarters there will be 510 growing leaders in the School because of your influence! (1+2+4+8+16+32+64+128+256 = 510).

Third, you will lead others to personal faith in Jesus Christ. As you consistently share your faith each week with those who do not know Christ, God will use your witness to bring others to faith in Jesus. Further, those who are enrolled in the School because of you will share their faith, too! Just think of the number of people who will hear the Gospel because of your own and their witness!

Fourth, you and others will start multiplying Cell Churches. You will grow and multiply your own Cell Church, you will help your trainees to grow and multiply their Cell Churches. You will help the third generation of your trainees to lead people to Christ and start their Cell Churches. A rapid church planting movement will result - giving more and more people the opportunity to respond to the Gospel. You will be part of a movement to saturate your city, nation, and region with the Good News of Christ!

These four results describe the amazing potential of your growth and fruitfulness as you participate in the School of Multiplying Leaders. Thank you for your faithful participation. Stay committed to this process and God will work in and through you to become and accomplish His amazing purposes in these great days. God bless you as you continue to follow and serve Christ!

The Church Planting Leadership Team

"Equipping Nationals to Reach Nations"

VISION:

The VISION of Saturation Church Planting is to partner with God the Holy Spirit in order to give all 7.5 Billion people alive on earth today a clear presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

by igniting a Self-Multiplying, Church-Planting Movement 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 (VS)** - 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 week-long 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 (CPSD)** - A two-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 CPSD 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 (1 year), 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 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 Church Planting Coordinator is:

Name:_____ **Phone:** _____

My Group Members are:

Name: _____

Phone:_____ **email:** _____

Name: _____

Phone:_____ **email:** _____

Name: _____

Phone:_____ **email:** _____

Name: _____

Phone:_____ **email:** _____

Our meetings are held:

Location: _____

Day: _____ **Time:** _____

We have agreed to read:

Chapters of Scripture each day: _____

Starting in (book of Scripture): _____

SCRIPTURE READING LOG:

DATE	Scripture

DATE	Scripture

DATE	Scripture

DATE	Scripture

LIFE TRANSFORMATION GROUP MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD:

DATE	Lesson	Participants Present

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

*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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LESSONS

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 31 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
"SATURATE YOUR LIFE WITH 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.

The foundation for successful Christian life and ministry is knowing and obeying the Scriptures. God gave us His Word so "the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV). So, how can we be thoroughly equipped from the Bible? The Bible describes six ways we can saturate our thinking and lifestyle with its truth.

First, we must **listen** to the Scriptures. The whole assembly of Israel listened to the Scriptures as it was read (Joshua 8:34-35). Paul told Timothy to publicly read the Scriptures (1 Timothy 4:13). We all need to hear Scripture. Regularly listen to others read it. Take turns in your family reading the Bible. Listen to Scripture by audio recordings or on the internet. We must hear the Word of God!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What are ways that you find helpful in listening to the Scriptures?*

Second, we must **read** the Bible. Each of Israel's kings were told to write their own personal copy of the Scriptures so that he might "read it all the days of his life," (Deuteronomy 17:18-19). The church is commanded to read the New Testament letters (Colossians 4:16). We must continually and repeatedly read the whole Bible. We encourage you to regularly read at least 25 to 30 chapters of the Bible every week.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What benefit would result if you and others in your church read 25 to 30 chapters of the Bible each week (3 to 5 chapters per day?) Is this too much to ask?*

Third, we must **study** the Bible. Ezra "devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord," (Ezra 7:10). The man or woman of God must carefully observe, interpret and apply the Scripture to understand what it teaches, so that we may learn to live a righteous life (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We must have a regular time devoted to diligently study the Scriptures.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What is the difference in reading the Bible and studying the Bible?*

Fourth, we must **memorize** Scripture. A young man keeps his way pure by hiding God's word in his heart, (Psalm 119:11). Jesus stood against Satan's greatest temptations by quoting Scripture He had memorized (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). We also encourage you to memorize at least one verse per week. A proven method to do this is to read the verse out loud seven times per day for seven days.

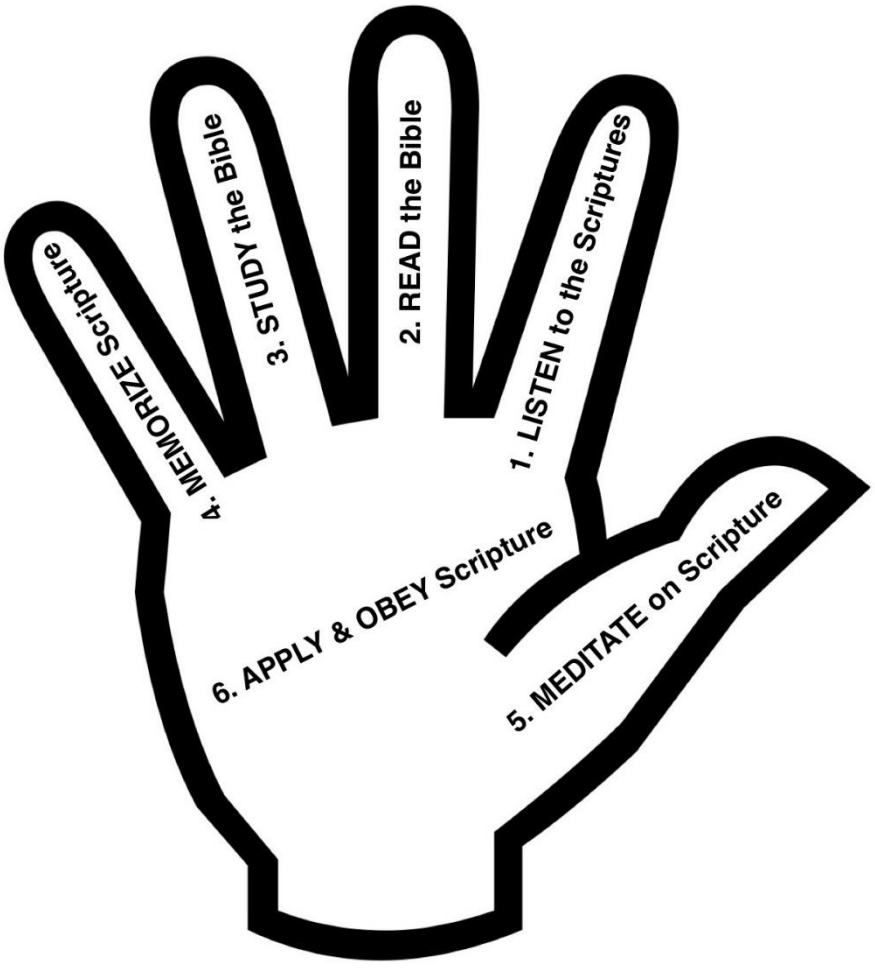
DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Commit to memorize Joshua 1:8 this week. Read it aloud together seven times right now!*

Fifth, we must **meditate** on Scripture. The Lord told Joshua to meditate on the Word day and night (Joshua 1:8). Psalm 1 says that a fruitful and abundant life results as we meditate on Scripture. To meditate means to think carefully about the meaning of the Scripture and how it applies to our life. Meditation and memorization go together.

Sixth, we must **apply and obey** the Bible. God gave us His Word to change our lives. Each of the above methods is meant for us to learn to carefully live the truth of Scripture (Read again each verse to see this). If we do not apply the truth of the Bible, James says we deceive ourselves (James 1:22-25).

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What specific Scripture is God impressing on you to obey at this time?*

A good illustration to help you remember these six ways of approaching the Bible is your hand. Each finger represents the first five ways to handle the Word, while the palm represents the sixth - to apply and obey the Bible. If we practice each of these six methods, we will have a firm 'grasp' on the Bible!



KEY CONCEPT: *THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND MINISTRY IS KNOWING AND OBEYING THE SCRIPTURES. WE CAN GROW IN THIS OBEDIENCE THROUGH LISTENING TO, READING, STUDYING, MEMORIZING, MEDITATING ON, AND APPLYING THE SCRIPTURES.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

Day 1: Commit to use your hand each day to remind you and memorize these six methods of handling the Bible. Check the box as you complete each day.

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

Day 2: Of these six ways to use the Scripture, which one do you most need to improve?

How will you do it?

Day 3: Identify and put into practice one specific way you can practice each of these six methods of understanding the Bible.

Method #1:

Method #2:

Method #3:

Method #4:

Method #5:

Method #6:

Day 4: Memorize Joshua 1:8.

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 32 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
"WHAT IS LEADERSHIP? - HOW TO CAST VISION"

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.

We "receive" Vision by supernatural REVELATION from God. God Himself is a God of Vision. There are many examples, in both Old & New Testaments, of people who received a Vision from God.

- Abraham received a Vision in Genesis 12:1-3 that God would start the nation of Israel.

  "Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, And from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.'"

- Jacob had a Vision of angels ascending and descending on a ladder to heaven, and in that Vision, God repeated His promise of the land of Israel. [Genesis 28:12]

- Joseph was misunderstood when he explained his Vision of his brother's sheaves "bowing down to his sheaf." [Genesis 37:7]

In the New Testament explanation of FAITH - "the conviction of things <u>NOT SEEN</u>" [Hebrews 11:1b] - could be used as a substitute for the definition of VISION.

- Peter was the first disciple to bring the gospel to the Gentiles, because of a Vision that God gave him in Acts 10:9-48.

- Paul brought the gospel to Macedonia, instead of Asia, because of a Vision of a man, saying: "Come to Macedonia and help us." [Acts 16:9]

- John wrote the entire book of Revelation, based upon the Vision God had given him of "the things which must soon take place." [Revelation 1:1]

When a man or woman receives a Vision from God, it becomes a GUIDING CONVICTION for the whole of their life, just like the rudder of a ship, even though they cannot "see it" in the natural.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How would you describe the Vision you have received from God which is the guiding conviction of your life?*

Vision is a GOD-GIVEN picture of FUTURE REALITY, before it exists. While the Vision can only come from God Himself, we play an essential part in RECEIVING, STEWARDING, and ultimately, CASTING Vision to others.

Jesus said: *"He who is faithful in little, will also be faithful in much."* [Luke 16.10]

When I first started leading Mission Trips to other countries, I was NOT "on fire" for the Great Commission. I began from a motivation of OBEDIENCE to the Word of God: "Go and make disciples of all the nations." [Matthew 28:18-20] But what began out of simple OBEDIENCE, quickly became an all-consuming PASSION to reach lost souls with the gospel of Christ. And out of that PASSION for individual souls, came a God-given VISION to reach the world for Christ!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How have you seen simple obedience to the Lord grow into a passion and vision in your life?*

Vision is not "mechanically" TRANSMITTED from the Leader to others, like teaching someone how to change a flat tire. But rather, it is like a contagious disease: It is "**caught**" much more than it is "**taught**."

CASTING VISION is "IGNITING a FIRE in OTHERS" that is already white-hot in your own heart.

Many years ago, a young preacher asked the famous evangelist John Wesley how he could be greatly used for the gospel. Wesley's answer says it all: "Set yourself on fire, and people will come to see you burn!"

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Describe how a leader has ignited you with vision because of the "fire" in their own heart.*

KEY CONCEPT: *VISION COMES FROM GOD AS A RESULT OF OBEYING HIM AND GROWS INTO A PASSION WHICH LIVES IN YOUR OWN HEART THAT MOTIVATES OTHERS AS THEY HEAR AND SEE IT IN YOUR OWN LIFE.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** Review this lesson and write your definition of VISION? How can we RECEIVE VISION from God?

☐ **Day 2:** What is God's VISION for your life?

☐ **Day 3:** List 5 specific things you can do to CAST vision for your team.

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☐ **Day 4:** What can you do to “set yourself on fire”?

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 33 - CHURCH PLANTING
"STEP 1: CHANGE YOUR THINKING -
WHAT IS A HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL CHURCH?"

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.

Too often we confuse the church of Jesus Christ with the building where the church meets for worship. We talk about going to "church" when we are actually talking about going to a "church building". We talk about church planting when we are actually thinking about building church buildings. We talk about how big, beautiful, and exciting a church is when we are actually impressed with a large, well built church building. Even pastors and church leaders confuse building a great church with raising money, building a large building, and filling that building with people. But Matthew 28:18-20, the Great Commission of the church, says nothing about building physical buildings. Instead, the goal of the Great Commission is to "**make disciples**" of Jesus Christ. A disciple of Jesus Christ is a person who has believed the gospel, is learning the ways of Jesus as taught in the Bible, and is seeking to follow the ways of Jesus in everyday living. Although a building may be helpful, you can make hundreds and thousands of disciples of Jesus Christ without ever building a building.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What are the three steps to making disciples outlined in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and is a church building necessary to accomplish these steps?*

Christians want churches that have programs that meet their needs. They want nursery programs for their babies. They want exciting programs and activities for their children and for their youth. But Acts 1:8, Jesus' second Great Commission to his church, says nothing about programs for babies, children, and youth. Instead Acts 1:8 is all about the "program" of reaching the world with the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ by witnessing for Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Jerusalem was the city in which many of the disciples resided, Judea was the country side surrounding the city of Jerusalem, Samaria was the larger country side that extended beyond Judea, and the ends of the earth is just what it says —the whole world. Although churches need to help families meet the spiritual needs of babies, children, and youth, the **central** and **most important** "program" of the church must always be: to take the message of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Where are your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth and how are you trying to reach these areas with the gospel?*

People come to church to have their needs met. They want the church to help them financially. They want the church to help them get a job. They want the church to help them find suitable clothing. They want the church to help them find a proper place to live. They want the church to help them deal with all types of personal and family problems. While it is important for a church to show its love and support for people by helping meet real needs, pastors and church leaders have a much more important job. Church leaders must not let the time consuming task of meeting all of the needs in people's lives crowd out this much more important job. In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul instructs Timothy to find faithful people in the church. Timothy is then to instruct these faithful people in the Bible truths Paul taught Timothy. Timothy is then to instruct these faithful people to find other faithful people and to teach them the Bible truths they have learned from Timothy. This practice **multiplies** church leadership through **personal discipleship** of small groups of faithful people. It is the key to rapid multiplication of churches.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What is the more effective way of multiplying churches and church leadership—preaching to large groups of people or multiplication through the discipleship of small groups of faithful people? Why?*

In the New Testament there is no mention of a church building! Look for it. You will not find one. But there are many references to churches located in cities, for example the church at Ephesus or Philippi or Colossae. But where did these churches meet, if there was no church building in that city? They most often met in **people's houses**. Acts 5:42 tells us that the early church met daily in peoples' houses. Many other verses in the New Testament speak about the church meeting in houses, (See Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 2). Houses are a great place for believers to meet. Using houses allows the church to put all of its money and resources into serving people and sharing the gospel. Also, houses are generally already available for use by the church almost everywhere. The Bible clearly teaches that one of the best ways to multiply new churches is to establish churches in people's houses, called house churches.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What are some of the advantages of multiplying churches through planting house churches?*

Dynamic, healthy and multiplying churches do not depend on buildings! In fact, sometimes churches with a building are not healthy or multiplying. Healthy and multiplying churches are those who concentrate on making multiplying disciples who fulfill the Great Commission by multiplying disciples who plant multiplying churches. These Great Commission Churches can be found anywhere – in homes, in parks, under mango trees, in businesses, and sometimes in church buildings – but they are **not defined by** the buildings and programs they have.

KEY CONCEPT: *HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL CHURCHES FOCUS ON MAKING MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES WHO START MULTIPLYING CHURCHES TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION IN THEIR CITY, REGION AND WORLD.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** Review Matthew 28:18-20. List the main goal of the Great Commission and the three steps a leader must take to fulfill that main goal.

GOAL:

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

☐ **Day 2:** Memorize Acts 1:8. Describe your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth and list your plans to reach these areas with the gospel.

My Jerusalem:

My Judea:

My Samaria:

☐ **Day 3:** Review 2 Timothy 2:2. Make a list of two or three faithful Christians whom you can disciple to plant churches and who will multiply by training two or three others to plant churches who will then train others thereby multiplying church planting leadership. Are they enrolled in the School of Multiplying Leaders?

1)

2)

3)

☐ **Day 4:** Review Acts 5:42 and identify areas in your "Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria" (see Action Steps Day 2). Where should the first house church be planted in order to reach as many people as possible with the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 34 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
"MOTIVATION 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.

Prayer is vital to our lives as Christians and leaders in Christ's church. The life of Jesus is an example of His dependence on God in prayer. As you read through the Gospels you will find only one thing that Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them – how to pray! (Luke 11:1). They repeatedly saw how prayer was vital to His life and ministry. A leader in God's church for His Great Commission must depend on God in prayer! If Jesus, the perfect and powerful Son of God was a man of prayer, how much more do we need to be!

In lesson 4, we discovered how Jesus instructs us to pray through the model prayer that He left us, often called "The Lord's Prayer." This instruction gives us insight into the matters for which we should pray.

However, Jesus not only teaches us **how** to pray, He also teaches us **why** we should pray. Jesus recognizes that we sometimes get discouraged in our prayers and we have a tendency to give up when we think our praying makes little difference. So, after instructing us how to pray in Luke 11:1-4, He also gives us the motivation to keep praying with eager expectancy.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Have someone in the group read* ***Luke 11:5-13*** *while the others listen or read along in their Bibles.*

Jesus gives us two illustrations to motivate us to pray. The **first** is the illustration of the "Reluctant Friend" found in verses 5-8. Typical homes in the time of Jesus were one-room houses where the whole family slept. The day's activities were complete. Meals had been served. Dishes had been cleaned. Leftovers had been stored. Animals had been secured. Bed mats had been spread out. Lamps had been snuffed out. Doors had been closed and locked. Children and parents were in bed asleep at midnight.

And, then, there was a knock at the door! The "Reluctant Friend" rises and makes his way through the darkness, stepping over his sleeping family to see who is there. At the door is a friend, asking for three loaves of bread to give to a visitor of his own. The homeowner answers that he is unwilling to give him what he asks because of the lateness of the hour and the inconvenience of providing the bread. He would have to light a lamp and disturb his whole family in order to provide the request. More than likely, he would have to fire up the oven, then bake the bread at this late hour to provide for his friend's need. His reluctance is not because he cannot provide the bread, nor is it because he is unfriendly. His reluctance is because it would be very *inconvenient* to do so. However, Jesus says that the friend's reluctance is overcome by **persistent asking**. Because the one asking has great need he keeps on asking and finally the Reluctant Friend provides what is asked.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *In light of this example, what is Jesus' application for us in verses 9-11? Do you think there is a difference between asking, seeking and knocking? Do these words mean the same thing, or do you believe they have different applications for prayer? Can you give an example of something for which you prayed repeatedly for a long time that God finally answered? Why do you think God delayed?*

The **second** illustration that Jesus gives to motivate us to pray is found in verses 11-13. (Have someone in the group read these verses aloud). This is the illustration of an Evil Father. Jesus tells us that it is natural for earthly fathers to give their children good things that they need and ask for, such as fish and eggs to eat. It is unnatural for earthly fathers to answer their children's requests for things to eat by giving things that would harm them such as a serpent or scorpion! What is interesting about this illustration is how Jesus describes earthly fathers in verse 13. He calls us "evil!" Every earthly father is sinful and selfish by nature, yet it is their natural response to provide good things when their children ask for them. So, Jesus motivates us to pray because we can **expect** our perfect Heavenly Father to provide for us good gifts, too. In fact, He gives us the best gift possible – His Holy Spirit! (verse13).

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Why do you think Jesus uses two negative examples – the "Reluctant Friend" and the "Evil Earthly Father" – as a motivation for us to pray?*

By using the illustrations of the “Reluctant Friend” and the “Evil Earthly Father”, Jesus motivates us to pray **persistently** and **expectantly**. He contrasts Our willing and Perfect Heavenly Father with the Reluctant Friend and Evil Earthly Father. If a Reluctant earthly Friend responds to persistent asking, and an Evil earthly Father gives good gifts, we can be sure that our Willing and Perfect Heavenly Father will respond to the persistent and expectant prayers of His children! God is never bothered by our prayers, and He is eager to give His best to His praying children.

KEY CONCEPT: *PRAY PERSISTENTLY AND EXPECTANTLY BECAUSE YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS WILLING TO GIVE YOU HIS VERY BEST!*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **DAY 1:** How would you describe your personal prayer life at this point? Are you discouraged? Are you neglecting prayer? If so, why?

☐ **DAY 2:** Have you ever felt God is unwilling or reluctant to answer your prayers? What is something you have been asking God that you have not seen Him answer? How can you apply persistence in your prayer as Jesus instructs in Luke 11:9-10? At what point could you determine that God might be saying “No” as the answer to your request?

☐ **DAY 3:** Write out a prayer to God completing this statement, “My Heavenly Father, because You are willing to answer me and You are perfect in giving Your very best, I....”

☐ **DAY 4:** Pick either Luke 11:9-10 or Luke 11:13 to meditate on and memorize over the next week.

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 35 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
"HOW TO MOTIVATE OTHERS"

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 the early part of the School of Multiplying Leaders, we defined a leader as a person who knows 3 things:

#1, VISION: someone who clearly knows **where** he is going
#2, STRATEGY: he or she understands **how** to get there
#3, MOTIVATION: a leader knows how to inspire **others** to support his vision

A big part of your role as a leader is to be a CHEERLEADER. You are the "spark plug" that keeps the fire burning within your team.

Let's consider 3 specific ways you can motivate the people God has given you to lead:

First, share RESULTS: Nothing motivates like results. Show your people the RESULTS that have been accomplished as the direct result of their contribution. All people in virtually every culture want their lives to "make a difference." They want to know that their contribution to this world was "significant."

Periodically review the progress that has been made, milestones that have been achieved, and then be sure to tell your people: "YOU did this!" Let them know (if it is true): "We couldn't do it without you." REWARD the top achievers -- especially with PUBLIC RECOGNITION. This means far more to most people, than any other form of reward, including financial income.

Once a year, in December or January, bring a "State of the Church" address, in which you summarize both the accomplishments of the past year, and the goals for the new year. People need to know the PROGRESS that is being made, and specifically, how they have directly contributed to that progress.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *Why is it so important to stop and look back on "how far we have come"? How do results motivate you to keep going?*

Second, express BELIEF: Believe in them. How you SEE THEM largely determines the way they SEE THEMSELVES. Express your heartfelt CONFIDENCE in them. Tell your people: "I know you can do this!"

You cannot over-estimate the POWER of your confidence in THEM. Your team will live UP or live DOWN to the level of your EXPECTATIONS. People will "bend over backwards" to fulfill their responsibilities, if they know that YOU BELIVE IN THEM. The truth is, all of us have strengths AND weaknesses. Rather than wasting your time, trying to fix other people's weakness [which will only end in dismal failure], help each member of your team "be good at what they're good at."

In other words, help them IDENTIFY their CORE COMPETENCY, and then, help them to focus most their time operating out of that competency. And finally, find something, at the end of every conversation, to praise &/or encourage them. Make the last thing you say, every time the two of you talk, be an expression of your belief in them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *Tell of a person who expressed "belief" in you and how that motivated you.*

Third, continually cast VISION: Keep the "BIG PICTURE" alive & vibrant "in front of" the people you lead. Paint a picture of future reality that is so clear and so vivid, that others can "see" it.

David Gergen is a highly respected journalist in the U.S., who wrote an article entitled: "Inspirational Leadership: What Is It?" Gergen states:

> *"We are right to search for new heroes in today's [world]. We NEED men and women who can lift the veil of human potential INSPIRING us to DREAM AGAIN.*
>
> *"At its core, inspirational leadership lifts the eyes of people to THINK BIGGER, and DREAM BIGGER than ever before, and to BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE.*
>
> *"Most people live on the level of their daily existence:* ***an inspirational leader, however, raises their sights****, not only to SEE a noble cause bigger than themselves, but to embrace that cause… to be caught up in it."*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *How can you help others think bigger and dream bigger and believe it is possible? How can you motivate the people you lead?*

KEY CONCEPT: *BE A **HISTORIAN**: WHO DOCUMENTS THE **PAST** TO SHOW HIS TEAM MEASURABLE RESULTS.*

*BE A **CHEERLEADER**: WHO HELPS PEOPLE LOOK **WITHIN** THEMSELVES, & BELIEVES IT CAN BE DONE.*

*BE AN **ARTIST**: WHO PAINTS A PICTURE OF **FUTURE** REALITY, SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE WHERE YOU ARE GOING.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** Take the time to write down some of the significant Ministry Results of this past year. **When** will you share this with your team/church?

☐ **Day 2:** Please list the people you are seeking to lead.
Now, identify their PRIMARY STRENGTH.
Commit yourself to their #1 CHEERLEADER in that area.

Person _____ Strength _____

☐ **Day 3:** Write out a 1-page description of the VISION that God has given you.

☐ **Day 4:** Outline a “State of the Church” address that covers:

The PAST: where we have COME FROM
The PRESENT: where we are RIGHT NOW
The FUTURE: where we are HEADED as a Team

When will you preach this message?

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

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 9:35-38

In our previous looks at the topic of prayer, we have seen that we are wholly dependent upon God to bring about His work of Salvation to the nations as we obediently "go and make disciples of all nations" (the Great Commission). This recognized dependency upon the Lord should continually drive us to our knees in humble, listening prayer for wise guidance and the empowering of the Spirit to work in and through us in order to fulfill God's purposes. Let's take another look at the priority of Prayer, not only in our own life, but also the importance of forming a team who will be in consistent prayer for the work of making multiplying disciples who will plant multiplying churches.

The Priority of Prayer

In Matthew 4:23, we see the work that Christ is about to do in the coming chapters: Jesus went throughout the lands teaching, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and affliction among the people. In chapters 5-7, we see Jesus teaching the Sermon on the Mount - instruction in how to live as a disciple of Christ. He makes clear that to simply abstain from the physical actions of sin is not true righteousness, but even the intentions of the heart reveal the sinful nature of man. Indeed, this is very difficult and challenging instruction!

In chapters, 8-9, we see the miraculous works of Christ, validating that he is indeed Messiah... demonstrating that the teachings he has given and will give are genuinely from God. He brings healing to Jew and Gentile, in mountains and in the cities, healing everything from leprosy to fever, casting out demons, calming storms, even raising the dead! These made clear that Jesus Christ has authority over all creation, all disease, the spiritual realm, and the realm of nature. God is truly sovereign, and Jesus is truly Messiah.

As we come to the end of Matthew 9, verse 35 closes out this section with a similar statement that was made in 4:23 - but it also gives some further insight into the heart of Christ, and His plans to expand His kingdom.

Jesus sees the crowds he has been instructing and healing, and feels a deep compassion for them. The term "compassion" here means, "from the inward parts." Basically, Jesus felt a gut-wrenching emotion for the condition of these people. They

were distressed, (harassed) and downcast (thrown down). Basically, they were at the point where they were giving up all hope. Jesus saw the people accurately. He saw their need for a shepherd to care for them and to bring them life.

Pastor, Leader, Christian - do you see the people as they really are? Sheep without a shepherd - harassed, overburdened with the task of trying to work their way to salvation, thrown down, distressed, on the brink of losing all hope, destined to an eternity separated from the grace of God? Do you have compassion in your gut for this massive crowd who are in severe need of a Savior? If not, pray! Pray for the Lord to give you His eyes for the people! Pray that Jesus will move your heart and your gut to compassion for those who do not yet know Him as Savior and Lord! It is from this foundation of love that the passion to fulfill the Great Commission will come!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Do you currently have this level of compassion for the lost? How can you encourage one another toward this depth of compassion?*

From this state of compassionate and gut-wrenching emotion, what is the **first** thing Jesus does?

* He immediately works harder... frantically teaching and healing with greater passion so that he may not miss a single person in need!
* He works longer... going without rest or food so he can spend every single moment engaged in ministry!
* He calls down a legion of angels to crush those who are oppressing the people!
* He immediately sends the disciples out into the crowds to minister to all these in need!

No. None of these actions come **first**. In fact, only one of these follows His compassion at all! The **first** thing Jesus does as his compassion for these people comes forth is: He says to His disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* His first response to the need is instructing His disciples two things:

1. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
2. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest.

Step 1, Disciples - **LOOK**! The harvest is plentiful before you! It is so plentiful that there are not enough workers to bring it it! They are too few! We are going to need more! Where are we going to get them?

Step 2, Disciples - **PRAY**! The harvest is not yours! It belongs to the Lord (just as you belong to the Lord). So, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into HIS harvest!

Have you encouraged and challenged your people to see the harvest and then pray to the Lord for laborers in His harvest? Have you set the example of making prayer for laborers a priority in your daily life?

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How can you demonstrate the priority of praying for the Lord to send laborers into His harvest? How can you encourage and challenge your people to engage in prayer for laborers for the Lord's harvest?*

We know the rest of the story - right after this, Jesus appoints the 12 apostles, and sends them out as laborers into the harvest. Later, Jesus commands **all** believers to be laborers in the harvest (the Great Commission). However, it is key to recognize that **before** Christ sends them out, He demonstrates compassion and then instructs them to pray. We, too must **see** the harvest correctly (as sheep without a shepherd) and **pray** to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest! As the Lord goes before us, we shall then compassionately go into the harvest as workers AND seek out those in the harvest who would become workers with us.

KEY CONCEPT: *GOD CARES ABOUT THE HARVEST, AND IS SOVEREIGN OVER IT. WE SHOULD BE MOVED WITH HIS COMPASSION, PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN US IN THIS COMPASSIONATE PRAYER.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** Pray through the verse in Luke 10:2, *"And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* Pray daily with us and check the days you have prayed.

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

☐ **Day 2:** Pray for the Lord to enable to **see** your community with fresh, compassionate eyes. Look for the underlying needs of the people - not just the surface evidence. Seek the Lord's heart for these people. Pray for laborers for His harvest - **DAILY**. List the needs God is revealing to you in your community:

☐ **Day 3:** Make a list of your people who are strong in prayer, or have an interest in interceding for the harvest. Schedule a time for you to meet with them to share how the Lord has impacted your heart toward compassion for those in the community, and for you to invite them into the process of regular prayer for laborers for the Lord's harvest.

List the people who you will invite to this meeting:

Write when and where the meeting will take place:

☐ **Day 4:** Share this need for prayer for laborers with your congregation. Invite them to join in daily prayer. Set the example of stopping to pray at 10:02 daily.

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 37 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
"RIGHTLY RELATING TO THE HOLY 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 has given us the best gift He could ever give – Himself, in the Person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comforts us, guides us, produces Christ's character in us and empowers us for witness and service.

If we want to experience the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives to the fullest, it is important that we are relating to Him in a right manner. There are four commands given to us in Scripture that give us insight about how we do this.

The **first**, and foundational, command is found in Ephesians 5:18, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**." This command is to constantly and repeatedly be filled with – or controlled by – the Holy Spirit. There are several important observations about this important verse:

- We are responsible for this. We are to constantly yield ourselves to the filling of the Spirit. We are to give ourselves to His leadership and enabling.

- The filling of the Holy Spirit is a repeated experience. The command stresses a continual, repeated obedience to the Lord. We must repeatedly be filled with the Holy Spirit.

- The filling of the Holy Spirit is both contrasted to and compared with being drunk with alcohol. We are not to get drunk with alcohol, but we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Those who get drunk with alcohol yield themselves to its negative, destructive influence. The end of drunkenness is debauchery or wastefulness. On the other hand, those who yield themselves to the Spirit will experience a good, productive life. The comparison to being drunk with alcohol is this: one who is drunk is under the control or influence of alcohol, causing them to think and act in a way that is not normal. Similarly, one who is filled with the Spirit is under the control or influence of God, causing them to think and act in ways that are not normal. Instead, they exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, a supernatural life which is described in Galatians 5:22-23.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit as we continually confess all known sin to God that might inhibit His complete influence in our lives, and then fully submit and yield ourselves to Him to enable us to be and do all He desires for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Why is the filling of the Spirit so important as we seek to please and obey the Lord?*

A **second** command tells us another way to be rightly related to the Holy Spirit, found in Ephesians 4:30, "And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." The Holy Spirit of God seals us – or marks us – as God's possession. He guarantees that we will experience our full redemption (eternal life and new, glorified bodies) when Jesus returns. It is important to understand that the Holy Spirit is not some impersonal force with us. He is a real, living Person – co-equal to God the Father and God the Son. We can grieve this Person, the Holy Spirit! We can hurt the Holy Spirit's feelings! The context of this verse reveals that we most often grieve the Spirit by our destructive words to others (verse 29) and our angry and attacking interaction with others, especially in our families and in the church (verse 31). When you are angry and attack others with your words and actions, you not only hurt them, you grieve the Holy Spirit! In a general way, we also grieve the Holy Spirit anytime we do anything that is contrary to God's will for us. Whenever we sin, it causes grief to the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How does it affect you to know that whenever you treat someone else in your family or the church in a harmful way, either by your words or your action, that it grieves the Holy Spirit? Is there any relationship you need to repair – especially your relationship to the Spirit?*

A **third** command gives us insight in how to rightly relate to the Spirit. Galatians 5:16 says, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." Verse 21 gives us similar instruction, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk (or "keep in step with") the Spirit." Each step of our lives is to be in cooperation with and dependence on the Holy Spirit. Each day our actions, thoughts and attitudes should be aligned with the Holy Spirit's direction for us. The idea of **walking in the Spirit** is like a soldier who marches in step with the instructions of his commander. We walk in the Spirit as we learn to listen to His promptings and follow them. We walk in the Spirit when we say "No" to the desires of the flesh (sinful nature) and say "Yes" to the desires of the Holy Spirit (see verse 17). We walk in the Spirit when we depend on Him to produce in and through us His fruit described in verses 22-23. In summary, walking in the Spirit is obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit and depending on Him to enable us to do what He desires in and through our lives.

A **fourth** way to be rightly related to the Spirit is described by the command of 1 Thessalonians 5:19, "**Do not quench the Spirit**." Another way of saying this is, "Do **not** put out the Holy Spirit's fire." To quench the Spirit is to suppress what the Holy Spirit wants to say to us or do in us. To quench the Spirit is to ignore His leading, prompting or conviction in our lives. To quench the Spirit is to fail to listen for His direction or what He wants to say to us, either in our hearts, through His Word or the godly and wise counsel of others. Let's put this concept in positive terms. Instead of

hindering the Holy Spirit, always be open to the Spirit and His leading and speaking and fully cooperate with what He wants to say to you and work in you and through you.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What is the danger of quenching the Holy Spirit? Can you describe a time when you did this? Can you describe a time when you did not quench the Holy Spirit?*

The Holy Spirit is not some impersonal force, but a Real, Living, Eternal **Person**, co-equal with God the Father and God the Son. He indwells our human spirit and is active in speaking, leading, prompting and enabling us to obey Him. If we want to enjoy all that God has for us and to fulfill His purposes for us, we need to learn to relate to Him in the proper way. This is essential for our life as a Christian.

KEY CONCEPT: *WE RIGHTLY RELATE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN WE CONSTANTLY YIELD TO HIS FILLING, DO NOT GRIEVE HIM, CONSTANTLY WALK IN OBEDIENCE AND DEPENDENCE UPON HIM AND DO NOT QUENCH ANYTHING HE WANTS TO SAY TO US OR DO THROUGH US.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **DAY 1:** Review Ephesians 5:18. Are you constantly being filled with the Holy Spirit? Is your life 100% yielded to His control and influence right now? Is there anything in your life that you know is displeasing to Him? Take some time and ask Him to reveal any sin you need to confess and then ask Him to fill you afresh with His Spirit.

☐ **DAY 2:** Are you grieving the Holy Spirit? Are your words and actions – especially toward others – causing His feelings to be hurt? Is there anyone you need to relate to differently that would cause the Holy Spirit joy instead of grief?

☐ **DAY 3:** Are you walking in the Spirit? Are you listening for His leadership and prompting in your life and then immediately obeying Him? Are you depending on Him to fulfill His purpose and produce His fruit in your life? What do you need to do to better "keep in step with" the Holy Spirit?

☐ **DAY 4:** Are you quenching the Spirit? Is there anything that He is saying to you that you are ignoring? Is there any way in your life that you are suppressing His leadership and direction? If so, what will you do to fully cooperate with Him now?

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 38 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
"CHARACTER: HUMILITY"

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: Isaiah 66:1-2; Romans 12:1-8; Numbers 12:1-15; 1-1 Peter 5:1-7; Luke 14:7-11; John 13:12-17

In our previous study of Godly character in leadership, we gave definition of character as "trust that results from demonstrated integrity." Let's take a few minutes to look at another key character trait of a Godly leader - humility. Humility is often misunderstood. Frequently, it is confused with humiliation (feeling of shame or worthlessness). Instead, it is more akin to meekness. A definition of humble is "having or showing a modest or low estimate of your own importance" and meek as "quiet, gentle; submissive."

These descriptions are traits we rarely see displayed by leaders in the world. Sadly, they are also rarely seen or even expected in the church. In the next few pages, we will briefly examine humility in relationship to God, to others, and within oneself.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How do you value humility in Christian leaders? How is it displayed?*

Humility toward God

In Isaiah 66:2b, God describes the type of person He is looking for: "To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word." There is a genuine submissive nature to God and His word at the core of humility. It comes from a deep trust in the Lord - a trust that says, "I trust YOU more than I trust ME." Moses is an excellent example of continually acting in faith and submission to God. He consistently placed himself (and the people he lead on God's behalf) under the word of God.

The fact that Moses was in the position of delivering and leading Israel is due to his faith in and submission to the command of the Lord. Remember, when God revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush and called Moses to lead His people (Exodus 3)? What was Moses' response to God selecting him for this task? He has no confidence in his personal abilities. Four times (3:11, 13; 4:1, 10) Moses objects to God's command, but God reassures him and equips him with all he needs. In the end, Moses trusts God's direction and ability above his own thoughts.

This does not mean that Moses had no abilities. Remember, he had been raised in the household of Pharaoh (as the adopted son of one of Pharaoh's daughters) and at that time, Egypt was one of the most advanced civilizations in existence. Moses would have had all the best education and training made available to him. He has abilities, but holds the value of those personal abilities in lesser regard than God's ability to use him. He submits his will to the will of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Share a time when you have responded in doubt rather than trust. Was this a humble response? Share a time when you have responded in faith to the calling of God. How was this a humble response?*

Humility toward Others

We also see that there is no hint of self-promotion here. God does the promoting. There is no self-assertion to compete and push others aside in order to take the position of leadership. No, God raises Moses up and places him in the position of leader. We see the same thing happen in the life of David, of Isaiah, of Peter, and of Paul. All these key leaders were selected and promoted by God. The same holds true today. In the Body of Christ (the church), there are many parts. Most of those parts involves some level of leadership, and all of them require humility.

Sometimes, there will be a challenge to the position of leadership. In Numbers 12:1-15, we see this occur in Moses' time of leading Israel. Miriam and Aaron challenged Moses' position. Right in the midst of this conflict, in verse 3, Scripture tells us a key trait about Moses: "Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth." It then goes on to show how the Lord defended Moses' position.

But be careful to look at verse 13 - Moses, in his meekness, begs the Lord to heal Miriam from her affliction brought about by her own sin against him (and ultimately against God). What humility indeed! He cares for her above himself.

Paul also had his leadership questioned. In 2 Corinthians 11-12, Paul shares that there were some false-apostles that came in and were leading the Corinthian church astray. Paul exerted his authority, but with great humility. He did not seek to advance himself and develop a personal following. No, He seeks for the Corinthians to stay devoted to Christ. He seeks to fulfill the calling and position God gave him. In the end, he stated, "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." This is not arrogance. This is simply walking in his calling - and Paul did this in obedience to Christ, for the benefit of others.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How can you be confident in your position, while remaining humble? What would that look like when your authority to lead is being questioned?*

Humility toward Self

Humility is neither promoting self, nor is it viewing yourself as worthless. It is having neither too high nor too low a view of self. Instead, humility is contently accepting and **walking** in the calling and position that God has given, while trusting Him to accomplish His plans through you. We must have a **proper** view of self. Read Romans 12:1-8. It is a good guide toward a proper, humble view of one's self.

First, in verses 1-2, we are told that we are to be living sacrifices to God, holy and acceptable. We must be true disciples of Jesus, having been forgiven by the sacrifice of Christ by grace through faith. We also must understand that a sacrifice does not belong to itself. We are not our own, but have been purchased by the blood of Christ. Its aim is to serve its purpose for God in the position He assigns. This understanding will take a renewal of our mind, so that we may discern what God's calling and will is for us.

Secondly, in verses 3, a believer is told "to not think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." We must remember our position as a living sacrifice. We hold our calling with neither arrogance, nor with a feeling of self-condemnation. God has made these assignments of faith. We must trust in His perfect will.

Lastly, in verses 4-8, we are told that there will be diversity within the body of Christ. You will be called upon to lead in certain areas, and to follow in others. Regardless of your role, it is essential that we walk in that calling - because we are one body in Christ, and members of one another. We need each other! There are various roles, but each are important, and each should be carried out with joy and faith. Embrace the calling Christ has given you with joy and with humility. For it is a gift. You didn't do anything to earn it. It is your assignment from God, and He gets the glory. Neither bring focus to yourself in arrogance over your position, nor bring shame to yourself by avoiding your calling due to fear or doubt that God can use you. Instead, move forward with confidence in your calling, and faith in God to accomplish all He desires through you.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *In what ways are you being a "living sacrifice" in your leadership? Has there been a time when you have thought more highly or more lowly than you ought about yourself? Do you view the other member's positions in the body of Christ as valuable? How can you encourage them in their walk?*

KEY CONCEPT: *GOD PLACES THE MEMBERS IN THE BODY AS HE SEES FIT. WE SHOULD CONFIDENTLY AND JOYFULLY WALK IN THE POSITION HE HAS ASSIGNED WITH HUMILITY AND FAITH.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** Memorize and meditate on James 4:6-7 daily for the next week.

☐ **Day 2:** Prayerfully consider and meditate on God's calling on your life. Write out how you understand that He has placed you within the body of Christ?

☐ **Day 3:** Consider how you can confidently embrace your position with humility. How would humility be displayed in your position?

☐ **Day 4:** Has there been any arrogant, self-promoting actions or attitudes you have displayed? List them below, then repent of them now, and turn to Christ in humility.

Has there been any doubts or fears that have caused uncertainty toward walking in your Divine calling? List them below, then repent now of your doubt and pray for God to grant you faith to step forward in confidence in Him.

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 39 - CHURCH PLANTING

"STEP 3: CAST A VISION - HOW TO KEEP THE VISION FOR CHURCH PLANTING ALIVE"

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 EVERYTHING is emphasized, NOTHING is emphasized."

If you are going to be EFFECTIVE as a leader, you must narrow your focus to ONE MAIN MESSAGE. For example, the message of one Church Planting leader is this: "We CAN fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime!"

If you and I harness the internal resources of the resurrected Christ, we CAN give the gospel to each of the 7.5 Billion people alive on earth today. How? By multiplying disciples to plant new churches.

It is just this simple: If we can plant a church within walking distance of every person on earth, and each of those churches will merely saturate their own area with the Gospel, I tell you: We CAN fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime!!

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *How many churches do you think are needed in your city or region to be within walking distance of every person?*

I love the word picture Paul uses in his exhortation found in 2 Timothy 1.6, "*Kindle afresh the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands*." The verb translated "kindle afresh" literally means to: "fan into flame."

This is NOT something God does for us. This is something we do for God. "GET a hot heart, and KEEP a hot heart for Christ, and for lost souls!"

As you may know, water boils at 100□centigrade. Our job is to keep our hearts at 99□ so that all we need is the breath of the Holy Spirit for the water [of our hearts] to begin to BOIL. I believe the way we will keep a PASSION for Saturation Church- Planting is by keeping a PASSION for lost souls. If we will guard, and even cultivate the fire of God's Presence in our hearts, it will spill over into a PASSION for lost souls, and a PASSION to reach the world for Christ, by means of Saturation Church-Planting.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *If it is true that keeping a vision and passion for church planting depends on keeping a passion for lost souls, how can you and your team fan into flame a passion for the lost?*

KEY CONCEPT: *KEEP A PASSION FOR LOST SOULS AND YOU WILL LIVE AND PROCLAIM THE CENTRAL VISION OF PLANTING NEW CHURCHES.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your PASSION for Christ and for lost souls? How can you "fan into flame" a greater passion for Him and the lost?

☐ **Day 2:** How CENTRAL is Personal Evangelism in your own walk with Christ? What will you do from this point to make this a greater priority in your life?

☐ **Day 3:** How can you lead your team/church to FOCUS on "reaching the lost" which will result in a FOCUS on "Saturation Church-Planting"?

☐ **Day 4:** Will you commit to planting a new church this year, and to KEEP THAT FOCUS a TOP PRIORITY in your ministry?

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

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP
LESSON 40 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
"FAMILY: UNITY & 'SAME TEAM'"

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: Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Peter 3:1-9

In the Q2 CPSD manual, we took an initial look at the role of a husband and the role of a wife within the family. We discussed how our family is our primary ministry. Now let us look at the family again with the concept of **unity** in mind.

Unity in the Church

Psalm 133:1-3 says,

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there, the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Within the body of Christ, there should be unity. In fact, where there is unity of this sort, God has commanded His blessing. This unity does not mean there will never be a disagreement, or different convictions over minor issues. It DOES mean that, regardless of the differences, that we are FOR one another. We desire the best for one another. We are kind and gentle in the midst of times of complete agreement, and in times of disagreement. We are one body, united under the headship of Christ! We are the Christian family, brothers and sisters under Jesus! Romans 8:31 says, *"If God is for us, who is against us?"* If God is for us, then we should certainly NOT be against each other! We must be **for** one another! We must be on the same team.

Anyone who has been in the church for some time will realize that we do not all have the same gifts or abilities. We do not fulfill the same function in the body of Christ (Romans 12:4). Out of this diversity...out of these differences...comes a greater ability to fulfill the calling of God as a body. This is also similar to a team sport. Individual players may have different roles, but, being on the same team, each player is FOR his teammates. He wants them to succeed, because **their** victory is **his** victory.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Looking at the church you pastor or are a member of - are the people FOR one another? Do they have the attitude of being on the "same team"?*

Unity in the Family

The family is also to be FOR one another. We are to celebrate in each other's victories because a victory for one person in the household is a victory for everyone in the household. We should encourage one another when struggles arise. When a family member falls, one of the first hands to reach down to help should be another member of the family.

But this goes beyond simple encouragement and celebration. "Same Team" also means that when a disagreement arises, the family remains FOR one another. I don't have to agree with your idea in order to be for YOU as a person. Each member of the family will have different perspectives on life, will have different gifts and abilities, and will have different ways they can contribute to the needs of the family. We must value each member of the team. Even in the midst of the most severe discord, we must remember the priority of unity. We must employ a "same team" attitude and be **for** one another.

In Colossians 3:18-4:1, there are some guidelines for Christian households. These are strong words as to how we should treat one another within the family, but just before, in Colossians 3:12-17, the foundation and heart for these household rules are established: *compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and many others.* In verse 14 is the centerpiece for the whole section, "*And above all these, put on **love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*"

This is the centerpiece of our families. The love of Christ. And to love someone, is to be **for** them - wanting the best for them, longing for **their** success, and willing to sacrifice on **their** behalf.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: *Does your family know that you are FOR THEM? If so, why do they know this? How can you communicate and demonstrate being "same team" with your family? How can you encourage each member of your family to be "same team" with the others?*

KEY CONCEPT: *THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS DISPLAYED BY A HEART FOR UNITY, AND A DESIRE TO BE "SAME TEAM" WITH EACH OTHER. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN A FAMILY, WHERE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE FOR ONE ANOTHER.*

ACTION STEPS this week:

☐ **Day 1:** Read through and meditate on Philippians 2:1-11. How would this be displayed by you toward your own family?

What specific steps could you take this week to show your family that you are FOR them? List those steps here:

☐ **Day 2:** Read through and meditate on Colossians 3:12-17. How would this be displayed by you toward your own family?

What effect are the steps you agreed to take in Day 1 having on your family?

☐ **Day 3:** Think through how to communicate the concept of “same team” with your family. Would discussing this with your family require you to repent of any words or behaviors from your past? If so, what?

Write out how you will explain “same team” and being FOR one another to your family here:

☐ **Day 4:** Take the time to disciple your family by discussing the ideas you wrote in Day 3. When will you have this family time?

TIME:_____ DATE: _____

☐ **Evangelism:** Share the Gospel this week with at least one person who does not

know Christ. Record this (these) on pages 16-17.

Q4 REVIEW OF KEY CONCEPTS

Lesson 31 - Personal Development: "Saturate Your Life with the Word of God"

KEY CONCEPT: The foundation of the Christian life and ministry is knowing and obeying the Scriptures. We can grow in this obedience through listening to, reading, studying, memorizing, meditating on, and applying the Scriptures.

Lesson 32 - Leadership Development: "How to Cast Vision"

KEY CONCEPT: Vision comes from God as a result of obeying Him and grows into a Passion which lives in your own heart that motivates others as they hear and see it in your own life.

Lesson 33 - Church Planting: "Step 1: Change Your Thinking-What is a Healthy and Successful Church?"

KEY CONCEPT: Healthy and successful churches focus on making multiplying disciples who start multiplying churches to fulfill the Great Commission in their city, region and world.

Lesson 34 - Personal Development: "Motivation for Prayer"

KEY CONCEPT: Pray persistently and expectantly because your Heavenly Father is willing to give you His very best!

Lesson 35 - Leadership Development: "How to Motivate Others"

KEY CONCEPT: Be a HISTORIAN: who documents the PAST to show his team measurable results.

Be a CHEERLEADER: who helps people look WITHIN themselves, & believe it can be done.

Be an ARTIST: who paints a picture of FUTURE reality, so that everyone can see where you are going.

Lesson 36 - Church Planting: "Step 2: Prayer - Developing a Prayer Team"

KEY CONCEPT: God cares about the harvest, and is sovereign over it. We should be moved with his compassion, pray to the lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest, and encourage others to join us in this compassionate prayer.

Lesson 37 - Personal Development: "Rightly Relating to the Holy Spirit"

KEY CONCEPT: We rightly relate to the Holy Spirit when we constantly yield to His filling, do not grieve Him, constantly walk in obedience and dependence upon Him and do not quench anything He wants to say to us or do through us.

Lesson 38 - Leadership Development: "Character: Humility"

KEY CONCEPT: God places the members in the body as he sees fit. We should confidently and joyfully walk in the position he has assigned with humility and faith.

Lesson 39 - Church Planting: "Step 3: Vision - How to Keep the Vision for Church Planting Alive"

KEY CONCEPT: Keep a passion for lost souls and you will live and proclaim the central vision of planting new churches.

Lesson 40 - Personal Development: "Family: Unity and 'Same Team'"

KEY CONCEPT: The love of Christ is displayed by a heart for unity, and a desire to be "same team" with each other. This is especially true in a family, where it is essential to be for each other.

Q4 COMPLETION CHECKLIST

In order to advance to the next training manual (Q5), you must have completed the following requirements:

1. Have met weekly in your Life Transformation Group for accountability questions and to discuss the CPSD 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 31	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 32	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 33	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 34	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 35	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 36	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 37	☐		
Lesson 38	☐	☐	☐
Lesson 39		☐	☐
Lesson 40	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐

2. Have shared the Gospel with a <u>minimum</u> of 10 people during your Q4 training (see pages 16-17): ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

3. Have **continued** leading a Cell Church. When and where does this meet?

   When: _____

   Where: _____

4. Now is the time to check to see if you have **multiplied to the 3rd Generation** *(remember 2 Timothy 2:2)*. Please track through those you are training to see if your CPSD Leaders have multiplied themselves with new students starting in the *CPSD*. This should be the people who are now moving from Q2 into Q3 in the *CPSD* training process.

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

If you have completed the above requirements, please go to:
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download and print the next CPSD Manual for your continued training.

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MINISTRY MAP

Quarter 1	**Start a <u>Cell Church</u> with 2 to 10 people through <u>Evangelism</u> and <u>Discipling</u>:** 1._____ 2._____ 3._____ 4._____ 5._____ 6._____ 7._____ 8._____ 9._____ 10._____
Quarter 2	**Enroll <u>two New Leaders</u> (G^2) ("disciples") to start Q1 of the *CPSD*:** 1._____ (G^1) **Me** 2._____ (G^1)
Quarter 3	**Help your <u>two "disciples"</u> start <u>Cell Churches</u> through <u>Evangelism</u> and <u>Discipling</u>:** 1._____ (G^1) 1._____ 2._____ 3._____ 4._____ 5._____ 6._____ 7._____ 8._____ 9._____ 10._____ 2._____ (G^1) 1._____ 2._____ 3._____ 4._____ 5._____ 6._____ 7._____ 8._____ 9._____ 10._____
Quarter 4	**Help your two "disciples" (G^1) enroll <u>two New Leaders</u> (G^2) each to start Q1 of the *CPSD*:** 3._____ (G^2) 1._____ (G^1) 4._____ (G^2) **Me** 5._____ (G^2) 2._____ (G^1) 6._____ (G^2)

Quarter 5	**Multiply your Cell Church:** A. Your two disciples (G^1) continue to lead their Cell Churches. B. Help your 2nd Generation Leaders (G^2) start their Cell Churches.
Quarter 6	**Make sure your 2nd Generation (G^2) enrolls two New Leaders each to begin Q1 of the CPSD with them. (Complete your 3rd Generation (G^3) Ministry Map, 2 Timothy 2:2)** 7._____(G^3) 3._____(G^2) 8._____(G^3) 1._____(G^1) 9._____(G^3) 4._____(G^2) 10._____(G^3) **Me** 11._____(G^3) 5._____(G^2) 12._____(G^3) 2._____(G^1) 13._____(G^3) 6._____(G^2) 14._____(G^3)
Quarter 7	**Make sure your 3rd Generation (G^3) have started their Cell Churches.**
Quarter 8	**Make sure your 3rd Generation (G^3) enroll two New Leaders (G^4) to start Q1 of the *CPSD*.** By the time you finish the *CPSD*, you should have your Ministry Map complete (see next page).
Quarter 9	**Continue to strategize with your Ministry Map Leaders [to the 4th Generation (G^4)] to develop a plan to reach your city, region, nation, and world with the Gospel.**

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)
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			19._____ (G^4)
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			20._____ (G^4)
	4._____ (G^2)		
			21._____ (G^4)
		10._____ (G^3)	
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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

- 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 Talk Tract (see next page).

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:

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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.

CHURCH PLANTING SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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 *School of Multiplying Leaders* 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 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 in step D), the **WORD** of God, using the six "I Am Second" questions:

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: Record 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, record 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 instead of addition so that you can start a new Cell Church within walking distance of everyone in your village, city, nation and region!

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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 Christ like 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.