DISCIPLESHIP
EVANGELISM



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LESSON 1
THE DIVINE FLOW

By Andrew Wommack

You can begin to let God flow through you to minister to other people. You have the power and the anointing of God in you, but how do you get it out to other people? There are a number of scriptures we can start with. In Philemon 6, Paul is praying *"that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."* The very first step in having the power of God flow through you to other people is that you first acknowledge the good things that are inside you. You can't give away what you don't have, but once you know what you have on the inside, things will automatically begin to happen. You'll begin to share with others your excitement, give testimonies of what God has done in your life, and automatically some people will be helped.

In 1 John 4:7-8 it says, *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God…for God is love."* Anytime you feel love flow out of you toward another person, that's God flowing out of you toward them. There are actually four major words for "love" in the Greek language; the highest form, *agape* love, is God's supernatural kind of love. You need to recognize the difference between attraction, or desire, toward somebody and this supernatural, high form of God's love. Whenever you discern God's love flowing out of you toward someone else, it's not self-serving. You can verify this by looking at 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, which gives the qualifications of God's kind of love. It is not envious, selfish, self-serving, easily provoked, etc. You need to analyze what you call love and make sure it's really God's love—that it's not selfish or self-serving—that you don't love a person because of what they can do for you. As you grow in this and literally begin to discern His kind of love, then when you feel it flow through you for somebody else, that's God moving. Once you discern the love of God flowing through you for someone, all you have to do is follow it with some word of encouragement or action—do something.

There are times when I've been praying that a person would come to my mind, and I would have God's kind of love and compassion for them. There was no reason for this to happen; it was supernatural. I've learned to call the person, write them a letter, or contact them in some way. Nearly every single time that person will say, "Boy, that was God speaking through you to me, and He touched my life through it." Do you know how that happened? It happened because I sensed this love, this godly compassion flowing out of me toward that person. When I feel that now, I recognize it's not me—it's God. God is love, and when I love other people, it's Him loving other people through me. This is the way Jesus ministered. Matthew 14:14 says, *"And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."* The way the power of God flowed through Jesus was through the compassion and love He

felt toward the people He ministered to. In Matthew 8:2-3 a man with leprosy, who was unclean and could not be touched according to Jewish Law (no one could come in contact with him, or they would become contaminated and become unclean themselves) lifted up his voice and cried to Jesus from a distance, *"Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."* He was moved with compassion toward the man with leprosy and touched him. As you study the Scriptures, you'll find this compassion, this godly love in many places. It's not just an emotion, but a compassion that flows out through us.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He loved the people around Him so much that He said, *"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34). These were the very people who were crucifying Him, yet He had compassion on them and asked God to forgive them. We know He didn't have goose bumps—it wasn't just a feeling, or an emotion—it was a choice. Nonetheless, He felt it and released it toward other people. Every one of you who is born again has God living inside of you. According to the verse we started with, 1 John 4:8, God is love, and He wants to flow through you to reach other people. To do that, He will release this compassion. You'll feel it flow out of you toward other people, and when you do, you need to respond.

You don't always have to do something special. It doesn't have to be "thus saith the Lord." Sometimes, if you have a feeling of compassion toward a person, just go over and put your arm around them and say, "God loves you and so do I." I know one time this worked when I was on the receiving end, in a situation where I was about to be run out of a church. People had lied about me, and one person even threatened to kill me. I was feeling so discouraged like, "God, what's the use? Nobody appreciates what I'm trying to do." I was fighting the devil over this, and a friend called long distance. He talked for a few minutes, and I said, "Well, what did you call for?" He said, "I just wanted to call and let you know I love you. I was praying and felt the love of God toward you. I appreciate you." That's all he said. He didn't know anything about the situation going on in my life, but God used that. I knew it was Him loving me through that person, and it kept me in the ministry and changed my life.

It doesn't have to be profound or necessarily some great word. God is love, and whenever you discern that love flowing through you, it's the divine flow…the divine life of God. When you sense that, you need to follow it up. Go do something, say something, be a blessing to some person. God will put words in your mouth. He will use you, and He will set people free as you are moved with compassion and minister to those around you.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

Note: In this lesson, we will examine how to let what God put in us flow out to others.

1. Read Philemon 6. What is the first step in allowing God to flow out of us?

2. Read 1 John 4:7-8. What is the real source of reaching out to love others?

3. Andrew states, "Anytime you feel love flowing out of you, that's God flowing out of you." What phrase in 1 John 4:7 proves this fact?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What are some of the characteristics of God's love?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

PHILEMON 6 – *That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

1 JOHN 4:7-8 – *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **[8]** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8
*Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **[5]** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **[6]** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **[7]** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **[8]** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

5. Read Matthew 14:14. How was Jesus moved in ministering to others?

6. Read Matthew 25:37-40. When we reach out to others in love and compassion, in reality who are we loving and caring for?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 14:14 – *And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.*

MATTHEW 25:37-40 – *Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? **[38]** When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? **[39]** Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? **[40]** And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

HEBREWS 6:10 (New International Version) – *God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read Philemon 6. What is the first step in allowing God to flow out of us?
To acknowledge every good thing He has put in us in Christ Jesus

2. Read 1 John 4:7-8. What is the real source of reaching out to love others?
God, for God is love (1 John 4:8)

3. Andrew states, "Anytime you feel love flowing out of you, that's God flowing out of you." What phrase in 1 John 4:7 proves this fact?
"Love is of God" (He is the source)

4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What are some of the characteristics of God's love?
Love is slow to anger and patient. It is in the present tense, meaning love continually behaves this way. Love is kind. It demonstrates itself in kindly acts. It is in the present tense, meaning love continually behaves this way. Envieth not. It doesn't resent the good fortune or success of others. Vaunteth not itself. It does not boast, or brag, about one's self. It is not proud. Not puffed up. It is not consumed with self. It is not proud, or arrogant. Does not behave itself unseemly. It doesn't behave itself in violation of what is right. It is not rude. Seeketh not her own. It is not self-centered. Not easily provoked. It is not easily angered, or quick tempered. Thinketh no evil. It's not always thinking the worst of others. It keeps no record of wrongs. Rejoiceth not in iniquity. It takes no pleasure in injustice, or that which is wrong. Love rejoiceth in the truth. Beareth all things. It is always supportive. It never gives up. Believeth all things. Love always trusts. Love never faileth. It always perseveres. It keeps going to the end and lasts forever

5. Read Matthew 14:14. How was Jesus moved in ministering to others?
He was moved with compassion toward others. The dictionary defines "compassion" as "sympathetic feeling; pity, mercy"

6. Read Matthew 25:37-40. When we reach out to others in love and compassion, in reality who are we loving and caring for?
Jesus Himself

See Hebrews 6:10.

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LESSON 2
USING THE GIFTS TO MINISTER

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How can you take the love of God you have received and share it with other people—how you can be an effective minister to others? In 1 Peter 4:11, it says, *"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."* The term *"oracles of God"* refers back to the Old Testament when they had the holy of holies and put God's Word in the Ark of the Covenant. That was called "the oracle," so when it says *"speak as the oracles of God,"* it means speak as the mouthpiece of God. Speak as if you are speaking from God. The verse continues, *"If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and for ever."* What this says is that you need to minister to other people, not out of your own ability, but out of the ability that God gives.

One of the great things about the Christian life is that it isn't just me or you talking to someone and sharing things from our own ability, but God Himself comes and lives on the inside of us. He begins to speak through us and flow through us. We can literally be God-possessed and have the Spirit of God flowing through us. As we start sharing with other people, we need to remember that this is what is called the gifts of the Spirit and is what they're for. God takes every single person in the body of Christ and gives them specific gifts. In 1 Corinthians 12 it says every one of us has been given different gifts according to His will. In verses 4-6 it says, *"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences* [diversities] *of administrations [ministrations], but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations* [workings], *but it is the same God which worketh all in all"* (brackets mine). This means that God works these things in all of us, as verse 7 says, *"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal,"* or to profit everyone.

These verses say that God has put supernatural ability within every single one of us. You may not feel it, you may not be aware of it, but this is a promise of God's Word. If you've come this far in the Discipleship Evangelism series, if you've already made Jesus your Lord, if you've learned how to receive from God and begin to apply it in your life, then I can promise that the power of the Holy Spirit is at work inside you. You have other people's miracles on the inside of you. God has put the seed form of a miracle inside you for somebody else. It's up to you to be able to release it and get it out into their lives. Scripture says this has been given to every one of us by the Spirit. Not a single person has been left out. Nine different gifts of the Spirit are listed in 1 Corinthians 12, such as a word of wisdom, a word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, working of miracles, gifts of healing, etc. There are other gifts listed in Romans 12. You need to study them on your own and be aware that every single one of you has had the Holy Spirit place within you special

anointing—special ability—to be able to minister to other people. Not everyone will be able to minister the way I do, for instance. You may not have a teaching gift, but every person in the body of Christ can teach by sharing their faith with another person. There are people who are called specifically to teach, people who are called to preach and pastor churches. Another gift listed in Romans 12 says there are those whose gift is hospitality. Many of you may have an ability, or gift, without being aware of it. You just have a desire to be able to be a blessing to someone. You may be the kind of person who, when you walk into a room, picks out people who seem to be ill at ease. You empathize with them, you know what they're going through, and you have a desire to make them feel at ease and to minister to them. Did you know that's a supernatural gift of God?

Romans 12 says some people have been called to the gift of giving, the ability to make money and give to support the Gospel. That is their gift, their call in life, and some of you may be called to that very thing. Some of you have the gift of exhortation. Others have the gift of administrations, typically called by the church a gift of helps. There are all kinds of things that can be done, not only in the church setting, but on a day-to-day basis dealing with people. There are some of you who have the ability to encourage those who are discouraged, something I would never be able to do just through teaching the Word. You just have a supernatural ability to go up, put your arm around somebody, bless them, and enable them. The point I'm making is that you don't need to see this as just being natural, as, "Well, that's just my personality type." You may have classified yourself as this type of person, but you know what, it was a supernatural ability God placed inside you that gave you the gifts, the talents, and the perspective that makes you gravitate toward doing certain things.

When you are ministering to other people, Scripture says you need to be ministering the things God has placed on the inside of you. We all need to become ministers, whether as a full-time vocation, on our jobs, or wherever we are. If you do it with your neighbors or people at the store, you need to do it out of the ability God gives, not out of your own ability. So, I encourage you to seek God, discover the gifts He has placed inside you, and don't discount them if you aren't called to one of the ministry gifts that is a vocation. Recognize that every one of you has had the Holy Spirit place within you supernatural ability, and then minister to other people through the gifts that God has placed inside you.

It will take time and practice. You won't be perfect the first time, so don't be afraid to practice. If you make a mistake, God won't fall off His throne, and other people will see the sincerity of your heart. Your love will minister to them even if you don't do something perfectly. Start ministering to others. Recognize that you are gifted of God, and start sharing the supernatural ability He has given you with other people.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Peter 4:11. Whose ability are we supposed to minister from?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4. There are varieties and different kinds of spiritual gifts, but who is the source of them all?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:6. Choose the correct statement.
   A. God works in only one way
   B. There are different ways that God works through people
   C. God only works through the preacher

4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7. True or false: The Holy Spirit's presence and spiritual gifts are given to each of us for the good of all.

5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. List and define some of the spiritual gifts that God gives people.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

1 PETER 4:11 – *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4 – *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:6-10 – *And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. **[7]** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **[8]** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; **[9]** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; **[10]** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

6. Read Romans 12:6-8. Define the spiritual gifts listed here that God gives people.

7. Have you noticed any of these gifts working through you? If so, what gifts?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ROMANS 12:6-8 – *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; **[7]** Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; **[8]** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.*

2 TIMOTHY 4:11 – *Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.*

ACTS 13:1 – *Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.*

ACTS 13:15 – *And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7. Who is supposed to profit from these gifts?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

PROVERBS 22:9 – *He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.*

ACTS 20:28 – *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

MATTHEW 5:7 – *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7 – *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read 1 Peter 4:11. Whose ability are we supposed to minister from?
   God's ability

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4. There are varieties and different kinds of spiritual gifts, but who is the source of them all?
   God/the Holy Spirit

3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:6. Choose the correct statement.
   B. There are different ways that God works through people

4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7. The Holy Spirit's presence and spiritual gifts are given to each of us for the good of all.
   True

5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. List and define some of the spiritual gifts that God gives people.
   The word of wisdom = A supernatural revelation from God of His mind and purpose

   See Acts 27:21-25.

   The word of knowledge = A supernatural revelation from God of any fact or event

   See Acts 9:11-12.

   The gift of faith = The supernatural ability to believe God without doubt or reasoning

   See 1 Corinthians 13:2.

   Gifts of healing = Supernatural ability to heal sickness without human aid or medication

   See Mark 16:18.

   Working of miracles = Supernatural intervention that produces miracles contrary to natural laws

   See Hebrews 2:3-4.

   Prophecy = A supernatural utterance, inspired by God, spoken in a known language by the speaker

   See Acts 11:27-28 and 1 Corinthians 14:3**.**

   Discerning of spirits = A supernatural revelation from God of the presence or activities of spirits

   See Acts 16:16-18.

ANSWER KEY

Different kinds of tongues = A supernatural utterance, inspired by God, in an unknown language (i.e., unknown to the person speaking)

See Acts 2:4-11.

The interpretation of tongues = A supernatural utterance, inspired by God, interpreting an unknown tongue

See 1 Corinthians 14:13-14.

6. Read Romans 12:6-8. Define the spiritual gifts listed here that God gives people.
Prophecy = A supernatural utterance, inspired by God, spoken in a known language by the speaker

Ministry = Serving others, practical service

See 2 Timothy 4:11.

Teaching = To explain, expound, to impart instruction

See Acts 13:1.

Exhortation = To urge, advise, encourage, beseech, admonish, comfort, or warn

See Acts 13:15.

Giving = Sharing generously gifts offered to God and others

See Proverbs 22:9.

Ruling = Leading or leadership

See Acts 20:28.

Mercy = Compassion shown to an offender or victim

See Matthew 5:7.

7. Have you noticed any of these gifts working through you? If so, what gifts?

8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7. Who is supposed to profit from these gifts?
Everyone. By using gifts to help others, you are letting God work through you

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ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES FROM THE LESSON

ACTS 27:21-25 – *But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.* ***[22]*** *And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.* ***[23]*** *For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,* ***[24]*** *Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.* ***[25]*** *Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.*

ACTS 9:11-12 – *And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,* ***[12]*** *And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:2 – *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*

MARK 16:18 – *They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

HEBREWS 2:3-4 – *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;* ***[4]*** *God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

ACTS 11:27-28 – *And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.* ***[28]*** *And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3 – *But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.*

ACTS 16:16-18 – *And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:* ***[17]*** *The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation.* ***[18]*** *And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES FROM THE LESSON

ACTS 2:4-11- *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* ***[5]*** *And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.* ***[6]*** *Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.* ***[7]*** *And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?* ***[8]*** *And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?* ***[9]*** *Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,* ***[10]*** *Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,* ***[11]*** *Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-14 – *Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.* ***[14]*** *For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*

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LESSON 3
MIRACLES GLORIFY GOD

By Andrew Wommack

We've talked about walking in the power of God and ministering to other people through the gifts that He gives us. I'd like to share some things about how this really glorifies God and how He expects us to use His supernatural ability. There are so many scriptures on this that I can only touch on a few. In Matthew 9 there's an instance where Jesus healed a paralytic man, and I'll deal with that in more detail in Mark 2. Matthew 9:8 says, *"But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men."* Did you know that the gifts of the Spirit—miracles—glorify God, and that's the reason He gave that miraculous ability to us?

When you start sharing with other people, there's a natural tendency for them to doubt and begin to question, "Well, how do I know what you're saying is true?" I once heard T. L. Osborne, a famous evangelist who led hundreds of thousands of people to the Lord, discuss his experience when he was first on the foreign missions field. He tried to witness to people, and they just didn't believe what he said. Finally, one day he was talking to a man, saying "But the Bible says," and the man said, "What makes your black book any different than any other black book?" Then T. L. Osborne thought, *How do these people know the Bible is true? I have faith that the Bible is the Word of God, but how do I convince them?*

He left the mission field defeated and discouraged, came home, and began to seek God. The Lord told him that he had to use His supernatural ability. Signs and wonders are for the purpose of validating the Word of God, which is what will change people's lives. In 1 Peter 1:23 it says, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* God's Word is what changes people's lives, but how do you get them to believe that it really is God speaking? Well, that's the purpose of miracles. When we preach and say that it's God's will for a person to be healed, we demonstrate it by speaking over them in the name of Jesus. Their blind eyes or deaf ears that are opened validate that it is God. Miracles aren't going to change people, but they will cause them to believe that the word you've spoken is the Word of God.

A scriptural example of that is Mark 2:1-9, where there is further detail on the paralytic who was healed: *"And again he* [Jesus] *entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they*

had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether it is easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk" (brackets mine). The truth is that both of those things are technically impossible. It's impossible for a man to forgive sins, and it's also impossible for a man to heal another person of paralysis. So if God could do one, He could certainly do the other.

Jesus said in verses 10-12, *"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."* Jesus made it very clear when He said, *"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy)."* He produced the healing so people would know that if He could do things in the physical realm that they could see happen at His word, then spiritual things such as the forgiveness of sins could also take place. Jesus used miracles to validate His word.

This exact same thing is said in Hebrews 2:2-3: *"For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."* It says that God confirmed this word by the power of the Holy Spirit. Put this together with Mark 16:20, *"The Lord working with them, and confirmed the word with signs following."* The point I'm making is that God wants you to use His supernatural ability and power to minister to other people. He uses the miracles that take place through the gifts of the Holy Spirit to confirm to people that He is actually speaking to them. Ultimately, He wants people to be set free in their hearts, but sometimes the way to a person's heart is through their bodies and their emotions. If you can deal with those areas and see a person set free, then they will open up and allow the Lord to touch the rest of their lives and literally commit their entire being to Him.

In 1 Corinthians 2:1 Paul was writing to the Corinthians, telling them how he first approached them: *"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* He made it very clear that the reason he didn't come emphasizing and using words only but came in demonstration of the Spirit and power, was so their faith would stand in the power of God and not in the wisdom of man.

Christianity has wonderful logic to it. Once you see the truth, you wonder how you ever missed it and why everybody doesn't embrace it. But Christianity isn't only logic…it is a real experience with a real God. He's alive today, and He wants to manifest Himself in power exactly the same way He did in His Word. Hebrews 13:8 says, *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* Jesus came and He was a man approved of God among us by signs and wonders and miracles. Acts 10:38 says, *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."* He had His word confirmed, and those miracles rang like a bell to draw people to His message. They glorified God. Many scriptures say that these miracles glorified God, and if Jesus had to use the power of the Holy Spirit to minister and to change people's lives, how do we think that we can do better than He did? If Jesus drew on miracles to draw people to Himself to receive His message, how can we possibly think that we can convince the world today without operating in the supernatural power of God? The truth is that miracles glorify God. They are a bell that draws people. It's like ringing the dinner bell—it's the food that will fill you, but it's the bell that gets your attention. Without the bell, some people are going to miss the meal. Without the miraculous power of God, many people are going to miss out on the fact that God is real and He can change their hearts and forgive their sins.

I encourage you to realize that God wants to flow through each one of us and work these miracles through us in other people's lives. Some of you may say, "But that intimidates me. What happens if I pray for a person and they aren't healed? How do I know this is going to happen?" You need to recognize it's not you doing the miracles; God is doing them. You don't take responsibility if the miracle works and the person gets set free, and you don't take the blame if it doesn't work. You just do the praying; God's the one who does the healing, but He has to flow through you. God wants to use you in miraculous ways. You need to get into God's Word, see how it worked for other people, apply those things in your life, and let the miraculous, supernatural power of God start flowing through you today.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What is a miracle?

2. Read Mark 2:10-12. What did Jesus' miracle demonstrate that He had power to do?

3. Read Mark 16:15-18. As believers, what are we to do?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MARK 2:10-12 – *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) **[11]** I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. **[12]** And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.*

MARK 16:15-18 – *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **[16]** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **[17]** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **[18]** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

4. Read Acts 8:5-8 and 12. What did the people see, and how did they respond?

5. Read Acts 3:12. What did the Apostle Peter say about his own holiness producing miracles?

6. Read Acts 3:16. How do miracles happen?

7. Are there instances of miracles happening in the New Testament that were not by the apostles?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 8:5-8 – *Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. **[6]** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. **[7]** For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. **[8]** And there was great joy in that city.*

ACTS 8:12 – *But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

ACTS 3:12 – *And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?*

ACTS 3:16 – *And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read 1 Corinthians 1:7. When will the gift of miracles cease?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

1 CORINTHIANS 1:7 – *So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

ANSWER KEY

1. What is a miracle?
   An extraordinary or unusual event that is considered to be a manifestation of divine power. It is also a supernatural intervention of God's power over natural law

2. Read Mark 2:10-12. What did Jesus' miracle in Mark 2:10-12 demonstrate that He had power to do?
   To forgive sins

3. Read Mark 16:15-18. As believers, what are we to do?
   Preach the Gospel, baptize converts, cast out devils, speak in tongues, and heal the sick

4. Read Acts 8:5-8 and 12. What did the people see, and how did they respond?
   They saw miracles (verse 7), they believed in Jesus, and were water baptized (verse 12)

5. Read Acts 3:12. What did the Apostle Peter say about his own holiness producing miracles?
   It was not his own holiness or power that healed the man; it was God's

6. Read Acts 3:16. How do miracles happen?
   Through Jesus' name and faith in Him

7. Are there instances of miracles happening in the New Testament that were not by the apostles?
   Yes. An unnamed follower of Christ (Mark 9:38-39), Philip (Acts 8:5-7), Ananias (Acts 9:10-18)

8. Read 1 Corinthians 1:7. When will the gift of miracles cease?
   At the coming of the Lord Jesus; i.e., when He returns

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ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES FROM THE LESSON

MARK 9:38-39 – *And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.* ***[39]*** *But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.*

ACTS 9:10-18 – *And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.* ***[11]*** *And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,* ***[12]*** *And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.* ***[13]*** *Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:* ***[14]*** *And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.* ***[15]*** *But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:* ***[16]*** *For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.* ***[17]*** *And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.* ***[18]*** *And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.*

LEVEL 3

LESSON 4
THE POWER OF GODLY RELATIONSHIPS

By Don Krow

Today we're talking about the power of godly relationships. When you think about it, the entire Bible talks about this subject. For instance, the word "church" is the Greek word *ekklesia*, and it means "a called out group." As you look in the Word of God, you'll see that the church, or the people of God, are encouraged to meet together. They're encouraged to pray together and to encourage one another daily. They're encouraged by the power of godly relationships as they walk together. If you would also consider the word "elder," it is used many times in Scripture, and it is used to describe someone who is older, someone who is mature, someone who has walked the life of Christ, and who has been successful in his family and in his marriage. If I were having a problem with my marriage, I would want to go to a man who was godly, who has obtained godly wisdom over the years.

We also have to realize that the Scripture describes the body of Christ as a physical body. It has hands, eyes, ears, and other different parts. We are all part of one another. And as part of one another, we draw strength from one another. Each ligament, each part of the body has its own gifting, its own talents, its own way of giving strength and knowledge.

The Bible says in James 5:16, *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* This is one example in Scripture of the power of godly relationships. You know, there's something in the body of Christ that is missing. I think that because we've emphasized the priesthood of the believer, going directly to God and not to one another, we've lost some things. The Bible talks about confessing our faults one to another. I have a friend whose name is Dr. Loren Lewis. He's an older gentleman, and we've spent a lot of time together. He's a Greek scholar and reads directly from the Greek. When there's something from the Scriptures that I can't figure out, I'll go to him and ask him what the Greek has to say about it. I'll also ask him about the tenses of the Greek, and he helps me in my biblical studies a lot. I've spent hours and hours with this man. He's a man of wisdom. He's a godly man. He has a successful marriage. He has a successful family. And there's times when all of us need to confess our faults. Now, I know the Bible says that we're to confess our sins to God, and I'm not saying you should confess your sins to someone as if they could forgive them, because we need to go directly to God. But we need to have accountability in our lives.

The power of having godly relationships is the power that we need for accountability and for someone to encourage us to seek the Lord. In Hebrews, the Bible tells us to exhort one another daily, to not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, to encourage one another, and to

warn one another lest any of us be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. All of this is speaking about the importance of godly relationships. On the negative side, the Bible warns us many times about ungodly relationships and how that ungodly relationships can affect our minds and our thinking. Before we know it, we can be led into things that we shouldn't be in, it's because we have not protected ourselves and surrounded ourselves with godly counsel (Prov. 11:14, 13:20, and 1 Cor. 15:33). The Bible says, *"For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness"* (2 Cor. 6:14).

As you walk this Christian life, be encouraged to surround yourself with godly relationships and flee those who would influence you in a negative way. It is very important that we have godly believers in our lives with whom we can sharpen ourselves (Prov. 27:17) and be accountable to. God bless you as you continue to meditate and think on these things.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. What does this verse teach us about relationships?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12. What does this verse show us about our Christian life?

3. Read Hebrews 10:24. What can we learn about godly relationships from Hebrews 10:24?

4. Read Hebrews 10:25. What can we learn from this verse about relationships?

5. Read Proverbs 5:22-23. Why must we guard our hearts from ungodly relationships?

6. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. We are to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with whom?

7. Read Hebrews 13:7. Who are we to remember and pattern our lives after?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 – *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 – *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

HEBREWS 10:24-25 – *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. **[25]** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

PROVERBS 5:22-23 – *His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. **[23]** He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 – *Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

HEBREWS 13:7 – *Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. What does this verse teach us about relationships?
   Bad company corrupts good character

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12. What does this verse show us about our Christian life?
   Just like the physical body, we all need the other members of the body of Christ

3. Read Hebrews 10:24. What can we learn about godly relationships from Hebrews 10:24?
   Those in godly relationships spur on others to love and to good works

4. Read Hebrews 10:25. What can we learn from this verse about relationships?
   We need to meet together, fellowship, and encourage one another

5. Read Proverbs 5:22-23. Why must we guard our hearts from ungodly relationships?
   Lest we be led astray by folly (verse 23)

6. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. We are to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with whom?
   With them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart

7. Read Hebrews 13:7. Who are we to remember and pattern our lives after?
   Your leaders who have spoken the Word of God to you

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 5
PERSECUTION

By Don Krow

In Matthew 10:16-23, Jesus wanted to prepare His disciples for opposition; He wanted them to know opposition was going to come. All those who live godly, Christ-centered lives will suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12). It's not something you can rebuke. The enemy may be behind it, but persecution is part of standing for righteousness. The Bible says those who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution. Jesus is preparing His disciples by saying, *"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves"* (Matt. 10:16). The word *"behold"* is saying, "Listen to Me, guys. I want you to get this. I'm going to send you as sheep in the midst of wolves." Sheep are the most defenseless, dependent animals I know of. A sheep doesn't have fangs, doesn't have venom like a snake—it has no defense whatsoever. The only defense it really has is the shepherd.

A shepherd's responsibility is to keep wolves out of the flock of sheep, but Jesus is saying the very opposite: "I'm sending you out as sheep into a pack of wolves." Isn't that amazing? The reason He is saying it is that He's preparing them for opposition. Ephesians 6:12 says, *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* There will be opposition. Part of the Christian life is opposition, and Jesus wants you to know that. He wants to prepare you for that by saying, *"Be ye therefore wise as serpents"* (Matt. 10:16). That word *"wise"* means in every situation, you will not needlessly incite problems but will have wisdom that you carry with you. Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

He then says, *"But beware of men"* (Matt. 10:17). The enemy is going to use men. Ephesians 2:2 says that there is *"the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."* Satan is going to use men to oppose us, to oppose the purposes of Jesus Christ, and to oppose the Word of God. *"Beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues"* (Matt. 10:17). Paul said, *"Five times I was scourged, five times I was beaten with thirty-nine lashes, because of Jesus Christ, and the message of Jesus Christ, and the message of the gospel"* (2 Cor. 11:23-24). Jesus said you will be brought before governors—even the government will sometimes be used to oppose the purposes of Jesus Christ. You'll be brought before governors and kings for Jesus' sake, for a testimony to them or against them.

I was teaching a course on evangelism, and I was showing the students how they could use an evangelism letter and personal testimony to reach out to the lost. I did one myself and sent it out to fifty to a hundred people. Just a couple of days after that, I got a phone call from a woman in town named Mary Anne. She said, "You're not going to get away with it; you can't tell me about

Jesus Christ; you can't get away with this. Where did you get my name, anyway?" I said, "Well, I got it right out of the phone book." She said, "You're a liar! My name and address are not in the phone book!" I said, "Well, that's where I got it." She said, "Tomorrow the police will contact you." I thought to myself, *Is the Bible really true?* And the police did contact me the next day and they spent about two hours trying to interrogate me.

Do you see what I'm saying? When there are criminals out on the street, the police wasted two hours of their time. Why? For the sake of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the Gospel. Is the Word of God really true? If you stand on the Word of God, if you're bold to witness, if you're bold to proclaim Jesus, if you're bold to live a righteous life before men, there will be opposition. There are forces of evil; there are forces of good. Jesus wanted His disciples to be prepared.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:19, *"But when they deliver you up, take no thought* [be not anxious] *how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak"* (brackets mine). With God's Spirit, you'll have wisdom like Stephen of old. The people couldn't handle the wisdom by which he spoke. Jesus says in verses 22-23, *"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another."* Opposition against righteousness, against the purposes of Jesus Christ, is a reality if you're a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.

I was in a park a while back, and I saw an elderly lady sitting in the swing. I thought to myself, *She's harmless; she can't hurt me!* I asked her if I could sit down in the swing with her, and I sat down and began a conversation with her. I found out her name was Jane, and I said, "By the way, Jane, what do you do?" She said, "Oh, I'm an old lady; I don't work anymore. I'm retired." Then she said, "And, by the way, what do you do?" I said, "I work for a parachurch ministry, a parachurch organization." Suddenly her countenance changed. She said, "Don't you tell me about God! Don't you tell me about Jesus!" I said "Oh, Jane, you shouldn't talk that way," and she said, "If Jesus Christ was in front of me, I would spit in His face!" I said, "Jane! You shouldn't say things like that! You must have had a lot of people hurt you in churches for you to talk like that. Jane, you shouldn't talk like that! Let me tell you about my family." She said, "No! I said you can't talk to me. You're going to tell me about Jesus Christ and what God did in your family, and I'm not going to let you. You cannot speak." I said, "Jane, please. I've got to tell you about Jesus." She said, "No! I'm telling you to SHUT UP!"

She had a little dog on a leash, and she just pulled that little dog until he was sitting there going "Arrgh," and away she went. Here was a woman out of control because a spirit rose up in her, the spirit of disobedience. She was controlled by the Enemy. I thought to myself, *I'm not used to having people yell at me. I'm not used to people getting in my face.* But I had nothing but compassion, nothing but love for Jane. She was out of control, and I was totally in control. I went home and said, "Lord, You know what? The greatest miracle is that I was in control. When someone was in my face, I had nothing but love and compassion."

Persecution and opposition will come when we go out in the name of Jesus. The same Spirit of God that gives boldness to proclaim Jesus even when we're rejected for His sake, that same Spirit will give us comfort and strength in any situation.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. Those who live a godly life will experience what?

2. How would you define "persecution"?

3. Read Mark 4:16-17. Affliction and persecution come for what reason?

4. Read Acts 8:1 and 4. The persecution in Jerusalem resulted in what?

5. Read Matthew 5:10-12. There is a blessing upon those who are persecuted for _____.

6. Read Matthew 5:12. When believers are persecuted for righteousness' sake, what can they expect in the future?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

2 TIMOTHY 3:12 – *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

MARK 4:16-17 – *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; **[17]** And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.*

ACTS 8:1 – *And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.*

ACTS 8:4 – *Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.*

MATTHEW 5:10-12 – *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **[11]** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. **[12]** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

7. Read Acts 9:4-5. Who was Saul persecuting?

8. Read Acts 9:1. In reality, who was Saul persecuting?

9. Read Galatians 6:12. The Judaizers in the book of the Galatians tried to add the keeping of religious Law to the Gospel. In so doing, they avoided what?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 9:4-5 – *And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? **[5]** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

ACTS 9:1 – *And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.*

GALATIANS 6:12 – *As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. Those who live a godly life will experience what?
   Persecution

2. How would you define "persecution"?
   To harass; to cause to suffer because of belief

3. Read Mark 4:16-17. Affliction and persecution come for what reason?
   For the Word's sake; i.e., to take away the Word

4. Read Acts 8:1 and 4. The persecution in Jerusalem resulted in what?
   People going everywhere preaching the Word

5. Read Matthew 5:10-12. There is a blessing upon those who are persecuted for _____.
   Righteousness' sake

6. Read Matthew 5:12. When believers are persecuted for righteousness' sake, what can they expect in the future?
   A great reward in heaven

7. Read Acts 9:4-5. Who was Saul persecuting?
   Jesus

8. Read Acts 9:1. In reality, who was Saul persecuting?
   The disciples (Christians) of the Lord

9. Read Galatians 6:12. The Judaizers in the book of the Galatians tried to add the keeping of religious Law to the Gospel. In so doing, they avoided what?
   Suffering persecution for the cross of Christ. In other words, they avoided the persecution that came from preaching that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ alone

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LESSON 6
THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

By Don Krow

In the Old Testament, what made Israel distinct from all other nations was that it was a theocracy. In other words, it was ruled directly by God (Is. 43:15). Later in Israel's history, they wanted to be like the other nations of the world, to be ruled by an earthly king (1 Sam. 8:5-19). So God granted their request and chose for them a king named Saul (1 Sam. 10:24-25). Later, because of Saul's disobedience, God raised up David to be king, a man after His own heart (Acts 13:21-22 and 1 Kin. 15:3).

The king was to be the visible representative of the invisible God (Deut. 17:14-20). When the king followed the Lord, he and his kingdom would prosper. When the king failed to follow the Lord, he and his kingdom would go into captivity and ruin (1 Sam. 15:22-23).

When God chose a king, He would send a prophet to anoint that one with oil. This typified the Holy Spirit coming upon this one to empower and anoint him to rule. At this time, the Spirit of God would come upon him and change his heart to rule in righteousness, for God was with him (1 Sam.10:1, 6-7, and 9). This anointing to rule (or to be king) is where the idea of the Messiah comes from. The word "anointed" in Hebrew is *mashiac* (Messiah) and translated *christos* (Christ) in Greek. The Old Testament prophets prophesied that in the future, the Messiah (or Anointed One) would come, and the God of heaven would set up a kingdom which would never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44, 7:14, and 27). In the Scriptures, if you notice, Jesus never explained to the Jews what He meant when speaking about the kingdom. It was an Old Testament concept that they were already looking for (Is. 9:6-7, 11:1-6; Dan. 2:44, 7:13-14, 18, and 27).

It is impossible to understand the message of Jesus without a basic understanding of the kingdom. The kingdom was the message that Jesus spoke and the only one He instructed His disciples to preach (Mark 1:14-15, Luke 9:1-2, Acts 28:23-31, Luke 16:16, and Matt. 24:14). This message was also referred to as "salvation" or the offer of "eternal life" (Heb. 2:3; Matt. 19:16 compare with 19:23; Acts 28:23-24, 28, and 30-31). Within the phrase "the kingdom of God" is the idea of a group of people that would be ruled by God. In order to enter God's kingdom, conditions had to be met. A change of heart was required. This change of heart is what the Bible calls repentance. It was a change of heart toward God; that is, it was a turning away from Satan, sin and its ways, unto God, Christ and His ways. As one turns, God offers (as a gift through Jesus' shed blood) the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life (Rom. 6:23). This "good news" is referred to as the "Gospel of grace" or the preaching of the "kingdom of God" (Acts 20:24-25). The kingdom of God is characterized by grace (Matt. 20:1-16) and has

come quietly and secretly in the ministry of Jesus (Matt. 13:33). It will one day in the future come to a glorious and visible consummation (Matt. 13:36-43).

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Daniel 2:44. The Old Testament prophets prophesied that in the future, the Messiah (or Anointed One) would come, and the God of heaven would set up a kingdom which:
   A. Would last for 1,000 years
   B. Would never be destroyed
   C. Would be temporal

2. Read Matthew 4:17, 23. What was Jesus' message?

3. Read Mark 1:14-15. Jesus preached the Gospel of _____ .

4. Read Luke 4:43. The reason that Jesus was sent from God was to _____ .

5. Read John 4:25. In the Scriptures, Jesus never explained to the Jews what He meant when speaking about the kingdom. It was an Old Testament concept that they:
   A. Knew little about
   B. Thought would never come
   C. Were already looking for

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

DANIEL 2:44 – *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

MATTHEW 4:17 – *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

MATTHEW 4:23 – *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

MARK 1:14-15 – *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, **[15]** And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

LUKE 4:43 – *And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.*

JOHN 4:25 – *The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

6. Read Luke 9:1-2. What three things did the twelve disciples do?

7. Read Luke 10:1-2, 8-9. What message did Jesus tell the seventy to proclaim?

8. Read Luke 23:2. According to the Jews' own definition, the word "Christ" means one that is a _____ .

9. Read Acts 17:7. Contrary to Roman law, the Jews said that the Apostle Paul taught that there was another _____ one _____ .

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

LUKE 9:1-2 – *Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. **[2]** And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.*

LUKE 10:1-2 – *After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. **[2]** Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*

LUKE 10:8-9 – *And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: **[9]** And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.*

LUKE 23:2 – *And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.*

ACTS 17:7 – *Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

10. Read Acts 19:8-10. Paul spoke boldly in Ephesus disputing and persuading others concerning _____ .

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 19:8-10 – *And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. **[9]** But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. **[10]** And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

11. Read Acts 28:23-31. In verse 31, what was it that the Apostle Paul was preaching?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 28:23-31 – *And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.* ***[24]*** *And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.* ***[25]*** *And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,* ***[26]*** *Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:* ***[27]*** *For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.* ***[28]*** *Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.* ***[29]*** *And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.* ***[30]*** *And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,* ***[31]*** *Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concernthe Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

12. Read Matthew 24:14. What is the message that is to be preached in all the world?

13. Read Acts 20:24-25. Sometimes the Gospel of the kingdom is referred to as the Gospel of _____ .

14. Read Luke 16:16. It is impossible to understand the message of Jesus without a basic understanding of the kingdom. The kingdom was the message that Jesus spoke and the only one He instructed His disciples to:
    A. Preach
    B. Disregard
    C. Ponder

15. Read Matthew 6:10. Basically, the kingdom of God is the rule of God. How is this expressed in this verse?

16. Read Colossians 1:13-14 and Romans 14:9. Within the phrase "the kingdom of God" is the idea of a group of people that would:
    A. Ask Jesus into their hearts
    B. Accept God's rule (and reject Satan's) and receive His forgiveness
    C. Join the church

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 24:14 – *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

ACTS 20:24-25 – *But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. **[25]** And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.*

LUKE 16:16 – *The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*

MATTHEW 6:10 – *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 – *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **[14]** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.*

ROMANS 14:9 – *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

17. Read Matthew 4:17. In order to enter God's kingdom, a change of heart is required. This change of heart is what the Bible calls:
    A. Penance
    B. Works of the Law
    C. Repentance

18. Read Acts 26:18. Have you turned from _____ to light, from the _____ of Satan unto _____ to receive the forgiveness of your sins?

19. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Acts 11:15-18. Have you been given a new heart and a new spirit that causes you to walk in God's ways?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 4:17 – *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

ACTS 26:18 – *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

EZEKIEL 36:26-27 – *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **[27]** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

ACTS 11:15-18 – *And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. **[16]** Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. **[17]** Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? **[18]** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

20. Read Luke 18:13-14. Have you called upon God for the forgiveness of your sins?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

LUKE 18:13-14 – *And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.* ***[14]*** *I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read Daniel 2:44. The Old Testament prophets prophesied that in the future, the Messiah (or Anointed One) would come, and the God of heaven would set up a kingdom which:
   B. Would never be destroyed

2. Read Matthew 4:17, 23. What was Jesus' message?
   Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand

3. Read Mark 1:14-15. Jesus preached the Gospel of _____ .
   The kingdom of God

4. Read Luke 4:43. The reason that Jesus was sent from God was to _____ .
   Preach the kingdom of God

5. Read John 4:25. In the Scriptures, Jesus never explained to the Jews what He meant when speaking about the kingdom. It was an Old Testament concept that they:
   C. Were already looking for

6. Read Luke 9:1-2. What three things did the twelve disciples do?
   Cast out demons, cure diseases, and preach the kingdom of God

7. Read Luke 10:1-2, 8-9. What message did Jesus tell the seventy to proclaim?
   The kingdom of God

8. Read Luke 23:2. According to the Jews' own definition, the word "Christ" means one that is a _____ .
   King

9. Read Acts 17:7. Contrary to Roman law, the Jews said that the Apostle Paul taught that there was another _____ one _____ .
   King / Jesus

10. Read Acts 19:8-10. Paul spoke boldly in Ephesus disputing and persuading others concerning _____ .
    The kingdom of God

11. Read Acts 28:23-31. In verse 31, what was it that the Apostle Paul was preaching?
    The kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ

12. Read Matthew 24:14. What is the message that is to be preached in all the world?
    The Gospel of the kingdom

13. Read Acts 20:24-25. Sometimes the Gospel of the kingdom is referred to as the Gospel of _____ .
    The grace of God

ANSWER KEY

14. Read Luke 16:16. It is impossible to understand the message of Jesus without a basic understanding of the kingdom. The kingdom was the message that Jesus spoke and the only one He instructed His disciples to:
A. Preach

15. Read Matthew 6:10. Basically, the kingdom of God is the rule of God. How is this expressed in this verse?
God's will being done in earth like His will is done in heaven

16. Read Colossians 1:13-14 and Romans 14:9. Within the phrase "the kingdom of God" is the idea of a group of people that would:
B. Accept God's rule (and reject Satan's) and receive His forgiveness

17. Read Matthew 4:17. In order to enter God's kingdom, a change of heart is required. This change of heart is what the Bible calls:
C. Repentance

18. Read Acts 26:18. Have you turned from _____ to light, from the _____ (authority or rule) of Satan unto _____ to receive the forgiveness of your sins?
Darkness / Power / God

19. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Acts 11:15-18. Have you been given a new heart and a new spirit that causes you to walk in God's ways?

20. Read Luke 18:13-14. Have you called upon God for the forgiveness of your sins?

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 7
THE OBJECT OF SAVING FAITH

By Don Krow

Suppose that on a man's wedding day as he stood before the pastor, the pastor suddenly began to say these words: "Do you take this woman to be your personal cook, to clean your house, and do your dishes? Do you take her from this day forth to vacuum the floors and to dust the furniture as long as you both shall live?" Suddenly his wife-to-be says, "Stop! If you want me as a person that only does things for you, you can hire a maid. I want you to love me and take me for who I am. If you take me for who I am, I will do all those things for you, but I want you to take me! All of me! I don't want you to just take my benefits and not my person."

A.W. Tozer said this, "Now, it seems odd that some teachers never notice that the only true object of saving faith is none other than Christ Himself; not the 'saviourhood' of Christ nor the 'lordship' of Christ, but Christ Himself. God does not offer salvation to the one who will believe on one of the offices of Christ, nor is an office of Christ ever presented as an object of faith. Neither are we exhorted to believe on the atonement, nor on the cross, nor on the priesthood of the Saviour. All of these are embodied in the person of Christ, but they are never separated nor is one ever isolated from the rest. Much less are we permitted to accept one of Christ's offices and reject another. The notion that we are so permitted is a modern-day heresy, I repeat, and like every heresy it has had evil consequences among Christians" (*The Root of the Righteous*, pp. 84-86).

Do you get the point? Why do we emphasize a part of Christ (His benefits), an office of Christ, and not Christ? That's like taking a wife in marriage as your personal cook and not for her person.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read John 1:12. As many as received:
   A. Him (the Lord Jesus Christ)
   B. Jesus as Savior
   C. Jesus as Lord
   D. Jesus as priest, to them gave He power to be come the sons (or children) of God

2. Read Acts 16:31. We are to believe (that is, trust or entrust) ourselves to whom?

3. Read Luke 6:46. What does the word "Lord" imply?

4. Read Matthew 1:21. What does the word "Jesus" imply?

5. Read Luke 23:2. What does the word "Christ" imply?

6. Read Romans 1:16. According to this verse, the Gospel, or Good News, is _____ .

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

JOHN 1:12 – *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

ACTS 16:31 – *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

LUKE 6:46 – *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

MATTHEW 1:21 – *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

LUKE 23:2 – *And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.*

ROMANS 1:16 – *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

7. Read Romans 1:1-3. The Gospel of God centers around, or is concerning, _____ .

   Part of His Son or all of His Son?

8. Read John 6:54. When you eat something, what does that imply?

9. Read Galatians 3:27. When a person is baptized into Christ, they put on _____ .

   What part of Christ do they put on?

10. Read Acts 9:5-6. When Saul was converted, what two questions did he ask Jesus?

11. Read Romans 7:4. To whom are we to be married?

    To what part of Him are we married?

12. Are you enjoying a good marriage with Christ?

    Do you talk, communicate, love, and worship Him?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ROMANS 1:1-3 – *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, **[2]** (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) **[3]** Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh.*

JOHN 6:54 – *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

GALATIANS 3:27 – *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

ACTS 9:5-6 – *And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **[6]** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

ROMANS 7:4 – *Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read John 1:12. As many as received:
   A. Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons (or children) of God

2. Read Acts 16:31. We are to believe (that is, trust or entrust) ourselves to whom?
   The Lord Jesus Christ

3. Read Luke 6:46. What does the word "Lord" imply?
   Master, ruler, boss, the one who has the right to control our lives. This word also implies deity

4. Read Matthew 1:21. What does the word "Jesus" imply?
   Jesus as Savior

5. Read Luke 23:2. What does the word "Christ" imply?
   Jesus as our King and Messiah

6. Read Romans 1:16. According to this verse, the Gospel, or good news, is _____.
   Christ Himself, which includes all His benefits

7. Read Romans 1:1-3. The Gospel of God centers around, or is concerning, _____.
   God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

   Part of His Son or all of His Son?
   All of Him

8. Read John 6:54. When you eat something, what does that imply?
   That you take all of it in. In a sense, what you eat becomes your life, your strength

9. Read Galatians 3:27. When a person is baptized into Christ, they put on _____.
   All of Him

10. Read Acts 9:5-6. When Saul was converted, what two questions did he ask Jesus?
    Who are you, and what would you have me do?

11. Read Romans 7:4. To whom are we to be married?
    To the Lord Jesus Christ

    To what part of Him are we married?
    All of Him

ANSWER KEY

12. Are you enjoying a good marriage with Christ?
Do you talk, communicate, love, and worship Him?

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 8
THE PROPER USE OF GOD'S LAW

By Don Krow

One day Joe and I were talking to Bill and Steve at the lake. The question was brought up, "How could people possibly be held accountable before God who have never heard of God or Jesus Christ?" I said, "Bill, suppose you went to visit Steve at his home, but he was gone and his wife was there. If you entered into an adulterous affair with her, would you feel guilty for violating your friend's wife? Even though you had never heard of the Ten Commandments or read the Bible? Where did that sense of guilt and feeling of accountability come from?"

God has given every person, through the Law and conscience, the ability to sense right and feel guilt for wrong. The Law and the conscience are the self-judging functions that either accuse or excuse us in regard to our conduct (Rom. 2:14-15).

Bill had been telling me what a good person he was. He didn't really see any need for a Savior. I turned to Exodus 20 and began to read to Bill the Ten Commandments. "Bill, has God always been first in your life, and have you always loved Him more than anything in the world? If not, you have broken the first commandment" (Ex. 20:3). "Have you ever exalted anything before God? If so, you have broken the second commandment" (Ex. 20:4). "Have you ever used the name of Jesus Christ as a four-letter word? You are guilty of breaking the third commandment" (Ex. 20:7). "Have you always set aside a day to honor and worship God? You have broken the fourth commandment" (Ex. 20:8). "Did you always honor your father and mother in your youth? You have broken the fifth commandment" (Ex. 20:12). "Have you ever become extremely angry with a person? You have broken the sixth commandment" (compare Ex. 20:13 with Matt. 5:21-22). "Have you ever looked upon a woman and lusted after her? You have broken the seventh commandment" (compare Ex. 20:14 with Matt. 5:27-28). "Have you ever taken something that did not belong to you? You have broken the eighth commandment" (Ex. 20:15). "Have you always told the truth? If not, you have broken the ninth commandment" (Ex. 20:16). "Have you ever had a desire to have what belongs to someone else? You have broken the tenth commandment" (Ex. 20:17). "Do you see why Jesus said He came to save sinners?" (Mark 2:16-17).

The problem with thinking we are good enough, or trying to be good enough to go to heaven, is the fact that we have all broken the Ten Commandments. James 2:10 tells us that whoever keeps the whole Law yet fails to keep just one point is GUILTY of breaking the Law. The Law was never meant to make you righteous but only to reveal your sin (Rom. 3:19-20).

We all need a Savior! The word "Savior" has the idea of one that can rescue you from the penalty of sin. Jesus rescues the perishing so that they might have eternal life (Matt. 1:21).

To be good enough to go to heaven, we must have a righteousness that equals God's (2 Cor. 5:21). The good news of the Gospel is that not only will Jesus forgive your sins, but He is offering—freely—His very own righteousness to us as a gift (Romans 5:17: *"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ").*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 2:16-17. Who did Jesus come to save?

2. Read Romans 2:1. When we judge others, what are we doing to ourselves?

   Why?

3. Read James 2:10. If we keep most of God's Law but just miss the mark on a few things, what are we guilty of?

4. Read Galatians 3:10. If we are going to be righteous by keeping God's Law, how much of it do we have to keep?

   And how long must we keep these commandments?

   Do you see why we cannot be saved by trying to be good enough?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MARK 2:16-17 – *And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? **[17]** When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

ROMANS 2:1 – *Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.*

JAMES 2:10 – *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

GALATIANS 3:10 – *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

5. Read Galatians 2:16. Justification is the gift of righteousness, supplied by God, that brings a person into right standing and relationship with God. Justification of sinners is offered through faith in Jesus Christ and is accomplished once and for all through His death and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:3-4 and Rom. 4:25). What is a man not justified by?

   How is a person saved?

   How many people will be justified by the Law?

6. Read Romans 6:14. As a Christian, you are:
   A. Under the Law
   B. Under grace

7. Read Ezekiel 18:20. If you were under the Law, what would be the punishment for your sins?

8. Read Romans 4:6-8. Under grace, what three things does God do with your sins?

9. Read Romans 5:1. Now that we are justified, what benefit do we enjoy?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

GALATIANS 2:16 – *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

ROMANS 6:14 – *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

EZEKIEL 18:20 – *The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.*

ROMANS 4:6-8 – *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, **[7]** Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. **[8]** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

ROMANS 5:1 – *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

10. Read Romans 5:9. Now that we have been saved by Jesus' blood, what will we be saved from?

11. Read Romans 10:4. Christ ended the Law as a means of obtaining _____ before God.

12. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30. God made Jesus Christ to be our _____, _____, _____, and _____.

13. Read Philippians 3:9. When you go under the Law of Moses, you are trying to obtain your own _____ .

14. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. As Christians, we are living under the law of Christ. The law of Christ is not a set of rules to obey; it is living a life in response to a person. That person is _____ .

15. Read Romans 8:3. The Law could never save us, not because the Law was wrong, but because in the weakness of our _____, we could not keep it.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ROMANS 5:9 – *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

ROMANS 10:4 – *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30 – *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:9 – *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 – *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

ROMANS 8:3 – *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read Mark 2:16-17. Who did Jesus come to save?
   Sinners

2. Read Romans 2:1. When we judge others, what are we doing to ourselves?
   Condemning ourselves; that is, pronouncing judgment against ourselves

   Why?
   Because although we judge others, we do the same things they do

3. Read James 2:10. If we keep most of God's Law but just miss the mark on a few things, what are we guilty of?
   We are guilty of all

4. Read Galatians 3:10. If we are going to be righteous by keeping God's Law, how much of it do we have to keep?
   All

   And how long must we keep these commandments?
   We must always continue in them (without one slip).

   Do you see why we cannot be saved by trying to be good enough?
   Yes

5. Read Galatians 2:16. Justification is the gift of righteousness, supplied by God, that brings a person into right standing and relationship with God. Justification of sinners is offered through faith in Jesus Christ and is accomplished once and for all through His death and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:3-4 and Rom. 4:25). What is a man not justified by?
   His own works; that is, the works of the Law

   How is a person saved?
   Through faith (trust) in Jesus Christ

   How many people will be justified by the Law?
   No flesh; that is, no person

6. Read Romans 6:14. As a Christian, you are:
   B. Under grace

7. Read Ezekiel 18:20. If you were under the Law, what would be the punishment for your sins?
   Death

8. Read Romans 4:6-8. Under grace what three things does God do with your sins?
   Forgives them, covers them, and does not impute them (put them) to my account

9. Read Romans 5:1. Now that we are justified, what benefit do we enjoy?
   Peace with God (He is not mad at us)

ANSWER KEY

10. Read Romans 5:9. Now that we have been saved by Jesus' blood, what will we be saved from?
Wrath (judgment for our sins)

11. Read Romans 10:4. Christ ended the Law as a means of obtaining _____ before God.
Righteousness

12. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30. God made Jesus Christ to be our _____.
Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption

13. Read Philippians 3:9. When you go under the Law of Moses, you are trying to obtain your own _____ .
Righteousness

14. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. As Christians, we are living under the law of Christ. The law of Christ is not a set of rules to obey; it is living a life in response to a person. That person is _____ .
Christ

15. Read Romans 8:3. The Law could never save us, not because the Law was wrong, but because in the weakness of our _____ , we could not keep it.
Flesh

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 9
NOT UNDER LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE

By Don Krow

I dreamed about a woman who kept being punished for all the things she did wrong (her sins). A man followed her around, and whenever she would make a mistake, he would shake his head in disgust, take off his belt, and beat her. If she said a wrong word or did something wrong, he'd punish her. She was limping around trying to smile and have a good attitude, but she kept on doing things that would get her in trouble. They were not big things, but every little thing that this man saw her doing wrong would get her a beating. It seemed hopeless. She couldn't keep from doing things that got her in trouble. I remember feeling sorry for her. I wanted to help her get away from the mean man who always beat her. And then I woke up.

I started thinking about God's grace, the unearned, undeserved favor and ability of God. When the heart is established in grace, we no longer try to earn God's acceptance through our performance or by trying to keep His Law in our own strength and ability. We are finally able to get away from the beatings we earned from breaking the Law of God. We are rescued by Jesus.

Think about favor. It means getting someone's approval, support, or blessing. When you want someone's favor, what do you do? You try to do and say everything that would please them, and nothing that would displease them. It's acting right all the time. Is that really possible to accomplish? It's like defying gravity. You can do it for a little while, but in the end, you will fail. It's stronger than you are.

I related to the woman in my dream. I've felt like that when I've tried hard to do everything right but missed one little detail and failed. I thought that if only I could make it through the day without messing up, I would've accomplished something. But no, my shortcomings always caused me to be imperfect. I thought that not only had I disappointed my heavenly Father, but I would condemn myself and beat myself up. I was self-defeated. I was focused on my abilities and inabilities. Never measuring up, never good enough to make the grade, I needed someone to rescue me!

God in His mercy sent us help; His name is Jesus. God sent Him to deliver us from ourselves and our powerless attempts to fulfill His Law. Jesus took the punishment for the Law we could not keep, so we wouldn't have to die, but could go free and have eternal life with Him. Jesus gave us the gift of righteousness so we could be righteous and holy before God the Father and meet all the requirements of the Law. We have peace with God through what He did for us in His death, burial, and resurrection. We have favor with God, unearned and undeserved. That's grace.

Believing this, your heart must be settled without a doubt, knowing that He did this because He loves you. Make your heart sound, secure, stable, and firm in His grace; that is, be established without question or doubt that He has given us everything we need to live an abundant life in and through Jesus.

If we continue to look at and focus on our shortcomings, mistakes, and sins, instead of Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, our hearts will be sad and powerless to believe we can receive anything from God. It is with the heart that we believe and receive His righteousness and grace. Our hearts must be wholly His. That is when we will be fulfilled and at rest.

"Above all else, guard your heart. For it affects everything you do" (Prov. 4:23, *The Living Bible*).

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. How was "grace" defined in this lesson?

2. When the heart is established in grace, we no longer try to earn God's acceptance through our _____ .

3. Read Hebrews 10:14.
   Don's shortcomings always caused him to be imperfect. How are we made perfect, according to this verse?

4. Read Romans 5:17. Jesus gave us the _____ of righteousness so we could be righteous and holy before God the Father and meet all the requirements of the Law.

5. Read Isaiah 26:3.
   If we continue to look at and focus on our shortcomings, mistakes, and sins, instead of Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, our hearts will be sad and powerless to believe we can receive anything from God. What must we keep our minds stayed on?

6. Read Ephesians 3:17.
   Our hearts must be wholly His. That is when we will be _____ .

7. Read Romans 4:5.
   Is salvation a reward to be earned or a free gift of God's grace?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

HEBREWS 10:14 – *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

ROMANS 5:17 – *For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*

ISAIAH 26:3 – *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

EPHESIANS 3:17 – *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love.*

ROMANS 4:5 – *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read Romans 5:17. Righteousness (right standing with God) is a gift. Do you have to work for a gift?

   How do you obtain a gift?

9. Read Romans 6:23. What is the free gift of God's grace in this verse?

10. Read Titus 3:5. How many of your good works and deeds contribute to your salvation?

11. Read Romans 6:14. Explain in your own words what it means to be under God's grace.

12. Read Romans 11:6. If God's blessings are given to us by grace, they are not by our _____ .

13. Read Romans 3:24. Explain in your own words the meaning of this verse.

14. Read Ephesians 1:7. The forgiveness of our sins was according to _____ .

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ROMANS 5:17 – *For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*

ROMANS 6:23 – *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

TITUS 3:5 – *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*

ROMANS 6:14 – *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

ROMANS 11:6 – *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*

ROMANS 3:24 – *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

EPHESIANS 1:7 – *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.*

ANSWER KEY

1. How was "grace" defined in this lesson?
   The unearned, undeserved favor and ability of God

2. When the heart is established in grace, we no longer try to earn God's acceptance through our _____ .
   Performance

3. Read Hebrews 10:14. Don's shortcomings always caused him to be imperfect. How are we made perfect, according to this verse?
   By Jesus' offering, He has perfected us forever

4. Read Romans 5:17. Jesus gave us the _____ of righteousness so we could be righteous and holy before God the Father and meet all the requirements of the Law.
   Gift

5. Read Isaiah 26:3. If we continue to look at and focus on our shortcomings, mistakes, and sins, instead of Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, our hearts will be sad and powerless to believe we can receive anything from God. What must we keep our minds stayed on?
   Our minds must be stayed on the Lord

6. Read Ephesians 3:17. Our hearts must be wholly His. That is when we will be _____.
   Fulfilled and at rest

7. Read Romans 4:5. Is salvation a reward to be earned or a free gift of God's grace?
   A free gift of God's grace

8. Read Romans 5:17. Righteousness (right standing with God) is a gift. Do you have to work for a gift?
   No

   How do you obtain a gift?
   By simply reaching out and taking it

9. Read Romans 6:23. What is the free gift of God's grace in this verse?
   Eternal life (instead of eternal death)

10. Read Titus 3:5. How many of your good works and deeds contribute to your salvation?
    None

11. Read Romans 6:14. Explain in your own words what it means to be under God's grace.
    We are not getting what our sins deserve but rather God's best through Christ. Righteousness, acceptance, forgiveness are ours (all as a gift of God's mercy)

ANSWER KEY

12. Read Romans 11:6. If God's blessings are given to us by grace, they are not by our _____ .
Works

13. Read Romans 3:24. Explain in your own words the meaning of this verse.
Righteousness (justification) is a free gift of God's grace given to the believer because of Christ's redeeming work on the cross

14. Read Ephesians 1:7. The forgiveness of our sins was according to _____ .
The riches of God's grace

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 10
NO MORE CONSCIOUSNESS OF SIN

By Don Krow

One day a drunken man got into his automobile, started driving in the wrong direction, and had a head-on collision with a party in another car. In this accident, a young eighteen-year-old girl was killed. The family of this girl sued the man and won $1.5 million in the lawsuit.

Instead of taking the money the family settled for $936. The reason was that they wanted the man to pay this sum in a specific manner. They wanted the man who had been drunk to remember what he had done. He was to write out a check, in the name of the girl he had killed, for one dollar each week and send it to the family. You would think that a settlement of $936 would be a good deal in the light of $1.5 million. At first paying the one dollar a week was easy, but after a while, writing a check in the name of the girl he had killed began to dominate his thinking. Every week he went into depression, thinking about the girl he had killed.

After years of this, he finally quit making the payments. The family took him back to court and ordered him to resume making payments. In the last six or seven years, he quit making payments four or five times. However, each time he was taken back to court and again made to resume making payments.

The family said they were not angry anymore, but they just wanted to remind him of what he had done.

If you think about it, that family was in bondage as well as the man making the payments. Every week they got a check that reminded them of their loss, so in a sense, they couldn't put their daughter's death behind them either.

That man is now suing the family for what he calls "cruel and unusual punishment." He says, "This is killing me! It's destroying my life! I can never put the past behind me and go on with my life."

In light of this story, I have met a lot of Christians who feel they are under the same kind of judgment. They were told "Jesus paid it all," but still feel as if they have to make a weekly payment of religious duties, or God will not accept them.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What kind of relationship can this man have with the family while this kind of thing is going on?

2. Read Hebrews 10:1. What could the Law not do?

3. Read Hebrews 10:1. What does this verse say that gives us an indication that the sacrifices of the Old Testament were inadequate to make us perfect?

4. Read Hebrews 10:2. If a sacrifice came that could really deal with sin, what would it do for the worshipers?

5. What was the drunk driver forced to do?

6. Read Hebrews 10:14. God perfects His people by:
   A. Good works
   B. Going to church
   C. Keeping the Ten Commandments
   D. The offering (sacrifice) of Jesus

7. Read Hebrews 10:14. Jesus' offering (received by faith) perfects the believer:
   A. Until the next time they sin
   B. From their past sins
   C. Forever

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

HEBREWS 10:1-2 – *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.* ***[2]*** *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

HEBREWS 10:14 – *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read Genesis 20:1-18. Who are the two men mentioned in this story?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

GENESIS 20:1-18 – *And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.* ***[2]*** *And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.* ***[3]*** *But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.* ***[4]*** *But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?* ***[5]*** *Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.* ***[6]*** *And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.* ***[7]*** *Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.* ***[8]*** *Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.* ***[9]*** *Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.* ***[10]*** *And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?* ***[11]*** *And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.* ***[12]*** *And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.* ***[13]*** *And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.* ***[14]*** *And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.* ***[15]*** *And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.* ***[16]*** *And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.* ***[17]*** *So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.* ***[18]*** *For the* LORD *had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

9. Read Genesis 20:2 and 5. Who was the man who lied and deceived the other in this story?

10. Read Genesis 20:7. I am sure that God did not approve of Abraham's actions. But who did God side with, Abraham or Abimelech?

    Why? Read Genesis 15:1, 18; and James 2:23.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

GENESIS 20:2 – *And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.*

GENESIS 20:5 – *Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.*

GENESIS 20:7 – *Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.*

GENESIS 15:1 – *After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

GENESIS 15:18 – *In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.*

JAMES 2:23 – *And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

11. Read Genesis 20:7 and 17-18. Even though Abraham was in the wrong, who did God say should pray for the other?
    A. Abraham was to pray for Abimelech
    B. Abimelech was to pray for Abraham
    C. They were to pray for each other

12. Read Romans 8:31. Even though we sometimes fail, who is on our side?

13. Read Romans 4:8. Even though we make mistakes, what did God say He would not do?

14. Read Hebrews 8:12-13. In the New Covenant, what did God promise He would not do?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

GENESIS 20:7 – *Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.*

GENESIS 20:17-18 – *So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. **[18]** For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.*

ROMANS 8:31 – *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

ROMANS 4:8 – *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

HEBREWS 8:12-13 – *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. **[13]** In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

15. Read Ephesians 2:5 and 8-9. How are we saved?

16. Read Titus 3:5. How are we not saved?

    How are we saved?

17. Read Ephesians 1:6. We will praise God throughout all eternity for saving us by His _____. For He hath made us _____ in the beloved (Christ Jesus).

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

EPHESIANS 2:5 – *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).*

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 – *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **[9]** Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

TITUS 3:5 – *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*

EPHESIANS 1:6 – *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

ANSWER KEY

1. What kind of relationship can this man have with the family while this kind of thing is going on?
   A relationship full of unforgiveness, bitterness, and strife

2. Read Hebrews 10:1. What could the Law not do?
   Make those that worship perfect (without defect or flaw)

3. Read Hebrews 10:1. What does this verse say that gives us an indication that the sacrifices of the Old Testament were inadequate to make us perfect?
   They were repeated continually—daily, weekly, monthly. The very fact that they were repeated proved they couldn't permanently deal with the problem of sin

4. Read Hebrews 10:2. If a sacrifice came that could really deal with sin, what would it do for the worshipers?
   It would cause them to no longer be sin conscious (always beat down by failure)

5. What was the drunk driver forced to do?
   Think about his sin always

6. Read Hebrews 10:14. God perfects His people by:
   D. The offering (sacrifice) of Jesus

7. Read Hebrews 10:14. Jesus' offering (received by faith) perfects the believer:
   C. Forever

8. Read Genesis 20:1-18. Answer the following questions. Who are the two men mentioned in this story?
   Abraham and Abimelech

9. Read Genesis 20:2 and 5. Who was the man who lied and deceived the other in this story?
   Abraham

10. Read Genesis 20:7. I am sure that God did not approve of Abraham's actions. But who did God side with, Abraham or Abimelech?
    Abraham

    Why? Read Genesis 15:1, 18, and James 2:23.
    Because Abraham had a covenant with God and was a friend of God

11. Read Genesis 20:7 and 17-18. Even though Abraham was in the wrong, who did God say should pray for the other?
    A. Abraham was to pray for Abimelech

12. Read Romans 8:31. Even though we sometimes fail, who is on our side?
    God

ANSWER KEY

13. Read Romans 4:8. Even though we make mistakes, what did God say He would not do?
Impute our sin to us; that is, hold our sins against us

14. Read Hebrews 8:12-13. In the New Covenant, what did God promise He would not do?
God will not remember our sins or hold them against us

15. Read Ephesians 2:5, 8-9. How are we saved?
By His grace; that is, by His undeserved favor and kindness toward us

16. Read Titus 3:5. How are we not saved?
By works of righteousness we have done

How are we saved?
According to His mercy. He washed us by the new birth (regeneration) and made us new by His Holy Spirit

17. Read Ephesians 1:6. We will praise God throughout all eternity for saving us by His _____. For He hath made us _____ in the beloved (Christ Jesus).
Grace / accepted

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 11
I AM LOVED, I AM PRETTY

By Don Krow

One day, Michael came into my office to tell me some very confidential information about one of his fellow students. As I was lecturing in one of my sessions at Charis Bible College, it appeared that Patricia was writing herself some notes on her legal pad. Her notes contained these statements: "I am loved, I am pretty," etc. Patricia was also the kind of person that always dressed in a way that brought attention to herself. The real reason that Patricia expressed these words was the fact that she didn't feel loved or pretty, but felt rejected and unloved.

As humans, we all have the same basic needs—the desire to be loved, accepted, and valued, as well as having a sense of self-worth and knowing that we are right with God. A lot of religion today makes us feel unloved, not valued, and not accepted. One of the greatest strongholds that Satan uses against believers is the feeling of guilt and condemnation, while all along making us feel quite spiritual about it.

Here's a question: How many of you when you first came to Jesus were told that not only did He love you, but by accepting Him, He would become your perfect righteousness? In fact, the righteousness He would supply would be all the righteousness you would ever need (1 Corinthians 1:30 says, *"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*"). This is the good news of the Gospel: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith*" (Rom. 1:16-17). *"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness*" (Rom. 4:5). God did not call us to have faith in faith or faith for stuff, but a confident, reliant, dependent trust in Him.

God can't love you anymore than He already does. He is love (1 John 4:8). But you can receive it more, feel it more, and experience it more. The more you believe it, the more you will find yourself loving God. The Scripture says, *"We love Him, because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). Think about this, believe it, and receive it!

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 8:38-39. What was the Apostle Paul persuaded of?

2. When I was in Bible college, I had a professor who passed out some notes that stated: "Justification is the judicial act whereby God declares righteous anyone who believes, not makes righteous." As I studied the Scriptures for myself, I became convinced that justification is a gift of righteousness that makes you righteous in God's sight. Read Romans 5:19. Through Jesus Christ's obedience (of keeping the Law and going to the cross), many will be:
   A. Declared righteous
   B. Thought to be righteous
   C. Made righteous

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. "For he [God] hath made him [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin [He never sinned]; that we might be _____" (brackets mine).

4. Read Colossians 1:21-22. Jesus Christ came to earth and died for our sins. Because of this, we stand in God's presence as people who are holy, faultless, and innocent in:
   A. Your spouse's sight
   B. Your friends' sight
   C. God's sight

5. Read Ephesians 1:6. We will praise God throughout all eternity for His grace because He has made us _____ .

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ROMANS 8:38-39 – *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **[39]** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord.*

ROMANS 5:19 – *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 – *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

COLOSSIANS 1:21-22 – *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **[22]** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight.*

EPHESIANS 1:6 – *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

6. Read Hebrews 10:14. Through Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross, we have been perfected for how long?
   A. Until you sin again
   B. Until you go to church
   C. Forever

7. Read Hebrews 10:15-17. In the New Covenant, God promises to remember our sins:
   A. Every time we commit one
   B. When we don't pay our tithes
   C. No more

8. Read Romans 6:1-2. God's grace is greater than all our sin. Should we continue in sin so that God's grace can be shown to be great?

9. Read Hebrews 9:12. What kind of redemption (freedom from the penalty of our sins) did Jesus obtain for us?
   A. Temporal redemption
   B. Partial redemption
   C. Eternal redemption

10. Read Romans 8:33. Name someone who can bring a charge against God's chosen ones.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

HEBREWS 10:14-17 – *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. **[15]** Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, **[16]** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; **[17]** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

ROMANS 6:1-2 – *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **[2]** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

HEBREWS 9:12 – *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

ROMANS 8:33 – *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

11. Read Romans 8:34. Name someone who can condemn (that is, bring into judgment) God's people.

12. Read Romans 8:35. Name someone who can separate a Christian from God's love.

13. Read Romans 8:31. What is the conclusion to this discipleship lesson?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ROMANS 8:34-35 – *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **[35]** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

ROMANS 8:31 – *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read Romans 8:38-39. What was the Apostle Paul persuaded of?
He was persuaded that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, angels or spirits, the present or the future, powers above or powers below. Nothing can separate us from God's love found in Christ Jesus our Lord

2. When I was in Bible college, I had a professor who passed out some notes that stated: "Justification is the judicial act whereby God declares righteous anyone who believes, not ***makes*** righteous." As I studied the Scriptures for myself, I became convinced that ***justification is a gift of righteousness that makes you righteous in God's sight***. Read Romans 5:19. Through Jesus Christ's obedience (of keeping the Law and going to the cross), many will be:
C. Made righteous

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. "For he [God] hath made him [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin [He never sinned]; that we might be _____ " (brackets mine).
"Made the righteousness of God in Christ"

4. Read Colossians 1:21-22. Jesus Christ came to earth and died for our sins. Because of this, we stand in God's presence as people who are holy, faultless, and innocent in:
C. God's sight

5. Read Ephesians 1:6. We will praise God throughout all eternity for His grace because He hath made us _____ .
Accepted in the Beloved (that is, Christ)

6. Read Hebrews 10:14. Through Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross, we have been perfected for how long?
C. Forever

7. Read Hebrews 10:15-17. In the New Covenant God promises to remember our sins:
C. No more

8. Read Romans 6:1-2. God's grace is greater than all our sin. Should we continue in sin so that God's grace can be shown to be great?
God forbid. No!

9. Read Hebrews 9:12. What kind of redemption (freedom from the penalty of our sins) did Jesus obtain for us?
C. Eternal redemption

10. Read Romans 8:33. Name someone who can bring a charge against God's chosen people.
There is no one

ANSWER KEY

11. Read Romans 8:34. Name someone who can condemn (that is, bring into judgment) God's people.
There is no one

12. Read Romans 8:35. Name someone who can separate a Christian from God's love.
There is no one

13. Read Romans 8:31. What is the conclusion to this discipleship lesson?
That God is for us, and no one can be against us

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 12
THE FRUIT OF SALVATION - Part 1

By Don Krow

Can a one-time act of faith "save" if it does not continue? Can it cease and still receive the promise? Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him as righteousness (Gen. 15:6). If Abraham's faith ceased (stopped), would imputed righteousness cease?

From Scripture, we know that "faith" begins as a complete one-time action (*aorist tense*) but continues in the Christian life as is brought out by the Greek *present tense*. Commands that are given in the *present tense* are expected to have continuous, or repeated, application. When using the *present tense*, if we would supply the following words or phrases to the Bible reader, we would significantly enhance his or her understanding of Bible passages. These words are: ***repeatedly; that is, over and over again, constantly, continuously, customarily, as a habit or lifestyle, or uninterruptedly***.

Consider the following passages and how the Greek present tense affects them:

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth [present tense: believes and continues to believe] **in him should not perish, but have everlasting life**. (Brackets mine)

Hebrews 10:14 – For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified *[present tense: those that are set apart and continue to be set apart, that one offering has perfected forever. The* New King James Version s*ays "<u>being</u> sanctified." The* New International Version *says "being made holy"].* (Brackets and emphasis mine)

1 John 3:9 – Whosoever is born of God doth not *[present tense: i.e., he does not continue to sin as his lifestyle, showing an unrepentant heart]* **commit sin; for his seed remaineth** *[present tense: God's seed remains and continues to remain]* **in him: and he cannot** *[present tense: as his lifestyle or uninterruptedly]* **sin, because he is born of God**. (Brackets mine)

Mark 1:15 – And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye *[present tense: i.e., repent and continue to repent as often as the situation or need arises]***, and believe** *[present tense: i.e., believe and continue to believe]* **the gospel**. (Brackets mine)

John 5:24 – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth *[present tense: and continues to believe]* **on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life**. (Brackets mine)

Luke 15:7 – I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth *[present tense: and continues in repentance]***, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance**. (Brackets mine)

Acts 17:30 – And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth *[present tense: and continues to command]* **all men every where to repent** *[present tense: and to continue in repentance]*. (Brackets mine)

John 6:47 – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth *[present tense: and continues to believe]* **on me hath everlasting life**. (Brackets mine)

Romans 4:5 – But to him that worketh not, but believeth *[present tense: and continues to believe]* **on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness**. (Brackets mine)

Acts 26:20 – But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent *[present tense: and continues in repentance]* **and turn** *[present tense: and continues to turn]* **to God, and do** *[present tense: and continues to do works, or deeds, that prove your repentance]* **works meet for repentance**. (Brackets mine)

Conclusion: The *present tense* is used hundreds of times in Scripture. It is not my intention to show all the scriptures that relate to this subject. The truth about saving faith is that it is continuous and is taught by both Arminianism and Calvinism theology, although they come from different perspectives.

Calvinism, which professes eternal security, teaches that genuine believers may stumble or fall, but they will nevertheless persevere in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 1:8). Those who believe in eternal security believe also that true Christians have experienced a death to sin and will not continue in it (Rom. 6:1-3). Those who would later turn completely away from Christ show that they were never truly born again (1 John 2:19).

Arminian theology teaches that genuine believers can fall away from the Christian faith. They generally believe and teach that those who do fall away lose, or forfeit, their salvation. Their system makes no room for so-called Christians (those by name only) to live in continuous rebellion or deliberate sin with no fruit that proves their repentance.

The Apostle John said, *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8), but he also said, "*Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin*" (1 John 3:9). Here we have a paradox, but not an inconsistency in Scripture. All Christians sin (1 John 1:8), but all Christians

also obey (1 John 2:3). Sin and carnality are still present with Christians, but sin cannot be their master or distinguishing trait (1 John 3:9). True repentance and faith requires a change of mind, a change of heart, a change of direction, even though it is not perfection (Acts 26:18 and 1 John 1:8). "Fruit" is still a test of faith's reality and genuineness. Faith is a firm supernatural conviction that governs the true believer's behavior and results in accompanying actions. This is shown from the examples of faith in Hebrews, chapter 11, that results in corresponding actions. In other words, what we do is the outcome of what we believe. The book of James 2:18 says, *"Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works."*

When the apostles speak in a negative way about works, they are referring to "works of the Law"; that is, anything one is doing to earn, or work for, their salvation.

The Scriptures also speak of the fruit of salvation, which is good works, or works of faith. Those are the works, or actions, that proceed from repentance and faith (Acts 26:20, Matt 3:7-10, 1 Thess. 1:3, and James 2:14-26), they show the evidence of salvation. The unity that is expressed between both repentance and faith is that they both have the same fruit or evidence: good works. We are not saved by good works, but we are saved unto good works (Eph. 2:8-10 for the contrast of being saved by and unto). Works are a test of faith's reality, and grace that does not eventually affect one's life and actions cannot be considered being the true grace of God (Titus 2:11-12). Jesus teaches that by fruit, true believers will be known (Matt. 3:8, 7:16-20, 25:34-40; John 13:35, 14:23; Acts 26:20; Rom. 2:6-11; James 2:14-18; and 1 John 3:10).

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Commands that are given in the present tense are expected to have _____.

2. Read John 3:16. According to the present tense in the Greek, what is John 3:16 stating?

3. Read 1 John 3:9. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. What does this mean?

4. Read Luke 15:7. There is joy in heaven over one sinner that _____ .

5. Read Acts 17:30. God commands all men everywhere to _____ .

6. Read Acts 26:20. What is this verse stating?

7. Read 1 John 2:3. What is the outcome of having a personal relationship with God, that is, knowing Him?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

JOHN 3:16 – *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

1 JOHN 3:9 – *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

LUKE 15:7 – *I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.*

ACTS 17:30 – *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.*

ACTS 26:20 – *But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.*

1 JOHN 2:3 – *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read James 2:18. James says, "Show me your faith with out your works (which is impossible to do), and I will show you my faith by _____."

9. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:3. Works, or actions, that proceed from faith are referred to as _____.

10. Read Galatians 2:16, 21. Works of the Law are works that people do in order to try to obtain salvation or _____ (verse 21). They cannot save, they have no saving power.

11. Read Romans 2:7-10. These verses are describing the fruit of what two groups of people?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

JAMES 2:18 – *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.*

1 THESSALONIANS 1:3 – *Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.*

GALATIANS 2:16 – *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

GALATIANS 2:21 – *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

ROMANS 2:7-10 – *To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **[8]** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, **[9]** Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; **[10]** But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Commands that are given in the present tense are expected to have _____ .
   Continuous, or repeated, application

2. Read John 3:16. According to the present tense in the Greek, what is John 3:16 stating?
   For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth *(present tense: believes and continues to believe)* ***in him should not perish, but have everlasting life***

3. Read 1 John 3:9. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. What does this mean?
   Whosoever is born of God doth not *(present tense: i.e., he does not continue to sin as his lifestyle, showing an unrepentant heart)* ***commit sin***

4. Read Luke 15:7. There is joy in heaven over one sinner that _____ .
   Repents and continues in repentance

5. Read Acts 17:30. God commands all men everywhere to _____ .
   Repent and continue in repentance

6. Read Acts 26:20. What is this verse stating?
   But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent *(present tense: and continue in repentance) and turn (present tense: and continue to turn)* **to God, and do** *(present tense: and continue to do works or deeds that prove your repentance)* **works meet for repentance**

7. Read 1 John 2:3. What is the outcome of having a personal relationship with God, that is, knowing Him?
   Doing what He says, keeping His commandments

8. Read James 2:18. James says, "Show me your faith without your works (which is impossible to do), and I will show you my faith by _____ ."
   Works, or by what I do

9. Read 1 Thess. 1:3. Works, or actions, that proceed from faith are referred to as _____ .
   Works of faith

10. Read Galatians 2:16, 21. Works of the law are works that people do in order to try to obtain salvation or _____ (verse 21). They cannot save, they have no saving power.
    Righteousness

ANSWER KEY

11. Read Romans 2:7-10. These verses are describing the fruit of what two groups of people?
Believers and nonbelievers

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 13
THE FRUIT OF SALVATION - Part 2

By Don Krow

Notice this scripture: *"This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother"* (1 John 3:10, *New International Version*). It did not say, "This is how we save ourselves." It says, *"This is **how we know** who the children of God are."* (1 John 3:10, emphasis mine).

Jesus said it like this, *"By their fruits **ye shall know them**"* (Matt. 7:20, emphasis mine).

In Scripture, God speaks of salvation in two ways: (1) that salvation is by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-9) and (2) in terms of the good works that every saved person will perform (Eph. 2:10). Why are we afraid to speak of the fruit of the believer? The Bible does not shy away from such a subject. Here is ***how we can know*** we are in God's kingdom and under God's rule:

1 John 2:3-5 – *We know* **that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is** *how we know* **we are in him.** (Emphasis mine)

If **you know** that He is righteous, **you know** that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him (1 John 2:29). (Doesn't this make sense? The nature of God and Christ is righteousness, and everyone who practices righteousness is giving evidence of sharing His nature or, as John says, has been born of Him).

1 John 3:5-10 – But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No-one who lives in him keeps on sinning. *[In Greek, this is in the present tense; this conveys continuous, or habitual, action. The Bible reader can significantly enhance their understanding of the passage by supplying the words: continuously, repeatedly, over and over again, uninterruptedly, constantly, keep on, customarily, habitually, as a lifestyle.]* **No-one who continues to sin** *[present tense]* **has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does** *[present tense: repeatedly, over and over again does]* **what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful** *[present tense: habitual as a lifestyle because it's their nature]* **is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No-one who is born of God will continue to sin** *[present tense: that is, as their lifestyle,*

showing an unrepentant heart], **because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning** *[present tense: uninterruptedly]*, **because he has been born of God. This is** *how we know* **who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does** *[present tense]* **not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love** *[present tense]* **his brother** (brackets and emphasis mine). *(John says, "This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are." Those who do not practice righteousness and love show that they do not have the nature of the Father. Is evidence of the new birth not important?)*

1 John 3:14 – *We know* **that** *we have passed* **from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death**. (Emphasis mine)

1 John 4:6 – We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us *[the apostles]***; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us** *[the apostles]***. This is** *how we recognize* **the Spirit** *[or spirit]* **of truth and the spirit of falsehood**. (Brackets and emphasis mine)

1 John 4:8 – He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. *(Love is the mark of a believer, for the nature of God is love.)*

1 John 5:2 – This is *how we know* that we love the children of God: by loving God *[present tense: and continually loving Him]* **and carrying out** *[present tense: and continuing to keep]* **his commands**. (Brackets mine)

1 John 5:18-19 – *We know* **that anyone born of God does not continue to sin** *[present tense: as a lifestyle, showing an unrepentant heart]***; the one who was born of God keeps him safe** *[*King James Version – *keepeth himself, present tense: and continues to keep himself]*, **and the evil one cannot harm him.** [19] *We know* **that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one**. (Brackets and emphasis mine)

WHY DID THE APOSTLE JOHN SHARE ALL THESE THINGS WITH US? I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God *so that you may know* that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13).

Conclusion: Righteousness, holiness, love, the fruit of God's Spirit are evidences of the new birth. You yourself have no confidence that you belong to Him (God) while practicing an ungodly lifestyle. The conscience condemns, and there is no confidence toward God. The Apostle Peter admonishes you to make your calling and election sure (2 Pet. 1:10); i.e., assure your heart that you really do belong to Him by a lifestyle that corresponds to the glorious Gospel. I did not say, "This is how we are saved"; I said, "This is *how we know* we belong to Him."

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 8:13 and 18-22. First John is speaking about the "fruit," or evidence, of a true believer. These are all issues that spring from the heart. When a believer's heart is found not to be right (such as Simon's), what are they to do?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 8:13 – *Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.*

ACTS 8:18-22 – *And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, **[19]** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. **[20]** But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. **[21]** Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. **[22]** Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

2. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. What is the proof, or evidence, that a person is really among those God has called and chosen?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

2 PETER 1:5-11 – *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **[6]** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **[7]** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **[8]** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **[9]** But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. **[10]** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **[11]** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

3. Read Matthew 25:34-40. What are the qualities demon strated by the believer in these verses?

4. Read John 13:35. Jesus' disciples are known by what?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 25:34-40 – *Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:* ***[35]*** *For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:* ***[36]*** *Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.* ***[37]*** *Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?* ***[38]*** *When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?* ***[39]*** *Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?* ***[40]*** *And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

JOHN 13:35 – *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

5. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Why were these individuals turned away from God's kingdom?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 7:21-23 – *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.* ***[22]*** *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?* ***[23]*** *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

6. Read John 14:23. If a person loves Jesus, what will they do?

7. Read Acts 26:20. What is this verse saying?

8. Read James 2:17. If your faith is not followed by good works, or actions, then what kind of faith is it?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

JOHN 14:23 – *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

ACTS 26:20 – *But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.*

JAMES 2:17 – *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read Acts 8:13, 18-22. First John is speaking about the "fruit," or evidence of a true believer. These are all issues that spring from the heart. When a believer's heart is found not to be right (such as Simon's), what are they to do?
   Repent of your sin (wickedness) and pray to God that the thought of your heart be forgiven

2. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. What is the proof, or evidence, that a person is really among those God has called and chosen?
   They add to their faith all the qualities of the Spirit, the qualities of their new nature

3. Read Matthew 25:34-40. What are the qualities demonstrated by the believer in these verses?
   Practical works that proceed from faith—such as giving food to the hungry, hospitality toward others, clothing the destitute, caring for the sick, reaching out to those in prison, etc.

4. Read John 13:35. Jesus' disciples are known by what?
   The love they show one another

5. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Why were these individuals turned away from God's kingdom?
   They were workers of iniquity. In Greek, the present tense is used, which indicates that iniquity was their lifestyle, their nature. Jesus said He never knew them. They were lost religious people that had never had a change of heart, a change of mind that turned them toward God

6. Read John 14:23. If a person loves Jesus, what will they do?
   Keep His Words, or do His sayings

7. Read Acts 26:20. What is this verse saying?
   Prove your repentance by what you do

8. Read James 2:17. If your faith is not followed by good works, or actions, then what kind of faith is it?
   Dead faith, Non-saving faith (James 2:14)

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 14
A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

By Andrew Wommack

Today we're going to talk about being a disciple and how to make disciples of other people. I want to remind you that the Lord gave us a command not to go make converts, not to just get people to confess Jesus as their Lord and receive forgiveness of sins, but to make disciples. Although those first two are vital, and I'm not minimizing that at all, the real purpose has to be to go beyond being born again and to go on to maturity. The goal of a Christian, who is a disciple, should be to go and make disciples of other people.

Jesus told us to go and make disciples, to bring people to maturity, and to be able to reproduce. Our church world today hasn't done this. We've put the responsibility of getting people born again on what we call the clergy, or ministers. We have evangelists who travel around, hold large crusades, and see thousands of people make decisions for the Lord. Though some of them are not really born again but are just experiencing emotions, I'm sure there are people who are truly born again and have a relationship with the Lord. Most of the time, however, there's not an emphasis on going on and becoming a disciple, and that's not the way God intended it to be.

I compare this to a person who loves babies. It would be totally irresponsible to have a baby, be excited about him or her, but only like seeing him or her born. When you have a child, you have to assume responsibility to train and raise that child. We tell people, "The main thing is to get born again, to confess Jesus as your Lord." When that happens, we pat them on the back and say, "Now you're a Christian. Believe God, study the Bible, and everything will be okay." That is not the Lord's emphasis.

Because of this, we've produced people, many of whom have made heartfelt commitments to the Lord, but have no maturity. They are unable to reproduce their faith because there is no material to help them. Instead of being positive witnesses for Jesus, they actually become negative witnesses. He intends for us to go out and reach people in a way that they become full-fledged disciples and are able to reproduce their faith in others.

If you led one person to the Lord every six months, separated yourself and discipled them to the point that they became a mature Christian who could reproduce their faith, at the end of six months there'd only be two Christians. Then, if each one of you led one person to the Lord, separated yourselves and discipled them for six months, at the end of a year there'd be four Christians. This doesn't look comparable to a person who could lead a thousand people to the

Lord in a crusade and get them to confess Jesus. Most people would say, "Well, this discipleship method only produces four converts in the first year, whereas the other method would produce a thousand converts. We have to go with the other one." The man who could lead a thousand people to the Lord would have led 35,000 people to the Lord. That's good, and nobody would criticize it; but it's just a drop in the bucket compared to the world population. Basically, that's the way the church has been functioning.

If we emphasize discipleship, the person who leads one person to the Lord every six months and those two do the same, in just a little over twelve and a half years they would evangelize more than the population of the world. Some people think *That can't be*, but I challenge you to figure it out. I've multiplied it out, and in a little over twelve-and-a-half years, one person discipling another person every six months, making them a reproducing member of the body of Christ, could evangelize five and a half billion people versus twelve-and-a-half thousand people with the other method.

If we could get you to where you not only experienced victory and maturity yourself but had a desire to go out and reproduce it in other people, if you became the trainer instead of the trainee, here are some of the things that could happen if only one person got a hold of this concept, followed the Lord to a place of maturity, and started discipling another person. If you only did this with one person per year, at the end of one year, there would be you and the person you discipled—two. At the end of two years, there'd be four. But, if you could continue to follow that, at the end of ten years there'd be 1,024 people who had been discipled and were reproducing members of the body of Christ. If you continued, with only one person originally receiving this, at the end of twenty years there'd be over a million people. That's awesome. This is the method of multiplication that the Lord established—going and making disciples, not going and making converts. It's by far the best way to expand the kingdom to reach people, but our mindset is looking for the quick fix.

How many people go to large crusades, make commitments, go proclaim to be Christians, still have anger, bitterness, and jealousy, and become negative witnesses? If we want to count statistics, how many people have been turned away from the true Gospel because they saw someone who proclaimed Christianity and thought, *I'm as good as the hypocrites down there at church. I don't need it.*

The whole point is that discipleship is the method God set down for evangelizing the world. The truth doesn't make you free until you continue in the Word (John 8:31-32). That's what God wants for each individual so they can experience His fullness, but it's also the method of evangelism that He set down. Whoever decided that was not the way to do it has substituted another method that hasn't worked.

I pray that God speaks this to your heart to show you the value of discipleship. I encourage you to go on and become a disciple and a discipler of other people.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. It may surprise you to know that Jesus never called anyone to become a "Christian," rather His call was for people to become "disciples." Look through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), and on a separate sheet of paper, find and list as many scriptures as you can that show Jesus' calling was to discipleship.

2. In the book of Acts, people were not invited to be "Christians," rather their call was to become "disciples." Look through the book of Acts, and on a separate sheet of paper, find and list as many scriptures as you can that show people being called to discipleship.

3. In Scripture, the word "disciple(s)" is used a total of 273 times. In all the Bible, the word "Christian(s) is used a total of three times. List and write out on a separate sheet of paper the three times that the word "Christian(s)" is used in Scripture.

4. Read Matthew 10:25. What is a disciple, according to this verse?

5. Read Luke 14:26. True or false: Being Jesus' disciple means the unconditional sacrifice of one's life for the whole of another's life.

6. Read Luke 14:33. True or false: In at least some cases, being Jesus' disciple meant the literal abandonment of everything, to put the claim of Jesus first.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 10:25 – *It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?*

LUKE 14:26 – *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*

LUKE 14:33 – *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

7. Read Matthew 19:29. True or false: Everyone that has forsaken houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, or lands, for Jesus' sake, will receive a hundred times as much, and shall inherit everlasting life.

8. Read Acts 14:22. True or false: Disciples need to continue in the faith.

9. Read Hebrews 10:14. True or false: The real objection that some have to the Scriptures that emphasize discipleship is that to be a "Christian" requires no effort (it is by grace), but to be a "disciple" requires real sacrifice and commitment. The truth is that the redemption of Christ required no effort on our part; it is perfect and requires no effort from us, but Christ's call was always for our whole and absolute life.

10. Read Acts 11:26. True or false: Christ's call was not for two kinds of believers, some to be Christians that remain carnal and some to be disciples. In reality, Christians and disciples were supposed to be the same.

11. Read Matthew 28:19. Jesus' commission to the believers was to go and make:
    A. Disciples
    B. Converts of all nations

12. Read Matthew 28:20. True or false: Believers are to teach others to obey everything that Jesus commanded.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MATTHEW 19:29 – *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

ACTS 14:22 – *Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*

HEBREWS 10:14 – *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

ACTS 11:26 – *And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*

MATTHEW 28:19-20 – *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **[20]** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

13. Read John 1:12. True or false: Jesus did offer His benefits (forgiveness, justification, etc.), but not without taking His person.

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

JOHN 1:12 – *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

ANSWER KEY

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Acts 11:26, 26:28; and 1 Peter 4:16

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A disciple is one who becomes like his teacher or master

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True

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True

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ANSWER KEY

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 15
HOW TO USE YOUR TESTIMONY

By Don Krow

Today I want to talk to you about using your personal testimony. Acts 5:42 says, *"And every day in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (New American Standard Version).* Notice that the disciples of the early church met in the temple every day, and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. Many people feel a house-to-house or door-to-door type of approach is unnatural or uncomfortable. I want to share a few things we've learned in actually going out, having doors opened for discipleship, and seeing people converted and turning to Jesus Christ.

It's not nearly as hard as you've been told, and one of the things I noticed in the Scriptures is that the Apostle Paul used his personal testimony three times when talking to an unconverted person. In Acts 9, 22, and 26, he gave his testimony, his experience, and what happened to him as he talked to unbelievers. One of the best approaches we have found in bringing the message of Jesus Christ to other people is what we call "prayer-walking." We go to a door, knock, and tell them, "We're just in the area praying for people. We believe God hears and answers prayer, and we wondered if you're having any problems in your family—health or other problems—and would like for us to pray for you." Sometimes they say "Well, yes, I have a problem" and want us to pray; other times they feel a little uncomfortable or embarrassed and say, "No, we don't have any prayer requests at this time." Then we just begin to tell them our personal testimony.

I say, "I notice you have children. I have three of my own. On December 14, 1981, my girls who were twins were born. The second twin born was stillborn." They reply, "Oh, I'm so sorry to hear about that." Then I say, "Don't be sorry. Let me tell you what happened." I begin to tell the story. The second twin to be born had a breech birth; that is, she was born feet first. Oxygen was cut off from her sometime during the birth process. She was stillborn; that is, she was born dead.

The midwife picked her up, slapped her (hitting her as hard as she could), suctioned her lungs in case fluid had filled them, did everything she could, and finally gave up. I was like any other father. I just lost my daughter—what am I going to do? At this point, I say to the people at the door, "I would like to ask you, have you ever read much of the Bible?" They say "Well, I've read a little bit" or sometimes "No, not really." I explain, "The reason I'm asking is because the Bible says in Acts 10:38 that Jesus went about doing good, healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him. I'm just going to tell you what happened. You can take it or leave it for whatever it means to you, but my baby was dead, and I was thinking that in a few days,

we would bury her. I thought to myself, *I just want to hold her*. As I went to pick her up, there was an evil presence over her, which the Bible calls a demonic spirit. It physically attacked me and paralyzed me momentarily. Immediately when that happened, I said, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you, unclean spirit, to get off this baby, and I command life into this child in Jesus' name.' That little baby, who had never breathed, gasped, took one breath, and then ceased to breathe. I said again, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, you unclean spirit, I command you off of this child right now, and life to come into her!' This time she gasped several times, breathed, and continued to breathe."

I call the person I am talking to by name and say, "You know, after a period of about three minutes, a person without oxygen to the brain has brain damage. My daughter is perfectly normal in every way. We named her Vita, which in Latin means 'life,' because we wanted to tell the story of what God did for her. He brought life back into her. From that time on, I've studied the Bible a lot, and this is what I've discovered: Just like the unclean spirit over my child, there is a kingdom of darkness, a dominion of Satan and his rule, and there is a kingdom of God's dear Son.

"When Jesus came to the earth, He began to call people out of the kingdom of darkness into His own kingdom through repentance and faith in Him—receiving the forgiveness of sins and turning to follow Him. I don't know what you believe, but I'm just telling you what happened in my family and in my life. I want to tell you the real reason we're at your door. Jesus told us to go make disciples. I realize a lot of people are busy and can't go to church or don't want to. If you have a question there, you can't raise your hand and say, 'Pastor (or priest), what does what you just said mean?' So, this is why we're coming to your door. In ten minutes, we have a concentrated teaching from God's Word. Then we go to the Scriptures and ask some questions to make sure we all understand. It's really a dialog that goes back and forth. We're not preaching at people or telling them what the Bible says, but trying to help them discover what it says by asking a few questions.

"Would that interest you? We'll set up a time at your convenience, come here to your home, and just talk to you and give you the lesson. If you don't get something out of the very first lesson, if it doesn't help, encourage, and build you up, you'll never see our faces again. We're not here to bother you, to get you to join a church or organization, or anything like that. We're only here to tell you what Jesus Christ did for you personally and help you come to understand the Word of God for yourself. There are a lot of things in the Bible we don't know or understand completely, but we're here to offer you a short study. Would you be interested in that?" A lot of people have said "Yes, I would be interested," so we set up a time to go into their homes and begin these discipleship lessons. We're not there to do what I call "microwave evangelism," twist their arm, and get them to say a little prayer when they don't even understand what they're doing. We follow the discipleship lessons and help them understand Christ and Him crucified.

I told a pastor about our discipleship lessons, and he said, "Don, what happens after the first lesson?" After the first lesson, a person understands what they need to do to respond to Jesus Christ and to receive the mercy and pardon He offers. We're not high-pressure salesmen.

That's not our approach, but through the first lesson, they'll come to a realization of what they need to do from their heart. He then asked, "Well, what happens after lesson 15?" I said, "After lesson 15, if a person has stayed with us, they will have repented of their sins and been water-baptized and baptized with the Holy Sprit. We're seeing that kind of thing happen, not after lesson 15, but even after lesson 6."

In Matthew 28, Jesus said to go into the nations and make disciples and, in the process, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the midst of discipling, we bring understanding of Jesus Christ and Him crucified to the unbeliever. In bringing that understanding week after week, we build a relationship with them, a friendship. They come to love and trust us. We're bringing God's Word to them, not coming to preach at them. We're reading the Scriptures, getting them to read them, and asking questions in a way that they see the answers from God's Word for themselves. Week after week, we see people come to a place where they're willing to openly confess Christ because they know what it means to accept Him, to follow Him, and to be committed to Him. It's much different than many of the evangelism approaches today.

The way we go out to reach the lost is first of all by personal testimony, and each of us has a personal testimony. Many times we write our own tracts. I wrote one called "The Death of My Daughter," which I leave at doors many times. Other people on our Discipleship Evangelism team have written tracts, like "A Slave Set Free," by Joe Rose, who was bound by alcohol and drugs and "The Death of a Dope Fiend," by Rocky Forry, who was bound by drugs since he was fifteen years old and Jesus set him free. We tell these testimonies at people's doors.

Some people say, "But I don't have a dynamic testimony. I didn't see my baby raised from the dead after eight minutes." I realize a lot of people don't have those kinds of testimonies. You might have a testimony like Andrew Wommack who had the power of God sustain his life, which, throughout his childhood, kept him out of the sin, filth, and ungodliness most people deal with. Each one of us has a testimony, and if you don't think yours is dynamic enough, use mine. When we first began our Discipleship Evangelism teams and started reaching out to people, Joe Rose used my testimony. After a while, he gave it better than I did, so I'd just say, "Hey, Joe, go ahead and tell them what happened to me."

If the Apostle Paul used his personal testimony three times in the New Testament in reaching the lost, you can do it too. We have computers today with all kinds of programs: Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or whatever. It's very easy to set up a tract of your own personal testimony. It's much more effective to say, "This is not something I bought at a Bible book store. It's what happened to me that I'm sharing with you."

I'd like for you to sit down and begin to write your personal testimony—what happened to you—how you came to Jesus Christ. Then give your testimony to someone as if you were presenting it at someone's door.

If you need more information on this subject, go to my website: **www.krowtracts.com** and look at the information on "Tips on Sharing Your Faith." Write your personal testimony, practice presenting it, and study "Tips on Sharing Your Faith." It is very important that you study it—not just read it—as you go out and evangelize the nations, one person at a time. God bless you.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 16:15. Who is the Gospel to be proclaimed to?

2. Read Matthew 28:19-20. Who should be discipled?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MARK 16:15 – *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

MATTHEW 28:19-20 – *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:* ***[20]*** *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

3. Read Acts 8:5, 26; 16:13-15, 23; and 20:20-21. Where did evangelism take place?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 8:5 – *Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.*

ACTS 8:26 – *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

ACTS 16:13-15 – *And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. **[14]** And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. **[15]** And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.*

ACTS 16:23 – *And when they had laid many stripes upon them they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely.*

ACTS 20:20-21 – *And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shown you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to hous **[21]** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

4. Read Mark 4:11-12. Before true conversion can take place, a person must:
   A. See
   B. Perceive
   C. Hear
   D. Understand
   E. All of the above

5. Read Acts 28:23-24. When Paul expounded and testified about the Gospel, how long did he do so in order to convince people of the claims of Jesus?

6. Read Acts 16:14. When someone truly turns to Christ, what has to be opened?

7. Read Acts 2:37. What happens when a person's heart is opened and they are convicted?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

MARK 4:11-12 – *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: **[12]** That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.*

ACTS 28:23-24 – *And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. **[24]** And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.*

ACTS 16:14 – *And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*

ACTS 2:37 – *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read Acts 16:31 and 2:38. And what is a person to do?

9. Read Acts 2:42 and John 8:31-32. And then what is a person to do?

10. Read Romans 10:14-15. In reverse order (in these scriptures), how does a person come to Christ?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

ACTS 16:31 – *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

ACTS 2:38 – *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

ACTS 2:42 – *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

JOHN 8:31-32 – *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;* ***[32]*** *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

ROMANS 10:14-15 – *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?* ***[15]*** *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

ANSWER KEY

1. Read Mark 16:15. Who is the Gospel to be proclaimed to?
   Every creature, everyone

2. Read Matthew 28:19-20. Who should be discipled?
   The people of all nations

3. Read Acts 8:5, 26; 16:13-15, 23; 20:20-21. Where did evangelism take place?
   In cities, deserts, riversides, jails, in public, and from house to house

4. Read Mark 4:11-12. Before true conversion can take place, a person must:
   E. All of the above

5. Read Acts 28:23-24. When Paul expounded and testified about the gospel, how long did he do so in order to convince people of the claims of Jesus?
   From morning till evening, probably around six to eight hours

6. Read Acts 16:14. When someone truly turns to Christ, what has to be opened?
   The heart, the center-most part of man's being

7. Read Acts 2:37. What happens when a person's heart is opened and they are convicted?
   If they respond correctly, they will ask, "What shall I do?"

8. Read Acts 16:31 and 2:38. And what is a person to do?
   Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and be baptized

9. Read Acts 2:42 and John 8:31-32. And then what is a person to do?
   Continue in the apostle's doctrine (teaching). Continue to learn and practice Jesus' words

10. Read Romans 10:14-15. In reverse order (in these scriptures), how does a person come to Christ?
    Someone is sent. Someone is preached, or proclaimed, to. Because they hear the message of Christ, they can believe. Because they believe, they call on the name of the Lord for salvation

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LEVEL 3

LESSON 16
USING EVERYONE'S GIFTS TO DISCIPLE

By Don Krow

Everyone's gifts can be used to disciple. We've been working with this discipleship program for many years with great success, seeing people's lives changed by being born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and water baptized. One day I was talking to a friend and said, "We're missing some things—they're falling through the cracks." He said, "I thought everything was working great. What do you mean?"

What I'm going to share with you is how to bring an inward church—where people just sit, listen to the pastor, and go home—to be an outward church where they reach beyond the four walls of the church building. These are the real statistics: 95 percent of all Christians have never led anybody to the Lord and 90 percent of evangelism is directed toward Christians. The church building is the most evangelized area in the world. We evangelize the Sunday school rooms, and we evangelize the sanctuary. The way we evangelize the building, you would think the church needs converting.

It wasn't until the third century under Constantine that church buildings came into being. Since that time, as far as reaching out to the lost, the church has gone inward and hid behind the walls of the church buildings. We want to reach out beyond those walls to turn an inward church into an outward church. Statistically, there are only 0.5 percent (less than one percent) of programs that reach beyond the four walls of our buildings. That says there is no major denomination in the United States today that has a plan to really reach the lost. Reaching and discipling people outside our church buildings is a part of Christianity that needs to be rediscovered.

Through the Reformation, Martin Luther brought the revelation of justification through faith to the church's attention. In the 1800s, mass evangelism came through John Wesley. But it seems that personal one-on-one discipling and evangelism has not been rediscovered since the Apostles. You may say, "I don't know how." Through this program, we definitely will show you how—it's very easy. We'll show you how easy it is to work with people and to meet new people at the door through using your testimony. This is what I want to focus on now. This is the good news.

How would you like to do just what you want to do, not what somebody else wants you to do (that you really don't want to do), but exactly what you want to do? That's what we're talking about. When I show people how Discipleship Evangelism works, saying, "Look, this is what we're doing: We're touching people's lives. They're being saved, born again, filled with the Holy Spirit,

and water-baptized." People say, "That's great!" But if I said "Now, how many of you want to go with me," there would be maybe three of you out of two hundred, because the rest are scared or don't know how to do it. Or, if I said, "Now, forget about it. Don't worry about it; you don't have to be afraid. We'll go out and get the Bible studies and set up discipleship lessons for you." How many would want to teach? There would be more then—about ten or twelve—saying, "Yes, I want to teach." But it wouldn't go beyond that.

What we want to do is show you how every gift in the body of Christ can be used to reach the lost, to love and disciple them. It will take every gift, and those gifts are found only in the body of Christ, the local church. Some of you say, "I like to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing, and things like that." Well, there's a time in our discipeship when we can bring you in just for that purpose. Other people say, "I'm not comfortable with that," but can you bake a pie? Can you send a card? Can you make a phone call? Can you paint a fence? Can you baby-sit for a single mom we're ministering to and give her an hour to herself so she can get out of the house? Can you do the practical things? What about intercession? Some of you are called to intercede, to pray. We'll show you the people we're ministering to, give you their names, and you can be praying and interceding, alone or in groups, for them and for the Discipleship Evangelism teams that go out each week.

There is room for everyone to reach out to others, to disciple. We have a program where every gift can be used. We're developing teams of a teacher and a teacher's assistant who go out in a discipleship capacity to minister. Then two people in the helps ministry come in behind them to do practical things, like giving food, baking a pie, or calling to see how things are going. We also have people who are interceding for us and the people we minister to.

Do you know what we're seeing? We're seeing God change people's lives because they are being pastored and cared for, because His love is being shown to them. And do you know who is doing the work of the ministry? It's being done by the ones who are supposed to do it—the people. Ephesians 4:11 says the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher are given to perfect the saints so they can do the work of the ministry. The church is doing the work of the ministry, not only the man at the front called "the pastor." When the pastor teaches and equips the church for works of service and they go and do them, that is true success.

Let me illustrate. If we declared war on another nation and our president said, "We lose too many men in war, so I have decided to do away with the army and send just the generals out there to fight." The rest of the world would laugh at us, and really that's what's happening. The devil is laughing at us because we have sent the generals, the fivefold ministry, to do it all. "Let them do it—we're paying them to do it." We have failed to develop an army. God wants to develop that army, and every one of our gifts can be used in Discipleship Evangelism.

We want to help create an army, equipped with powerful tools to disciple—not just here in our city—but reaching around the world. It can be done through the tools we have developed, the discipleship lessons and all of the strategies God has given us. God bless you as everyone

comes together to use their gifts to minister to the lost, to the new believer, and to keep Jesus' commandment to go and disciple the nations.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

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DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

3. Read James 1:22. If we just hear God's Word but never put it into practice, what have we done?

4. Read Matthew 7:24-27. In order to be a wise man, we must not only hear the sayings of Jesus, but we must do what?

5. Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Who is to do the work of the ministry?

6. Read Acts 8:1 and 4. Who went everywhere preaching the Word?

7. Read Acts 8:1 and 4. Who did not go everywhere preaching the Word?

SCRIPTURES TO USE WITH QUESTIONS

JAMES 1:22 – *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

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EPHESIANS 4:11-12 – *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **[12]** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*

ACTS 8:1 – *And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.*

ACTS 8:4 –*Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.*

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

8. Read Acts 11:19-22. In the early New Testament church, the believers did the work of the ministry, and it was followed up by apostolic leadership and instruction. In our churches today, it's the leadership that starts things and the believers then follow. How does Acts 11:19-22 verify this statement?

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ACTS 11:19-22 – *Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.* ***[20]*** *And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.* ***[21]*** *And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.* ***[22]*** *Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:14-18 – *For the body is not one member, but many.* ***[15]*** *If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?* ***[16]*** *And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?* ***[17]*** *If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?* ***[18]*** *But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.*

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Hopefully, putting it into practice by going out and using my gifts to help others

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