

Day 1: Salvation

Since we understand that sin is the reason we need salvation, what is sin?

“Sin is lawlessness” 1 John 3:4 Sin is failing to live up to the expected standard and conduct of a perfect God. This includes both internal and external unholy practices, actions, thoughts, and desires that directly violate God's divine will

Describe Confess, Believe, and Surrender (C.B.S. in English), and explain why each word helps us understand what happens during salvation.

C - Confess - your sin and acknowledge Jesus as your Lord. (1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9, Colossians 2:6)

B - Believe - that God raised Jesus from the dead. (John 1:12, John 3:16, Romans 10:11)

S - Surrender - is dying to self, which begins our formation into Christ-likeness. (Romans 12:1-2, Luke 9:23-24, Galatians 2:20)

After we accept the truth of Jesus Christ, should we get baptized? Why or why not?

Yes, we should. Jesus commands us to do so, and he was also baptized as an example. Baptism is a public and symbolic gesture showing that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord & Savior. Going under the water represents you dying to your old life. Being raised out of the water represents a new birth (spiritual birth), and you are now raised to a new life with Christ

If someone were interested in becoming a Christian, how would you guide them?

Sin has caused a separation between man and God (Romans 3:23) The penalty for sin is death and separation from God, but Jesus died to make us right with God & to give us eternal life. (Romans 6:23) Jesus loves us and showed us by dying on the Cross while we had no hope of being made right by God. (Romans 5:8) If we confess, believe, and surrender our lives to Jesus is Lord and was raised from the dead, we will be saved. (Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 16:25) Lastly, lead them in a prayer to accept Christ.

Day 2: Daily Living

1. How would you explain to someone how to have a relationship with God?
Relationship in the world takes work. There is no difference in our relationship with God: we must put forth the effort. (Jeremiah 29:13) says, "You will seek and find God when you seek him with all your heart." There is something about the idea of fully committing your entire being (mind, will, emotions) to God, not just the convenient parts of our life.
2. What is the difference between temptation and sin, and how should we fight it?
To clarify, temptation is not a sin— you can think of temptation more like the "attraction", "desire", or "suggestion" to commit sin. 1 Corinthians talks about temptation for believers. 1 Corinthians 10:13. The danger with temptation is it has a strong, compelling factor that tries to lead us into sin. Once you cross the line into action and commit sin, it is no longer temptation.
3. What are the 4 pillars of After Salvation? (Hint: R.C.M.C.) How would you explain how they work within a maturing believer?
I pray that by the time you complete these next few weeks, these four functions will be consistent in your lives: Having a strong **Relationship** with God, belonging to a **Community** (the local church), living on **Mission**, and maintaining a **Christ-Centered Commitment** that holds everything together.
4. What is the difference between foothold and stronghold in a believer's life?
A **foothold** is created when repeated sinful choices weaken a believer's defenses and allow certain sins to develop into ongoing patterns in their life. A **stronghold** develops when a believer allows lies to take root in the mind and align the sinful nature with the enemy's deception. Both attempt to destroy the believer's life.

Day 3: Faith

1. What is faith, and why is it required in ourlives?

Faith is “complete trust or confidence in something or someone. ”Faith is required for anyone who has accepted Jesus as Savior. Apart from faith, it’s impossible to receive and experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Faith is also vital to any believer as they live each day. Hebrews 11:6 & Ephesians 2:8-9.

2. What does James 2:19 mean, and how should this impact us as Christians?

Mere belief in God just acknowledges the obvious, that God exists, but When we have genuine faith, it produces in us an authentic meaning and the gift of salvation changes your life.

3. Do good works/deeds save us? Why or why not?

completed the work of salvation; it is finished (John 19:30). Eternal life is yours; it is by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:8-9), and nothing else is required from you outside your commitment to your faith in Jesus Christ. The proper way to understand this is demonstrated below.

4. What is Grace? How does grace help us better understand our faith?

Grace is gift of forgiveness of our sins. It’s unmerited favor and love of God toward humanity... Grace enables God to confront human indifference and rebellion with an inexhaustible capacity to forgive and to bless.

Understanding His grace is the connection that places the desire inside of us to 'do good works.' Many new or maturing believers feel like they 'have to' do good things, but when we properly understand His grace and mercy on our lives, it changes to 'we desire to' do good things because we want to honor and worship Him.

Day 4: Engage

1. What are the two enemies that Christians face, and how do they work together against the believer?

Sinful Nature (still present after salvation*)** & **Satan/Demons**. Since we still live in this fallen world and our soul dwells in the body, we have to acknowledge these opposing forces so that we take into consideration what actions we should take to battle and win the fight. The enemy uses the sinful nature to discourage and distract us from pursuit of God.

2. What are some daily goals we should have as believers?

We Live Daily To Glorify God. (1 Corinthians 10:31) 2.

We Live Daily For God's Will. (1 Peter 4:1-4) 3.

We Live Daily To Love God and Love Others (Matthew 22:37-40)

3. What does it mean to become a living sacrifice?

To become a living sacrifice means that we offer our lives to God for His glory. This is the only way we move from conceptual Christians to devoted Christians. If there is no commitment within this step daily, your spiritual journey will end very quickly, and the thought of God and the power of salvation will just become a nice thought, not a reality. Romans 12:1-2

4. How do we renew our minds?

Worship - Psalms 150:6

Taking Every Thought Captive - 2 Corinthians 10:5

Dependence on the Holy Spirit - Galatians 5:25

Prayer - 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

EXPAND on "take every thought captive." It is so crucial to you as a believer. You have the power, through Christ, to take every thought captive. Meaning every negative, sinful, lustful thought, etc. As the gatekeeper to your mind, imagine (hypothetically) that you're standing at the front gate of your mind, and the gate is closed. Only you possess the power to open that gate, so when lies, negative thoughts, and sinful thinking come to that gate, you now have the power to reject them as a believer.

Day 5: Prayer

1. Why do we pray, and why does prayer matter?

1a. Prayer is simply talking to God, just like you would talk or communicate with any human on earth.

1b. You probably heard the phrase "communication is key". It is no different within our relationship with God.

We must take hold of one of the most important tools that we have in building our relationship with God, and it should be a very familiar practice in your life.

2. How often should we pray and why?

Continuously, and because God wants a daily relationship. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray continually" Colossians 4:2 - "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

3. How would you teach someone else how to pray? (Hint: Matthew 6)

Honor God -"Hallowed be your name.

Prioritizing God's Will -"Your kingdom come.

Gratitude & Thankfulness For His Provisions -"Give us today our daily bread."

Repentance & To Walk With No Offense -"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

To See The Schemes Of The Enemy & Provide Victory Over Him -"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

4. What part of the Lord's prayer do you think stands out to you the most?

Let them guide this question, see where they go, and try to elaborate.

Day 6: Creation

1. What does it mean to be "created on purpose, for a purpose"

That you were not an accident...God knew about you whether your parents planned you or not. Also, God has a plan for each of his children. (Luke 12:7, Psalm 139:13-14, Psalms 57:2, Matthews 11:28-30)

2. What are the three components of a human being? What is the difference between the soul and spirit?

Physical Body: formed from the dust of the ground. Genesis 2:7

Spirit: God breathed the breath of life into the physical body, life force.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 says,

Soul: Encompassing emotions, intellect, and will. Matthew 22:37

Soul: The soul represents the innermost part of a person, encompassing emotions, intellect, personality, and will. Think of the soul as the decision-making center

Spirit: breathed the breath of life into the physical body, giving humans a spirit or life force. The spirit separates humans from other life forms and enables fellowship with God.

3. Since we know we are created in the image of God, how does that affect how we view life, ethnicity, and gender?

1. To respect human life, (Sanctity of life) - human life is valuable, sacred, and deserves respect & protection at all stages, from conception to death.
2. Knowing that it is sacred and that we should treat everyone equally. No matter male/female or race....

4. Since sin has affected human sexuality, what does Scripture teach about God's original design for gender and intimate relationships (marriage)?

Scripture clearly states two types of genders (male & female), and sin has twisted that truth for unnatural relationships. We can see in Genesis 1:27 that God made both male and female, with no other variations (genders), that male and female are supposed to become one.

Day 7: Trinity

1. How would you describe the Trinity to a friend?

Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The Christian faith sees the Trinity as One God. This is best understood as three in persons, but one being, meaning we hold to a monotheistic belief.

2. Did you watch the video about the Trinity that was linked on Day 9? What did you learn?

Ask them what it was about? ****IF YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO VIDEO, SKIP THIS QUESTION****

3. What verses specifically show us the Trinity?

Read: Luke 3:21-22-This verse is great at showing us the Trinity. The father is represented in "voice", Jesus is physically there, and lastly, the Holy Spirit is represented as the "dove" Read: Matthew 28:19. This verse is Jesus himself identifying all three parts of the Trinity. Read: Genesis 1:26 Finally, we see the statement from God that he is making humans in "our image," which points to the Trinity. This means before the foundations of the world, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit existed.

4. What does monotheism mean, and why is that important to understand?

Monotheism: Is the belief that there is only one God. Scripture helps us to back up that understanding within belief. (Deut. 6:4 / Isaiah 44:6 / 1 Cor. 8:6). It's important to understand so we do not accidentally believe there is three Gods in the trinity.

5. What are the 4 pillars of After Salvation? (Hint: R.C.M.C.)

Relationship Community Mission Christ-Centered Commitment

Day 8: Jesus

1. How do the Old Testament prophecies help us better understand Jesus?

The prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament are important because they provide evidence of the divine plan for salvation that extends throughout human history. It demonstrates that the coming of Jesus was not an afterthought or a random occurrence, but rather a fulfillment of God's promises and a part of his larger plan for redemption. It also helps to establish the credibility of Jesus as the Messiah.

2. Was Jesus God? How do you know?

Yes, John 10:30 - "I and the Father are one."

3. Why is it important that we understand Jesus conquered (overcame) death?

When Jesus conquered death, this proved His divinity (meaning He was God). This is also an encouragement to the believer; if Jesus conquered death, then what should we fear if we have Jesus in our lives? We have nothing to fear, not even death, for those who are in Him. We are now secure in our eternal life through Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-56.

4. Are there other ways to be made right with God outside of our faith in Jesus? How do you know?

No... John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Timothy 2:5 It's important to understand that Jesus Christ is the only way to a life reconciled with God. There is no amount of work or deeds you and I can do to earn our way to heaven. There are also no other religions or spiritual practices available to rescue us from sin and eternal separation from God. Jesus is the only way. Be cautious—the world around you will try to convince you that there are other ways.

Day 9: Holy Spirit

1. Is the Holy Spirit God? If he is, how do you know?

Yes, John 4:24: God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

Acts 5:3-4 - Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in salvation?

The Holy Spirit plays a significant **part in our salvation process**; we see in John 16:8 and 1 Thessalonians 1:5 that the **Holy Spirit convicts** us of our sin, which **leads us** to know that we need a savior who is Jesus Christ. This is important to understand so we do not put unnecessary pressure on ourselves to "Save People." It is the work of the spirit of God and their personal decision to accept Jesus as Lord. Also, it's important to note that this happens, so we cannot take credit for salvation occurring in someone's life.

3. How do you know if you have the Holy Spirit?

It's important to recognize that first, you have to be saved by Jesus Christ to receive the Holy Spirit. Second, there is a process of maturing in the Lord and recognizing the Spirit's leading. It is natural to question if you have the Holy Spirit. We have to practice the skill of listening (which includes reflecting and slowing down to listen), but then, by faith, actively live out the Spirit's guidance and direction within our lives, which builds our confidence in His leading. Here are a few practical ways to identify when the Holy Spirit is present in your life. **When You Desire And Want To Obey God's Way.** 1 John 3:24 **When We See The Manifestation Of The Spirit In Our Lives.** Galatians 5:22-23 **When You Sense His Presence.** Ephesians 3:16-19 - **When His Words And Thoughts Start Forming How We Understand Life.** 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

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Day 10: Worship

1. What does it mean to have a "Holy Fear" of God?

The concept of fear is not in the sense that you should run and hide, but it's a high level of respect towards God, meaning reverence and awe. We see this concept spoken about in Hebrews. Hebrews 12:28-29 Let's quickly define reverence and awe..... **Reverence** - A feeling of profound respect. **Awe** - An overwhelming feeling of fearful wonder.

2. In what ways can we worship God within our lives?

We now live for God, not for ourselves only. We have a call to worship God with our lives. Worship is defined as the feeling or expression of reverence (respect) and adoration (deep love) for God. I like to compare our relationship with God to marriage. In marriage, you are solely committed (deep love and respect) to one partner and completely sold out to that one relationship. The same goes for our relationship with God; to be committed to God is to worship Him solely, placing Him as a priority over everything, even your desire and will - Colossians 3:3

3. Why should we worship God with our resources?

We are called to be stewards of God's resources according to His will. If you think about it, God gives us the health to work and the ability to earn wages. With a healthy biblical perspective on this subject, we realize that no matter if it is a little or abundant resource, it's all the Lord's. Deuteronomy 8:17 - You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

4. Why is singing and music (worship) an important part of a Christian's life?

The song should come out of an overflow of our hearts, understanding with gratitude, respect, and awe for who God is and what He has done for us. If we choose to sincerely press into singing worship songs, it enables us to take a deep reflection within our hearts. It tends to reposition or even break our hearts back into proper alignment with God. Song is an offensive approach we can take within our spiritual lives to elevate God to His rightful place. Song is a way of communicating the sincerity of our hearts' affection toward God.

Day 11: The Church

1. Why is Matthew 16:18 important for us to understand?

It is at this moment that Jesus declares that He will establish this community of people that will not be defeated by the works of the enemy nor the flesh, and they will be called the church. We are His people because He is the only way back to the Father, so He is our leader and our Lord.

2. Why is it important to understand that the church is people, not just a physical building where people gather?

The church is not just a physical location where believers come together in a building: it's deeper than that. It is true that in part we do go to a physical structure called "the church," or you might read it in scripture as temples or synagogues, but overall, the church is a collective group of Christian believers under the authority of Christ.

3. Why is it important to understand that our bodies are the temple for the Holy Spirit? (Refer to: 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 3:9)

Scripture gives us awareness that our physical bodies are temples. Because we now have the Holy Spirit, as believers in Christ, we are hosting the Holy Spirit within our physical bodies. 1 Corinthians 3:16 - Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 1 Corinthians 3:9 - For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. This is important to realize. We can now have fellowship with God continuously because we are made perfect through the blood of Jesus Christ (meaning because of His sacrifice). Since this is true, the Holy Spirit can rest within the believer permanently because we have been purified and made holy by accepting Christ as Lord. This is what enables the Holy Spirit to dwell within the believer.

4. What is the purpose of the church?

The church is a global living, active group of Christ followers that come together to worship and honor God, by carrying out His will on earth. We are unified underneath the name of Christ, but as individuals, we each play our part to glorify God.

Day 12: Fellowship

1. What are two important keys that we can learn in Acts 2:42?

First, Jesus is the head of this group of believers, meaning they place Jesus in the highest position of authority within the structure of this group. There is a real danger if a man tries to place himself as the sole leader of the church. What happens is that they remove Jesus as head of the church (Ephesians 1:22) and place themselves as the point of importance rather than God. Second, this passage teaches us that the authority for this group was the word(s) of God. Another sign of a healthy church is to examine how it teaches. Are they teaching ideas from themselves, more self-help than biblically focused? Are they teaching from the word of God? This is an easy way to know healthy from unhealthy churches.

2. Why is unity important in the church, and what role do we each play specifically in maintaining it?

The church is a place of selfless individuals who see people through the lens of Christ, meaning that people matter to God, so they matter to the Christian. Can we truly call ourselves followers of God if we leave a child and brothers or sisters in need? As the body of Christ, we should strive to bless and help those around us.

3. What is important to understand about Acts 2:46?

Acts 2:46 - Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. Consistency in our spiritual lives is a must and is tied into the idea of commitment, one of the four key pillars in our Christian life. To be committed to something means we have consistency with that "thing" we are committed to. The same goes for us coming together as the church; the regularity of coming together produces greater focus and encouragement in our lives.

4. In what ways can generosity be shown through the church? (Hint: Acts 2:45)

Unity helps us to produce genuine fellowship, which honors God and keeps the body of Christ healthy. We as individuals hold the key to unity, and unity can only be accomplished if we are really "for" one another. To be for one another means we are not "one-upping" each other to make a name for ourselves, but that we are striving to be a servant first to those around us, to be trusted.

Day 13: Spiritual Gifts

1. What are spiritual gift(s), and should everyone have at least one after salvation? Also, can you have multiple spiritual gifts?

A spiritual gift is "a gift or endowment characteristic of the presence or enabling of the Holy Spirit." This means God supernaturally gives and enables gifts to humans for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. They are used to help carry out God's will on earth. Yes, we are all supposed to have at least one, and we can have more than one.

2. What should we be careful of when understanding our spiritual gift(s)?

Remember that the spiritual gift(s) and the assignments that God assigns to you are for His Glory, not yours. Stay humble because no matter the number of people God might enable you to reach for His name's sake, this is all for His glory!

3. How does understanding and using spiritual gifts contribute to the overall health and mission of the church?

Spiritual gifts or empowerment of the Spirit were given to God's people for two purposes: 1) To demonstrate the truthfulness of God. One of the ways is through prophecy. This is demonstrated in Acts 2:14-18 when the Holy Spirit fell upon the believers at Pentecost. At this moment, Peter confronted a small group of people who were saying the apostles were "drunk" because they were speaking in everyone's languages. Peter uses Joel's prophetic words in Joel 2:28-32 to combat these individuals. 2) To assist and empower the believer to accomplish God's will on earth. The coming of Jesus opened up a unique opportunity for God's people to have the Spirit rest upon them. Spiritual gifts would assist believers daily life to accomplish God's will.

4. Take time to pray about your specific spiritual gift(s), and ask the Lord to help you identify yours.

See if anyone would like to discuss. Maybe talk about your spiritual gift(s).

Day 14: Gathering

1. How does the enemy use deception and past hurts to prevent Christians from gathering with the church?

Many times, it's based on false pretenses. One is based on the idea that "The church wants my money." (In America) The second is, "I was hurt by someone last time I went to church; you can't trust anyone from churches." He (the enemy/satan) does this to keep us out of unity and away from other believers because there is power there in the gathering, Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

2. How can believers maintain unity despite different expressions of worship and theology? What is one thing to be cautious about?

There will be different expressions of the body of Christ. What this comes down to is personality type and personal preference. God made us with all different personality types, and that is the beauty of different expressions within the body of Christ. We are all imperfectly trying our best to pursue Christ. Let us be united as one, even though we have different preferences. Let's not tear one another down but build each other up through prayer and encouragement. We are one!

3. How does isolation make us vulnerable?

You see, the enemy wants to keep us isolated, away from the body of Christ, away from gathering together. Isolation creates environments of vulnerability where the enemy can attack our thoughts (Genesis 3:3) and discourage our faith (John 10:10). Being by yourself is not a bad thing, but consistent isolation can and will feed into such things as depression and hopelessness.

4. Why is gathering together as believers important?

As emotional beings, we do feed off the fellowship, encouragement, and momentum of others around us. Even if you are introverted, the gathering of Christians still matters, regardless of your personality type. It feeds your emotional and mental health, so we shouldn't neglect it. Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

5. What are the 4 pillars of After Salvation? (R.C.M.C.)

Relationship, Community, Mission, & Christ-Centered Commitment

Day 15: Friendship & Accountability

1. How do friendships influence our spiritual growth?

(Hint: 1 Corinthians 15:33)

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." This verse reminds us to be selective about whom we spend time with. You should be very defensive and don't allow just anyone to influence your life. The reality is we are all influenced by someone, so again I ask, who is influencing you, and do you want to be influenced by them?

2. What did you learn about guarding your personal life?

Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment on the types of friendships you have. Depending on when you are reading this, you might find out that you don't have "close" or "best" friends after you examine your current relationships. Let me encourage you, God is faithful, ask Him to help you find that inner circle. Be patient in your pursuit of the inner circle, be selective, and guard personal information with new friends. Allow time and get to know their character as you develop that trusting relationship.

3. How does Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 illustrate the importance of having healthy friendships?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Real friends are there for you, they carry your burdens and they will encourage you when you are down, pick you up, we need people around us, but good ones.

4. Do you have a spiritual mentor? If not, create a list of potential mentors and reach out to find one.

Ask them if they have done this?

Day 16: Mission

1. What is God's mission on earth?

The idea of "mission" is derived from Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus gives the famous command to "Go and make disciples of all nations." This final charge of Jesus, following His resurrection, is known as the 'Great Commission.' The word 'commission' is defined as "an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people." After His resurrection, Jesus could have directed us toward anything, but He chose to give us a clear directive, a mission He wanted us to accomplish with His assistance and guidance. We are part of this rescue mission, and we are called to engage in it!

2. Why does multiplication matter, and what should we understand about it?

You and I are to go out and share the good news with others, which leads to salvation through the power of the Holy Spirit's conviction. After salvation, we have the responsibility to guide new believers to understand their newfound faith. As they mature in their faith, they are to grow to maturity and are called to do the same. This is the concept of multiplication. Matthew 13:23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

3. What are two things we can learn about Acts 1:8?

- 1) Receive Power: When you become a Christian, you receive the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- 2) Witnesses: A witness is someone who testifies to what God has done in their life.

4. What is one practical way you can become a part of God's mission today?

See what they say? Guide them to practical things they can do.

Day 17: Disciple

1. What is a disciple?

The term "disciple" means a student who adheres to (and travels with) a teacher in the form of a teaching relationship. Jesus and His disciples lived life together, and they learned from Jesus daily. The same model applies to us today; we are called to walk with Jesus daily. The only difference is that we do not have Jesus in physical form; we have two other things: the scripture (which are His words) and the Holy Spirit. Having these 2 things active in our lives helps us. We are also called to learn and apply what He commands us to do.

2. What are the 5 indicators of authentic disciples?

A person who believes in and follows Jesus Christ. Matthew 4:19

A person who is consistent in their obedience. John 14:23

A person who produces good fruit. John 15:8

A person who loves others. John 13:35

A person who is truly committed to God's rescue mission (making other disciples, multiplying). Matthew 28:19

3. Is making disciples solely the responsibility of pastors? What does Matthew 28:18–20 teach us?

No, it is not solely the responsibility of the pastors; Matthew 28:18-20 calls all of us to go out and make disciples

4. What are the 5 things we need to understand about how to make disciples?

1) We Invite - Jesus would invite those to follow Him, not just hope people would follow Him (Matthew 4:19).

2) Keep It Small. Jesus had a small group of people He focused on called "disciples," but He also ministered one-on-one.

3) Have A Plan. Jesus would teach His disciples with intentionality, and we should too. Use "After Salvation" leader guide.

4) Commit To Spiritual Maturity. My definition of a "fully mature" believer has full dependence on God.

5) Challenge Them To Replicate/Reproduce (Multiply).

Day 18: Spiritual Warfare

1. Do you truly believe there is an unseen spiritual battle occurring? Explain your answer.

The spiritual battle is so real..... We do have the ability to see it raging in front of us, but we have to have eyes to see (spiritual eyes). The more in tune with the Holy Spirit we are, the greater this reality becomes, but also the greater peace, life, and understanding we will have (Romans 8:6). With that said, it's not like the devil is behind every corner or under every rock. Do not live in paranoia or fear because we have victory through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Below are some verses to help us with struggles of fear, or if we feel like we are defeated at times.

2. Why would the enemy want you to think that spiritual warfare is nonexistent, strange, or merely a myth?

Eternity is on the line. Souls will have a destination after this life. It will be either heaven or hell, and a war rages for all souls, even those who are evil people. There is a stigma on spiritual warfare because certain Christians have taken this topic way out of context or emphasized it so much that it feels like satan is an unstoppable force. The truth is that the enemy doesn't want us to understand the power, freedom, and authority we now possess. If we understood and tapped into that potential, our lives would completely change, and we would become dangerous to the kingdom of darkness. Could you imagine if Christians

3. How does the enemy use our sinful nature against us, and what steps can we take to resist temptation?

The enemy tries to use our sinful nature against us to discourage and try to destroy us... 1) We shouldn't walk in fear 2) We are more than conquerors & victory is through Jesus 3) Be Alert / Be Strong & Courageous

4. Why is spiritual armor important?

Very simply, it helps us defend against the spiritual attacks of a spiritual enemy. ***Leader ***Go through each piece of the armor and discuss.

Day 19: Kingdom and Calling

1. What does it mean to be an Ambassador of Christ?

An ambassador is a high-ranking diplomat who represents a state or government. They are usually assigned to another sovereign state or international organization. So, in plain terms, just as ambassadors represent their respective countries or governments, Christians represent Christ here on earth. Scripture talks about us being ambassadors for Christ in 2 Corinthians 5:20 - "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2. What fears or obstacles prevent Christians from stepping into their calling, and how can they overcome them?

- Lack of experience - Not knowing all the answers...
- Fear of what others may think - Lack of Bible knowledge
- Not fully understanding God's will for their life - Not enough time in the day

We can simply overcome these obstacles by being a part of the rescue mission. Allow the Lord to guide them & be obedient to the direction he calls each of us within the context of his mission.

3. What is the meaning of Ephesians 4:11–12?

As believers, we are all called to participate in the advancement of the kingdom. So many times, the body of Christ (the church) leaves the responsibility of developing disciples and the work of the ministry to the church leaders. At the same time, church leaders have just accepted that role for various reasons. If we look closely at scripture, we can see a major flaw in this understanding that has taken place in the current church. Ephesians 4:11-12 "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" Friends, we have to change the way we see our role as the church. The true role of the church leaders is to equip or train the church for the work of the ministry (to make disciples). When this proper alignment happens, the church (you) can go make disciples (along with the church leaders) and will see an Acts 2 movement take place (Acts 2:42-47).

4. Without looking, what are the 4 pillars of After Salvation?

Relationship, Community, Mission, & Christ-Centered Commitment

Day 20: Testimony

1. What is your testimony? (Write on a separate sheet)

N/A

2. Did you really write your testimony out? **See if they want to share?**

3. Who will you share your testimony with? **Ask...**

Day 21: Commitment

1. What does it mean for your life to have a Christ-Centered Commitment in practical terms?

“Christ-centered” it simply means that everything, actions, decisions, worldview, and more, is now filtered through our newfound relationship with and understanding of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we commit to and obey His ways through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit and His Word, the Bible. Through this, we are enabled to honor and glorify God by fulfilling His will and purposes in our lives.

2. What does it mean to “abide” in Christ as described in John 15?

When you think of a vine and branches, these two parts are woven so perfectly together that they have this unbelievable strength. Since our life is now supposed to be hidden in Christ (Colossians 3:3), we should be woven so tightly together, just like a vine and a branch, that we become "spiritually" strong in Christ. If we find ourselves apart from God, we will not be able to live out the life He intends: "Apart from me, you can do nothing." We need to have a strong trust and dependence on God; that trust and dependence are what form this strong bond in our relationship with God.

3. What did you learn about in 1 John 2:4–6?

In this verse, it doesn't say, believe in God, but do whatever you please; it says we must walk as Jesus did. Living like Jesus is impossible if you are not committed to His leading and direction. This is where the understanding of abiding comes into play, but it's equally important to identify what Jesus commits His life to.

4. What does it mean that our lives are hidden with Christ, according to Galatians 2:20

Our lives are now hidden with Christ (Galatians 2:20). It is Christ, through His Spirit, who sustains us and gives us the capacity and ability to live with strong spiritual commitment (2 Corinthians 1:21-22). We died to our will and our desires, and we now live for Christ in and through all things,

Day 22: Radical

1. What is an idol, and why do idols matter in our relationship with God?

An idol is a pagan and material effigy that is worshiped as a representation or instead of a deity. So in simpler terms, an idol is anything we worship and place a higher value on than God. Examples: It could be another religion and worship of another God. It could also be when a mother makes her children her world, and nothing else matters. The man who focuses is all about making money and becoming rich. I already know what you are thinking, "Some of these things are not that bad," and you are right. If these desires are rightly prioritized within us, they are not bad.

2. What is the importance of Deuteronomy 18:10–11 and Isaiah 47:13–14?

It's important to note that within this same line of thinking, sorcery and fortune-telling would also need to be considered idol worship. We need to stay far away from the Influencers of the world, the enemy.

3. What is Jesus teaching us in Luke 14:25–35?

This scripture points out the reality of the following ideas: 1) Your love and commitment towards God should not have any equals. Through radical commitment, a real transformation takes place within our minds in how we view God and life. When you have a radical commitment, you are trusting Jesus above all things, and nothing holds a higher value in your life. 2) There is a cost to truly following Jesus; following Jesus is a true sacrifice. But what you get in return is life and life to the fullest, John 10:10. 3) We must constantly gauge how we're prioritizing God in our lives. For most people, there are four main priorities: family, friends, career, and possessions. Shouldn't these things come secondary to the One who gave you all these wonderful gifts in the first place?

4. According to the text, what should change about our priorities when we accept Christ?

From the beginning of time, it has always been about God. He wants to be the number one priority in our lives. God created us, and as we have learned, He desires us to be in fellowship with Him.

Day 23: God's Will

1. Identify and explain the three dimensions of God's will.

Sovereign Will: What God is going to do no matter what, such as sending Jesus. In other words, God's sovereign will controls the direction of universal history without fail.

Moral Will: This is shown in Scripture through commands, principles, and teachings. God lays out His desire for obedience to His standard of righteousness, expressed through biblical commands. Unfortunately, we as humans have a tendency not to follow them. **Personal Will:** This refers to the specific leading of God in an individual's life. This is God's detailed plan for the individual believer, which is not revealed in Scripture and may or may not be accomplished depending on the individual's obedience.

2. What does Matthew 7:21–23 challenge us to understand?

When you accept Christ in your life, you are acknowledging Him as King of your life, ruler of your desires, will, emotions, actions, and thoughts. It's a surrendering of one's life to God. Mere belief in God is just one aspect of real faith. You are handing over your life to God because you know that what He can do in your life far outweighs anything you can do within your strength. Pay attention to the "will of my Father" in verse 21.

Only God knows what His will is, meaning, what He desires to accomplish for His glory. No human can break down the depth or understanding of how exactly that will play out. So, to accomplish the will of the Father requires that we really know the Father intimately.

3. What is the connection between faith, commitment, and God's will, as shown in Proverbs 3:5–6?

1) **"Trust in the Lord"** – This communicates our faith and belief in God and His ability to provide all we need.

2) **"With all your heart"** – This demonstrates that we are fully committed to God in every area of our lives. Not 60% or 95%, but we are all in.

3) **"Do not lean on your own understanding"** – This identifies that when we have genuine faith, we shift our priority from trusting ourselves only to trusting God fully.

4) **"Submit to Him"** – This is the surrendering of our thoughts, ideas, desires, will, and actions before the Lord. If we do this, there is a promise that follows at the end of vs. 6.

5) **"He will make your paths straight"** – When God has full access to your life, you are willing to listen and ready to be obedient to what He leads you to do. This positions us to discern the personal will of God.

4. Why can't we rely on others' experiences ONLY to understand God's will for OUR own lives?

God's will for your life, individually, will look different from your friends, family member, and pastor. We cannot inherit the will of God from others, nor borrow from others' experiences to understand His will. There are no patterns or shortcuts. The Father's will for us is developed solely through a relationship over a lifetime with Him.

Day 24: Maturity

1. Why does spiritual maturity matter?

In short, maturity helps us to grow into the deepest possible relationship with God here on earth. It also helps us to overcome sin and the attack of the enemy. It keeps on track with our relationship with God. Helps us to understand his will and keeps us on track with what God called us to.

2. How do you know if you are spiritually mature?

What is a fully mature believer? "Spiritual maturity is a Christ-centered commitment to relationship, community, and the mission of God. (4 Pillars)

Colossians 1:28- He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

3. Why is consistency considered one of the hardest spiritual disciplines to develop, and how does it impact maturity?

Because we still battle with our sinful nature, we must take up our cross daily and die to ourselves. Consistency is not a call to perfection but rather a call to daily surrender. A lack of consistency can stunt the believer's spiritual maturity.

4. What is the author's hope that the 4 pillars of After Salvation will instill in you?

That it would be a spiritual gauge to help you examine your spiritual life on a daily or weekly basis, and that it would lead the believer into full maturity and dependence on God.

Day 25: Remember

1. How can emotions mislead us in our understanding of God's love and His perception of us?

We must learn how to separate our emotions. What I mean by that is, that just because you're having a rough day, it doesn't mean God is mad at you. Also, just because you might not be in the job or role that you want to be in, it doesn't mean God is trying to hold out on you because you must not have great faith. In Hebrews 13:8 it says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today & forever.

2. What is quenching the Holy Spirit, and why is that considered bad in our lives as believers?

In 1 Thessalonians 5:19, it says, "Do not quench the Spirit." This is probably one of the hardest things to be sensitive to as a committed Christian. How do we know if we are quenching the Spirit of God in our lives? The tension comes when the believers become out of balance within their spiritual life. To quench the Holy Spirit means we stop listening to the correction and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

3. What does Hebrews 6:19 teach us?

The Lord is our anchor, and in Hebrews 6:19 it says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Jesus never promises a life without difficult times. He tells us there will be trouble, but there is good news in even knowing this. In John 16:33, it says, "I have told you these things, so that in me, you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

4. Now that you have completed After Salvation, do you feel equipped to lead someone else through it? If so, who is one person you feel could benefit from it?

Have them say one person out loud & challenge them to go make a disciple :)