

Follow-Up Study #1

After Baptism, Now What

Introduction

- A. Discuss the young disciple's first few days as a Christian.
- B. Share "letter to God." If the new disciple has not had a chance to write one, encourage him/her to do so.

1. Acts 2:36-47 The Conversion of the 3000

- A. Discuss Biblical conversion
 - 1. Review how to become a disciple.
 - 2. Reinforce the joy of salvation and awe of God.
- B. Devoted to the Apostles' Teaching – the Word
 - 1. For a quiet time, suggest a book or theme – reading a chapter a day.
 - 2. For many, a quiet time journal is helpful.
- C. Devoted to the Fellowship
 - 1. Discuss the purpose of each gathering: Sunday Worship Services, Midweek Services – Men's Night Out / Women's Night Out, Bible Talks, Devotionals and discipleship partners.
 - 2. Discuss the need to initiate relationships – to give not just receive.
 - 3. Discuss the importance of hospitality – invite people into your home for a meal.
 - 4. Discuss the leadership's expectation to tithe on Sundays and give a benevolent offering at the Midweek Services. Read together **Malachi 3:6-12** and **Hebrews 13:17**.
- D. Devoted to Breaking Bread – Communion (**1 Corinthians 11:23-32**)
 - 1. Discuss the purpose of bread and fruit of the vine.
 - 2. Discuss what it means to become spiritually "weak, sick and fallen asleep." How does communion prevent these conditions? (sick: **Proverbs 13:12**)
- E. Devoted to Prayer
 - 1. Discuss how prayer brings peace. (**Philippians 4:4-7**)
 - 2. Share petitions and answered prayers.

2. Acts 9:1-22 The Conversion of Paul

- A. Paul immediately begins to preach.
 - 1. With whom have you shared your faith?
 - 2. List friends and family to share with this week.
- B. Paul grows powerful.
- C. Paul is persecuted.

3. Hebrews 5:11 – 6:6 The First Principles

- A. Strive to learn the first principles (elementary teachings) and go on to maturity, so you can be fruitful and not fall away.
- B. Discuss taking The First Principle Classes.

Follow-Up Study #2

Christ Is Your Life

Introduction

- A. Discuss:
 - 1. Did you have daily quiet times this past week?
 - 2. Who did you share with and invite?
 - B. Discuss the impact of communion on Sunday.
1. **Colossians 3:1-4** Raised to a new life
- A. Raised with Christ in baptism. (**Colossians 2:12**)
 - B. The Holy Spirit, received at baptism, gives you the power to set your mind (thoughts) and set your heart (emotions) on things above.
 - C. Christ is your life.
2. **Colossians 3:5-11** Put to death
- A. Discuss and be open about your struggles this week.
 - B. Discuss any financial challenges – pledge to God, rent, bills, salary, etc...
 - C. Discuss practical ways to crucify your sinful nature.
3. **Colossians 3:12-14** Put on – clothe yourself
- A. Compassion
 - B. Kindness
 - C. Humility
 - D. Gentleness
 - E. Patience
 - F. Forgiveness
4. **Colossians 3:15-24** New attitudes
- A. Peace
 - B. Thankful
 - C. Wholehearted
 - D. Family Interactions (v. 18-21)
 - E. Employer – employee relationships (v. 22-24)
 - F. Teacher – student relationships (v. 22-24)

Follow-Up Study #3

Best Friends Of All Time

Introduction

- A. Share about your closest relationships during your life – God and spiritual family in comparison to your physical family and old friends.
- B. Ask the young Christian, “Who are your closest friends?”

1. One Another Scriptures

- A. **John 13:34-35** Love one another. Jesus teaches that Christians should have closer and better relationships than people in the world. Set your mind to make disciples your best friends.
- B. **Hebrews 3:12-14** Daily encouragement of one another.
- C. **Ephesians 5:19-20** Worship God with one another – sing out to God and each other with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
- D. **Colossians 1:28-29** Disciple one another. This is essential in God’s plan to become mature. As we mature, we learn to instruct one another. (**Romans 15:14**)
- E. **Galatians 6:1-2** Gently restore one another and bear one another’s burdens.
- F. **James 5:16** Confess sins to one another. Discuss openness and transparency, remembering that “openness breeds openness,” so share your struggles.
- G. **James 5:16-18** Pray for one another. It makes a difference!
- H. **Hebrews 12:14-15** Be holy and prevent “bad attitudes” in one another.
- I. **1 Thessalonians 5:12-14** Outlook towards one another.
- J. **John 17:20-23** The ultimate goal of love and unity – world evangelism!

2. Date and marry only disciples

- A. **1 Corinthians 7:39** Marriage must only be in the Lord.
- B. **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1** Dating, as is marriage, is a partnership, where you are “yoked together.” Disciples must separate from unbelievers to receive the promises of God.
- C. **1 Kings 11:1-10; Nehemiah 13:23-27** Study this principle in the Old Testament. To date or marry outside of the faith is to be unfaithful to God. If you are single, have you gone on a Christian date?
- D. **1 Peter 3:1-7** If you are married, are you winning your spouse?

3. Reconcile with one another

- A. **Matthew 18:15-17** Christians will sin against each other. When someone sins against you, do not gossip by going to someone else. Talk to the person who hurt you, so you can win him/her over as a friend.
- B. Church discipline begins one-on-one and rarely should go to step 2, 3 and 4.

Follow-Up Study #4

The Mission

Introduction

- A. Share about the visitors you most recently brought to church or Bible Talk.
- B. Ask the young disciple about their evangelism.

1. Jesus' Mission

- A. **Luke 19:10**
- B. **1 Timothy 1:15**
- C. **Matthew 28:19-20**
- D. **Acts 20:24**
 1. What was Jesus' mission?
 2. What is each disciple's mission?

2. Disciples Mission

- A. **John 15:1-16**
 1. Glorifying God in **John 15** is bearing the fruit of making disciples, not simply baptizing. (**Matthew 28:19** commands us to "go and make disciples;" **John 15:16** commands us to "go and bear fruit that will last.")
 2. To bear fruit, one must be "in the vine," otherwise we will be cut off.
 3. Jesus is the perfect discipler, but He is also the perfect disciple of God.
 4. To love God is to obey His commands. Discipling helps our hearts to want to obey His commands. (**Matthew 28:20**) Therefore, we must love one another, even to the point of laying down our lives for each other.
- B. The Book of Acts Acts records the 30 years from the beginning of the church on the day of Pentecost to Paul's arrival in Rome – signaling that the gospel has gone to the known world. The church in the first century was a movement. Discuss the growth of the first century church when all Christians were striving to be fruitful – making disciples.

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| 1. Acts 2:41 | 9. Acts 11:21 |
| 2. Acts 2:47 | 10. Acts 12:24 |
| 3. Acts 4:4 | 11. Acts 13:49 |
| 4. Acts 5:14 | 12. Acts 14:1 |
| 5. Acts 6:1 | 13. Acts 14:21 |
| 6. Acts 6:7 | 14. Acts 16:5 |
| 7. Acts 8:4 | 15. Acts 17:4 |
| 8. Acts 9:31 | |

16. **Acts 17:6 (RSV)** "These men who have turned the world upside-down have come here also..."

17. **Colossians 1:6, 23** The known world was evangelized by 61 AD, in a generation! (Paul is in prison when he writes **Colossians – Acts 28**.) Therefore, Jesus' vision became a reality – "the evangelization of the nations in a generation!"

C. Discuss and pray for:

1. World Evangelism
2. Mission Teams
3. Your Kingdom dreams... how can you use your talents for God?