

Step-Up Bible Study - Lesson 1

TRANSFORMATION

I. God's Transforming Plan

1. Romans 8:29

2. Romans 12:2

II. God's Transforming Tool

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. Hebrews 4:12

3. Psalm 19:7-8

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b.

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III. God's Transforming Prescription

1. Joshua 1:8
Psalm 1:2-3

2. Matthew 4:4

Step-Up Bible Study - Lesson 2

CONNECTING WITH GOD

I. What is Prayer and Worship?

Prayer is the direct communication of our thoughts, feelings and desires to our heavenly Father. It is through prayer that we show our dependence on and trust in God and God reveals Himself to us. Worship is an act in which we praise and adore God.

II. Why should we pray and worship God?

A. Prayer
Philippians 4:6-7
Jeremiah 33:3
Matthew 7:7-11

B. Worship
Psalm 95:2,6,7
Psalm 100

III. What do we learn from these verses about prayer?

- A. (Psalms 5:3)
- B. (1 Thes. 5:16-18)
- C. (Matt 6:6)
- D. (Acts 1:14; 2:42)
- E. (Mark 1:35)

IV. How to pray

- A. Pray using the ACTS method:
 - Adoration* (tell God how great He is)
 - Confession* (ask forgiveness for all your sins)
 - Thanksgiving* (thank Him for all He has done for you)
 - Supplication* (make requests of Him about your needs, other people's needs, the salvation of others etc.)

B. Pray using a prayer list
Suggested format: Date, Prayer Request, Answer from God

IV. Some ways to worship God

- A. Pray through the Psalms
- B. Sing to the Lord (praise songs, hymns)
- C. Focus on adoring God (tell Him how great you think He is)

Suggested Memory Verse: Phil 4:6,7

Step-Up Bible Study - Lesson 3

IDENTIFYING WITH CHRIST AND FELLOWSHIP

I. What is it?

Baptism- To identify with, or associate with the message of the Gospel, the person of Jesus Christ, and a group of believers (the church)

Purpose: Symbol of new conversion (Rom. 6:4)

Church- "An assembly of professing believers in Christ who have been baptized and who are organized to carry out God's will." -Charles Ryrie

Purpose: What do these verses say about the purpose of the church?
Acts 2:42-47

Matthew 28:19-20

Ephesians 4:11,12

Hebrews 10:24-25

John 13:34-35

II. Why do it?

What do these verse say about why a believer should be baptized?

1. (Matthew 3:16)
2. (John 4:1,2)
3. (Matthew 28:19)
4. (Acts 2:41; 8:35-36; 9:18;10:47-48)
5. (Acts 16:14-15,33; Acts 2:41)

What do these verses say about Christ's commitment to His Church?

1. (Acts 20:28)
2. (Mt. 16:18)
3. (Eph. 5:25,29)
4. What is every believer a part of ? (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

III. How to do it?

Baptism-

Get baptized

Church-

1. Select and join a good church/group of believers where:
 - a) The Bible is taught clearly and accurately (Acts 2:42)
 - b) Jesus Christ is exalted as Savior and Lord (Col. 1:28,29)
 - c) The gospel is preached and the lost are reached (Matt. 28:19-20)
 - d) The church/group is culturally relevant (1 Cor.9:19-23)

2. Give: Time - (Eph 5:15)

Talent- (Eph. 4:12-16; 1 Cor. 12:7,11; Mt. 25:14-30)

Treasure -(Mt. 6:19-21; 1 Cor. 16:2)

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HOLY SPIRIT-Plugging into Power

What is Jesus relationship with the Holy Spirit?
Luke 4:1,14

What does Jesus think we need?
John 16:7

When does a person receive the Holy Spirit?
Ephesians 1:13-14

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
Ephesians 5:18-21

Galatians 5:16-25

Acts 1:8

Holy Spirit in the Godhead

The role and identity of the Holy Spirit is one of the most misunderstood doctrines of the Scripture. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Godhead. He is a person, not some mystical force, and is fully divine. The Holy Spirit indwells all believers and empowers the believer to obediently live a life of fruitfulness. The Christian's response is to yield our wills to the control of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit baptizes (one time event) all believers into the body of Christ at conversion (I Cor. 12:13) but repeatedly fills the believer moment by moment as we yield our wills to Him. (Eph. 5:18). A good indicator of our yieldedness to the Holy Spirit is the exhibition of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

Why Yield to the Control of the Holy Spirit?

How can you live a Spirit-filled life?

The spirit filled life is one in which the Holy Spirit is daily allowed to control and empower the believer for godly living and service.

1. Confess --What does sin do to the Holy Spirits fire in my life? 1 Thess.5:19
1John 1:9
2. Surrender--Luke 9:23
3. Walk in the Spirit by Faith

Spiritual Breathing-

1. Exhale-Confess your sins
2. Inhale-Surrender control of your life to Christ and receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith.

Step-Up Bible Study - Lesson 5

FISHING FOR MEN

I. What is the Gospel?

1 Cor. 15:3,4

II. Why is presenting the Gospel important?

A. What instruction with regard to evangelism do you see in 1 Peter 3:15?

B. What does Romans 1:16 tell us about the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

C. What does Romans 10:14 say about presenting the Gospel?

III. What do these verses say about witnessing?

Matthew 4:19

Acts 8:26-38

Revelation 12:11

Acts 1:8

II Timothy 4:2

IV. What are motivations for sharing the gospel with others from to 2 Cor. 5:9-21?

What steps can I take to become a better witness for Jesus Christ?

Step-Up Bible Study - Lesson 6

WHO IS YOUR LORD?

I. What is the Lordship of Christ?

List some synonyms for the word "Lord"

II. Why should we allow Christ to be Lord?

Colossians 1:15-18

Philippians 3:7-11

James 4:7-8

Philippians 2:9-11

I Corinthians 8:5-6

Luke 6:46-49

Revelation 5:9

Luke 9:23-26

Matthew 6:33

III. Thought Question

In your life, what would be the most difficult thing about letting Christ be Lord of every area?

IV. How to make Christ Lord?

1. Sincerely desire to give Him control
2. Identify any area (attitude/action) that Christ is not in control of in your life (i.e., social life, finances, school, goals, thought life, personal purity)
3. Confess to God that you have been in control of your life in these areas
4. Commit these areas to Christ

V. How to keep Christ Lord?

Attack problem areas:

1. Make a list of all areas you have difficulty allowing Christ to control
2. Pick a specific area that you have a particularly difficult time submitting to Christ
3. Develop a plan to combat that area (specific)
4. Get someone to hold you accountable to your plan

Suggested Memory Verse: Luke 6:46

Lesson 7

Jesus' Purpose and Ministry

What purpose are you living for?

What was Jesus' purpose? **Luke 19:10**

What was the intended scope of His ministry? **John 3:16**

If you were Jesus and were trying to impact the whole world, how would you go about it.

At the end of His three year public ministry, Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected. Why do you think He waited three years before dying?

Why did He appoint the twelve apostles? **Mark 3:14**

Jesus lived with, traveled with, and ministered with the twelve disciples. Why did He spend most of His time with these twelve rather than more time with the multitudes?

Who was there for Jesus' last command? **Matthew 28:16-20**

What was commanded?

Does it apply to us today?

Does it apply to you today? Why or why not?

The apostle Paul wrote his letter before he was killed, not to a church, but to a man he had discipled, Timothy. What similarities do you see between Jesus' last words in Matthew 28:18-20 and Paul's in 2 Timothy 2:2?

Multiplication vs. Addition (Fill in the blanks)

Jesus loved _____ helped _____ and trained _____ (a few, many, the world)

Why?

How would you summarize Jesus' purpose?

How can we adopt Jesus' purpose as our own?

What will it cost to adopt Jesus' purposes?

What did it cost the disciples? **Luke 9:23**

Lesson 8

World Evangelization

Make key observations about God's heart for "the world" in these passages:

* Genesis 12:1-3

* Exodus 9:14-16

* Psalm 67

* Isaiah 49:6

* Matthew 28:18-20

* Acts 1:8

* Revelations 7:9

Define and Discuss the following terms(goggle it):

* What is the Population of the world?

* What is a People Group?

* What is a Reached People Group?

* What is an Unreached People Group?

Draw and Define the 10/40 Window:

- _____ People live in the 10/40 Window
- _____ % of unreached peoples live in the 10/40 Window
- _____ % of the missionaries minister in the 10/40 Window

As a follower of Christ why should I be involved in His global purposes?

What ways can I be involved in reaching the world?