

Lesson 5

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How exciting! They have rounded third base, repentance and faith! They have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear son (Col 1:13). They have decided to follow Jesus. Now they must grow like a newborn baby in this relationship, by getting strengthened, fulfilling what God has for them, and leading as many to do the same as they can! The ball is heading out of the park. It looks like a homerun! Now what!

Next Steps-Consolidate-Multiply-

- a. **Assurance-read them 1 John 5:12- I would like to read you a scripture. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son does not have life. So do you have the Son, Jesus, now?**

•Just like a newborn baby, we want to start to _____ (encourage, strengthen, secure) them immediately by teaching them some of God's word so that the devil will be defeated when he attempts to bring doubt to the new believer when they don't understand. (Matt 13:19) (The devil says "You can't be saved. That was too easy to pay for all your sins. You didn't even feel anything.")(Acts 11:23, Acts 18:23) **This is another huge step after sharing the full gospel to producing _____!**

• Explain to them what just happened no matter what they felt because faith has nothing to do with feelings but relying on God's word (Heb11:1). If they truly repented (turned from Satan and sin) and placed their faith in Christ's death and resurrection, they have become _____(John 3:3). Tell them that they have been forgiven for everything they have done. The Holy Spirit has come to dwell in their spirit, and they have become partakers of the divine nature (2Pet1:4) and are no longer slaves to Satan and their sinful nature.(Rom8:9)

- b. **Growth- What you need to do now is _____ in your relationship with God and learn what He wants from you. (Read Luke 8:5-8, 11-15)**

•The _____ clearly teaches them that they must be tested, persevere, and avoid the temptations and trials of worries, riches and pleasures or they may believe for a while and then _____.

•There is a false teaching taught by many who say that “**once you are saved you are always saved.**” Although many don’t want to talk about this doctrine, we must strongly refute any teaching that is unscriptural and in turn hurts people. Yes, a truly saved individual would have to go through many danger signs before being blotted out of the Lamb’s Book of Life (Rev3:5). It’s not like you misplaced your wallet. A more appropriate description would be a dog returning to its vomit (2 Pet 2:20) by willfully denying Christ. Anyone that teaches you can say a prayer of salvation and then sin all the way home to heaven and you will only loose your rewards, is teaching a _____ that will give many an eye opening revelation on Judgment Day!

We will simply present many scripture references here but how can one remain saved if they fall away after believing (Luke 8:13b) (Heb 6:4-6), abandon the faith (1Tim4:1), and if they do not remain attached to the vine (John 15:6, Acts 11:23)?

Here are just a few scriptures that show us that we must persevere and overcome sin until the end to be saved from hell: Take the challenge and look these all up! You will work out your salvation with fear and trembling! (Phil 2:12)

Matt 14:12-13, Luke 8:13b, John 15:6, Acts 11:23, Acts 14:22, Rom 11:21-22, 1 Cor 15:2, Gal 5:4, Col 1:23, Col 2:18, 1 Thes 3:5, 1 Tim 1:19, 1 Tim 3:6, 1 Tim 4:1, 15-16, 1 Tim 5:15, 1 Tim 6; 10, 20-21, 2 Tim 2:18, Heb 3:6, Heb 3:14, Heb 6:4-6,11, Heb 10:26, Heb 12:15, James 1:12, 2 Pet 2:4, 2 Pet 2:20-22, 2 Peter 3:17, 1 John 3:9, 1 John 5:16b, Jude 4b, Rev 2:7, Rev 3:5, and Rev 21:7)

Now we must share with the new believer 6 biblical works that will help them to live a productive, victorious life.

1. Bible- read your Bible daily starting with the gospel of John and obey it.

- **Explain that as they are hearing your words, God speaks to him as they hear God’s word (The Bible)**
- 1 Peter 2:2 says, “like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

- Romans 12:2 says “Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is; his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The new believer must be encouraged to develop a regular practice of reading and studying God’s word so he can know God (Jam4:8), please God (Heb11:6), know how to pray (John 15:7), be protected against _____ (Acts 17:11), and grow up being successful in their faith (Josh1:8, Ps1:2-3)

2.Prayer- Talk to God. That’s called prayer!

- Once the new believer has begun to read and be taught the word, they will be able to pray more effectively. As they learn whenever they approach their Father He will always be there (Heb10:19), they will learn to ask God for their needs(Matt6:11), hear His voice(John 10:3), do His will(Matt6:10) and so much more which will enhance their personal _____ with the Lord.(Jer29:13)

3. Church- Come with me to church on Sunday so you can learn more about the Bible.

- Encourage the new believer to come to church where they can hear a Pastor teach the word, be involved in corporate worship, and see _____ of the Spirit moving.
- Hebrews 10:25 says, “Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another even more as we see the Day approaching.

4. Fellowship- You can come to a home group on (day your small group meets) so you can meet some people that love God and are growing.

- It is essential that new believers start to develop Christian friends that they enjoy and can trust because they are quickly going to find that some of their friends will desert them because they are on fire for Jesus.
- The early church was devoted to fellowship in their _____.(Acts 2:46, Acts 20:20)

5. Baptized – Jesus commands us to be baptized in water to make a public confession that we are following Him.

- You should encourage your new believer that the Bible commands us to be baptized (immersed) in water as an _____ of the inner transformation that has happened. (Mar 16:16, Acts 2:38)
- Share with them that baptism in water does not save them. Only the blood of Jesus saves them. Scripture shows examples of people born again before or without being baptized. (Acts 10:46, Luk 23:43). However it is an outward sign of obedience, forgiveness of sin, transition of lords, and surrender of one's will.
- **Get ready to baptize many because your pastor will not be able to do it all!(1 Cor1:14)**

6. Witness- Ask God to empower you with the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts1:8) to tell others why they need Jesus and what He's done for you. Everyone they know has broken the 10 commandments too. The Bible says, (Rom3:23) "all have sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard."

- Right away ask the new believer if they would be _____ to tell others he knows this Good News. They may feel inadequate but if they are willing they can ask God for "power from on high" and they can take this training and be equipped to be a witness immediately.(Acts9:20, Mar5:20)
- **They should be encouraged quickly to be a bold witness before they get around too many mature Christians who tell them why they can't!**

God told Adam and Eve at the outset of their new life to "be fruitful and multiply."(Gen 1:28)(**Read this in KJV**) When God decided to start over again, He gave the same command to Noah, "be fruitful and multiply."(Gen 9:1) Ditto to Abraham (Gen 12:2, 17:1) and to Jacob (Gen 35:11) (**Read this in KJV**). Be fruitful and multiply. He prophesied it over the Righteous branch Israel in Jeremiah. (Jer 23:3) and he promises it to you in Heb 6:14 as Abraham's seed. Jesus commissioned us in Matt 28:19-20 to make _____ (taught ones, disciplined ones, followers) by teaching them. Not making decisions by getting people to pray a prayer. Now that you have learned that the law must prepare the heart for grace (Ps 19:7), the bad news makes the good news make sense, the purpose of the power of God is to be a powerful, bold witness through the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), and that we must make witnessing a way of life through building relationships, we are going to wrap this teaching up by talking about how to produce _____ and _____.

What is fruit that will remain?

We want to be able to look back at our life and see enduring fruit that will last an eternity. The only investment on this earth that will get that kind of return is in our relationship with God and other people. First we must make sure that we _____ bear the fruit of Christ's character; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control as not to preach to others but have ourselves disqualified for the prize (1Cor 9:27). Many people focus on the power gifts of the Spirit, but we should focus even greater attention on desiring the fruit of the Spirit, so that the gifts don't succumb our character and we end up like many "Lord, didn't I prophesy and cast out devils in your name and performed many miracles and He says, "Away from me I never knew you". (Matt 7:22) Jesus promises us in John 15 that if we _____ in Him, we will bear much fruit-1st in ourselves and then in others. We must remain in Him!

How do we produce fruit that will remain?

1. Relationships- We need to begin to adjust our way of thinking from going and giving as many people as possible a duck, duck, goose touch, thinking we have to win the whole world, to developing strong growing _____ through whom we can reproduce the character of Christ. That's called fruit that will remain. Then multiplying that though others.

2. Sharing the gospel -As we begin to pray and get the Lord's heart of love and compassion for people, we will begin to make and build relationships that will lead us to sharing the "_____". As some repent and believe on the Lord, we will begin the consolidation (secure, encourage, and strengthening) process, which is nothing more than taking time to be with them and helping them become engrafted into the flock. This takes a shift in thinking from quick one time encounters (throw mud on the wall and see what sticks-that is fine for the short term), but we must start thinking long term so as not to produce stillborns that go right back to the world. A large part in avoiding that will be making sure we share the _____; the law, sin, judgment, repentance, forgiveness, salvation (healing), and growth. Then simply spend time with the ones who desire to grow, learn, and duplicate you. Work with the willing!

3. Strengthening new believers- We see the original church taking time to strengthen and encouraging new believers to remain true to the faith. Acts 11:23 says of Barnabas speaking to the church in Antioch that he "encouraged them to _____ true to the faith". Paul and Barnabas preached the same message to the new believers in Lystra and Iconium (Acts 14:22) and in the regions of Galatia and Phrygia (Acts 18:23). As busy as Paul was birthing this new covenant to the

Gentiles, many times he took extended stays to teach new disciples the way. (Acts 18:11, Acts 19:10, Acts 20:3).

As we begin to see family members, work associates, neighbors, and even acquaintances get saved, we should do everything we can with what we have to make sure they can grow and become victorious, productive, reproducing believers in Christ. (This should not stop you from sharing with everybody possible-grocery stores, airplanes, restaurants- but do what you can to help consolidate them- (at least get a phone number, give them a gospel of John, help them find a good church, give them a tract).

4. Small groups-This is why many believers are returning to the Biblical practice of having regular _____ in believer's homes in addition to a weekly corporate gathering. The problem with most home groups in churches is that they are big on fellowship, but have not purposed through teaching to evangelize and reproduce. Home meetings were conducted in the early church as a means of _____, _____, _____, **and** _____. (Acts 2:46, Acts 5:42, Acts 20:20) Peter preached in Cornelius's house (Acts 10:25). Jesus had healing meetings in houses.(Mark 2:4, Luke 14:1) Jesus consolidated Matthew and evangelized his friends in his house in Luke 5:29, and Jesus befriended Zaccheus at his house in Luke 19:5. Releasing the ministry exclusively from the pulpit to the body of Christ is a critical move in raising leaders to _____ and reach a city. A pastor can only manage a maximum of 50-70 relationships, which limits the growth of a church if the ministry is not expanded to the faithful believers. (2Tim 2:2) Evangelism, healing, teaching, relationship building, and needs being known and met function greatly in an intimate setting like a home. **(We recommend the G12 cell model because it's biblical, relational, functional, and duplicatable. You can get more information for your church at www.bccn.com)**

If you look at the 1st church of the new covenant, they did not consider their possessions their own but shared generously and there was no needy person's among them.(Acts 2:45-46, Acts 4:34). Is that true here and with you? Are you generous or are you in need? Their collections were for _____(1 Cor 16:2, Gal 6:10). They gave entirely on their own (2 Cor 8:3), not under compulsion(2 Cor 9:7), of their plenty(2 Cor 8:14), and reaped generously when they were in need(2 Cor 8:14b, 2 Cor 9:6). This can all function properly in a small group where relationships are growing and people know each other's needs. It's impossible for your pastoral staff to know and fund everyone's needs. Imagine everyone's need met. Would that be a testimony to the world?

Through this process, God will start to knit your heart with a specific group of people in _____. These are lifelong friendships that cannot be manufactured and this should be where we invest the majority of our time. Jesus

in _____ went up to a mountainside to pray and asked God for these men. Like marriage, you don't enter any covenant without much thought, time of testing, and prayer. In verse 13 we see the means of this choosing; that they may be with Him-companionship. Prayerfully choose those lifelong friends that God has assigned to you. Those you have fun with. God has somebody for everybody. The mission of this relationship was to _____ out to preach and cast out devils (v.14b-15) We see this covenant relationship between David and Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20:17. Like a marriage, everything I have is yours and everything you have is mine. Joint checking. This takes time to develop love and trust. Like two fornicating lovers who don't think they are ready or willing to make a commitment, many busy A-D-D-like Christians that are so busy but have little _____ fruit.

5. Multiply-As we desire, pray, and look for these kinds of friends, like Jesus we can purpose to reproduce ourselves and send them out to _____ in the city.

There is a big difference between addition and multiplying. It doesn't seem like it at first. 1 plus 1 is greater than 1 times 1. 2 plus 2 is the same as 2 times 2. But at the third generation, multiplying starts to rock. 3 plus 3 equals 6 but 3 times 3 equal 9. 12 plus 12 equals 24, but 12 times 12 equal 144. Wow! In any attempt to increase the size of a people group, the key is the _____ capable leaders. Take families. Corporations. The military. We see in the Bible whenever additional qualified leaders were developed, the gospel multiplied. Watch.

In Acts 2 with just Peter preaching, 3000 were _____. In Acts 2:43 the apostles were doing the miracles and ministering themselves and believers were being **added** daily. In Acts 4:1 Peter and John both ministered (other leaders) and the number _____ to 5000 men. In Acts 6: 3 they disciples raised up 7 more servant leaders and in Acts 6:7 the number of disciples _____. Then in Acts 8:4 the whole church preached wherever they went and they reached _____! The secret that separates addition from multiplying is teaching and releasing. It takes some patience but in the end it is a _____:

Can you imagine if every year you simply won somebody to the Lord who was willing to let you help them to grow. Just one a year. Then you built that relationship, strengthened them, they learned the basics of the faith, developed a passion for the lost, and even went through **Citytaker** to get equipped to be a witness. In addition, they were part of a small group, and then began to win others and discipled them to do the same. If you can catch this vision, you could change the world! Come on, let's change the world, one by one, and then multiply! (Star fish example)

The Potential ROI of Reproducing Covenant Relationships

At the end of ten years, an evangelist who wins 1,000 individuals annually to Christ a year would have 10,000 conversions. If a white-hot believer would take the time to teach 2 believers, after one year they would have 3 believers. Themselves and 2 others. The next year they could each invest in two. What would happen after 10 years?

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Converts-	1k	2k	3k	4k	5k	6k	7k	8k	9k	10k
Disciples-	3	9	27	81	243	729	2187	6561	19683	59049

If you like Jesus disciple 12 people who, in turn, disciple 12 more, in 9 generations we would have won the _____! This simple pattern does not seem as glamorous as media or mass evangelism, but in the end it is more effective!

Congratulations! You have begun to get equipped to bring Jesus to your world! Now what! Just going through some training means nothing unless you do something with it! What are you going to do next! The Holy Spirit is ready to go and change your world with you! Will you be a history maker! You can do it! Go write some history for Jesus! Come on! I pray right now for the passion and zeal of Jesus to rise up in you and manifest! Go, Go, Go! Go into your world! Change it for Jesus! It's time for a revolution! If you listen carefully, the crowd of heaven is cheering you on! (Luk 15:7, Heb 12:1)

Lesson 5 Homework

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- 1. Listen to Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 2. Listen to Citytaker Gospel Presentation**
- 3. Read Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 4. Set appt. to go see someone on your
Target List**
- 5. Memorize the Citytaker Witnessing Outline**
- 6. Hand out 5 tracts**
- 7. Call Citytaker Partner**