

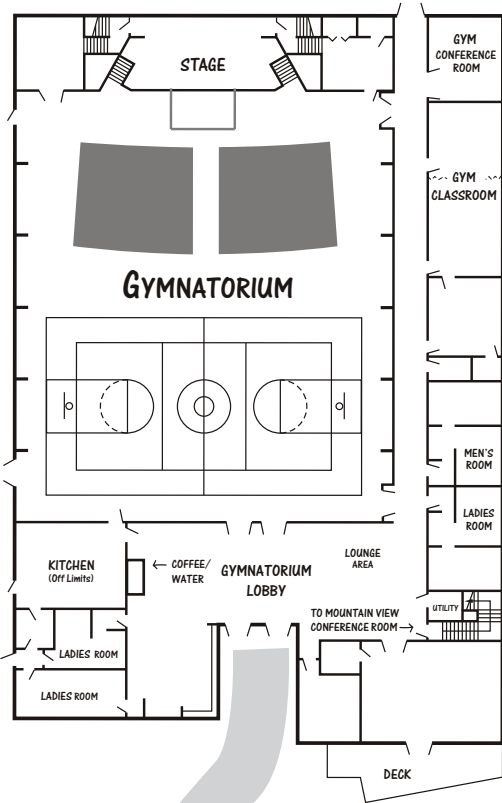
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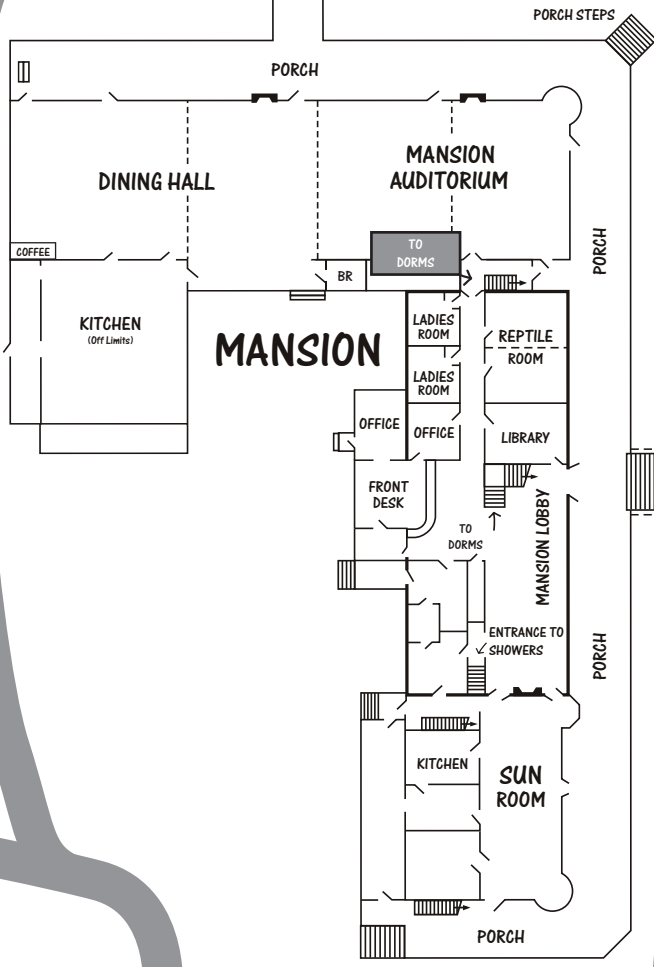


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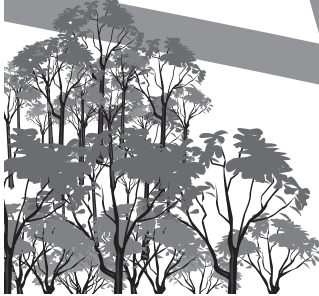
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Sunday

4:00–5:00 p.m.	Check-in
5:15–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:15–8:00 p.m.	Main session: <i>Fan Into Flame</i> (Mark Fodale)
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Campus time
9:00–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time (Lights out @ 11:00)

Monday

8:15–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Main session: <i>Don't Be Ashamed</i> (Zack Gugenheim)
10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	DM University: Bible Study 201 – Sun Room
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30–5:00 p.m.	Free time – Optional seminar at 1:30: <i>Why We Sing</i> (Location: Mtn. View Conf)
5:15–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:15 p.m.	Main session: <i>Be Strengthened for the Mission</i> (Brian Seay)
8:15–9:00 p.m.	Campus time
9:00–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time (Lights out @ 11:00)

Tuesday

8:15–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Main session: <i>Teapots or Toilets?</i> (Ben Hagerup)
10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	DM University: Bible Study 201 – Sun Room
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch – <i>with your DM University Small Group</i>
1:30–5:00 p.m.	Free time – Optional seminar at 1:30: <i>Revival: God's Extraordinary Work Through Ordinary Means</i> (Location: Mtn. View Conference Room)
5:15–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Main session: <i>Life in the Last Days</i> (Mike Kreider)
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Campus time
9:00–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time (lights out @ 11:00)

Wednesday

8:15–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God
9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Special Topic 1: <i>God's Good Design for Sex</i> (Mark Sanders – Harvest USA) Special Topic 2: <i>Navigating LGBTQ+ Issues on your Campus</i> (Mark Sanders – Harvest USA) Special Topic 3: <i>Sexuality Q&A</i> (Mark Sanders – Harvest USA)
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30–2:00 p.m.	Campus Photos (for EVERYONE)
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Free time (2:00–3:00 PM: DM Minute to Win It)
5:15–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Main session: <i>Ministry Panel Discussion</i>
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Game Show Night!
9:00–11:00 p.m.	Snacks and free time (lights out @ 11:00)

Thursday

8:15–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Time alone with God
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Main session: <i>Continue in What You Have Learned</i> — Caleb Olshefsky
10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: See page __ for schedule and descriptions.
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch – Optional: <i>DiscipleMakers Career & Internship Reception</i> (Location: Reptile Room)
1:30–5:00 p.m.	Free time – Optional seminar at 1:30: “ <i>Fulfill Your Ministry</i> ” Through Your Major (Location: Mtn. View Conference Room)
5:15–6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30–8:15 p.m.	Main session: <i>Preach the Word</i> (Dan Hall)
8:15–9:15 p.m.	Campus time
9:15–11:00 p.m.	Campfire & snack (lights out @ 11:00)

Friday

8:15–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00–9:45 a.m.	Campus time
10:00–11:30 a.m.	Main session: <i>Cultivate Your Ministry Friendgame to Bolster Your Ministry Endgame</i> (Brian Paker)
11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Clean up
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch and depart

BREAKOUT SESSIONS – Thursday Morning

Round 1 (Thursday, 10:30am)

How to Make “Meet-ups” Feel Less Awkward

Tori Zbinden | Location: Gymnatorium

Awkward. No one likes feeling awkward. Sometimes we avoid “meet-ups” because we are avoiding awkwardness. Come to this breakout to better learn how to make “meet-ups” less awkward.

“Oh no, *those are athletes...* How do I tell them about Christ?”

Josh Herring | Location: Sunroom

Whether verbally or not, we’ve all recited those dreadful words at one point or another. Does the very thought of conversing with an athlete cause you to shudder? Are you a current student athlete who wouldn’t dare to bring in any “religious talk” amongst your teammates? In this session – geared toward athletes and non-athletes alike – we will consider several practical ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ with athletes on campus (or the local rec team).

Your Testimony: the most effective evangelism tool you’ve got!

Greg Laplante | Location: Mountain View Conference Room

Don’t think you have a good testimony to share? I respectfully disagree and want to prove it to you. By asking the right questions, we will help draw out the heart of the story that God’s been writing on your life so far. This testimony seminar will help equip you to be able to share your testimony anywhere and with anyone.

Round 2 (Thursday, 11:00am)

Addressing a Hot Topic Without Generating All the Heat!

Mark Fodale | Location: Gymnatorium

How can you press into the hot topics of the day in way that promotes understanding more than argument? Join us as think through how to turn down the heat & “turn up the love!”

How to Talk to God About Your Sin

Brian Seay | Location: Sunroom

Adam and Eve immediately hid from God when they sinned. Since then, we’ve followed that pattern of fleeing from God in the event of our failures. Join us as we consider how God, in his grace, calls on us to run TOWARD him, rather than away.

How To Choose A Church

Jared Knorr | Location: Mountain View Conference Room

Are you new to your campus, or about to graduate and thinking about how to choose a Church? Join us as we discuss practical steps on how to find the Church the Lord is leading you to.

Round 3 (Thursday, 11:30am)

How to Memorize Scripture

Megan Williams | Location: Gymnatorium

Have you ever been in a trial and longed to replace your own despairing thoughts with thoughts that are true and right and helpful? Have you ever walked into a discipleship meeting and wished you had a specific passage from God's word that applied to a specific situation or discussion that was on the table? We meditate on God's word not simply because he commanded us to do so, but because it helps us to know Him and to make disciples.

Making Large Group Irresistible

Shannon Fodale | Location: Sunroom

How can you be energized by DCF Large Group? How can you see God's kingdom come to your campus through DCF Large Group? Come to this workshop to receive practical training and encouragement to make your Large Group irresistible!

How to Choose Worship Songs

Ali Hallman & Maggie Enestvedt | Location: Mountain View Conference Room

Hymns or contemporary songs? Lament or celebration? Gospel, rock, pop, folk... There are thousands of worship songs out there, so how do you discern which to use for corporate worship? Whether you are leading up front or singing in the congregation, God has given us a great call to edify the body of Christ through music, and we want to equip you to do it well for His glory!

Round 4 (Thursday, 12:00pm)

Talk to Strangers: The Surprising Way to Image the Gospel & Improve Your Mental Health

Maria Noyes | Location: Gymnatorium

Do you dread going to events where you don't know anyone? Does meeting new people top your list of least favorite things to do? For most of us, meeting new people doesn't come naturally. Come join us as we explore the Bible's powerful vision to meet new people and learn how to practically start conversations with strangers.

A Simple Way to Share the Gospel

Andy Cimbala | Location: Sunroom

When Jesus kicked off His ministry in Mark 1:15, it says He preached the gospel. As followers of Christ, we mimic Him as we preach the gospel today! But how do we do it? Join us for training in a simple way to share the gospel, that you can start using even this week.

How to Lead a Summer Bible Study with High School Friends

Gene Williams | Location: Mountain View Conference Room

If you're like me, you have grown a lot in your faith this year and you are excited to share it with your high school friends (or friends in your area this summer). But how do you share without coming on too strong? How do you lead a summer Bible study that they want to come to? We're going to cover why you should, what you should do, and how you should lead a summer Bible study!

OPTIONAL SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

Why We Sing

Ali Hallman & Gary Christman • Monday

We do it at church, on campus, during conferences, around bonfires... Christian culture is saturated with singing. But why? Why do Christians sing when they gather, and what does the Bible have to say about it? Dive in with us as we build a theology for singing from the Scriptures and explore how that impacts our “heads, hearts, and hands” as Christians.

Revival: God’s Extraordinary Work Through Ordinary Means

Lincoln Fitch • Tuesday

Revival is a special time of God pouring out his Spirit on his people to save souls and transforms many lives. Revival is something we may long for or even pray for it is not something many fully understand biblically and historically. Together we’ll consider the past work of God that we might be inspired to renewed faithfulness, hope, and prayer in the present.

“Fulfill Your Ministry” Through Your Major

James Osinski • Thursday

Two things are true about your life right now: You are currently a college student (or have graduated) and Paul’s command in 2 Timothy 4:5 to “fulfill your ministry” applies to you too. In this seminar, we will explore the how you can use your ordinary major to answer this extraordinary call.

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2 Timothy 1:1-7

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

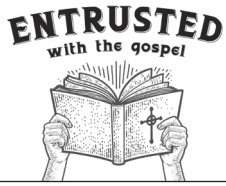
² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

1 Timothy 4:12-14

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ... – *Hebrews 12:1*

I. Remember! (vs. 3-5)

A. "You are not alone."

B. "You are loved."

C. "Your faith is real."

II. Respond! (vs. 6-7)

"... fan into flame the gift of God ... God gave us a spirit ..."

III. Rejoice!

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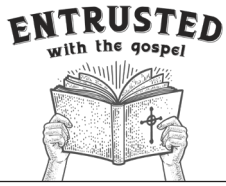
2 Timothy 1:8-18

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

1 Timothy 4:14-16

¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.



Main Point: Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,
but share in suffering through persevering by God's means of Grace.

I. Don't Be Ashamed (v. 8-12, 15)

II. Share in Suffering (v. 8, 12, 15)

III. Through Persevering "by God's Means of Grace" (vs. 13-18)

A. Follow the Pattern of Sound Words (v. 13)

B. Guard the good deposit (v. 14)

C. With the refreshment of gospel laborers (vs. 16-18)

Scripture references

2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Isaiah 55:10–11

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven

and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

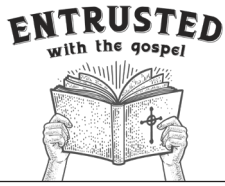
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. – 2 Timothy 2:1–2

I. The Mission (1-2)

- A. Be strengthened by grace

- B. Entrust the Gospel to others
 - 1. Entrust means to train others to handle it

 - 2. Who?
 - a. The faithful

 - b. Who are able to teach others also

II. The Perspective (3-7)

- A. Self-Denial

- B. Anticipating the Prize

- C. Taking the perspective (7)

III. The Assurances (8-13)

- A. Remember Jesus, the risen and reigning King (8)

- B. The Word of God is not bound (9)

- C. The elect will be saved (10)

- D. We will rise and reign with Jesus if we endure (11)

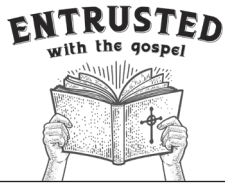
- E. Warning: He will reject those who reject him

2 Timothy 2:14-26

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

¹⁹ But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." ²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

²² So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.



To be a useful vessel to Jesus, you must pursue living and teaching God's Word rightly and flee quarrels.

I. Pursue God's Word and flee quarrels (v14-18)

A. What you must do:

B. What you must avoid:

II. Be a useful vessel to Jesus (v19-21)

A. Sealed by God

B. Cleansed for God

III. Flee quarrels and pursue God's Word (v22-26)

A. What you must avoid:

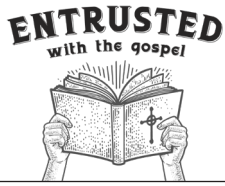
B. What you must do:

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2 Timothy 3:1-9

¹ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶ For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷ always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

“Look...at those hundreds of people whose whole religion seems to consist in talk and high profession. They know the theory of the gospel intellectually and profess to delight in evangelical doctrine. They can say much about the “soundness” of their own views, and the “darkness” of all who disagree with them, but they never get any further! When you examine their inner lives, you find that they know nothing of practical godliness. They are neither truthful, nor charitable, nor humble, nor honest, nor kind-tempered, nor gentle, nor unselfish, nor honorable. What shall we say of these people? They are Christians, no doubt, in name and yet there is neither substance nor fruit in their Christianity. There is but one thing to be said—they are formal Christians. Their religion is an empty form.” – *J.C. Ryle*



“The lives of leaders must demonstrate the power of the gospel. If they do not, ‘have nothing to do with them.’” -R. Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell

I. Anticipate Counterfeit Christians (v.1-5a)

- A. Dysfunction of Affections
- B. Dysfunction of Authority
- C. Excessive self-importance
- D. Danger to themselves and others

II. Avoid Counterfeit Christians (v.5b-7)

III. Anticipate their Defeat (v.8-9)

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God's Good Design for Sex
Wednesday Morning Special Topic – Talk 1
Mark Sanders - Harvest USA

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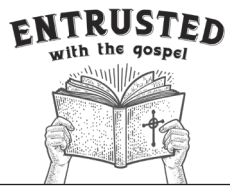


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Navigating LGBTQ+ Issues on your Campus
Wednesday Morning Special Topic – Talk 2
Mark Sanders - Harvest USA

2 Timothy 3:10-17

¹⁰You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



I. A Reminder to Continue (vv. 10–12)

II. A Path to Continue (vv.13–17)

Scripture references

2 Timothy 4:1-8

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Psalm 103:14-18

¹⁴ For he knows our frame;

he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

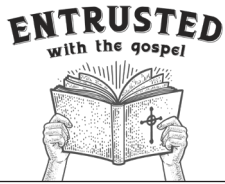
and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.



“We live in a day of itching ears, but I have no commission from God to scratch them.”
Leonard Ravenhill

I. A Solemn Charge (1-2)

- Don't take it lightly.
- Preach THE word.
- How to preach THE word.

II. An Itching Audience (3-4)

- The word of God will be resisted.

III. A Ministry Calling (5-7)

- Now it's your turn to fulfill the ministry.

IV. An Immeasurable Reward (8-9)

- God rewards those who preach THE word

Scripture references & quotes

2 Timothy 4:9-22

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹ Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Proverbs 18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Ecclesiastes 4:10

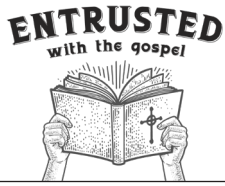
If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up.

Quote

“The same sun which melts wax, hardens clay. And the same gospel which melts some persons to repentance, hardens others in their sins.” – *Charles Spurgeon*

Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.



Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He my Savior, makes me whole." –*J. Wilbur Chapman*

I. The Need For Ministry Companions (v. 9-13, 20-21)

A. Relational Encouragement

B. Practical Needs

C. Seasons of Weakness

II. The Reality of Ministry Hardship (v. 10, 14-15)

A. Personal Abandonment

B. Gospel Opposition

III. The Rescue of a Heavenly Advocate (v. 16-18)

Scripture references

How to Make “Meet-ups” Feel Less Awkward

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Matthew 9:35-38

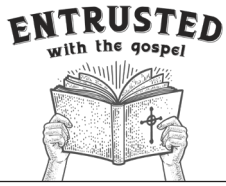
³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Romans 12:3

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

John 16:33

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



“Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.” – *DT Niles*

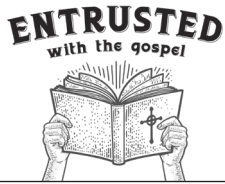
1. Know your goal

2. Believe the Best

3. Bring Clarity

4. Be Humble

5. Trust God



... for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. – 1 Timothy 4:8

I. The Uniqueness of Reaching Athletes

- a. Athletes are accustomed to _____ and _____.

- b. Athletes understand what it means to _____.

- c. Athletes are compelled by _____.

- d. Athletes have built-in _____.

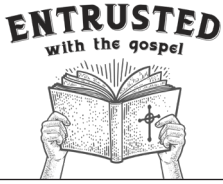
II. The Practicals of Reaching Athletes

- a.

- b.

- c.

- d.



STORIES OF REDEMPTION

Preparing Your Personal Testimony

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

When the apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa (Acts 26), he spoke simply, logically, and clearly about his life **before** salvation, **how** he met Christ, and what his life was like **after** conversion. Paul’s testimony takes three or four minutes to read aloud in a conversational manner.

It is important for you to be able to write out your personal testimony—not for the purpose of memorizing and sharing it verbatim, but because it helps to put into words some of the important and interesting details of your relationship with Christ. Our individual stories are some of the most powerful discipleship and evangelism tools because they are so deeply unique to us. The choice of the right words, the flow of your story, and knowing how to begin and end are all important. As you begin to work on this, ask the Lord for wisdom and insight into just how to share your story. The following worksheet is meant to be a guide to help you outline the significant highlights in your journey with Christ.

BEFORE

- 1 Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

- 2 What solutions for your life did you try that didn’t work?

HOW

- 1 What were the circumstances that caused you to consider Christ?

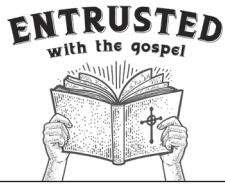
- 2 Tell how you trusted Christ, and briefly include the gospel.

AFTER

- 1 Give an example of how Christ met your needs or how He is now contributing to your life.

- 2 End with a sentence to the effect that you know that you have eternal life through Christ.





Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky. – *Philippians 2:14-15*

Bad evangelism says, “I’m right, you’re wrong, and I’d love to tell you about it.” Good evangelism says, “We’re both wrong & I would love to tell you about how Jesus can make us right.” – *Timothy Keller*

I. Love

- Love the other person because God loved you in your rebellion, doubts, and foolishness.

II. Listen

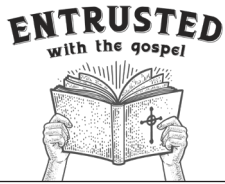
- Listen to understand & not to object or respond.

III. Think

- Explore where you can actually agree with what is beneath & behind the question/objection.

IV. Speak

- State the objection as positively & graciously as you can.

**Psalm 51**

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Scripture references

How to Choose a Church

Questions to ask when finding a Church:

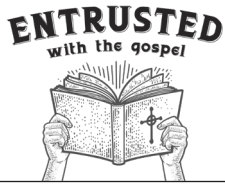
- Is the Bible preached, the Gospel central, and the Mission clear?
 - Do they revere and teach the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation? Do they teach the authority of Scripture as God's revelation to us today?
 - Do they preach the full gospel of Jesus Christ, or a different gospel?
 - Are they people on mission? Do they come together in order to go out equipped into the world?
- Does it fit your personality?
 - Is it a church where you can learn well?
 - Is it a church where you can worship well?
 - Is it a church where you can connect well?
 - Is it a church where you can serve well?
- Am I praying for the church where God wants me?
- Am I seeking humbly, asking how God can grow me and how I can serve?
- Am I making a commitment?

LINKS:

churches.thegospelcoalition.org

acts29network.org/find-churches/

9marks.org/church-search



“The church does not simply have a missions department; it should wholly exist to be a mission.”
– *Timothy Keller*

I. Why Church?

A. Ephesians 5:22-32

B. Revelation 21:1-4

II. Church Non-Negotiables

A. The Word

B. The Gospel

C. The Mission

III. Church Personalities

A. Learn

B. Worship

C. Connect

D. Serve

IV. Choosing A Church

A. Pray, Seek, Commit, Pray

Scripture & Additional resources

How to Memorize Scripture

Joshua 1:6-9

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

SHORT

Psalm 1
Psalm 119:11-16
Psalm 119:105
Psalm 121
Isaiah 9: 1-7
Malachi 4
Matthew 7: 24-27
Mark 4: 35-41
Luke 9: 10-17
John 20: 1-9
John 21: 1-14
Colossians 3:16
Hebrews 4:12
Revelation 22: 1-6

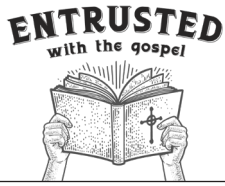
MEDIUM

Proverbs 31:10-31
Isaiah 55
Psalm 42
Psalm 145
Proverbs 31:10-31
Matthew 2
Luke 2: 1-20
John 3:1-21
John 20
Acts 1: 1-11
Philippians 4
Joshua 1
1 Samuel 17
Ecclesiastes 3
Daniel 3
Daniel 6
Habakkuk
Romans 3

LONG

Job 38-42
Isaiah 40-41
Matthew 5-7
Acts 3-5
James
1 John
Really any epistle

*bolded texts are
“motivator texts” that
might spur you on to
memorize more and
more



Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. – *Jeremiah 15:16*

I. Vision: We must meditate on God’s word

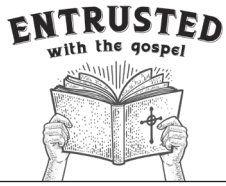
- A. Meditating on God’s word strengthens us and helps us do what he commands (Joshua 1:6-9)
- B. _____ God’s Word is a means to _____ on God’s Word
- C. God’s Spirit uses God’s Word to _____
(Psalm 119:105)

II. Principles: We can memorize in a variety of ways

- A. God’s word spans from Genesis to Revelation so _____ your texts
- B. God’s word is vast so memorize whole books
- C. God’s word is profitable so memorize clear _____ verses
- D. God’s word is given to his people, so memorize with other people

III. Practicals: We must take real steps

1. Add 1-2 verses/ day
2. Write it down
3. Say it at least 10 x out loud
4. Use a cadence
5. Review from the beginning every day!
6. Take a Sabbath
7. Slowly decrease frequency of review



“DCF Large Group is a Foretaste of Heaven.”

I. Begin With the End in Mind

II. Be the Person You Want to Have at Large Group

III. One Size Does Not Fit All

Scripture & Additional resources

How to Choose Worship Songs

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

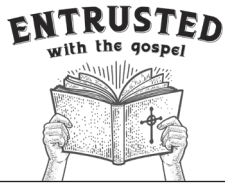
Song Evaluation Tool

Is this an effective corporate worship song?

- Aspects of the gospel story are clearly displayed.**
(creation, fall/sin, redemption, glory)
- It includes objective biblical truths about the Lord in an understandable way.**
- It helps us to engage with the Lord relationally.**
(lament, rejoice, cry out for help, contemplate, give thanks, boast in, resolve, commit, repent, rest in, etc)
- When singing about ourselves or our circumstances, the lyrics direct our attention to remember God's work and character.**
- The song structure and melody is easy to follow and sing along with.**

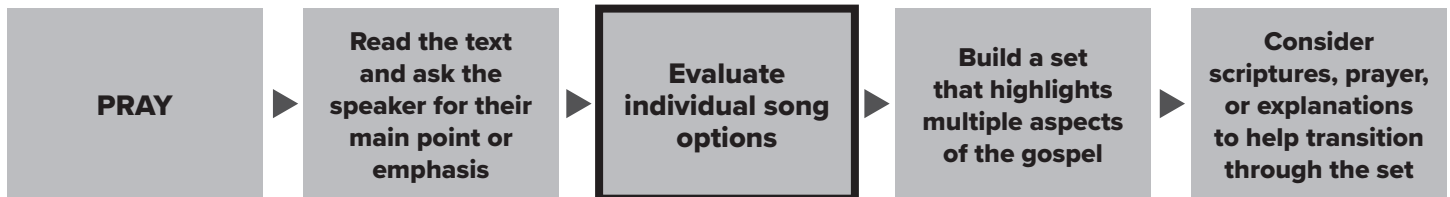


Scan here for a digital version of the song evaluation tool to keep for easy reference



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

– Colossians 3:16-17



I. The goal of corporate worship

To edify the body of Christ as we express our love and praise to the Lord and proclaim the truth about Him to each other, all to His glory.

II. How do we accomplish it?

Choose songs that disciple! Songs that...

- guide emotions and actions to love God and people more
- declare and affirm biblical truth
- help people grow in Christ-likeness and lead holy, productive lives
- glorify God through dependence on Christ

Scripture references

Talk to Strangers: The Surprising Way to Image the Gospel & Improve Your Mental Health

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

1 John 4:10-11, 19

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another....We love because he first loved us.

Ephesians 2:19-20

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...

Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Proverbs 18:1

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

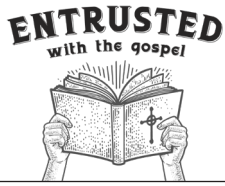
Proverbs 11:25

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (NIV 1984)

Small Talk Chains: Interactive Activity

Here are some effective small talk chains, with the common, but less open-ended questions marked through, and a better alternative following it:

- Where are you from? → ~~Did you live there all of your life?~~ What was it like to grow up there? → What do you miss most about your hometown? → How is your college town similar or different from where you grew up?
- What are you majoring in? → What made you decide to choose that major? → ~~How do you like it?~~ What's been the best class you've taken so far? → Tell me more about it. → What was the most interesting part of the class? → What's been the worst class you've taken so far in college?



*Because we are relentlessly pursued, especially when we are not worthy of such pursuit, we also become pursuers.
We turn toward others and move in their direction. That is how the kingdom of heaven works. – Ed Welch*

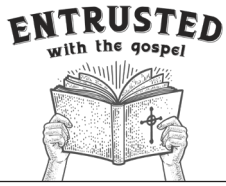
I. The Pitfalls: What Hold Us Back from Meeting New People

II. The Principles: Why We Should Meet New People

Principle 1: Remember _____

Principle 2: Remember _____

III. The Practicals: How to Meet New People



“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” – *Jesus, Mark 1:15*

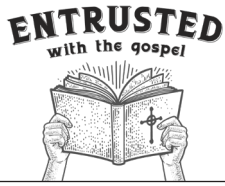
I. Why should you share the gospel?

II. How to do it

III. Let's practice!



Scan this QR code to listen to a challenging sermon titled “If You Share the Gospel” by Brian Zunigha



“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?
It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.” – *Matthew 5:13–15*

I. Why should I do it?

II. What should I do?

III. How should I do it?

IV. Additional / Miscellaneous Notes

Scripture references

Why We Sing

Psalm 62

¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

³ How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴ They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in falsehood.
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse. *Selah*

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

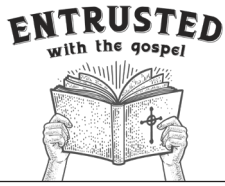
¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

¹² and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man
according to his work.

Head - Remember

Heart - Respond

Hands - Reflect



“The reality of God and Christ and creation and salvation and heaven and hell are simply too great for mere speaking; they must also be sung.” – *John Piper*

I. Why do we sing?

A. Why we shouldn't sing

1. To “worship”
2. To access the Holy Spirit/spiritual encounter with God
3. To move God / please Him

B. Why we should sing

1. Song is built into the very fabric of all creation and through all time.
 - a. **From the beginning...**
(Gen. 2:21-23, Job 38:4-7, Psalm 96)
 - b. **Throughout the plan of Salvation...**
(1 Chron. 15:16, Luke 2:8-15, Mark 14:26)
 - c. **To the end and forever!**
(Rev. 5:8-14)
2. God sings (Zephaniah 3:14-17)
3. Jesus sings (Hebrews 2:12-15)
4. His grace makes us sing (Psalm 100)
5. Singing is commanded (Heb. 13:15, Ephesians 5:18b-21)

II. God has created singing to impact our Head, Heart, and Hands.

Scripture references

Revival: God's Extraordinary Work Through Ordinary Means

Nehemiah 8:1–9

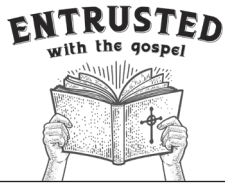
¹ And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

Acts 2:36–41

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."
⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



“Thus what characterizes a revival is not the employment of unusual or special means but rather the extraordinary degree of blessing attending the normal means of grace. There were no unusual evangelistic meetings, no special arrangements, no announcements of pending revivals. Pastors were simply continuing in the services they had conducted for many years when the great change began.” – *Iain Murray*

I. A Right Understanding of Revival

*beware of revivalism and a reactionary conservatism

II. Preconditions to Revival

III. The Effects of Revival

“The appearance was as if a collection of waters, long suspended over the town, had fallen all at once, and deluged the whole place. For several weeks, the people would stay at the close of every evening service, to hear some new exhortation; and it seemed impossible to persuade them to depart, until those on whose lips they hung had retired.” – *Edward Griffin*

“Our public assemblies were then beautiful: the congregation was alive in God’s service, everyone earnestly intent on the public worship, every hearer eager to drink in the words of the minister as they came from his mouth; the assembly in general were, from time to time in tears while the word was preached; some weeping with sorrow and distress, others with joy and love, others with pity and concern for the souls of their neighbors.” – *Jonathan Edwards*

Scripture & Additional Resources

“Fulfill Your Ministry” Through Your Major

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 2:1-3, 15-16

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden...”

Genesis 3:17-19a

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground...

John 17:4-5

⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Revelation 5:1a

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Colossians 3:23

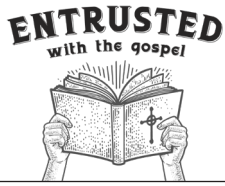
Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men

Quote

“Christian artists, when they do this faithfully, will not completely beholden, either to profit or to naked self expression; and they will tell the widest variety of stories. Christians in business will see profit as only one of several bottom lines; and they will work passionately for any kind of enterprise that serves the common good. The Christian writer can constantly be showing the destructiveness of making something besides God into the central thing, even without mentioning God directly.”
– Timothy Keller, *Every Good Endeavor*

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.



We must think out the Christian worldview's implications in every field, and often those implications are subtle.
– Timothy Keller

I. The Story of Work

- a. Work is good
- b. Work is broken
- c. Work is redeemed

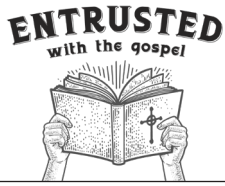
II. A Lens to View Work

The gospel is not a _____ of work but a _____ in which we view work.

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration

III. Working with Gospel Glasses

- a. All work is ministry
- b. Unique majors lead to unique opportunities
- c. You have freedom



A “Start-Your-Day” Bible Study

As you begin your day here at Focus, spend some time before our morning session to do some Bible study. This will prepare you for the day ahead, give you time alone with God, and familiarize you with 2 Timothy (which we are teaching through in our main sessions)!

Here’s the plan - each day (except Friday!) read 1 chapter from 2 Timothy ...

- Monday: 2 Timothy 1
- Tuesday: 2 Timothy 2
- Wednesday: 2 Timothy 3
- Thursday: 2 Timothy 4

As you read each chapter, think through the following questions (the text of 2 Timothy is provided for you below so you can mark it up as much as you want!).

1. Are there any repeated words or images in this chapter? Any commands or promises?
2. What does this chapter teach you about God (His character, His works, etc)
3. What would you say is the main point of this chapter? Try to put it into one sentence if you can!
4. Finally, spend a few moments praying in response to your time in God’s Word. Maybe you want to thank Him for what He’s done, or ask for strength to honor Him, or simply pray that you would be open to learn & grow today.

Monday

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

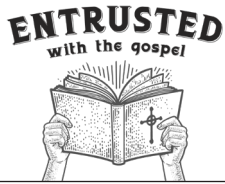
² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus,



for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— ¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you will know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Tuesday

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹ But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who

names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

²² So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Wednesday

¹ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶ For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷ always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in

Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Thursday

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not

be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹ Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.



BIBLE STUDY 201

Monday (teaching/modeling)

10:30–11:00 a.m.	Session 1: How to Lead a Bible Study
11:00–11:05 a.m.	Break
11:05–11:50 a.m.	Session 2: Bible Study Demonstration – <i>Interactive Bible study on John 1:1-18</i>
11:50 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Break
12:00–12:30 p.m.	Session 3: Bible Study Leading Prep – <i>Prep time for leading practice Bible studies on Tuesday</i>

Tuesday (practice/feedback)

10:30–10:35 a.m.	Review Expectations
10:35–11:00 a.m.	Practice 1 – <i>John 1:19-28 (15-20 min Bible study, 5 min feedback, 5 min break)</i>
11:00–11:30 a.m.	Practice 2 – <i>John 1:29-42 (15-20 min Bible study, 5 min feedback, 5 min break)</i>
11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Practice 3 – <i>John 1:43-51 (15-20 min Bible study, 5 min feedback, 5 min break)</i>
12:00–12:30 p.m.	Practice 4 – <i>John 2:1-12 (15-20 min Bible study, 5 min feedback, 5 min break)</i>

Bag lunch in small groups

12:30–1:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share a few takeaways of what you learned about the Lord from the Bible studies in John 1-2 • What are the biggest challenges you've faced in leading small groups? • Share a few takeaways of what you learned on leading small groups
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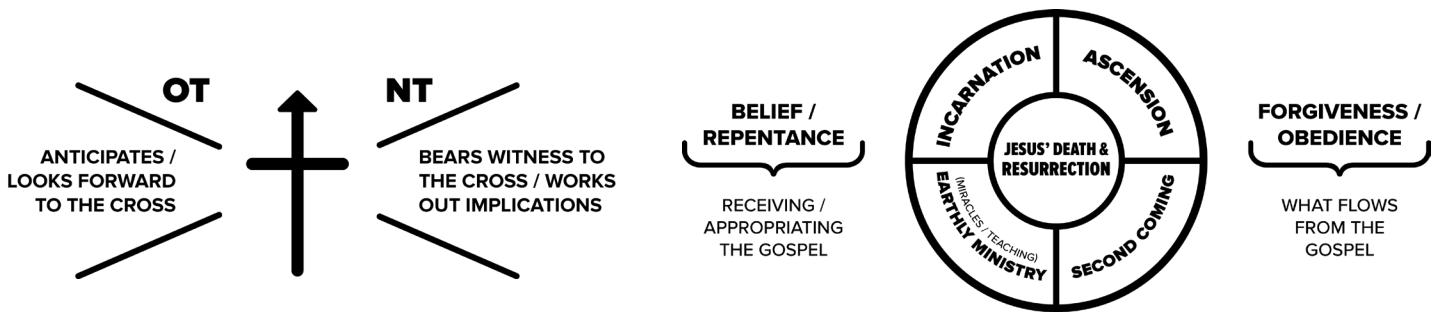
“When God’s Word falls on good soil, he promises the results will astound (Mark 4:8). That’s why there’s a surprising glory in leading a group of ordinary people to open their Bibles, read what’s on the page, and discuss how God might use these words to change the world.” – Peter Krol, *Sowable Word*

I. The role of the leader

- A. Study the _____ well yourself (2 Timothy 2:15)
- B. _____ the discussion–don’t give a lecture
 - 1. Launch
 - 2. Guide
 - 3. Land
- C. Ask _____ questions that drive discussion back to the text

II. How to organize the discussion

- A. Loosely follow OIA stages
- B. Observation–What does it say? → Getting the facts
 - 1. Launch with the _____: repetition, striking details, genre/text type
 - 2. Draw out people’s _____; go where people have interest
 - 3. Ask how the passage _____ with the previous passage in the book
 - 4. Dig _____ to explore how the passage is structured, to identify logical progressions, to identify shifts in metaphors & subjects, to identify themes
 - 5. Examples from John 1:1-18
 - What words are repeated? What contrasts did you notice?
 - Who is the Word? What do we learn about the Word?
 - How do people respond to the Word?
- C. Interpretation–What does it mean? → Understanding the facts
 - 1. _____ discussion by asking lots of “why” and “so what” questions
 - 2. Ask questions to uncover what part of the passage bears the _____ of the passage (ex: chief conclusions, repeated refrain, plot climax/resolution)
 - 3. Summarize key _____ from the discussion
 - 4. Ask how the _____ point of the passage connects to Jesus/the gospel



5. Examples from John 1:1-18

- What's the significance of Jesus being called the Word, the light? Why does John begin his book introducing Jesus this way?
- What does it mean to become God's child? How does this happen?
- What part of this passage bears the most weight (emphasis)?
- [Summary] We seem to have concluded that Jesus is fully God and became a man. He came to earth that we could know the Father.

D. Application—How should I change?

→ Reaping from the facts

1. _____ inward applications. How does the text call us to love God and love our neighbor (1st and 2nd greatest commandments— Matthew 22:35-40)?
2. _____ outward applications. How does the text call us to influence God's world (Great commission— Matthew 28:18-20)?
3. Ask: What beliefs, desires, or _____ should be put off or put on in light of the text?
4. Connect _____ with Jesus and the gospel
5. Examples from John 1:1-18
 - What kind of response does the passage implicitly call us to?
 - How should understanding these truths about Jesus change how we think and how we live?
 - How does this passage call us to influence God's world?

III. How to encourage participation

- A. _____ and respond positively to everyone. (Even if what someone says is wrong, try to find at least one thing that you can agree with them on. If that's not possible, you can at least appreciate that they participated.)
- B. Control the discussion with your _____
 1. Those you look at will feel compelled/allowed to speak
 2. If silence is getting too long, look at the most talkative
 3. If someone talks too much, do not look at her much

IV. How to deal with problems

A. Discussions getting _____

1. Say, "We're getting a little off track here. Let's get back to..."
2. To the repeat _____, you may need to hold up your hand to them and interrupt them saying, "Mike, we are going to have to leave that issue and come back to tonight's topic."

B. Talkers and non-talkers

1. Non-talkers: draw them out with a question _____ to them
2. Talkers (who tend to dominate the discussion):
 - Direct questions and eye contact to _____
 - Say to the group, "Let's have some _____ from those who haven't said much so far."
 - _____ the offender and say to him, "George, we need to let some others share, please."
 - _____ to him after the Bible study

C. Tough questions

1. If it is not _____, say, "That's a good question, but it is off the subject tonight. Perhaps we could talk about that after the study."
2. For relevant questions:
 - _____ questions back to the group: "What do the rest of you think?"
 - Ask a _____ on the question that was raised: "Why do you ask that?"
3. For questions beyond you:
 - Say, "I'll research that and get back to you." Talk to _____ to gain further understanding
 - Say, "That's a good question. I don't know!"
 - Remember that God is _____, and we're not going to understand everything

V. The hope of the leader

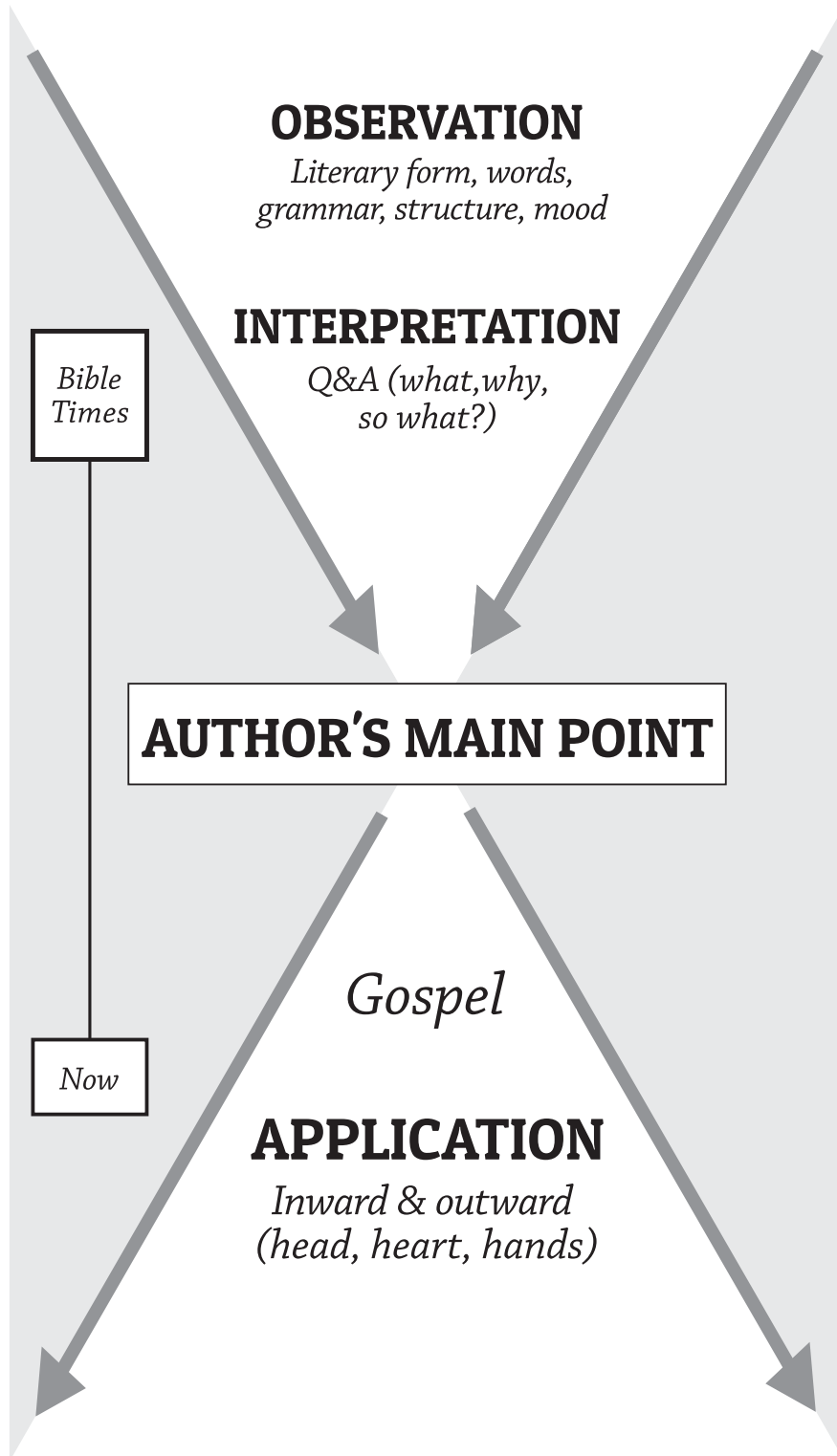
A. God's Word always _____ God's purposes (Isaiah 55:10-11)

B. God's Word sown bears much _____ (Mark 4:20)

APPENDIX: Helpful Resources

OIA Summary Chart

knowableword.com/resources



Good questions to ask when studying a passage of Scripture

1. What stands out in this passage?
2. What words, phrases, and ideas were repeated?
3. How is this passage structured/organized; what is the flow-of-thought (any progressions, sections, comparisons/contrasts, climaxes, etc...)?
4. How does this passage relate with /contribute to the overall theme of the book?
5. What is significant about [each observation]...
 - the repeated words and ideas?
 - how the passage is structured?
 - the connections & tie-ins with preceding chapters?
6. How does this passage relate to Christ?
 - How does it directly or indirectly point to Christ?
 - How does it show my need for a Savior?
 - How does it show God's character who would provide a Savior for sinners?
 - How does it flow or result from Christ & His work?
7. How should a right understanding of these truths affect my life right now?

More OIA Bible Study Resources:

- Bible Study Help Sheet (bit.ly/BibleStudyHelp)
- OIA Bible Study Worksheet (bit.ly/OIAworksheet)
- OIA Knowable Word Worksheets (knowableword.com/resources)

Eight Don'ts of Leading Bible Studies

1. *Don't answer your own question.* Otherwise your group will begin to look to you as “the teacher” rather than “the facilitator.” If necessary repeat or rephrase an unclear question.
2. *Don't be afraid of silence.* Silence may mean:
 - People are thinking (this is true 90% of the time)
 - People are confused and need the question restated
 - People are asleep; not a real healthy sign :-)
3. *Don't be content with just one answer.* For every written question feel free to ask two or three follow-up questions like: “What does someone else think?” This allows a number of people to respond.
4. *Don't expect group members to respond to you with each answer.* They will be tempted to do this especially when the group is new. Instead, though, you want to see them talking to each other so you don't have to “broker” the entire conversation.
5. *Don't reject an answer as wrong.* Respond to questionable answers by asking: “How did you come to that conclusion?” or: “Does anyone have another way of looking at it?” Try to be affirming whenever possible.
6. *Don't be afraid of controversy.* Of course, your group won't profit that raises more heat than light. But differences of opinion can be a stimulus for learning.
7. *Don't allow the group to get in a rut.* As long as you stay in line with the passage, the more creative you can be the merrier.
8. *Don't allow the group to end late.* If the discussion proves very fruitful, officially end the group on time with the opportunity for those who choose to stay and discuss the issue in more depth.



John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**John 1:19-28**

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**John 1:29-42**

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

**John 1:43-51**

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**John 2:1-12**

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.