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PREFACE

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) has taught *Christian Life and Witness* all over the world in preparation for evangelistic outreaches. As a result, thousands of Christians have been renewed in their relationship with Jesus Christ and equipped to effectively share their faith with others both in daily life and as volunteers during the event.

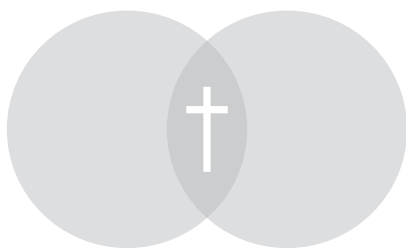
The Christian Life and Witness Course helps Christians reaffirm key Biblical principles that form a solid foundation for their faith. Using Scripture to answer common questions, these materials show how to build a victorious Christian life and share the abundance of that life with others.

Completion of the Christian Life and Witness Course and submission of an acceptable application qualifies people to serve as counselors at a BGEA outreach. Many will have the joy of leading someone to Christ for the first time.

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Christian Life and Witness Course. Before you begin, it will be helpful to answer a few basic questions.

> Who is the Christian Life and Witness Course for?

It is for every Christian who wants to know Jesus Christ better and wants to share Him with others as Lord and Savior—and it's designed to encourage and strengthen you in doing both in your daily walk with Christ.

> How can I get the most from the course?

We realize that in a few short lessons it isn't possible to help every person become a mature, fully equipped worker. Therefore, the course objective is to give each participant a solid foundation for faith and some good, practical, basic principles upon which to build an effective Christian life and witness. Here are a few suggestions to make the learning experience more effective:

- Be prepared to take notes.
- Fill in the question-and-answer sections, in class or at home. Writing in the answers will help you remember more of what you learn.
- Think of how you might apply each lesson to your own life and then pass on the truths, principles, suggestions, or materials which you receive to other people.

LESSON ONE



THE **EFFECTIVE**
CHRISTIAN LIFE



Every Christian is responsible for living a life that glorifies God and points others to Him. But how can believers do that? Where do we start? What is involved in being used by God?

Perhaps the best answer is found in the life of Philip, who introduced an Ethiopian official to Jesus Christ (see Acts 8:26–38).

1

GOD'S PRESENCE

First, Philip's life witnessed to Christ. He was chosen as a worker in the early church because of his character (Acts 6:3-5). God's presence in his life became the source for his character and a powerful witness to the world. Our lives should demonstrate that we know Him.

2

GOD'S SPIRIT

Second, the Holy Spirit was vitally involved in Philip's life and ministry—*"Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this [man's] chariot'"* (Acts 8:29). The Holy Spirit is our Teacher, our Guide, and the One who makes our lives attractive (Galatians 5:22-23) and gives us the boldness and courage to witness. Our responsibility is to be yielded to all the wonderful resources He gives. When Philip was led to the Ethiopian official, the man had already been prepared by the Holy Spirit.

GOD'S WORD

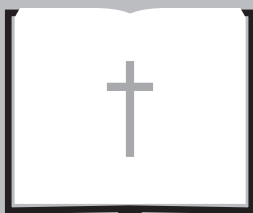
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Third, notice the important part Scripture itself plays in this account. The official was in the middle of reading Isaiah 53 and asked Philip to explain the passage. Philip took the chapter, which prophesies Jesus' crucifixion, and "*told him the good news about Jesus*" (Acts 8:35, ESV). Phillip knew the Scriptures and was prepared to share the Good News of the Gospel. If we are going to be effective Christians, we too must gain a working knowledge of the Scriptures to share with others.

4

GOD'S POWER

Fourth, there is another factor in this story—God's sovereignty. God saw to it that the official had a copy of Isaiah 53 and that Philip was there at just the right time to explain the passage. Not only does God work out details like these, He enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things.



Our responsibility is to place our faith in God and trust Him to use us. The Bible—from cover to cover—is a record of God working mightily in and through the lives of regular people like Philip.

How does God want to use you?

GRASPING GOD'S WORD

Read the following passages to learn how to **hear**, **read**, **study**, **memorize**, and **meditate** on Scripture—and share God's Word with others:

_____, ____%



_____, ____%

_____, ____%



_____, ____%



- **HEAR**, Romans 10:17

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

- **READ**, Deuteronomy 17:19

“And [the law] shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes.”

- **STUDY**, Proverbs 2:1-6

“My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

- **MEMORIZE**, Psalm 119:9, 11

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

- **MEDITATE**, Joshua 1:8

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe 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.”

- **GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**, Jeremiah 1:6–9

“Then said I: ‘Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.’ But the Lord said to me: ‘Do not say, “I am a youth,” for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,’ says the Lord. Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: ‘Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.’”

- **LIFE**, Philippians 2:13

“It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

- **HOLY SPIRIT**, Ephesians 5:18

“Do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”

- **SCRIPTURES**, Ephesians 6:17

“Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

- **FAITH**, Hebrews 11:6

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

GRASPING GOD'S HAND

These verses demonstrate that it is God at work in us—and not our own power—that gives us the boldness to share Him with others.



Evidences of the Spirit-filled life:

Victory—Galatians 5:16

Power—Acts 1:8

2 Timothy 1:7

Love—Galatians 5:22–23

John 13:34–35

1 Corinthians 13:4–7

How to live the Spirit-controlled life:

Surrender—Ephesians 5:18

Confess—1 John 1:9

Obey—Ephesians 5:15

Practice—Galatians 5:25

Psalms 37:23–24

WALKING GOD'S WAY

When we receive Jesus Christ into our lives, all the promises of God are available to us—and we realize these promises as we live as God intends. Since we aren't perfect, God has provided help to walk along His pathway and to recover when we falter.

RESULTS OF WALKING GOD'S WAY:

- **PEACE:**

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." —Isaiah 26:3

- **JOY:**

"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." —Psalm 16:11

GOD'S WAY

• PEACE • JOY • FULLNESS OF LIFE



- **FULLNESS OF LIFE:**

“He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.” —Psalm 107:9

Since God in His Word promises fulfillment and joy, why are so many Christians today experiencing frustration, emptiness of life, and unhappiness?

MAN'S WAY

When a Christian is diverted from God's way by sinful, selfish desires, he or she will experience frustration and defeat. Every believer has two natures. The new nature (Christ indwelling us by His Spirit) desires to walk along God's way in obedience, but the old nature (the flesh) pulls in another direction to please self in man's way. This causes inner conflict and unless we are prepared for the battle, we can easily be pulled off God's path in defeat.

FRUSTRATION • UNHAPPY

SINFUL SELF: Romans 7:18 *"I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."*

INNER CORRUPTION: Mark 7:21-22 *"From within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness."*

GOD'S WAY
• PEACE • JOY • FULLNESS OF LIFE

MAN'S WAY
• BUSINESS • DEPRESSION • GUILT • ALIENATION • EMPTINESS

EVIL DESIRES: James 1:13-15 *"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."*

What selfish desire or sin has drawn me away, and what must I do to return to God's way?

GOD'S PROVISION

God's Word tells us how God graciously provides a way whereby the sidetracked Christian can get back onto God's way and be restored to fellowship with Christ. God is merciful and compassionate, and if we are willing to confess our sins and turn back, God will put us back on His way to peace, joy, and fullness of life.

"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

—Lamentations 3:22-23



THE RESTORATION ROAD

(GAL. 6:1, NLT)

1. CONFESSION
1 John 1:9

2. TURN BACK
Proverbs 28:13

3. FORGIVENESS
Psalm 32:5

GOD'S WAY

• PEACE • JOY • FULLNESS OF LIFE

CONFESSION: Be specific; agree with God and acknowledge your sins. 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

TURN BACK: Turn back to God's way and by His grace, walk in obedience strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Proverbs 28:13 *"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."*

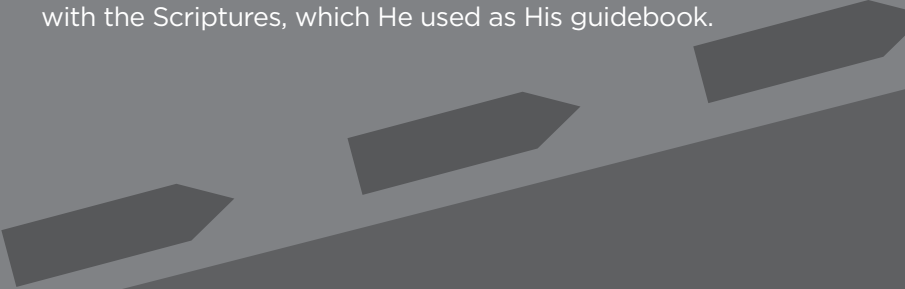
FORGIVENESS: Believe Him for forgiveness. Psalm 32:5 *"I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and You forgave the iniquity of my sin."*

If you have wronged someone, after making things right with God, make amends with the one you have wronged.

Now that I have confessed and turned back from my way, what must I do to maintain a steady walk along God's way?

STAYING ON GOD'S WAY

Walking along God's way consistently and victoriously does not come about by coincidence or accident. It takes a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord of our life and a discipline to live with daily priorities. The most important time in our day is the time we spend alone with God devotionally. We make sure we are on the right path, wait on God for direction for our lives, and maintain an abiding relationship with Jesus in our daily quiet time. To stay on God's way, the Christian needs to follow the example of Jesus in Luke 4:1-14. In His encounter with Satan, He was empowered by the Holy Spirit and armed with the Scriptures, which He used as His guidebook.



SET MIND: Daniel 1:8 *"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."*

CHOSEN PATH: Psalm 119:30 *"I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me."*

TRANSFORMED LIFE: Romans 12:2 *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

GOD'S WAY

• PEACE • JOY • FULLNESS OF LIFE



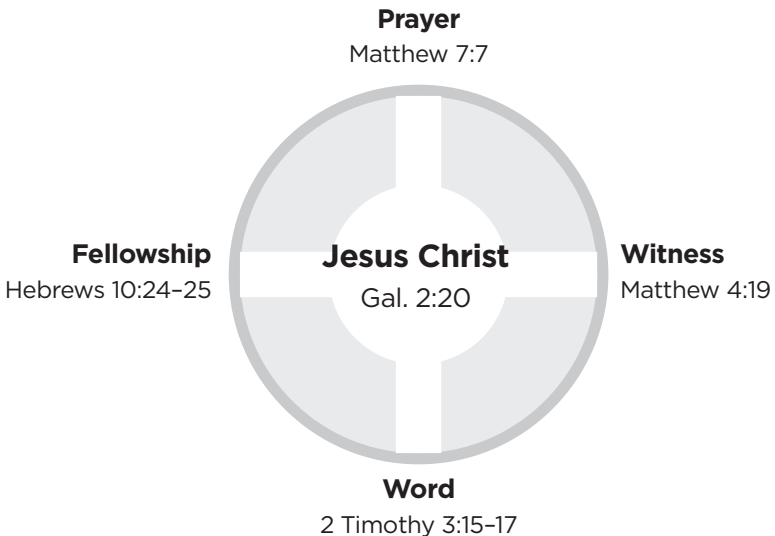
HOW TO STAY THE COURSE:

1. Establish a regular time for fellowship with Jesus through prayer and Bible study.
2. Identify areas of spiritual need and vulnerability in your life.
3. Select Bible passages which point out God's way in these areas.
4. Memorize and meditate daily on these passages for motivation, correction, and direction.
5. Be sensitive to obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
6. Maintain active relationships with other Christians where you can share your testimony.

THE WHEEL OF LIFE

When Jesus Christ is at the center of the wheel of our lives, He provides the direction, wisdom, strength, peace, and joy. When we faithfully meet Him in Bible study and prayer, He rearranges our priorities and helps us live a balanced life.

Through this abiding relationship, receiving all from Jesus that is necessary to sustain us, our lives become an overflow to others in the church and in the world.



● _____

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." —Galatians 2:20

● _____

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." —Matthew 7:7

● _____

"From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." —2 Timothy 3:15-17

● _____

"Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." —Hebrews 10:24-25

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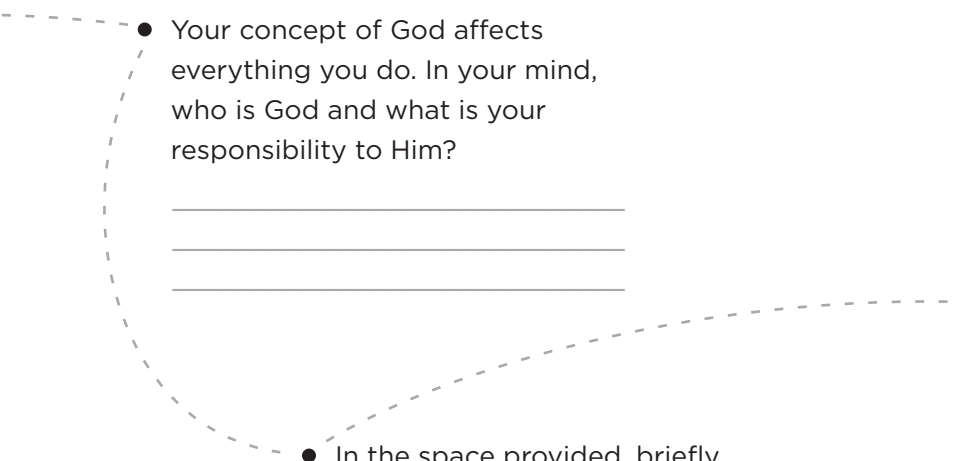
"He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" —Matthew 4:19

REFLECTION AND **APPLICATION**

1. Complete the following questions for reflection.
2. Memorize Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23 using the tear-out cards right before Lesson Three.

Trusting God

The word *confidence* is taken from two words meaning “with faith.” In other words, we put our confidence in God when we trust Him to meet our needs and use us in His service. It’s thrilling to see how God uses people—even though we’re inadequate—for His purposes!

- 
- Your concept of God affects everything you do. In your mind, who is God and what is your responsibility to Him?

- In the space provided, briefly summarize the key thought in the following verses:

➤ Isaiah 41:10

➤ 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

➤ Philippians 4:13

- Review the “Grasping God’s Word” illustration on Page 16. What ways can you apply these verses?

- Rewrite Joshua 1:8 in your own words.

- Review the “Grasping God’s Hand” illustration on Page 19 and answer the following questions:

- How can you experience more of God’s power?

- What is the secret of walking in and being filled with the Holy Spirit?

- Why is it so important to be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit?

THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

God's Word clearly speaks of a plan and purpose for our lives. To walk consistently along God's pathway to victorious living takes dedication and surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord of our daily lives.

- Why do some believers grow in Christ to become mature, well-balanced, fruitful Christians, while others spend much of their lives defeated, frustrated, and unproductive?

- Jesus told His followers that in this life they would have trouble (John 16:33).
What is your attitude toward adversity?

- Review Galatians 5:16, 22-23. Based on this text, what can we experience when walking God's pathway?

- When a Christian is diverted from God's pathway by sinful, selfish desires, he or she will experience frustration, guilt, unhappiness, and defeat. According to Romans 7:18 and Mark 7:21-22, what causes us to get diverted?

- God has wonderfully provided a way whereby the sidetracked Christian can get back onto God's pathway and be restored to fellowship with Christ. Read each verse and summarize what we need to do:

- 1 John 1:9

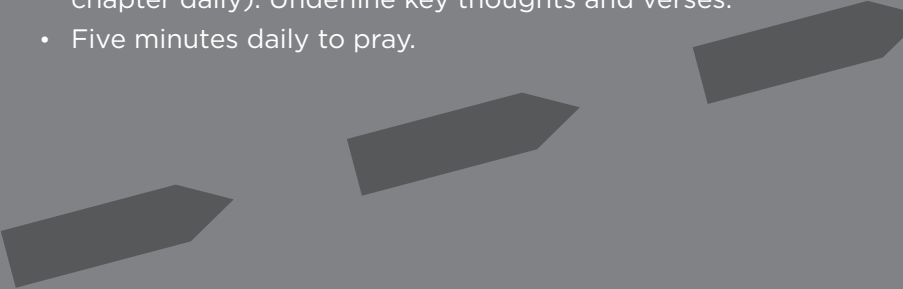
- Proverbs 28:13

- Psalm 32:5

WALKING GOD'S WAY CHALLENGE

The most practical way to stay on God's way is daily quiet time. For the next week, start each day spending 15 minutes with the Lord.

1. Establish a regular time and place for fellowship with the Lord. Take:
 - Five minutes daily to review the Scriptures used in "Walking God's Way" Pages 20-27.
 - Five minutes daily to read through Ephesians (one chapter daily). Underline key thoughts and verses.
 - Five minutes daily to pray.



2. Identify one area of spiritual need in your life. Where are you most vulnerable: dishonesty, lust, impatience, temper, the tongue, jealousy, etc.?

3. Select a Bible passage which points out the God-directed course of action.

4. Memorize and meditate daily on this passage for motivation, correction, and direction.

5. Be sensitive to obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit and practice "walking in the Spirit."



GOD'S WAY

- PEACE
- JOY
- FULLNESS OF LIFE

CHALLENGE EXAMPLE:

Memorize and meditate on this verse to practice walking God's way in your speech.

The Tongue

Colossians 4:6

"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."

LESSON TWO



THE **CHRISTIAN**
WITNESS



So far, we've stressed personal preparation for a close walk with God. Let's review some questions.

Do you have faith in the power and sovereignty of God?

Do you believe that the Holy Spirit will guide you, making you courageous, helping you in your work, and moving in the lives of those you speak to?

Do you believe that *“the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”* (Hebrews 4:12)?

Do you believe that *“the gospel of Christ ... is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes”* (Romans 1:16)—in other words, *“the battle is not yours, but God’s”* (2 Chronicles 20:15)?

If you can respond positively to those questions, then witnessing can be relatively easy. Here are some things to keep in mind.

1

First, remember your own life is a great part of your witness. You don't need to be perfect or mature before God can use you, but our witness is more effective when we obey the leading of the Holy Spirit and our lives are pleasing to Him.

2

Second, pray for open doors to share the message of Christ. We need to become intentional in sharing the Good News, and praying daily for an opening to share Jesus is a good place to start.

3

Third, remember that you aren't presenting a formula but a person, Jesus Christ. As you share Him, use Scripture thoughtfully and be sensitive to the needs of the individual person you're talking with.

4

Fourth, stress the love of God rather than the fact that we're sinners. Although we have to admit our sinfulness before we see our need for a Savior, the conversation doesn't have to start there.

5

Fifth, keep it simple. Don't make the mistake of thinking you need to offer an intellectual or philosophical argument in order to impress people. The Apostle Paul didn't let people get him off track—he stuck with the simplicity of the Gospel and saw results (1 Corinthians 1:22-24; 1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

6

Finally, earn the right to be heard by sincerely listening to others. Jesus was a friend of sinners and often sat with them. Simply being a good listener can open doors. Let people tell you their concerns. Ask them what is their greatest need.

BASIC WITNESSING METHODS

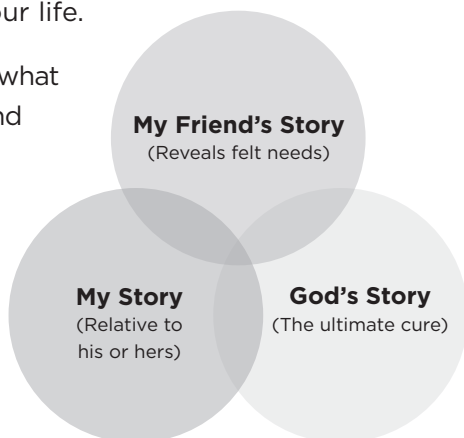
METHOD 1: Three Stories

Ultimately, you will want to draw from these stories that will help you communicate Christ to your friend:

_____ **STORY**—As you share, draw their felt needs from their story, and look for the open doors that the Holy Spirit has prepared for them to hear the Gospel.

_____ **STORY**—Your personal “faith story” is a powerful tool. Nobody can discount how Jesus has transformed your life.

_____ **STORY**—Tell what Jesus did for you and me on the cross by paying the death penalty that we deserve. Explain how **His** story changed **your** story—and can change **their** story.



How To Share The Message (L-I-S-T-E-N)

- - - - - **L**isten to his or her story and understand the need.
- - - - - **I**dentify the difference Jesus can make with his or her need.
- - - - - **S**hare your story and the difference Jesus made in your life.
- - - - - **T**ake your friend to the cross and the empty tomb.
- - - - - **E**ncourage him or her to receive Christ.
- - - - - **N**urture your friend in this new relationship with Jesus.

Outline for Your Faith Story

1. Your life before Christ (related to your friend's need):

2. How you began your relationship with Christ:

- How did you hear about Jesus?

- What did you hear about Jesus?

- How did you respond to Jesus?

**3. Your life after beginning your relationship with Christ
(the difference He made):**

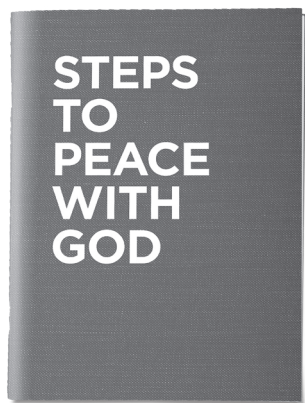
Answer this key question: What difference does Jesus make in your life ... as a teen? a friend? a worker? in your dark times? in your hard times? in your stressful times? in your lonely times?

METHOD 2: Steps to Peace

You can easily share your faith in Christ using “Steps to Peace With God,” a tract that briefly outlines the Gospel. Tracts like this are effective because the content is provided for us, so they keep us on track—in other words, they help us efficiently share our faith without rambling. And the message lasts, because we can leave a printed copy of what we’ve just shared with the individual.

“Steps to Peace With God” was developed as a simple, straightforward approach to illustrate the key concepts of:

- God’s Purpose
- Our Problem
- God’s Remedy
- Our Response



You can use the “Bridge to Life” to share these concepts.

METHOD 3: Bridge to Life

SHARE FACTS

INVITE

PRAY

CONFIRM

God's Purpose:

Our Problem:

God's Remedy:

Our Response:

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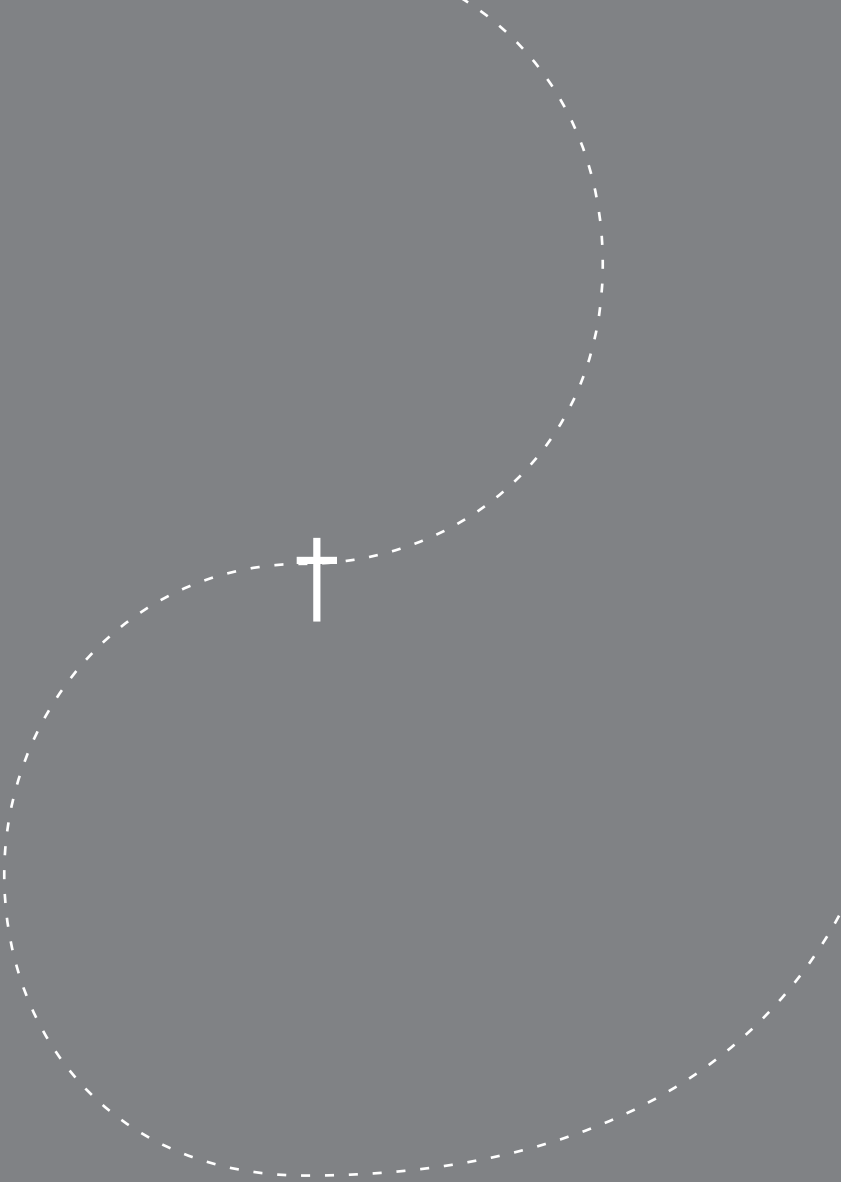
STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD CHALLENGE

Pray for two people this week with whom you might share “Steps to Peace With God.”

- Make an appointment and tell them you want to share something you are learning in the Christian Life and Witness Course.
- Before you share, appeal to their intellect by saying, “I would like to get your reaction to this Billy Graham booklet.”
- As you share, pray that God will open their eyes if they do not know the Lord.

REMEMBER FOR ALL METHODS

- Share the facts of the Gospel
- Illustrate it from Scripture and your own experience
- Give opportunity for questions and discussion
- Invite a response and say a prayer
- Give assurance when necessary



REFLECTION AND **APPLICATION**

1. Complete the following questions for reflection.
2. Memorize Romans 5:8 and Ephesians 2:8–9 using the tear-out cards right before Lesson Three.

The Christian's Witness

Review the “Steps to Peace With God” booklet and answer the following questions:

1. What is the Gospel? 1 Corinthians 15:1–4

2. What power does the Gospel possess? Romans 1:16

3. What is our basic Scriptural problem? Why do we need salvation? Romans 3:23; 6:23

4. According to Romans 5:8 and Ephesians 2:8–9, what was God’s remedy for our problem? What did Jesus Christ do for sinners?

5. How must we respond? How does a person become a Christian—a child of God? Acts 3:19; John 1:12

6. According to John 3:1–16, what does it mean to be “born again”?

7. In His witness to the woman of Samaria and to Nicodemus, Jesus varied His approach. How was it different? John 3:1–8; John 4:1–15

Bring a Friend

The first chapter of John's gospel recounts how Andrew learned who Jesus was—and then immediately found his brother Simon Peter and brought him to meet the Son of God. Today, you can do the same by praying for family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who don't know Jesus and then sharing His Gospel with them.

“One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.” —John 1:40–42

1 _____ **ON THE URGENCY**—The first step is to focus on those around us who don't know Jesus Christ. He is their only hope.

2 _____ **FOR YOUR FRIENDS**—Write down the names of your friends who need Christ and pray for them every day with urgency.

3 _____ **FOR CHRIST**—Your friends are watching you. They know you are a Christian. It is important that you live for Christ so they can see the difference He is making in your life. This will validate the words you share about what He has done for you. Look for ways to spend time with them and show that you care for them.

4 _____ **YOUR FRIENDS**—The Gospel will be presented in a clear way at the upcoming event. This is an incredible opportunity to see your friends respond and take hold of Jesus Christ as their only hope of rescue. Don't just invite them, bring them!

5 **HELP THEM** _____—Those who respond to Christ or show interest in His message of hope need your encouragement. Continue to pray for those who respond to the Gospel and those who do not.

Through the personal ministry of Bring a Friend and the faithful presentation of the Gospel, many people will find new life in Christ.

- Carry these cards with you
- Memorize each verse
- Review the verses
- Share them with others

See “Memorizing Scripture”
on Page 121.

MEMORY VERSE CARDS

6

WE MUST RECEIVE HIM

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

John 1:12, NKJV

5

CHRIST IS AT THE DOOR

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Revelation 3:20, NKJV

4

SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8–9, NKJV

3

CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8, NKJV

2

SIN HAS A PENALTY

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23, NKJV

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SCRIPTURES FOR COUNSELING

Place this card in the inside cover of your Bible. Become familiar with the subjects, through review, and memorize the Scripture passages. You will frequently find use for them.

AFFLICTIONS

God can use in our lives Psalm 119:67, 71, 75
 God will deliver Psalm 34:19

ANXIETY

Is relieved through prayer Philippians 4:6-7
 Remember, God cares for you 1 Peter 5:7

ASSURANCE

Eternal life is promised John 3:16
 You can be sure 1 John 5:11-13

COMFORT

Jesus is the Good Shepherd Psalm 23
 He will never forsake you Hebrews 13:5-6

DISCOURAGEMENT

Don't give up Galatians 6:9
 God will help you and strengthen you Isaiah 41:10

EMPTINESS

Christ can satisfy you Psalm 107:8-9
 He will fulfill you Psalm 37:4-5

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness and cleansing promised Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9

GUILT

There is no condemnation Romans 8:1
 No sin is too great to forgive Isaiah 1:18

JUDGMENT

Everyone is accountable Romans 14:12; Hebrews 9:27

LONELINESS

God's presence is promised Hebrews 13:5-6
 There is joy in God's presence Psalm 16:11

SUFFERING

There is purpose in suffering Hebrews 12:6-11
 It can deepen our faith 1 Peter 1:6-7
 It is inevitable 1 Peter 2:19-23
 God's grace is sufficient 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

TEMPTATIONS

How to avoid them Matthew 26:41
 What causes failure James 1:13-14

VICTORY

Our victory is in Christ Philippians 4:13
 Your inner resource 1 John 4:4
 Seek God's help 1 Corinthians 10:13

WORRY

God will provide for you Philippians 4:19
 Have faith in Him Romans 4:20-21
 Claim His promises 1 John 5:14-15

SCRIPTURES FOR **OBJECTIONS AND EXCUSES**

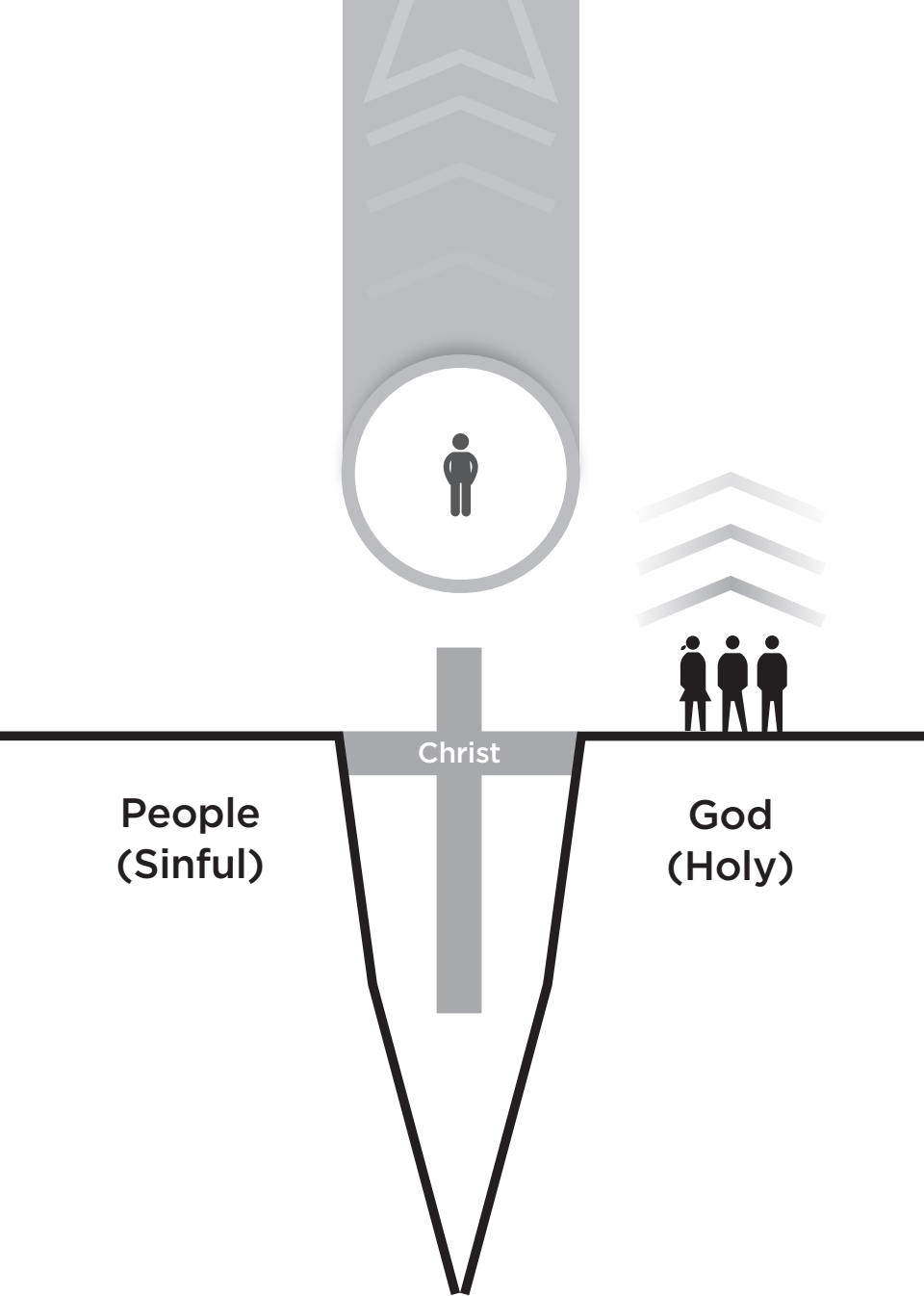
I'M TOO BAD	Hebrews 7:25
.....	Isaiah 1:18
THERE'S TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP	Mark 8:36
.....	1 John 2:15-17
I'M NOT SURE MY FAITH WOULD LAST	1 Peter 1:5
.....	Philippians 1:6
I'M AFRAID OF WHAT OTHERS MIGHT THINK	Matthew 10:32-33
NOT NOW—SOME OTHER TIME	Proverbs 27:1
.....	2 Corinthians 6:2
I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN	Ephesians 2:8-9
.....	Isaiah 64:6
I'M NOT SO BAD	James 2:10
.....	Isaiah 53:6
GOD WILL NOT CONDEMN ANYONE	John 3:18, 36
.....	Hebrews 9:27
HOW DO I KNOW THAT GOD WILL ACCEPT ME?	John 6:37
.....	2 Peter 3:9
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE	1 Corinthians 12:14
.....	2 Corinthians 5:7
AREN'T THERE DIFFERENT PATHS TO GOD?	John 14:6
.....	Acts 4:12
I WANT TO LIVE THE WAY I WANT	Ecclesiastes 11:9
.....	Proverbs 14:12
FOLLOWING CHRIST COSTS TOO MUCH	Mark 8:36
.....	Luke 18:29-30
JESUS WASN'T REALLY GOD	Hebrews 1:3
.....	John 10:30
IT DOESN'T SOUND REASONABLE	Isaiah 55:8-9
.....	1 Corinthians 1:18, 23
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES	Hebrews 10:31
.....	Luke 12:16-21
I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IN JESUS	Romans 3:3
.....	Acts 4:12



LESSON THREE



FOLLOW-**UP**



Before we realize it, the opportunity to share the Gospel and pray with new believers will be upon us. We pray that through the faithful presentation of the Gospel, countless people will find new life in Jesus Christ—and we must consider what will happen to these men and women afterward. The parable of the sower in Mark 4 indicates that there will be some disappointing results but that we can also expect lasting commitments.

In other words, the decisions these people make are just the beginning. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray and care for these new believers. God can use you as He equips them to be effective, mature Christians.

Follow-up has been defined as the process of giving continued attention to a new Christian until he or she is integrated into the church, discovers a place of service, develops his or her potential for Jesus, and helps build Christ's church.



The Apostle Paul can be considered our pacesetter—his strategies were effective in his time and still work today.

STRATEGY 1: Paul _____

Though it was very costly in every way—emotionally, financially, in time, in travel, in study, in writing, in criticism from others—Paul was delighted to give it all to see men and women come to faith in Christ and go on with Him. Often the greatest obstacle to evangelism is our unwillingness to give ourselves and become involved with other people.

“Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.” —1 Thessalonians 2:6-8

STRATEGY 2: Paul _____

His prayer was earnest and persistent. Again and again in Paul's writing, he tells the new believers how frequently he prayed. See also 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2:13.

"We pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith." —1 Thessalonians 3:10, ESV

STRATEGY 3: Paul _____

When he couldn't do all he wanted to personally, he sent others he had trained to strengthen and encourage new believers.

"[We] sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith."
—1 Thessalonians 3:2

STRATEGY 4: Paul _____

All of Paul's writings in the New Testament are in the form of "follow-up" letters—answering questions, encouraging, instructing, correcting.

"To this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things."

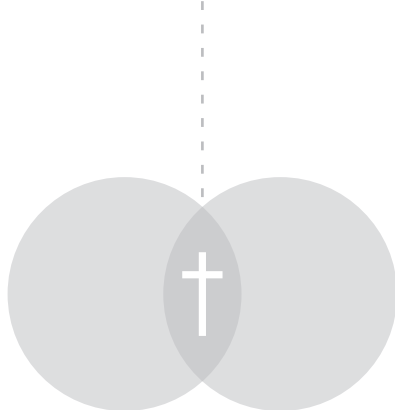
—2 Corinthians 2:9

STRATEGY 5: Paul _____

When he wrote to the Thessalonians, Paul asked them to pray with him that he would have opportunity to return. Frequently on his missionary journeys, Paul stopped not only to preach the Gospel to those who had never heard, but also to teach and encourage new Christians.

Paul's primary concern overall was the growth and spiritual development of new Christians. His goal was their maturity.

"Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.'" —Acts 15:36



The precedent is clear—new Christians need care. That care should come from a fellow believer, preferably the one who shared Christ with him or her in the first place. The Holy Spirit ministers to new Christians and the Bible provides food for growth, but it's vital that a believer is available to encourage good devotional habits and help provide for regular church attendance where the new Christian will be nurtured.

NEEDS OF A **NEW** CHRISTIAN



_____, 1 Peter 2:2

“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”

Living in Christ, based on the gospel of John, is designed for new believers. Those who have recently committed or recommitted their lives to Christ can read it on their own, but it's even better if they can first look through the book alongside a mature Christian. Take time to encourage the new believer by showing him or her how to use *Living in Christ*, and be prepared to answer questions. Make sure to set a time to meet in person or over the phone to discuss their progress.



_____, 1 Peter 5:8

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

The new believer will find that he or she has a new enemy. The evil one will seek to bring doubt and discouragement and prevent them from experiencing all that this new life in Christ offers. Therefore, it is important that older believers encourage the new believer with their friendship, prayers, sharing the Word of God, and fellowship. You play an important role in helping them stand firm when you take time to walk them through the second and third lessons in *Living in Christ* (“Growing in Christ” and “Obeying Christ”).



_____, **Colossians 2:6-7**

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

One of the most important parts of discipling a new Christian is helping him or her learn to tell others about Christ. “Witnessing for Christ”—the fourth section in *Living in Christ*—guides new believers through witnessing and clearly explains how to help others understand the Gospel, whether with tracts or by sharing their personal testimonies.

Keys to Effective Follow-Up

Consider the following questions and then read the provided verses.

What does God want _____ ?

Ability

or

Availability?

- **Isaiah 6:8** *"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'"*
- **Acts 9:6** *"He, trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?' Then the Lord said to him, 'Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'"*

Who is in _____ of your life?

Christ

or

Self?

- **Philippians 1:21** *"To me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*
- **Philippians 2:21** *"All seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus."*

What Should You Do with _____?

Multiply

Matthew 28:19 *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

Offer your time and life to others

Mark 3:14 *“He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.”*

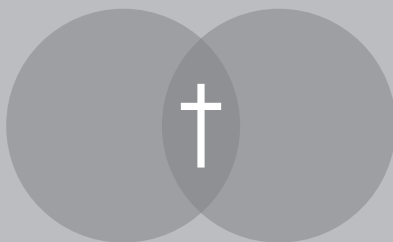
2 Timothy 2:2 *“The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”*

Start with one, **1 Samuel 1:27**

“For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him.”

Team up, **Colossians 1:28**

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”



REFLECTION AND **APPLICATION**

1. Complete the following questions for reflection.
2. Memorize Revelation 3:20 and John 1:12 using the tear-out cards right before Lesson Three.

Follow-Up

- The Apostle Paul saw fruitful ministry in Thessalonica. Reference 1 Thessalonians 1:5–8 and briefly summarize what took place.

- What was the secret to the growth of the church there?

- Why is follow-up so important?

Practical Principles in Follow-Up

Jesus Christ, our master Teacher, introduced a principle we can all practice. Although His ministry was largely a public one, He also set aside time to spend with just a few people—“*He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach*” (Mark 3:14). Throughout the gospels, there are accounts of Jesus and the 12 disciples, or some of the Twelve, meeting by themselves. Jesus used this time to share His life with them and to challenge them with the preaching of His Word.

Closely related to this principle is another—investing your life in another person. That was the challenge Paul left to Timothy: “*The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also*” (2 Timothy 2:2). In other words, invest in others by passing on what you’ve learned.

- Briefly think through and list the principles that were used by Jesus and Paul.

- Using the multiplication principle on Page 77, explain how you can maximize your impact for Christ.

You cannot take the place of a pastor, but with the enabling of the Holy Spirit, prayer, and through faithful, consistent efforts, you can help individuals grow spiritually and become involved in church. Whenever possible, take the opportunity to invite the new believer in your life to Bible studies, conferences, church services, or get-togethers with fellow Christians. Consider teaching a class or leading a small group to share your life with others and invest in them.

- How can you be part of feeding, protecting, and training new believers? Think of three ways you plan to help.



PROCEDURES FOR **COUNSELORS**

OVERVIEW OF **COUNSELING**

A clear commitment to Jesus Christ is the first step to ensure effective follow-up. As a counselor for the upcoming event, pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to meet the needs of the new believers.

The task of the counselor can be summarized as follows:

- - - - - To help the inquirer understand his or her relationship to Jesus Christ by using the “My Commitment” pages of *Living in Christ*.
- - - - - To carefully go through the Bible study *Living in Christ*. This study is designed to establish good priorities and a devotional habit and to begin spiritual growth.
- - - - - To record information about the inquirer on the Follow-Up Card so that he or she may be contacted by the local church.
- - - - - To begin the important work of follow-up during the first few days after the initial commitment.

Let's look at each area in greater detail:

FIRST—To help the inquirer understand his or her relationship with Jesus Christ by using the “My Commitment” pages in the front of *Living in Christ*.

- The difference between counseling at an event and personal witnessing is that in counseling, the explanation of the Gospel and the call to commitment has been done by the evangelist. As a counselor, you simply need to understand the step the inquirer has taken.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to make you sensitive in this area.
- The inquirer may respond in any one of these ways:
 - Acceptance of Christ (First-time decision)
 - Assurance
 - Rededication/Recommitment
 - A Desire to Know More
- Remember, sometimes people do not fully understand the Gospel. Therefore, in all cases take care to review with them the “How to Receive Christ” section.

- Pray with the inquirer if they want to personally accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Then proceed to follow the instructions in the “My Commitment” pages of *Living in Christ*.

SECOND—Carefully go through the Bible study *Living in Christ*.

- Point out the letter from the evangelist.
- Review “How to Use This Booklet” in *Living in Christ*.
- Find the gospel of John and encourage daily reading using the reading guide.
- Turn to the Bible memory verses. Encourage Scripture memory and review on a daily basis.
- Examine the four Bible studies on: “Knowing Christ,” “Growing in Christ,” “Obeying Christ,” and “Witnessing for Christ.”

- Turn to the first study, “Knowing Christ,” and help the inquirer answer the first question of the Bible study.
- After going through *Living in Christ*:

THIRD—Record information about the inquirer to make plans for follow-up.

- This is very important. All the follow-up work depends on complete and accurate information.
- Use a ballpoint pen. Soft tip and pencil will not work.
- Print neatly and carefully.
- Fill out all information. Take great care when filling out the inquirer address and church relationship, if any.

- When filling out the Follow-Up Card,
 - Examine the top copy to be turned in.
Is it legible?
 - Examine the bottom copy. Can you read it?
This is the copy you retain.
 - Separate the copies—the counselor keeps the bottom copy.
 - The top copy is handed to a card collector or supervisor before leaving the counseling area.

FOURTH—Begin the important work of follow-up during the first few days after the initial commitment.

- Before leaving the inquirer, fill out Page 1 in *Living in Christ* with the date of commitment and have the inquirer sign it. **Make sure to write down your information so the inquirer has your name, phone number, and an email address.** This is to encourage future contact for assistance as needed.
- Within 48 hours, each counselor is asked to PHONE/EMAIL/WRITE or VISIT the inquirer(s) who were counseled.

- When you contact the inquirer by the appropriate method, encourage:
 - Completion of the *Living in Christ* Bible study.
 - Devotional reading and Scripture memory.
 - Church attendance.
 - Attendance at a small group Bible study.
 - Witnessing for Christ by telling others what Christ has done for him or her.
- Remember to pray for the inquirer daily. You may be the only Christian they know!
- Unless it is the last day of the event, encourage the inquirer to come again to hear the evangelist and bring along an unchurched friend. Plan to meet somewhere before the meeting to sit together.
- Tell the inquirer that you will be keeping in touch by phone, letter, or—if the context allows and both parties are comfortable—personal visit. If appropriate, plan to meet soon at school, work, or for lunch or coffee.

“I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” —Philippians 1:6, ESV

USING MY **COMMITMENT**

This section is taken from the first few pages of *Living in Christ*, a booklet you'll be given to share with those who make a decision for Jesus.

Serving as a counselor is a memorable experience as you have an opportunity to be the first person to talk with an individual that is making a decision to respond to the invitation. The “My Commitment” response tool has been used for many years at Billy Graham Crusades and now at Franklin Graham and Will Graham evangelistic events. Follow the instructions below for the appropriate way to conduct this important time with someone who is responding to the message.

- 1. Say a brief prayer before approaching.**
- 2. Introduce yourself and ask for the person's name.**
- 3. Ask, “Have you come forward to personally accept Jesus as Lord and Savior?”**
 - If yes, review the “How to Receive Christ” information on Page 3 of the *Living in Christ* book to make sure that the individual fully understands the commitment.

Then encourage him or her to pray the prayer provided aloud with you.

- Following the prayer, explain step-by-step the short lesson, “Salvation (First-time Decision),” on Page 4, holding the book so that the person can follow along.
- When you come to a question, be patient and allow time to answer. Let the individual write in the responses.
- Give the *Living in Christ* book to the person and suggest that he or she review the Scriptures later, especially when tempted or discouraged.

4. If the individual answers “no” to “Have you come forward to personally accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?” have him or her examine these other statements.

5. If the person checks “I have failed to follow Christ and want to rededicate my life to Him,” then follow these steps on Page 3:

- Review “How to Receive Christ,” if he or she wants to personally accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- If he or she already knows Christ personally, turn to Page 6 and review “How to Come Back to Christ (Recommitment).” Help the individual understand the necessity of confessing his or her sins and how to be restored.

- Explain step-by-step the lesson on rededication and make sure his or her commitment is confirmed by Scripture.

6. If he or she checks “I am not sure I have eternal life, and I need assurance,” then follow these steps on Page 3:

- Review “How to Receive Christ” and make sure he or she has a genuine understanding of the Gospel. If the individual wants to receive Christ, pray with them to do so.
- If he or she already knows Christ personally, turn to “How to be Sure You Have Eternal Life (Assurance)” on Page 5. Many people lack assurance because they haven’t really understood the Gospel, they’ve trusted their feelings rather than in Christ, or they feel an area of failure has separated them from God.
- Explain the lesson step-by-step and make sure his or her assurance commitment is confirmed by Scripture.

7. If the person checks “I want to know more about what it means to receive Christ,” follow these steps:

- Review “How to Receive Christ,” on Page 3, and if the individual wants to receive Jesus Christ as his or her personal Lord and Savior, pray with them to do so.
- If he or she does not pray to receive Christ, turn to Page 7 and review “Know More.”

8. As you close out the counseling session, be sure that you have done the following:

- Completed the Follow-Up Card.
- Reviewed the memory verse cards inside *Living in Christ*.
- Encouraged further reading of the gospel of John.
- Emphasized the importance of attending church and sharing his or her faith in Christ with others.
- Closed with prayer.

COUNSELING AT A BGEA EVENT

The information below provides a basic understanding of how counseling works and important details to consider. Each event and venue is different, however, so be sure to attend the counselor briefing for specific instructions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Preliminary Instructions

- Always bring your Bible or New Testament and a ballpoint pen.
- Wear your counselor badge.
- No counseling should be attempted unless you are wearing your badge. If you lose your badge, report it immediately either to the counselor check-in area at the meeting or to the local office.
- Be neat and clean in your personal appearance; something to sweeten the breath is recommended.

- Counselors should work with those of their own gender and general age group.
- Any counselor found proselytizing will forfeit his or her badge on the spot and lose all counseling privileges.

Counselor and Supervisor Entrance and Headquarters

- Counselors and supervisors will have a special entrance to the venue. This entrance will be located away from the main entrance and will be clearly marked.
- The check-in area, from which assignments will be made and materials distributed, will be located at this special entrance.

Seating Assignments

- Typically, counselors will be assigned to reserved seats toward the front of aisles throughout the venue.
- In the case of a stadium meeting, counselors will be assigned to various gates or entrances to the field.

- Supervisors should report to the check-in area for materials and seating information.
- Report for a new assignment each night unless you have been permanently assigned.

Counseling Materials

- Counselors who are unable to check in may receive counseling materials during the invitation by reporting to the nearest supervisor who is holding up a blue or pink index card. A blue card indicates the need for a male counselor. A pink card indicates the need for a female counselor.
- If applicable to the event you attend, *Jesus Loves Me* packets are issued for use with children 9 years of age and under. These packets are decidedly different from adult packets. Always make certain that you have the right packet.
- Only BGEA counseling materials are to be used.
- **Please return unused packets.** They are costly and should not be carried away. If you care to purchase materials for outside use, this can be done through **BillyGrahamBookstore.org**.

THE INVITATION

Coming Forward

- The evangelist will invite inquirers to come forward and stand in front of the platform or other designated area.
- At the close of the invitation, the evangelist will speak briefly to those who have responded and lead them in prayer.
- Counselors should act inconspicuously and be unobtrusive as they go forward and stand beside the inquirer. There should be no talking, looking about, or leafing through a Bible or counseling material. When asked to bow heads, do so. When asked to repeat after the evangelist, lead vocally.
- AFTER THE EVANGELIST CONCLUDES, counselors will be instructed from the platform to begin counseling and introduce themselves to inquirers.
- Keep your work simple and brief. Stick to the basics.
- Seek to put the inquirer at ease and assure them that their friends will wait.

- In some cases, the inquirer knows immediately that they need to receive Jesus Christ.
- In other cases the inquirer may need further clarification of the Gospel, or assurance or rededication.
- **Focus on the basic spiritual problem and do not be sidetracked by secondary issues. For example, a person may be having trouble with alcohol, but the real need may be to receive Christ as Savior. The issue is to get the individual to trust Christ and to pray that this will take care of the problem with alcohol.**
- If you are seated with a group of counselors in an assigned area, you will be directed by the supervisor in your section as to when you should follow an inquirer to the front of the platform.
- If you have not taken an assignment because you are an usher or are with friends, you may use your own initiative. If someone near you of the same gender and approximate age responds, accompany that person to the front of the platform.
- IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT YOU FILL OUT THE FOLLOW-UP CARD LEGIBLY AND COMPLETELY.

- Get complete and accurate information.
- Some 60% of the cards may need further research afterward because information is lacking.
- Incomplete or inaccurate information delays follow-up.
- Go over the person's name and address to make sure you have it correctly.
 - Clearly print both the first and last name on the card.
 - Check the appropriate box for male or female.
 - Children's Follow-up Cards will have an additional line for the parent/guardian name that must be completed.
 - Be sure you get the address where the inquirer can be reached and include the street number and ZIP/postal code.
- If the individual is reluctant to give age, or if it seems unwise to ask, write the approximate age.
- The telephone number and an email address should be placed on the card for further follow-up.
- Mark only **one** of the decision squares.

- Inform the inquirer that we desire to send their name to a local pastor for church follow-up.
 - Ask, “Do you attend a local church?” or “Did you come to the event with someone who attends a church?”
 - If they attend a church, write how often and the church information, including church name, pastor’s name, and complete church address.
 - If the person was brought by a friend or church group and would like to be referred to that church, or if the person has a preference for a particular church other than the one now attending, record this information.
- Perhaps the biggest problem in follow-up is insufficient information about the church.
 - Write down the full name and street number of the church.
 - Fill in the city, state/province, and ZIP/postal code.
 - If you cannot get the pastor’s full first name, try to get an initial.

- When the Follow-Up Card is incomplete, further research is necessary before follow-up can take place. Therefore, every piece of information that is furnished will make it easier to identify a pastor and/or church.
- BE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS PRINTED ON THE CARD.
- PLEASE NOTE: If the person does not desire to be referred to a church and does not want a pastor to visit

OR

If the person does not want to receive any follow-up material by mail

OR

If you have additional, pertinent information concerning the inquirer

THEN

Write “See Back” on the bottom of the Follow-Up Card.

Then write your comments on the back of the Follow-Up Card (top copy).

- The information on the Follow-Up Card is confidential and must be treated as such.

- After completion of the Follow-Up Card, be sure to give your name, address, and phone number to the inquirer. Encourage the inquirer to contact you for help or if further questions arise, as appropriate.
- There will be special counseling for children ages 9 and under. Certain counselors and supervisors, experienced in working with children, will be selected for this position. They will have additional instructions.
- If applicable, hand in only the Follow-Up Card (top copy) to the supervisor or collector.
 - Retain the back copy (Counselor Card) for your record.
 - Be sure to write with sufficient pressure that the Counselor Card (duplicate bottom copy) is legible.
 - If for some reason the bottom copy is not legible, please do what is necessary to make it legible and complete.
- NOTE: The *Living in Christ* book is excellent for one-to-one follow-up. You could meet the inquirer on a regular individual basis and help with Bible study, Scripture memory, and devotional habits.



HELPFUL REMINDERS

- DO use your Bible (**Psalm 19:7**) ... DON'T present your own ideas.
- DO use the Bible as a sword (**Ephesians 6:17**) ... DON'T use it as a club (**Ephesians 4:15**).
- DO encourage response ... DON'T force a decision.
- DO ask questions ... DON'T take anything for granted.
- DO be a good listener ... DON'T do all the talking (**Proverbs 18:13**).
- DO be polite ... DON'T argue (**2 Timothy 2:24**).
- DO be positive and show what they gain through Christ ... DON'T overemphasize the negative.
- DO be interested in them ... DON'T pry into their affairs.
- DO be friendly ... DON'T be familiar.

- DO be considerate ... DON'T delay unnecessarily.
- DO speak as an equal and identify with the person ... DON'T preach.
- DO be kind ... DON'T run down another person's faith or denomination.
- DO be brief and simple ... DON'T try to give them a full Bible course.
- DO keep faith with the inquirer ... DON'T betray their confidence.
- DO be pleasant, smile ... DON'T scowl!

Congratulations on completing the *Christian Life and Witness* training. We are grateful for you and your partnership, and we pray that God will use this training as He makes “*you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever*” (Hebrews 13:21). May the Lord bless your work for His kingdom!

Take time at home to prepare for the outreach:

- › Complete and review the questions found in this booklet.
- › Memorize important verses. Read more about memorization in the next section.
- › Practice using “Steps to Peace With God.”

APPENDIX



BRIDGE TO LIFE

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God's Purpose: Peace and Life

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." JOHN 3:16

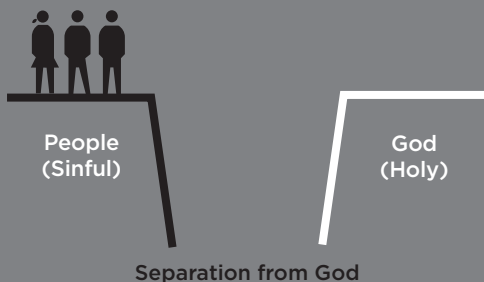


Our Problem: Sin Separates Us

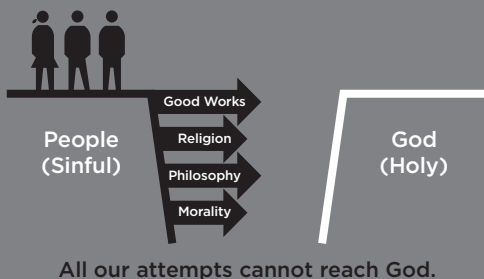
"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

ROMANS 3:23

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." ROMANS 6:23



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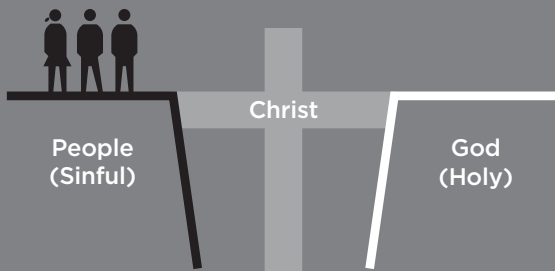


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God's Remedy: The Cross

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." ROMANS 5:8

"By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." EPHESIANS 2:8-9

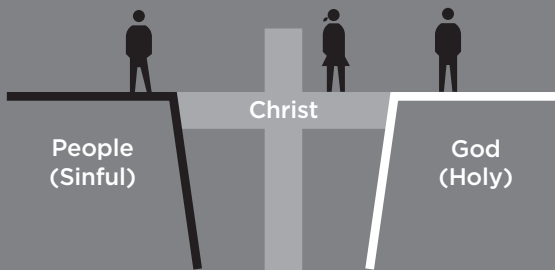


Our Response: Receive Christ

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." REVELATION 3:20

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." JOHN 1:12

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FILL-IN-THE-BLANK ANSWERS

Lesson 1: The Effective Christian Life

- (p. 16) Grasping God's Word
 - Hear 10%
 - Read 25%
 - Study 50%
 - Memorize 100%
 - Meditate
- (p. 19) Grasping God's Hand
 - God's Sovereignty
 - Life
 - Holy Spirit
 - Scriptures
 - Faith

- (p. 29) The Wheel of Life
 - Jesus Christ
 - Prayer
 - Word
 - Fellowship
 - Witness

Lesson 2: The Christian Witness

- (p. 45)
 - Your Life
- (p. 46)
 - Prayer
 - Relationship
- (p. 47)
 - God's Love
 - Simplicity
- (p. 48)
 - Listen

- (p. 50) Three Stories
 - Their
 - Your
 - His

- (p. 55) Bridge to Life
 - Share Facts, Romans 1:16
 - Invite, John 1:12
 - Pray, Romans 10:13
 - Confirm, 1 John 5:11-12

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- (p. 62) Bring a Friend
 - Focus
 - Pray
 - Live
 - Bring
 - Grow

Lesson 3: Follow-Up

- (p. 69) STRATEGY 1: Paul **gave himself**
- (p. 70) STRATEGY 2: Paul **prayed for them**
- (p. 70) STRATEGY 3: Paul **sent others**
- (p. 71) STRATEGY 4: Paul **wrote letters**
- (p. 71) STRATEGY 5: Paul **returned personally**
- (p. 73) **Feeding**, 1 Peter 2:2
- (p. 74) **Protecting**, 1 Peter 5:8
- (p. 75) **Training**, Colossians 2:6-7
- (p. 76) What does God want **from my life**?
- (p. 76) Who is in **control** of your life?
- (p. 77) What should you do with **your life**?



MINISTRY RESOURCES

The following books have proven effective in strengthening and encouraging Christians to live faithfully for Jesus Christ. Contact your local Christian bookstore to secure these and other excellent materials or visit us online at **BillyGrahamBookstore.org**.

Personal Ministry

Christian Worker's Handbook at BillyGrahamBookstore.org

How to Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little

Lifestyle Evangelism by Joe Aldrich

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Overcoming Walls to Witnessing by Timothy Beougher

Peace with God by Billy Graham at BillyGrahamBookstore.org

A Life That Matters by Ron Hutchcraft

Scripture Memory

Ruth's Scripture Treasures at BillyGrahamBookstore.org

Topical Memory System by NavPress

Personal Devotions

The Believer's Daily Renewal by Andrew Murray

The Believer's Secret of Intercession by Andrew Murray
and C.H. Spurgeon

Experiencing God by Henry T. Blackaby

Joy and Strength by Mary Wilder Tileston

Making His Heart Glad by Marie Chapian

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

The One Year Bible by Tyndale House Publishers

Quiet Time: A Practical Guide for Daily Devotions by
InterVarsity Staff

Streams in the Desert by L.B. Cowman

Thirty Discipleship Exercises at BillyGrahamBookstore.org

Unto the Hills by Billy Graham at BillyGrahamBookstore.org

Prayer

Power Through Prayer by E.M. Bounds

How to Pray by R.A. Torrey

The Prayer Life by Andrew Murray

Prayer, the Great Adventure by David Jeremiah

Bible Study

Growing Deep in the Christian Life by Charles R. Swindoll

Personal Bible Study Notebook by John C. Souter

Methods of Bible Study by W.H. Griffith Thomas

WHY MEMORIZE **SCRIPTURE?**

1. To follow the example of Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10)—When tempted, He replied, “It is written,” and quoted from the book of Deuteronomy.
2. To control the thought life—*“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ... I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you”* (Psalm 119:9, 11, ESV).
3. To be equipped for service—*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”* (2 Timothy 3:16–17, ESV).

MEMORIZING **SCRIPTURE**

1. Repeat the verse in this order: the topic, the reference, the verse itself, and then the reference again. The reference is often more difficult to remember than the verse, so it's important to repeat it twice. The reference is like a handle on a suitcase, enabling you to lift a complete portion from the Bible whenever needed.
2. The real secret of Scripture memory is review, review, review—use it or lose it.
3. Quote the verse aloud and pray over it, asking God to make the meaning clear and applicable to you. Memorize one phrase at a time, adding phrase by phrase until the entire passage—with reference—is committed to memory.

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