

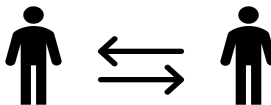

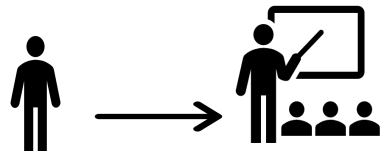


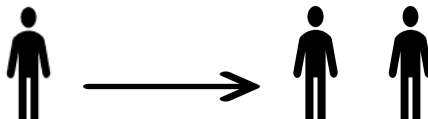



TREE OF LIFE

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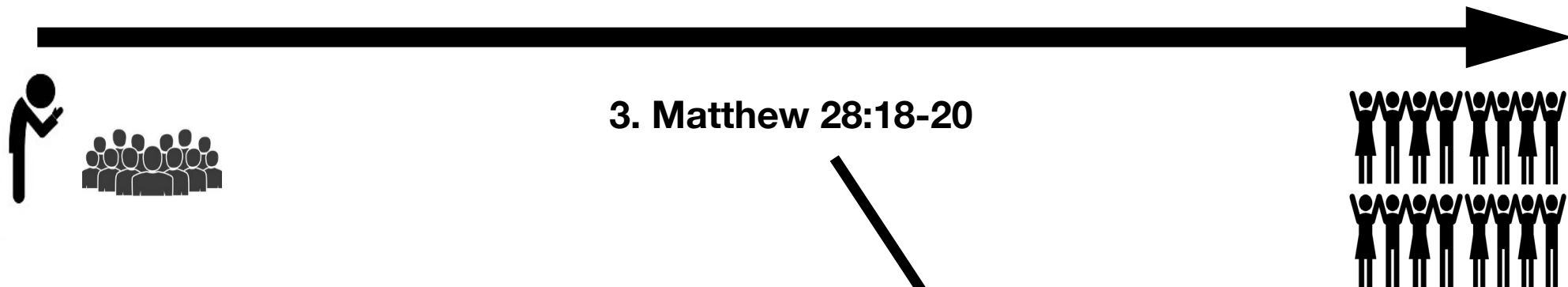
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<p>Worship</p> 		<p>One Trainee Reteach The Class</p> 
<p>Accountability</p> 		<p>Put In Practice</p>
<p>The Vision</p> 		<p>Train 2 People A New Lesson Each Week</p> 
		<p>Share Your Faith With 5 People Each Week</p> 

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LESSON 1: THE VISION

1. Matthew 24:14

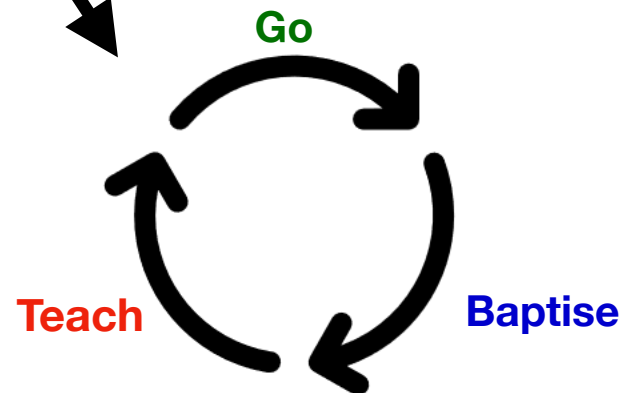
2. Revelation 7:9



3. Matthew 28:18-20

SIERRA LEONE STATISTICS:

- Population = 9 Million
- Evangelical = 4 %
- Mortality rate = 221/day
- The saved = 8/day
- The unsaved = 213/day



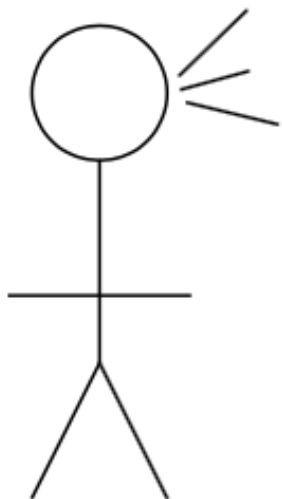
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LESSON 2: THE THREE EXPECTATIONS

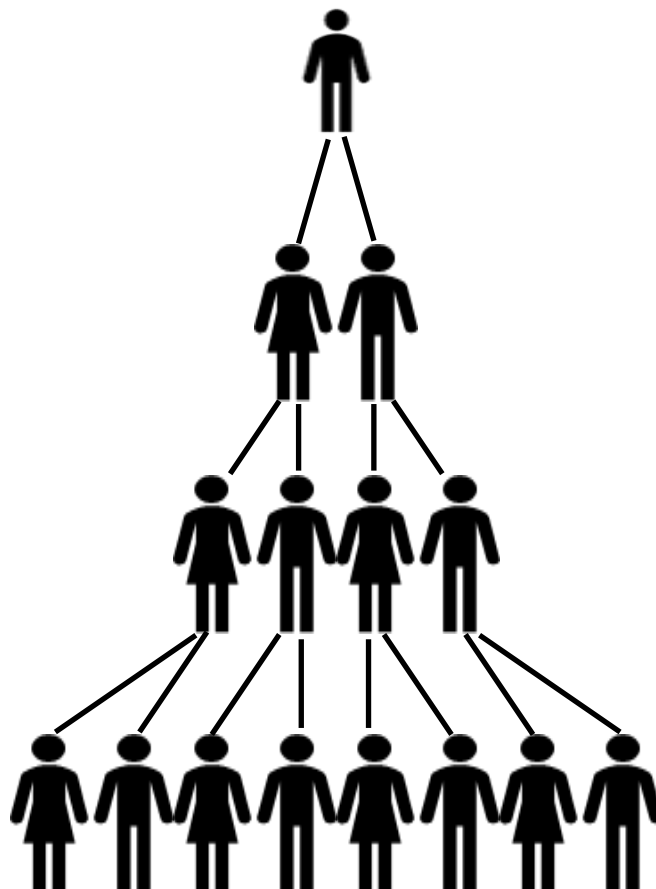
How many kinds of people are there in the world?

Two: - The saved and The unsaved

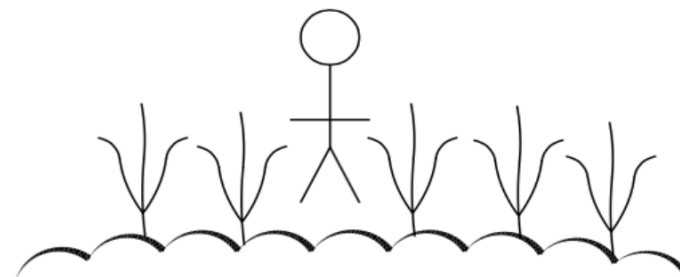
Preach the Word
to the unsaved



Train / Disciple
the saved



Search for the Good Soil

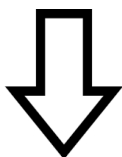


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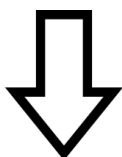
LESSON 3: GOD'S PLAN LIGHT OF THE WORLD



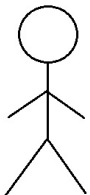
John 8:12



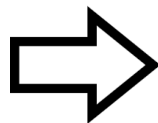
Matthew 5:14-16



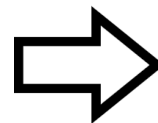
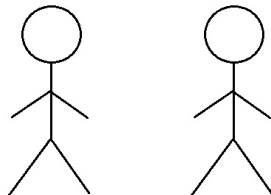
Ambassador



II Cor. 5:20

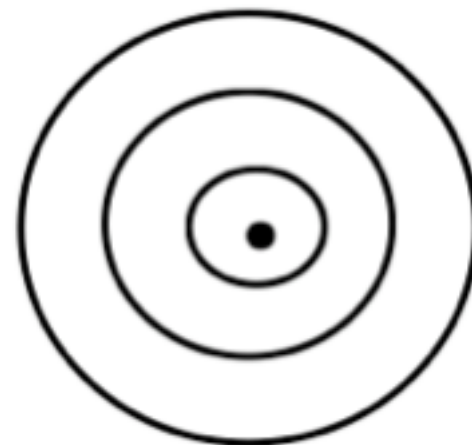


Ambassadors



**Mankind is
in Darkness
II Cor. 4:4-6**

Acts 1:8



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL I: OVERVIEW

LESSON 4: FINDING THE GOOD SOIL AND THE FILTER

Finding the Good Soil

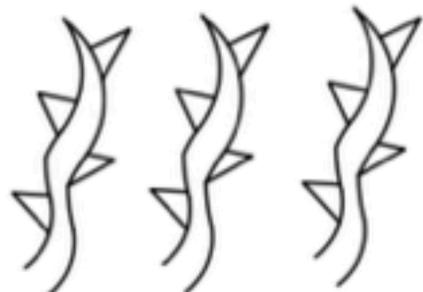
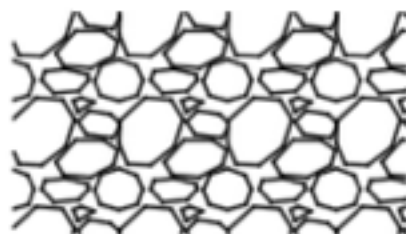
The Path

Matt. 13:4,19



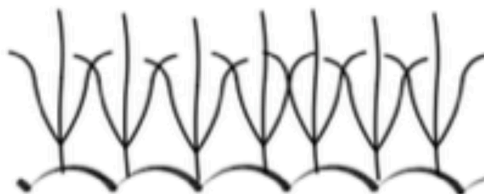
Rocky Soil

Matt. 13:5, 20-21



Thorny Soil

Matt. 13:7, 22



The Good Soil

Matt. 13:8, 23

The Filter

Filtering is a biblical principle:
Gideon - Judges 7:1-7

John 6:10 - tells us that there were 5000 men

John 6:26 - Jesus said that the crowd was following him only because of the food

John 6:64 - Jesus knows our motivation

John 6:66-71 - Jesus filtered until only 11 people remained

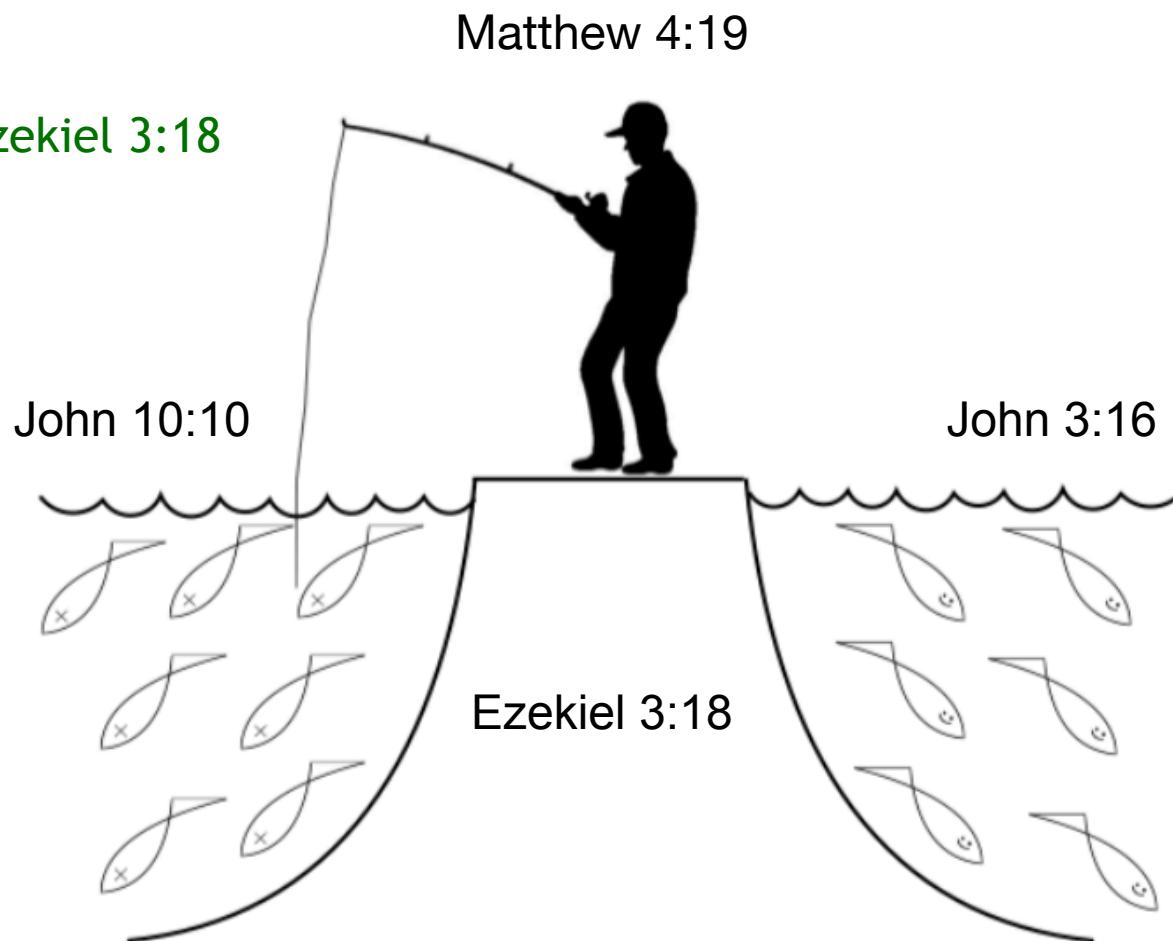
TREE OF LIFE LEVEL II: SHARING YOUR FAITH

LESSON 1: River of Death and River of Life

Matthew 4:19 - There are two types of people in the world.

Tell the story of the man who is drowning.

1. The River of Death. John 10:10
2. The River of Life. John 3:16
3. Responsibility of every Christian. Ezekiel 3:18



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL II: SHARING YOUR FAITH

LESSON 2: SHARE MY TESTIMONY

- It's a statement of things we've seen
 - It's a statement of things we've experienced
- To establish a truth

1) Why do we need to know how to use a testimony?

Shrimp = Testimony



Hook = Gospel



2) All testimonials have 3 main parts. Acts 26:4-23

- a. My life without Christ: Acts 26:9
- b. My encounter with Christ: Acts 26:12-16
- c. My life with Christ: Acts 26:19

TREE OF LIFE LEVEL II: SHARING YOUR FAITH

LESSON 3: GOD'S STORY

1. The Creation

Genesis 1:1, 1:27

2. The Fall

Romans 5:12

3. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice

Hebrews 10:4, John 1:29

4. The Savior

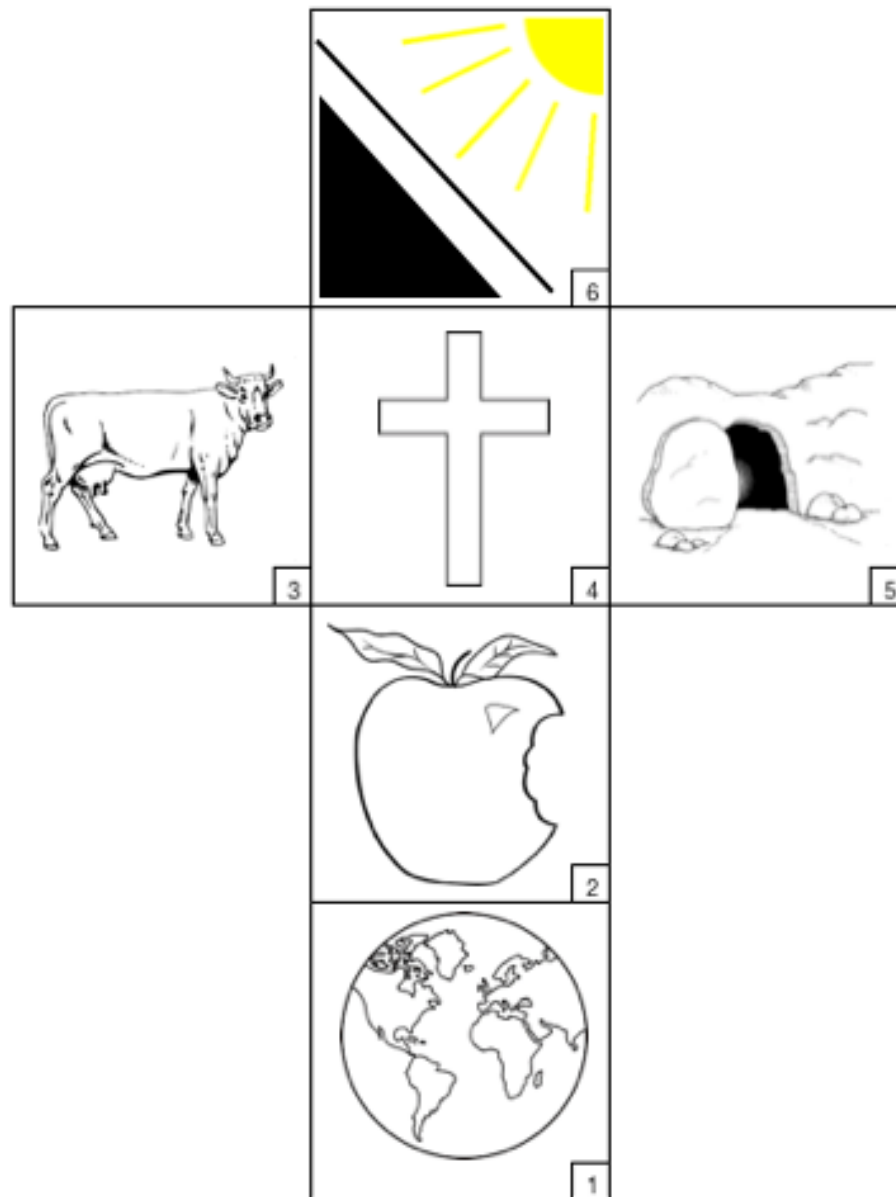
Romans 5:8

5. The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

6. All Things New

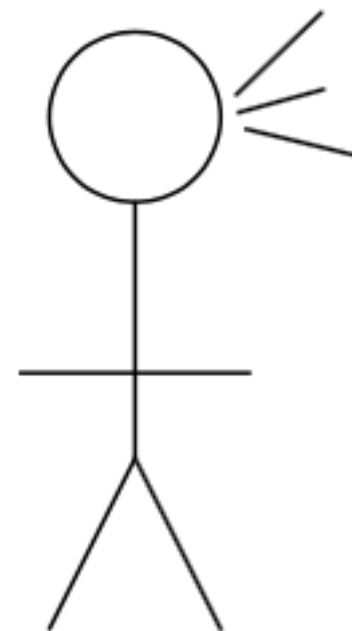
John 3:16, 14:6, 10:10



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL II: SHARING YOUR FAITH

LESSON 4: SHARING THE GOSPEL - ROMANS 6:23

1. The wages of sin is death,
2. But the gift of God is eternal life
3. In Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - a. Confess
 - b. Believe



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL III: APPLICATION

LESSON 1: SHARE MY TESTIMONY

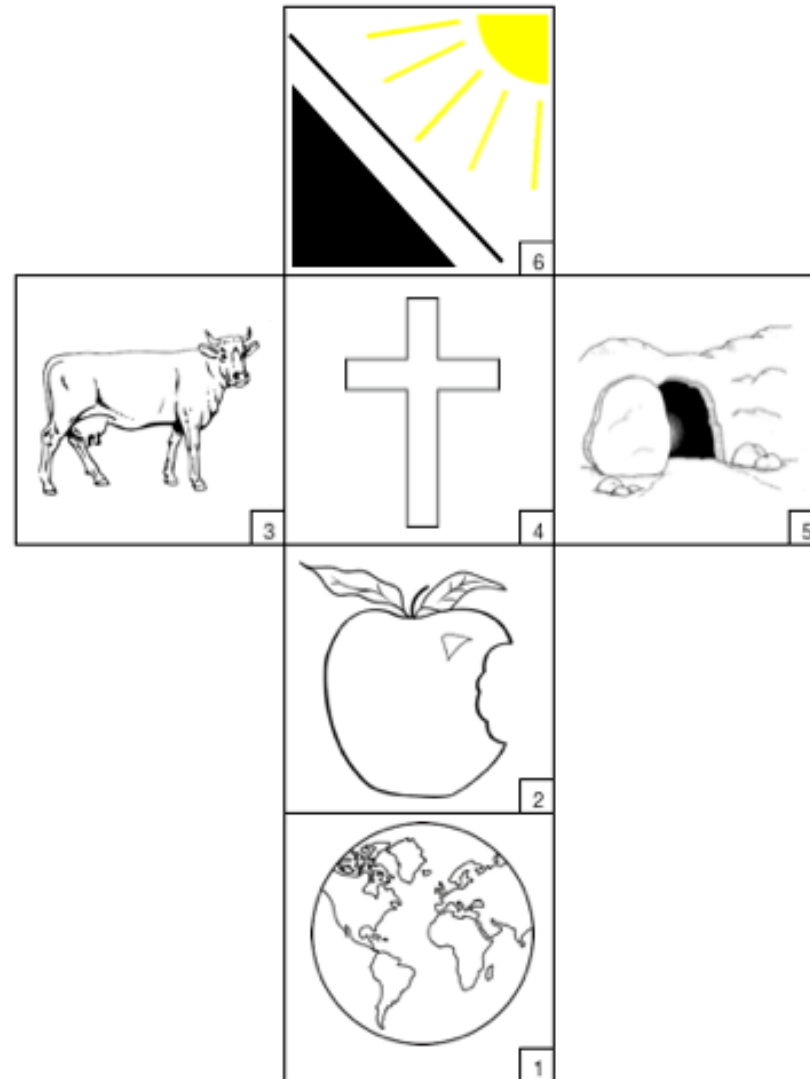
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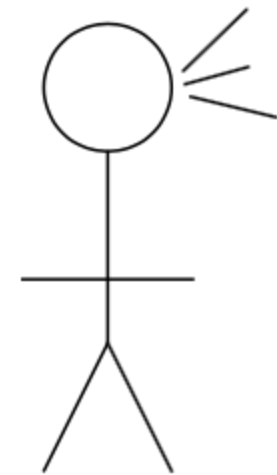


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TREE OF LIFE LEVEL III: APPLICATION

LESSON 4: NEW CREATION IN CHRIST - 2 Cor. 5:17

1. What does it mean to be a new creation?

a. From caterpillar to butterfly

2. How are our lives transformed?

a. By the crucifixion of our sins - Gal. 5:24

b. By the victory of humility over pride - Phil. 2:5-11

c. By placing of our desires on heavenly things, not worldly things - 1 John 2:15-17

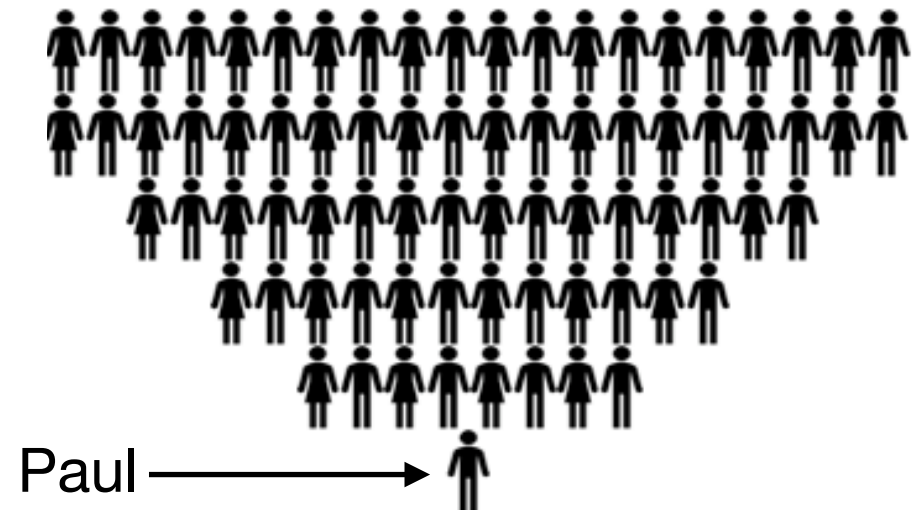
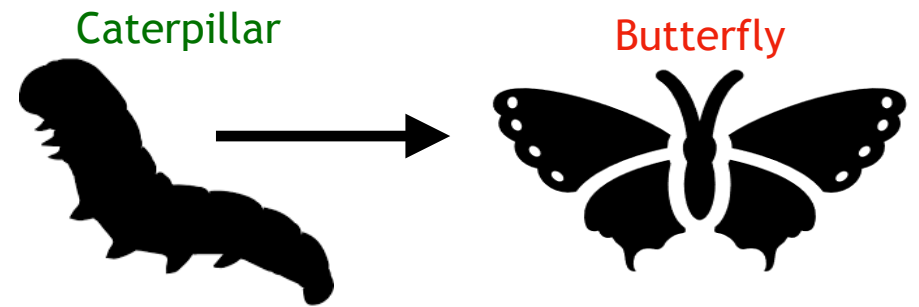
d. God has given us a ministry - 2 Cor. 5:18-19

e. God gave us a message - 2 Cor. 5:20

3. Relational Mapping

a. Choose your field of action

b. Example of Paul: Act. 19:8-10
(All Asia Minor heard the Gospel in only 2 years)



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL IV: DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1. What is the assurance of salvation?
2. Understanding Biblical Teaching on Salvation?
 - a. Romans 3:23 - All have sinned ...
 - b. Romans 6:23 - The gift of God ...
 - c. Romans 5:8 - The love of God ...
 - d. Romans 10:9 - Confess and believe ...
3. Characteristics of a true believer
 - a. 2 Corinthians 5:17 - He has a transformed life
 - b. Romans 8:14-17 - He is led by the Spirit of adoption
 - c. 1 John 1:8-10 - He has a life of repentance
4. What does the Bible say about those who are truly saved?
 - a. John 10:27-30 - No one can tear a true Christian from the hands of Jesus.
 - b. Ephesians 1:13-14 - The true Christian is sealed with the Holy Spirit.
 - c. 1 John 2:19 - Those who withdraw were never saved.

God's eternal
security



Man's assurance
of salvation

TREE OF LIFE LEVEL IV: DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 2: BAPTISM

1. What is baptism? - Romans 6:1-12
2. What baptism cannot do. - Luke 23:39-43; Acts 10:44-48
3. Why do we baptize? - Matthieu 28:19-20; Matthew 3:16; Ephesians 4:4-7
4. Who can baptize? - Matthew 28:19-20
5. How do we baptize? - Mark 1:9-11 ; Matthew 28:19-20
6. When do we baptize? - Acts 2:41; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 16:14-15,33



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL IV: DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 3: PERSECUTION

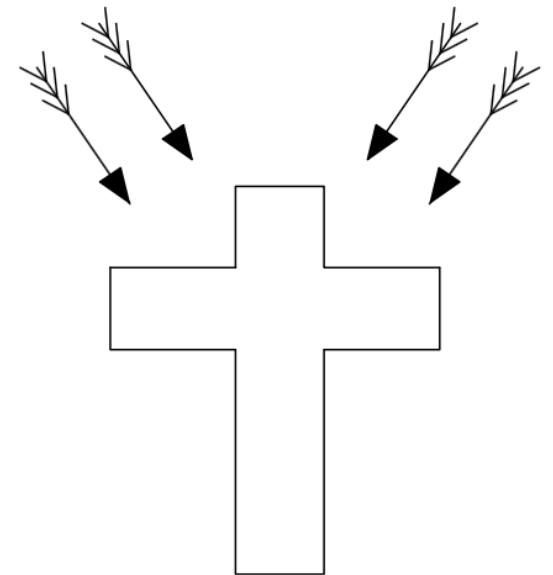
1. What the Bible teaches about persecution

- a. All believers will be persecuted. - 2 Timothy 3:12
- b. Persecuted because they are different. - John 15: 18-21
- c. Persecuted by their own family. - Matthew 10: 34-39
- d. Persecution is a blessing for the Christian. - Matthew 5: 11-12



2. Four Attitudes to Overcome the Persecution 1 Peter 4: 12-19

- a. Expect persecution. - V. 12
- b. Rejoice in persecution. - V. 13-14
- c. Evaluate the causes of persecution. - V. 15-18
- d. Entrust it to God. - V. 19



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL V: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

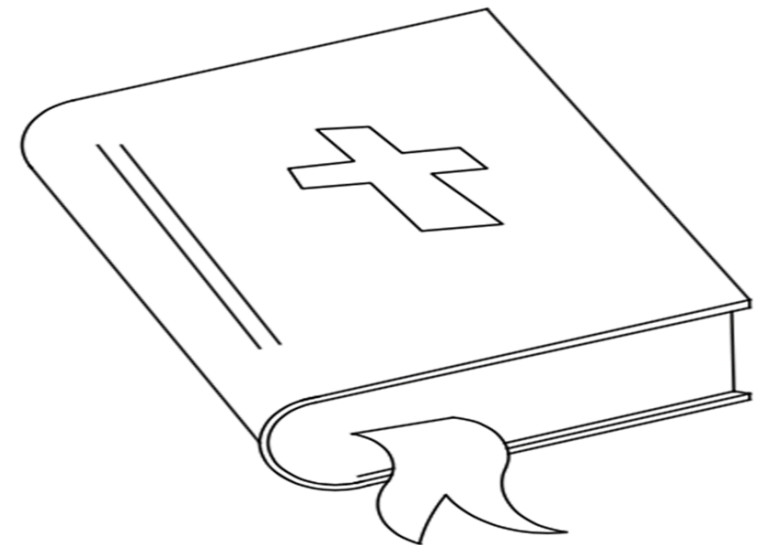
LESSON 1: CHANGED BY THE WORD

1. Five ways the Word of God produces an internal change.

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| a. Romans 10:17 | Hearing |
| b. 2 Timothy 3:13-17 | Reading |
| c. Acts 17:11 | Studying |
| d. Psalms 119:11 | Memorizing |
| e. Psalms 1:2-3, Joshua 1:8 | Meditating |

2. Five ways the Word of God produces an external change.

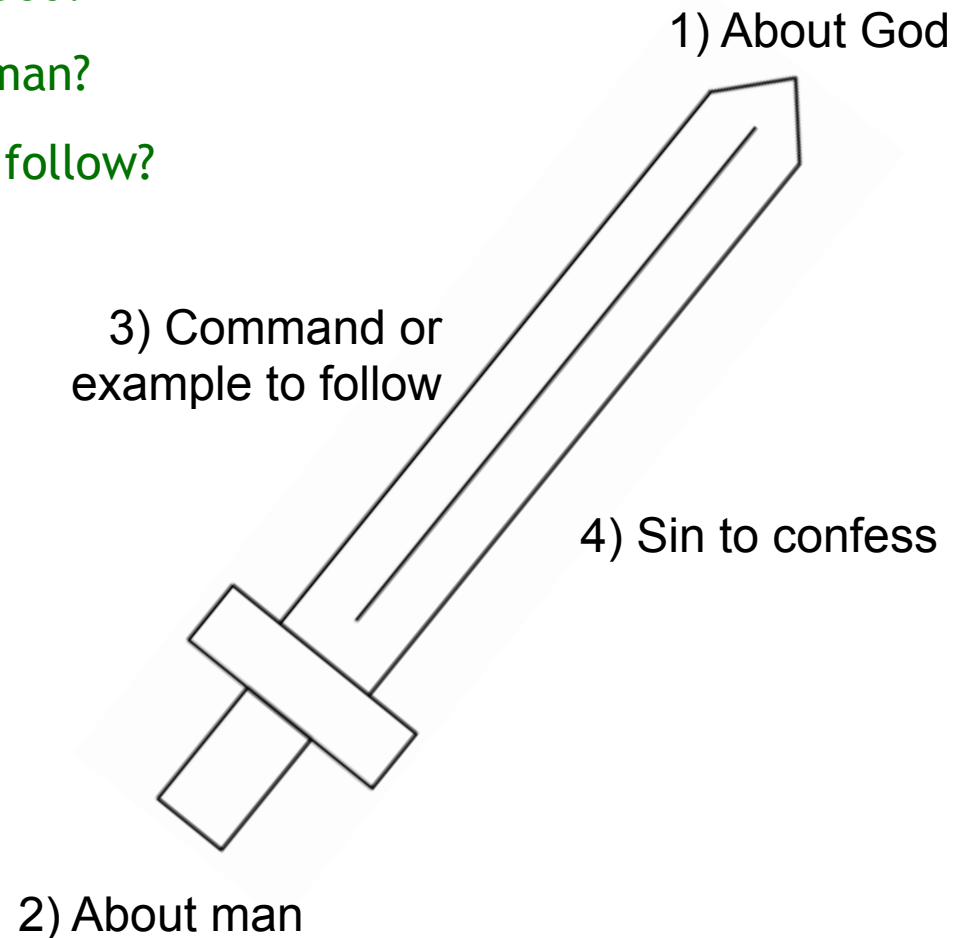
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| a. Colossians 3:16 | Worshipping |
| b. James 1:23-25, 2:26 | Doers of the Word |
| c. 2 Timothy 4:2 | Preaching |
| d. 2 Timothy 2:2 | Teaching |
| e. Matthew 28:19 | Disciple Making |



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL V: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

LESSON 2: HOW TO STUDY THE WORD OF GOD - HEBREWS 4:12

- 1) What does this passage say about God?
- 2) What does this passage say about man?
- 3) Is there a command or example to follow?
- 4) Is there a sin to confess?



Practical Exercise :

Study 2 Tim. 3:10-17 in groups and answer these four questions above.

TREE OF LIFE LEVEL V: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

LESSON 3: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT THROUGH PRAYER

1. The Lord's Prayer Model - Matthew 6:9-13.

- a. Worship V. 9-10
- b. Provision V. 11
- c. Confession V. 12
- d. Intercession V. 12
- e. Protection V. 13



2. Barriers to Prayer.

- a. Unconfessed sin toward God Isaiah 59:1-2
- b. Lack of forgiveness Matthew 6:14-15
- c. Selfish requests James 4:3-4
- d. Pride Luke 18:9-14
- e. Lack of faith James 1:5-8

TREE OF LIFE LEVEL V: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

LESSON 4: WORSHIP IN SPIRIT THROUGH PRAISE

1. Praise God for who He is:

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| a. He is Eternel | Psalms 90:1-2 |
| b. He is Creator | Colossians 1:16 |
| c. He is Omnipotent | Psalms 135:6 |
| d. He is Omniscient | Psalms 147:5 |
| e. He is Omnipresent | Psalms 139:7-12 |
| f. He is Holy | Hebrews 7:26 |
| g. He is Loving | 1 John 4:8-10 |



2. Praise God for what He does:

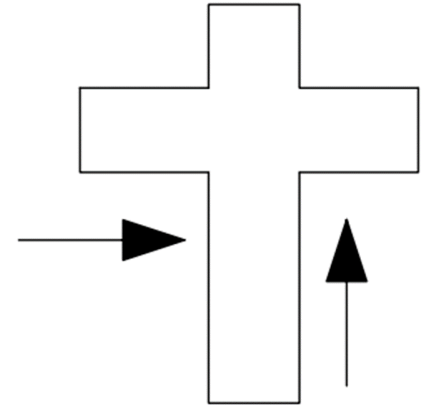
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| a. He has created us to have a relationship with Himself | 1 Corinthians 1:9 |
| b. He loves us even though we have sinned against Him | Romans 5:8 |
| c. He has died to give us forgiveness of our sins | Romans 10:9 |
| d. He abides in us to guarantee our salvation and eternal life | Ephesians 1:13-14 |

TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VI: RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

LESSON 1: RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND MAN - MATT. 22:37-39

1. Keeping a right relationship with God. Matthew 22:37

- a. We must confess of sins to God. 1 John 1:9
- b. We must not love the world. 1 John 2:15-17
- c. We must love God more than ourself. Matthew 16:24



2. Keeping a right relationship with man. Matthew 22:39

Husband - Wives	Husband: love your wife	Eph. 5:33
	Wife: respect your husband	
Parents - Children	Parent: don't provoke your child	Eph. 6:1-4
	Children: obey your parent	
Employers - Employees	Employer: be fair to your employees	Col. 3:23-4:1
	Employee: serve your employer as if you were serving God	
Believer - Believer	Believer: love each other	Jn. 13:34-35
Believer - Unbeliever	Believer: love and share the gospel with unbelievers	Mat. 5:16
	Unbeliever:	
Believer - Authorities	Believer: pray and submit to the authorities	Rom. 13:1-7
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TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VI: RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

LESSON 2: SEEKING FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION - ROMANS 12:18-21

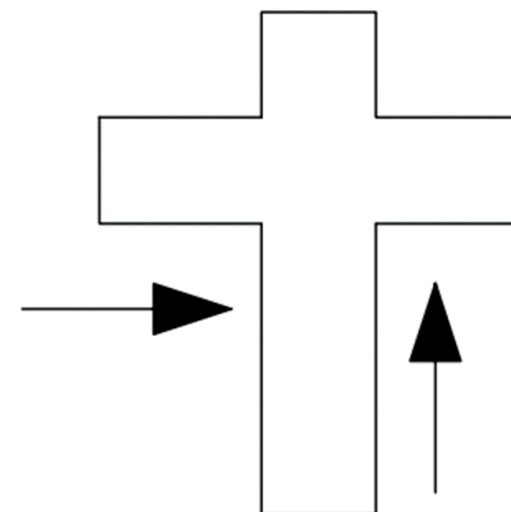
1. Three steps for forgiveness:

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| a. Confession | James 5:16 |
| b. Repentance | 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 |
| c. Atonement | Luke 19:1-10 |

2. Four steps to reconciliation: Matthew 18:15-17

In the context of Matthew 18:12-14

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| a. Meet with the person in private. | V.15 |
| b. Meet with the person in the presence of one or two witnesses. | V.16 |
| c. Take the person before the church. | V.17 |
| d. Consider the person as an unbeliever. | V.17 |



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VI: RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

LESSON 3: THE LORD'S SUPPER - LUC 22:17-22

1. What is the Lord's Supper?

It is a symbolic way to remember the Sacrifice of Christ - 1 Corinthians 11:26

2. How often should we do the Lord's Supper?

The frequency is not determined in the Bible, but it should be taken regularly.

3. We are called to examine ourselves prior to taking the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 11:27-32.

a. Am I a believer?

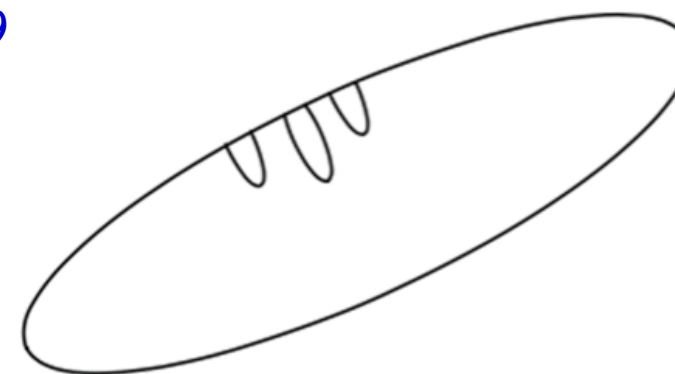
b. Am I an obedient, baptized disciple?

c. Do I have a right relationship with others? - Matthew 6:14-15

d. Do I have a right relationship with God? - 1 John 1:9

4. Who can administer the Lord's Supper?

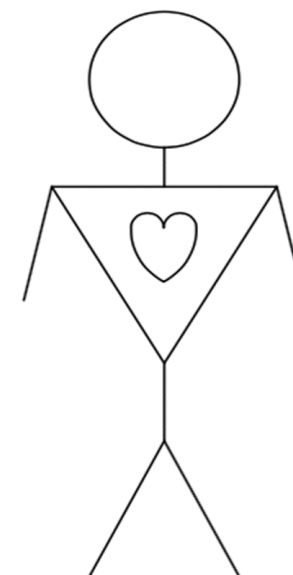
Any obedient, baptized disciple of Christ.



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VII: THE BODY OF CHRIST

LESSON 1: THE HEAD - ROMANS 12:4-5

1. Jesus is the head of the church. Colossians 1:18-22
2. Jesus established two kinds of leaders to lead the Church.
 - a. The Pastors and/or the Elders
 - i. Their roles: Teacher/Encourager - 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - ii. Criteria for choosing a Pastor/Elder - 1 Timothy 3:1-7 (see other side)
 - b. The Deacons
 - i. Their roles: the Service - Acts 6:1-8
 - ii. Criteria for choosing a Deacon - 1 Timothy 3:8-13. (see other side)
3. 1 Timothy 2:12 - Women in leadership
4. 1 Peter 5:8 - Satan's attack on leadership - Accountability



The pastor or the elder must:

- ▶ Be above reproach v. 2
- ▶ Be the husband of one wife v. 2
- ▶ Be sober-minded and self-controlled v. 2
- ▶ Be hospitable v.2
- ▶ Be able to teach v. 2
- ▶ Be kind, peaceful and selfless v. 3
- ▶ Know how to lead his family v. 4
- ▶ Have a good reputation v. 7

Pastor or elder must not:

- ▶ Be a drunkard v. 3
- ▶ Be violent v. 3
- ▶ Be a new convert v. 6

The deacon must:

- ▶ Be a man of dignity v. 8
- ▶ Hold the mystery of the faith v. 9
- ▶ Be the husband of one wife v. 12
- ▶ Know how to lead his family v. 12

The deacon must not:

- ▶ Be double-tongued v. 8
- ▶ Be a drunkard v. 8
- ▶ Be greedy for dishonest gain v. 8

TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VII: THE BODY OF CHRIST

LESSON 2: THE HEART - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-20

1. What are Spiritual Gifts?

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

2. Who gives the spiritual gifts to all believers?

It is the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:11

3. When do believers receive the Holy Spirit?

a. Believers receive the Holy Spirit at salvation - Ephesians 1:13-14

b. Exception (1st Reception of the Holy Spirit outside the Jewish circle) - Acts 8:17

4. Do we all have the same spiritual gifts?

No - 1 Corinthians 12:11, 14, 27-30

5. What spiritual gifts are listed in the Bible? Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-11, 27-28

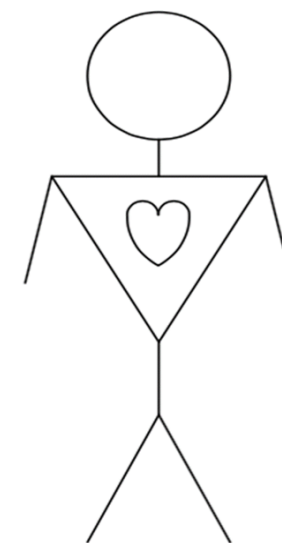
Clarify the Use of Some Gifts:

i. Apostle

ii. Prophet

iii. Service

iv. Various Tongues - 1 Corinthians 14:26-28, 33, 39-40

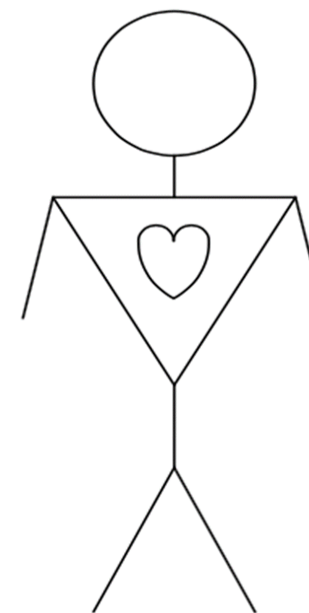
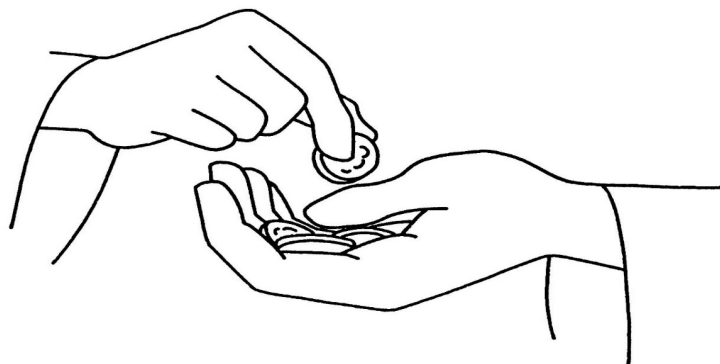


TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VII: THE BODY OF CHRIST

LESSON 3: THE HAND OF GIVING

1. Eight principles about giving - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- a. V. 6 Our generosity determines how much we reap
- b. V. 7 Each of us must decide how much to give
- c. V. 7 We must give out of joy
- d. V. 8 The grace of God is sufficient
- e. V. 9 Giving is an eternal investment
- f. V. 10 God gives us our resources so that we can produce spiritual fruit
- g. V. 11-12 Giving produces thanksgiving and glory to God
- h. V. 13-15 We give because Christ gave His life for us

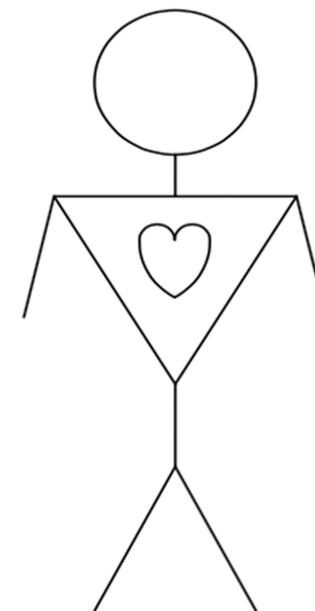


TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VII: THE BODY OF CHRIST

LESSON 4: HAND OF HEALTHY CHURCHES

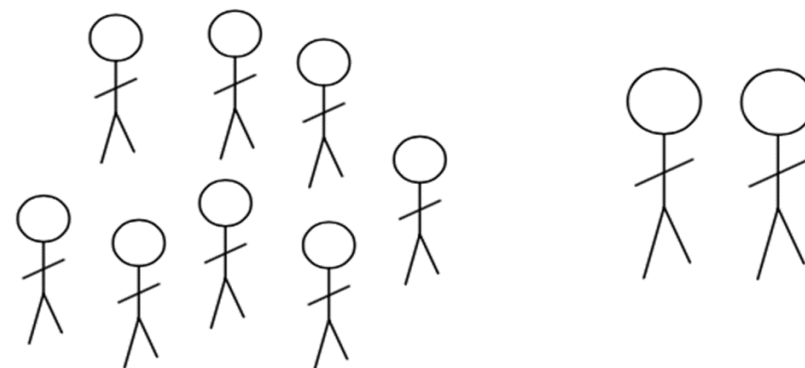
1. Five Purposes of a Healthy Church - Matthew 22:37-39, 28:19-20

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| a. Matthew 22:37 | Worship |
| b. Matthew 22:39 | Fellowship |
| c. Matthew 22:39 | Ministry |
| d. Matthew 28:19-20 | Discipleship |
| e. Matthew 28:19-20 | Evangelism |



TREE OF LIFE LEVEL VIII: MULTIPLYING LEADERS TO FINISH THE TASK

LESSON 1: SELECTING NEW LEADERS



1. What do you look for in a potential leader?
 - a. A “Good Soil” person
 - b. An obedient disciple
 - c. A person with tested faith - Matthew 13:20-21
 - d. A person worthy to teach others - 2 Timothy 2:2

2. Example: selecting a leader. - Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thes. 1:3-10; 2 Thes. 1:3-4
 - a. How long was Paul in Thessalonica?
 - b. Why did he have to leave?
 - c. Who was arrested and why?
 - d. Was Jason faithful under persecution?
 - e. What happened after Paul left Thessalonica?
 - f. How long had these leaders been believers?
 - g. What qualified Jason for leadership?
 - h. Was how long Jason had been a believer a key factor in his becoming a leader?

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LESSON 2: LEADING BY EXAMPLE

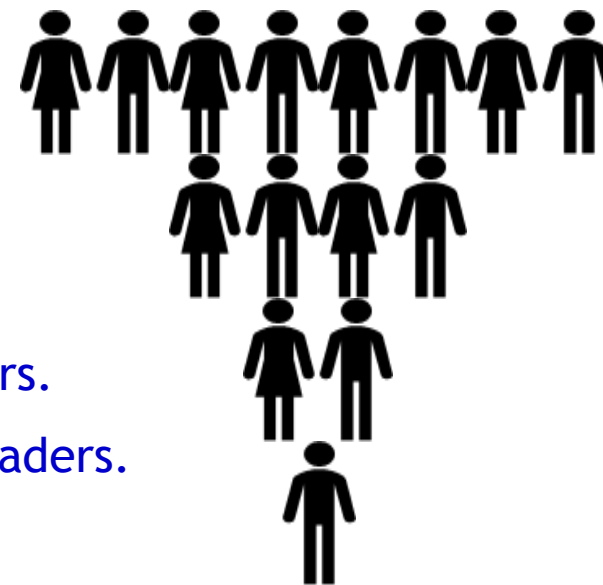
1. Qualities of a good leader - 1 Peter 5:1-5

- a. He leads voluntarily.
- b. He leads to build the kingdom of God.
- c. He does not abuse his power.
- d. He manifests these qualities to enable new leaders to learn from him.

2. The good leader prepares and strengthens new leaders

He must:

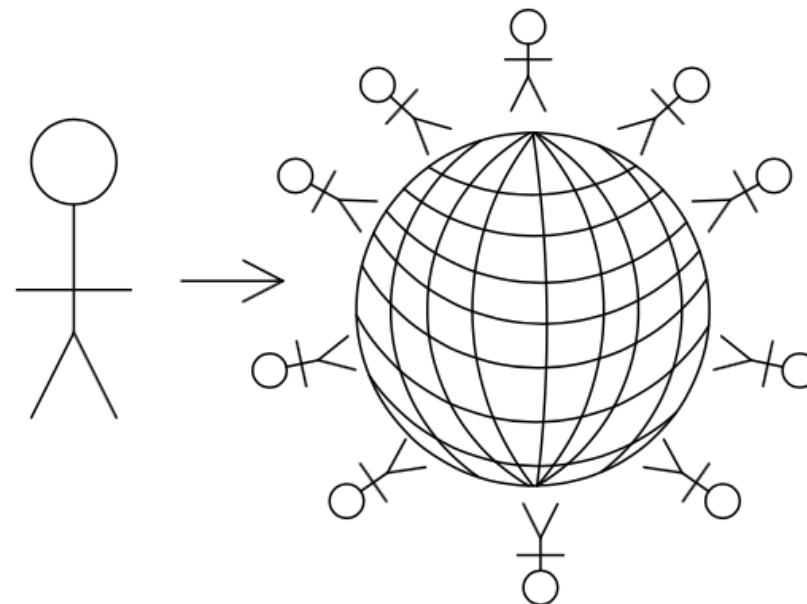
- a. Model - Allow others to watch as you lead and teach.
- b. Assist - Help them do what you have taught them.
- c. Watch - Observe as they lead and gently correct their errors.
- d. Launch - Release them so they can train other potential leaders.



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LESSON 3: TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE UNREACHED

Understanding the Work - Romans 10:13-17



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LESSON 4: UNITY IN CHRIST

1. Obey the command of Christ - Matthew 28:18-20
2. Do not favor a culture or custom - Galatians 2:11-14
3. Maintain unity between different cultures - Ephesians 4:1-6
4. Manage cultural issues in a biblical way.
5. Questions to ask yourself:
 - a. Do my actions violate the Word of God?
 - b. Do my actions violate my conscience?
 - c. Are my actions a stumbling block for my neighbor?

A positive answer to these questions should lead me to give up my bad actions.

