

Following Jesus ①

Leadership-Manual for Disciple Makers

Getting to know Jesus, following Him and do what He did.



**A practical guide with 9+ trainings,
to instruct new followers.**

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1. God's heart's desire: He wants all to come to the knowledge of the truth!

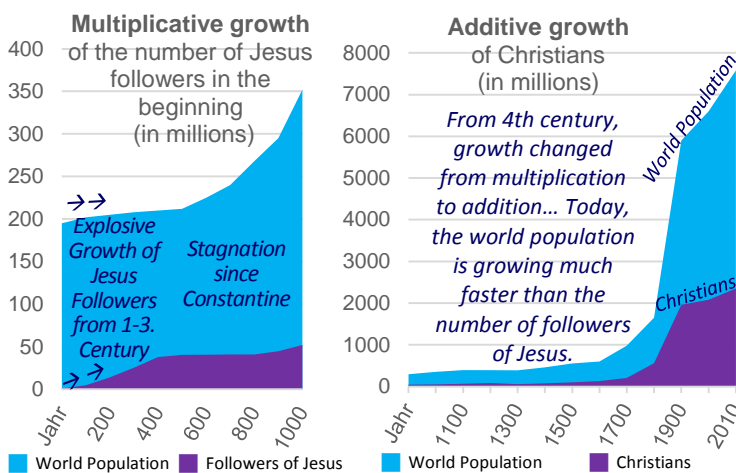
1. Timothy 2.4 God wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

Within 2 years and 3 months, those trained by Paul (twelve John disciples and others) reached from Ephesus the entire population of the province of Asia (8-15 million inhabitants!) with the saving message of Jesus Christ! The disciples healed, delivered, raised the dead and made people followers of Jesus, as they have been taught by Jesus and the apostles (Acts 19). Pliny, Roman governor writes Emperor Trajan (ca. 112 AD) about the "multiplication of the followers of Jesus": "...that this faith had spread among all the people in the cities, villages and countryside." Thousands and thousands became believers through the testimony of new followers of Jesus, who just had found Jesus themselves. Faith in Jesus can spread as rapidly today as it did then!

2. We need multiplication so that everyone has the opportunity to follow Jesus!

Jesus said in Matthew 24:6-14: "You will hear of wars; but be not afraid. It is not yet the end. For nation shall rise against nation and there will be pestilence, famines and earthquakes. Misery will increase. They will deliver you and kill you. You will be hated for my name's sake by all nations. Many will betray one another. False prophets will mislead many. Injustice will abound. Love will grow cold in many. But he who perseveres to the end will be saved. **The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**"

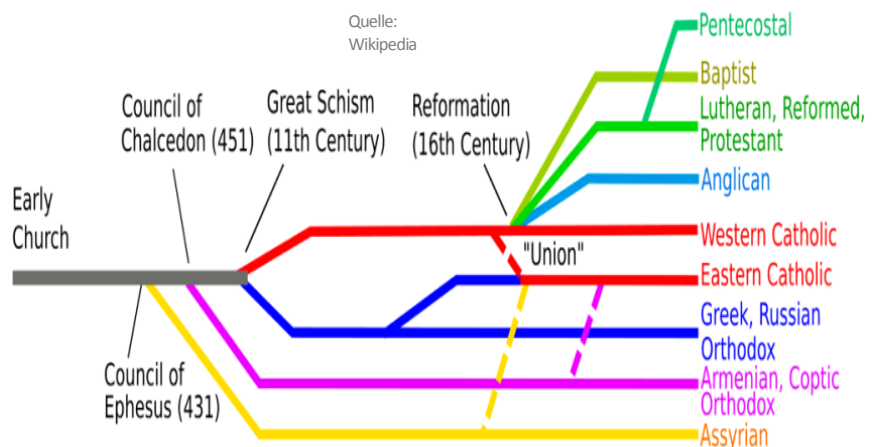
The world population today is growing much faster than the number of followers of Jesus is increasing.



During the first three centuries the number of followers of Jesus multiplied as a result of practiced discipleship. But in the 4th century Christianity became the (state-) religion. Pagan buildings were transformed into churches and more were built. The growth slowed down to addition.

Disciples who had made others to followers of Jesus became church members who only invited others to church services and participated in the liturgy. The church was responsible for everything else.

The "sharing... of all that was owned" (in the congregations of the first three centuries) was slowly replaced by the Old Testament "tithe", to enable the financing of the newly formed church system. From then on, possessions no longer needed to be shared. From now on, there were no longer any possessions to be shared. The growth of the church began to slow down significantly, under the level of the growth of the world's population. In the last decades, however, the world population growth exploded. Today, the growth of the followers of Jesus cannot come close in keeping up with this. Only if the body of Jesus Christ returns to the multiplication strategy of the first three centuries (disciples make disciples) it is possible, to reach all nations with the message of Jesus (Matthew 24.14).



→ **Important:** To reach all people with the message of Jesus, it is necessary to have multiplicative growth instead of previous addition. Multiplication is only possible through practiced discipleship.

3. The commission of Jesus: Make disciples of all nations (disciples make disciple-makers)

2. Timothy 2.2 What you have heard of me through many witnesses commit to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

Matthew 28:18 Jesus told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

→ How do we get into this authority? By obedience; by doing what Jesus said!

Matthew 28.19-20a **Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Teach them to obey all commands that I have given you.**

→ **Church interpretation:** Could it be that this has developed into the following?

"Invite (some) to church" / and "make them church members by having the pastor baptize them..." / and "teach them the church doctrine." / and "build new churches and invite others to join them!"

→ **Jesus on the other hand said: "Go" out / "to all" / "make them to disciples and you baptize them" / and "teach them to obey all the commandments of Jesus" / and „make all nations to disciples of Jesus“!**

→ What promise does God give us, if we do this?

Matthew 28.20b "And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

4. Maturity, fruit and growth comes from obedience and not from head knowledge

The Duckling Principle: Each duck follows only one step behind the duck in front of it. This means to follow



To be one step ahead is enoughs

Jesus. **Only when I obediently do what Jesus shows me, I am his follower and will grow as his disciple.** Obedience means eternal life (eating from the tree of life). In contrast, knowledge without obedience puffs up and leads to death (like Adam and Eve who ate from the tree of knowledge).

5. The training is based on principles that Jesus Christ taught us

The training is based on the words and deeds of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Get to know Jesus, become his follower and do what he did. The simplicity of the training makes it easy to apply, what you have learned and to share it with every person.

6. Find the person (the house) of peace

Jesus invites us as his disciples in Matthew 10 and Luke 10 (the "ML10 principle") **to search by two intensively for persons of peace (or houses of peace) and to go to them.** But why didn't Jesus say, that we should invite interested people to join us? The reason is very simple: **When a "person of peace" opens his house to the Gospel, often the whole family and the entire environment finds to Jesus!** Jesus told his followers: **Go, search and find the "person of peace"; and when they open their house, stay there.** And why? **We help them to find peace with God and make them followers of Jesus.** Whenever possible, we work according to this principle.

7. The key to multiplying disciples and Fellowship Groups is 3/3-Process

→ **Everything it takes to become a follower of Jesus, to disciple others and that new Fellowship-Groups can be started, is included in the 3/3-process and leads just organically to the development and multiplication of new fellowship groups (2. Timothy 2.2).**

A healthy DNA (hereditary information) is the basis, that new fellowship groups can develop and grow naturally organic! The full DNA is contained in the 3/3-process! If a element is left out or changed, this will lead almost unavoidably to a gene defect without growth! Left out elements can't be added later and this will lead unavoidably to the loss of growth and multiplication!

Practical guide through a meeting (see example for 3/3 Process-Meetings -, to guide new followers.)

Luke 10:1: Jesus sent his disciples in twos to all the towns and villages he would visit later.

→ **Study in Part 3** the proposed **3/3 Process - Example of a training** (with traps/stumbling blocks to avoid).

→ **Print out the "training sheets" for you and the person(s) you (in twos!) will meet.** Meet e.g. over **lunch** with students or work colleagues; in the **afternoon** with scholars or seniors; **after school** or **after work** in the park or café; in the **evening** with friends, on **Saturday or Sunday** at home for a meal, at a lake or river for a barbecue. Per workout, with food, should be 2 ⅓ hrs. (2 hours without food)



Guideline 3/3-Process: Outline for Fellowship Group Meetings

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(according to Acts 2.44-46)

Step by step instructions
Bright blue (core element) = **NEVER skip!**

Dark grey = can also be left out ("a nice to have" element)

Light grey = Explanation of content

= key element

Dark red Actionstep! → 1/3 2/3 3/3 ... of the 3/3 Process

1/3 1/3 Looking back: Hear from each other. Share. Application.

1) Fellowship. Eating together and share (Meet, Eat & Share) depending on the kind of the meal **30-45 Min**

 → **Tell each other during the meal about last week:** What is going on, what am I doing and what did I experience?

 → If you know each other: **How am I personally?** (encouraged, good, sad, frustrated - so *not what I do*)? Why I feel so?

2) Singing / praying (praise, thanksgiving & asking) **10 min**

- Sing 1-2 praise songs (or plays a worship song from your mobile phone or via YouTube on TV/beamer)

- Pray to God to praise, thank & ask (collect reasons, requests and wishes to pray for). Ev. read a Psalm or a Bible text.

3a) Sharing (How am I walking with God?) **10 min**

 → **How am I walking with God?** Do I read the Bible (what)? Do I pray (for what/whom)? Have I experienced something with God?

Attention: If someone is not well, pray for that person and make more time available for him/her after the meeting (if necessary)!
3b) Application Check (What did I shared with others?) **10 min**

 → **Have I applied what I recognized the last time** (Training/God's Word)? With what result?

 → **What did I share of it**, with my family members, friends, VIPs, work colleagues, etc.?

(e.g. my story / gospel presentation: "The way to God") / "The 5 stages to find God" / new insights...?)
4) Communicate the Vision (sharing the good news with others) **10 min**

"God wants all men to be saved and to know the truth!" 1 Timothy 2.4

 → **For example, show an episode of the Jesus movie**, share an inspiring biblical story, a touching experience as encouragement to tell others about Jesus or to start a new fellowship group, or use a Bible text: e.g. Matthew 28.18-20 / Luke 10.1-11 / Joshua 1.8 / Luke 19.1-10 / Matthew 13.1-23 ... (Vision is essential to stay focused)!

2/3 2/3 Looking up: Hear from God. Talk about it. Follow Jesus.

 → **5a) Training Unit** (basics to become a follower of Jesus and to become a fellowship group) **40 min**
5b) or: Bible Text / Word of God (Inductive Bible Study with a freely chosen Bible-Text) **30 min**
after completing the training units for advanced discipleship (choose a relevant Bible text:

1. Someone reads the Bible text aloud to the whole group

2. Everyone reads the Bible text on their own

3. Summarize together what you have read as a fellowship group (with the Bible closed)...

 → **Ask yourself the "3 Questions about the inductive Bible study":**

1. What did speak to me or raise questions when I read the text?

2. What does the text say about God and what it says about people?

3. What does it say? Is there something in the text that I should obey or put into practice?

3/3 3/3 Looking forward: Hear concerning others. Apply. Train. Share.

6) Application practice
a) We ask the "Jesus-follower questions" (practical application) **10 min**

We have interaction on how we can apply and share in practice what we have recognized:

 → **We ask ourselves the "Jesus-Follower-Questions"**

1. How can I put into practice what I have learned from the Word of God?

2. What can I share and/or how can I share with whom?

b) Training and exercising to share (preparing yourself to share with others) **15 min**

 → **Discuss the practical steps of how you want to put this into practice** (e.g. two by two). Train and practice what you want to share and how: e.g. exercise a challenging conversation as a role play, with possible reactions, questions and arguments.

c) Sharing (giving and sharing God's love with others) **5 min**

 → **Fill the abundance barrel of your fellowship group! Ask: Who can we support or bless financially? Who is in need?**

For what do we need finances (e.g. evangelistic events: barbecue for neighbors; fellowship group networking event...)?

7) Prayer and Blessing (Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the people) **5 Min**

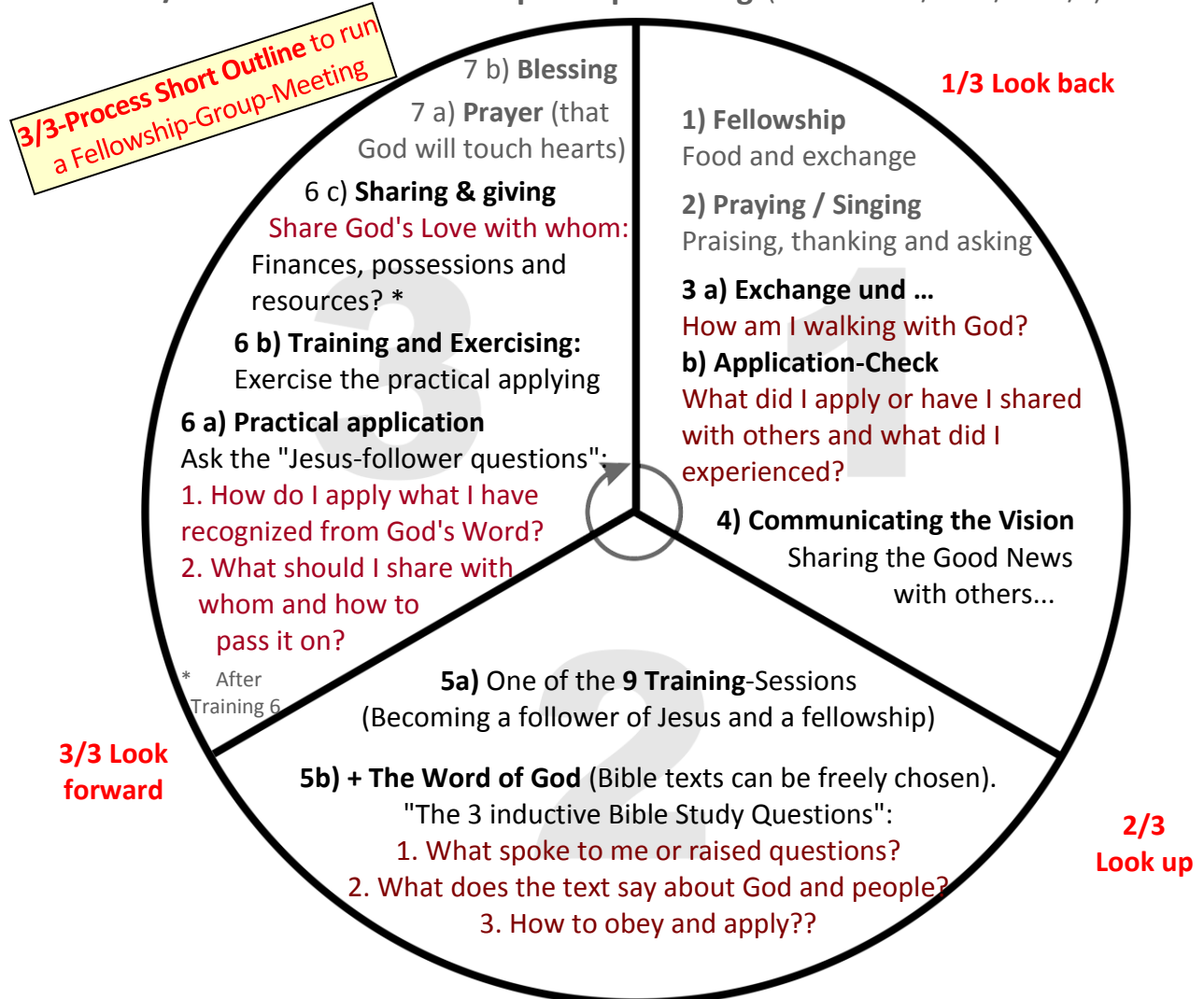
 → Finally, **pray that Jesus will prepare the people and pray the Lords prayer: "Our Father in heaven" and ask for God's blessing.**

Content 3/3-Process (Program Outline to run a Fellowship-Group-Meeting) Hiram Küenzi

The 3/3 process for fellowship group meetings includes all essential Elements to become a Follower of Jesus and a Fellowship-(Group) according to Acts 2.38-47

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away; all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. And the same day there were added about three thousand souls. The believers continued to devote themselves to what the apostles were teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to times of prayer. A sense of fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything with one another. They made it their practice to sell their possessions and goods and to hand out the profits to anyone who was in need. United in purpose, they went to the temple every day, did eat at each other's houses, and shared their food with glad and humble hearts. They were praising God and enjoying the good will of all the people. Every day the Lord was adding to their number those who were being saved.

3/3-Process for a Fellowship Group Meeting (Clockwise: 1/3 → 2/3 → 3/3)



Legend for the 9+ Trainings (all colors and symbols):

- = Key element: Follow *exactly* the instruction!
- Bright blue** = the most important
- Dark grey** = Leave out if short on time
- Dark red** → Action step: *never* skip!
- 1/3 2/3 3/3** = 3/3-process (**1/3** = always use 3/3-Process (Program-outline)!) Light grey = Helpful explanation or remark
- []** = To be filled out by trainees (Solution-Sheets in this "Practical guide for guiding new followers")

| 3/3 | OVERALL TRAININGS OVERVIEW | | | | 1 st Third: Look back | 2 nd Third: Looking up | 3 rd Third: Looking ahead |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Unit No./ Where | Prayer, Thanks, Praise, Worship | Exchange | Application Check (Sharing) | Vision (God's mission) | Training session / Word of God | Application practice | Training, practice & application question Prayer & Blessing |
| 1. At the host or in the Fellowship | → Write down reasons to thank. Disciplemaker thanks for all points in a 1-sentence-prayer! | Mini introduction round. → Have I ever wanted something so much, that it became real? | → Why I am here? What do I Wish? | John 3:16 God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. | Training 1 "The way to God" | God's story: Exercise the Gospel Presentation. Explain to each other the "Way to God" with the 4 Bible passages. Ask the 3 positioning questions at the end | → To whom can I show the learned "Way to God" as an exercise? → Question confidant "May I show you something that I have practiced, if I can I explain it to you in an understandable way?" |
| 2. At the host or in the Fellowship | → Write down reasons why we can ask God! Disciplemaker for all points with a 2-sentence-prayer! | → Where do I stand in my life? → Have I once arrived not at the right destination? Why not? | → To whom could I explain the "The Way to God" (Gospel Presentation) as an exercise? | Acts of the Apostles. 2:37-38 And when they heard this, it touched their hearts and they said: What shall we do? Peter said, "Repent, be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. | Training 2 "The Five stages to meet God" Repentance, Conversion and Forgiveness | Practice "The 5 Stages to meet God" until you can explain it to each other. Repentance: I write down on toilet paper what I want to get rid of! Then I pray: "Jesus, I am sorry, I am a sinner. Please forgive me... (all that I can remember)!" | → Pray together: "Jesus, I am a sinner and have lived without You. I ask You to forgive me and I confess my sins: ... Thank You for Your forgiveness and for giving me Your eternal life. Come into my heart, be my Lord and guide me! Thank you." → Question to answer: Am I still missing a stage? Which one? Should I be baptized? |
| 3. With host or with the PoF (Person of Peace) | → Every person thanks or asks God in one (up to two) sentence for one thing. | → When did I ever feel like I was born again or really redeemed of something? | → What did I ask Jesus in my prayer? (Forgiveness) → What did I get rid of through Him? (My sins) → What meaning has Jesus for me? | 2. Corinthians 5.17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has passed away, behold, all things have become new! | Training 3 Baptism, being born again and the New Life | Am I baptized? → If not, I let myself baptize the next time! I explain the change of dominion to an other person and ask, if Jesus can be the center of his / her life? | → To whom can you explain the change of Lordship and how Jesus came into your life until next time? → If anyone has not been baptized yet: we will do a baptism next time! |
| 4. For PoF or host | → I thank Jesus in prayer, that He is my Lord. I tell Him, that I want to follow Him. | → What was a awesome, unexpected gift, that I once received from someone? | → If someone has not yet been baptized, we will do a water baptism today. | Acts of the Apostles. 1.8 You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. | Training 4 The gift of the Holy Spirit | I pray for the fulfillment with the Holy Spirit, for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and for receiving the prayer in tongues. | → Practice the use of the gifts of the Spirit and the prayer in tongues practically! |
| 5. For PoF or host | → Thank Jesus for filling me with His Holy Spirit and giving me His gifts! | → What is the most important thing in a good relationship for me? | → For what gift of the Holy Spirit do I ask? Ask for it! → For what, or which gift I'm especially grateful to God? | Psalms 119:104-105 Your word makes me wise; therefore I hate all false ways. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. | Training 5 The Bible (Word of God) & Prayer Talking to God | → Read the Bible every day! Make a prayer list + plan for Bible reading+ prayer. Plan a commitment meeting with one person with date, time and place (according to the training) | → Commitment meeting planned? Bible reading, prayer for VIPs and commitment issues...! → Pray for people on your prayer list: Family, relatives, friends, neighbors, workplace, school, children, club, etc. Follow the impulses God gives you when praying! |
| 6. For PoF or host | → Thanking Jesus that we can talk to Him and He speaks to us through His Word | → What makes a good family and real fellowship? What was my coolest family experience? | → We focus our hearts on Jesus and listen to God (instead of speaking). We ask God to speak to us and share what we have heard. | Acts 2:42 The believers continued to devote themselves to what the apostles were teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to times of prayer. | Training 6 Fellowship with Jesus (The body of Jesus) | → Are we a Fellowship (-Group), if we meet like this? (Yes, we are!) → Practice how to distribute the Lord's Supper (according to the Bible text)! | → Meet from now on as a Fellowship (-Group)! → We celebrate the Lord's Supper and... → We put an offering together! → Plan on how you want to live hospitality. |
| 7. Back and forth in houses | → Thank God for having fellowship together. Thank Jesus, that we know Him. | → Where was I an eye witness to something extraordinary? | → What has someone told me / shared / entrusted to me, that I am very grateful for? | 1 Timothy 2:4 God wants all men to be helped and to come to the knowledge of the truth. | Training 7 Sharing the Good News | → I'm writing down "My Story with God." What was, what happened and has changed? Would you like to have that too? | → We tell our "Story with God" to each other and give each other feedback! → Ask God to whom I should share "My Story" as a testimony? Contact the person and tell your story. |
| 8. Back & forth in houses | → Giving thanks for what I have! | → How am I walking with God? | → What of what I have learned am I putting into practice; what not? | Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. As you measure, you will be measured. | Training 8 Sharing - The divine financial System | I ask God: How much is enough for me? Whom should I bless financially? | → With whom shall I share this, to whom shall I witness. Whom shall I baptize, heal, deliver, raise up? |
| 9. Back and forth in houses | Prayer, Thanks, Requests, Praise, Listening. Thank Jesus that we may know Him. | → What's going on with me personally? → How with God (bearing witness)? | → Who have I been able to tell that I believe in Jesus and follow Him? | Luke 15.31 But he said to Him, "My son, you are with me always, and all that is mine is yours. | Training 9 Introduction "Inductive Bible Study" / The loving father - Story | What is God's nature and character as a Father? How am I was being shaped? What has been good? What was not? Where do I need healing, restoration or forgiveness? | → To whom should I tell this Bible story? → To whom should I bear witness? → Who do I baptize, heal, deliver, or raise up?? |
| + and from now on always so on... | Prayer, thanking, praise, worship.... | How am I on my way with God? | What have I shared, applied or experienced with others? | Bible text, experience, testimony, personal inspiration... etc. | Word of God & 3 Bible Reading Questions (texts free to chose): | Ask the "Jesus-Follower Questions": 1) How to apply recognized from God's Word? 2) What, how I share with whom? | Sharing & Giving: Sharing God's love with whom? Also finances, possessions, resources, material and other things? |

Sample 3/3-Process (Run a Training practically. Tips, potential traps & problems) Hiram Kuenzi

Procedure of a meeting (with many practical tips and suggestions; as an example 2 ¼ hours in the evening...)

1/3rd ● 7 pm (45 min): fellowship, eating together and sharing

Each meeting starts whenever possible with a meal and a time of fellowship.

The training is for believers and also new interested people with no biblical background knowledge.

Important: Start your group on time (even if not all of them are there and go straight to sharing).

→ **Tell each other over dinner** (ev. snack) **what you experienced during the last week:** What is going on, what am I doing and and experiencing...? If you already know each other, also ask: **How am I personally doing** (am I good, bad, encouraged, sad, frustrated) **and why?**

● 7.45 pm (10 Min): Singing, praying, praising, thanking & asking

Do it with words (a prayer, reading a psalm), choose 1-2 songs (max. 3), or sing along 1-2 videoclip(s).

Important: Longer prayer and worship times discourage people without a Christian background! Keep this part short (!) until the last training, to have enough time for the training and practice!

● 7.55 pm (10-15 min): Sharing & Application-Check:

→ **How am I doing with God?** → **What have I shared with whom?**

Here we check the "homework" (of the last meeting), who has shared what to whom and how?

Important: The sharing refers to the "application check". → What did I experience with God during the practical application?

→ Interrupt frequent talkers and say: "You're welcome to share details next time while we eat...!"

→ If a person has a problem or many questions, take time with the person outside the group.

● 8.10 pm (10 min): Sharing the vision (= sharing the Good News continuously with others):

"God wants all men to be saved and to know the truth!" 1 Timothy 2.4

→ **Show one episode of the Jesus movie** each time (as a vision part), or share an **inspiring story**, a **touching experience** related to the topic, to encourage the group, to tell about Jesus to others or start a new group. As an alternative, you also can read a **Bible verse or passage:** Matthew 28.18-20 / Luke 10.1-11 / Joshua 1.8 / Luke 19.1-10 / Matthew 13.1-23 (for example)...

Important: Sharing each time the vision is very essential for staying focused!

2/3rd ● 8.20 pm (40 Min): Basic training units (print out for everyone the participant sheets before)

→ **Go through** the whole training unit 1 - 9+ (it makes sense to **read first through the training unit (2/3) completely with everyone** and answer any **questions only afterwards** (and then only on the topic)!

Attention: Avoid unnecessary discussions! They distract from the theme and are destructive time wasters!!

After the last meeting, the "long-term discipleship" (with inductive Bible study) begins. From now on you can choose a inspiring Bible text for the 2nd third, depending on where the group is at. It is inspiring and empowering, what will discovered through the whole group!

3/3rd ● 9 pm (10 min): Application practice (Ask the "Jesus-Followers-Questions")

→ **How can I put into practice, what I have recognized through the Word of God?**

→ **What can I share and/or pass on, and how with whom?**

● 9.10 pm (30 min): Practice, training and sharing (listening to God and sharing with others)

→ **Discuss with each other the practical steps, what you want to put into practice and how.**

● Sharing (giving and sharing God's love with others)

→ The simplicity of the training allows you to pass on what you have learned, even in the same week.

→ It is even possible for a new disciple to start a new group himself with only one training ahead! The multiplicative potential of the training is almost unlimited!

→ **Always fill your abundance barrel** and ask: Who can we bless, financially support or set free? Who is in need? **For what do we need finances** (evangelistic projects like barbecue for the neighborhood, for networking events of the Movement...)?

→ Use your abundance barrel very actively!

● 9.40 pm (5 Min): Prayer and blessing (Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the people)

→ **Pray** that Jesus will prepare the people and pray **at the end** the Lords prayer: "**Our Father**"

... and finally: → **Ask for God's blessing!**

● **Between 9.45 and 10pm: Closing time** at the latest.

Quick Guide in 4 steps (to run a Fellowship-Group-Meeting)

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Preparation (for yourself)**1) Study the Sample process (a training according to 3/3 process)**

Take the sheet with the sample process of a meeting and study the various practical tips and suggestions, as well as the possible traps and stumbling blocks of a meeting. Plan each meeting's time schedule with enough time (especially for the 3/3 process) and stick to it (not easy at the beginning). Follow the sample Process.

2) Get an overview through the general Overview of all trainings

Study the general overview of all trainings with all contents of the 3/3 schedule. Find out the main points of each relevant training and integrate them analogous within 3/3rd process.

Run a meeting (with another person or a group)**3) Before each Meeting, place the Guideline 3/3-Process: Outline for Fellowship Group Meeting in front of you...**

As a Disciple-Maker: Take the Step by Step Guideline of the 3/3-Process Outline for and Fellowship Groups and study the process.

- For the 1/3rd, you can use the contents from the "Overall Training Overview".
- For the first few meetings, it is important to go step by step through the entire process (until you have the process fully internalized). It is important to keep the time span in mind (it is described in every detail in the sample process, including the possible traps and stumbling blocks).
- Pay special attention to the sequence legend:

Luminous blue (core element) = NEVER skip!

Dark gray = can be skipped ("nice to have" element)

Light gray = Content explanation



= Key element

Dark red = Actionstep!

1/3 2/3 3/3 from the 3/3 process

4) Place the sheet of the corresponding Training 1-9+ in front of you.

- For the 2/3rd: take the sheet with the training (1-9+/Bonus) and work it through by two or as a group together. It is important to read the Bible passages together (if possible in the Bible) and to go through each training together.
- For the 3/3rd: The most important of the training is the practical application! Otherwise it makes no sense!

After the meeting (practical application of what God has put on my heart)

- **After the meeting:** Now it is all about the practical application of what God has put on my heart. Whoever loves Jesus, *does what Jesus told him to do*. Discipleship is all about obedience! The **application check at the next fellowship group meeting** is all about this: → Did I do what Jesus put on my heart? Have I been obedient? If not, I should do it as soon as possible. There is almost always something to share afterwards. This is how new people become followers of Jesus!

Important note:

The use of the "9+ trainings to know Jesus, to follow Him and to do what He did" and the "3/3rd Process" is in the beginning a little bit uncommon; but if you follow consequently the instructions, you will find out, that it is very rewarding. → First it can be very helpful to exercise the whole training with other disciples of Jesus, until you get used to the training and the 3/3rd Process.

This training lets me experience, how I can become a new person through Jesus Christ of Nazareth and how this also will happen to others. Through this I can help others to find God, to become followers of Jesus Christ who are also able to pass on what they have learned, so new fellowship groups can be established in every place.



1st Training - „The Way to God“

Solution Sheet

by hk 2021

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I. The God Experiment

Test God: Discover Jesus of the Gospels! Read God's Word with an open heart; as the Bible is true!

→ Write yourself a letter (to be opened after the last training), with the question: Have I met God/Jesus?

II. My destination: Living with God! Finding God and receiving his eternal Life...

In the beginning God created the world and men. **We as humans are destined to live in relationship with God!** But through sin, our relationship with God was destroyed. We are separated from God and lost our relationship with Him, no matter what we are doing to change it...

→ What is the divine intended destiny for us as human beings?

Our destination: Fellowship & Eternal life with God!

● **Our destiny is a life in relationship with God**

1a. What is the result of sin in my life?

Romans 3.23 Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence.

→ What is the effect of sin for us in relation to God?

● **Sin separates me from God.**

1b. People try to find God in many different ways. Without success. Why is it like this?

Romans 6.23 The result of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

→ Can God be found through religious efforts (going to church, mosque, temple), bringing sacrifices, or good deeds?

● **We can not do it on our own, or by what we do.**

2. How is God bringing us into a personal relationship with Him?

Romans 5.8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

→ How has God solved the problem of our sins?

● **Jesus took our sins upon himself through his death!**

3. Jesus is the way to find into a relationship with God (through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus):

Romans 10.9 If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

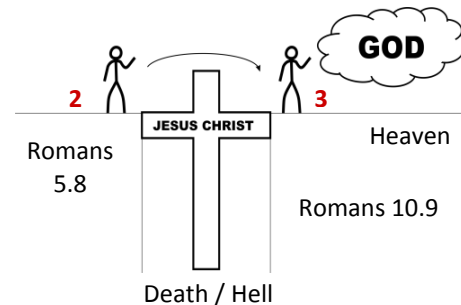
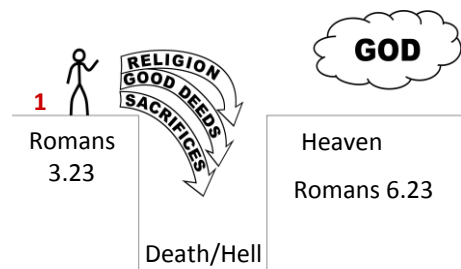
→ What impact has our faith in Jesus Christ and our confession in order to find God?

● **It is through faith that we find God.**

→ Explain what the Bible means regarding our salvation:

● **Jesus died without sin for our sins to save us and give us eternal life!**

Conclusion: God became man in Jesus, died on the cross for our sins to save us and to give us eternal life! Jesus Christ overcame the dividing gap to reestablish the relationship with God. Jesus took upon Himself not only our sins, but also our pain (where we were hurt by others), all illness and bondage through His death!



→ **Diagnosis:** You can be at position **1, 2 or 3**

The "3 diagnostic questions" Ask → **1. Where would it be good to be; in position 3, 2 or 1? On position 3**
 Now ask the next question: → **2. Where do you stand: In position 3, 2 or 1? On position __**
 Then say: **I want to pray a prayer with you (or to the whole group) to be repeated aloud (decision prayer 2nd training). Now do it (1 sentence, pause, 2nd sentence, pause ...). Then ask: Did you consciously prayed this prayer and meant it? / To the group: → Keep your eyes closed and give a sign! Then wait and see who answers and say to the person(s): If you asked Jesus, he forgives you and comes into your life! God hears your prayer!** Now ask the last diagnostic question: → **3. ...and where do you stand now? On position 3**

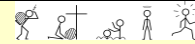
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III. Application experience, training, practice and sharing

→ **By two: Draw and explain to each other "The Way to God"** (if possible with the Bible passages)!

→ Practice the "3 diagnostic questions" and ask each other these questions!

2nd Training - The five stages to meet God



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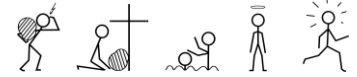
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2/3 I. What do I have to do to find God?

→ Draw and explain to one another (two by two) for a few minutes: "The way to God"!

We humans are separated from God and have lost our relationship with God. Sin separates us from God. This is why God came to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus took all sin upon himself to restore the lost relationship with God.

Jesus sacrificed Himself to forgive our sins and through His death at the cross he took upon Him our guilt, pain and sickness (Isaiah 53.4). Through the forgiveness of Jesus, all that was separating us from God has been taken away, and we can have a restored relationship with our Creator and receive Eternal Life.



II. "Five stages to meet God" (according to Acts 2.37-38)

→ Read the Bible words in the corresponding column and complete the top line of "stage 1-5" in keywords!

| 1. Stage | 2. Stage | 3. Stage | 4. Stage | 5. Stage |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Repentance (insight) I am a sinner. Sin separates me from God. I am sorry for my sins. | Turning away from sins I confess all my sins to Jesus, sincerely I ask Him for forgiveness, and believe in Jesus. | Water Baptism I bury my old life and rise with Jesus; my sins are washed away. | Rebirth / Salvation I receive new eternal life through the forgiveness of Jesus of all my sins. | Baptism with Holy Spirit I am filled with the Holy Spirit and I am a child of God (the Creator of heaven and earth).! |
| My steps... | | | ... and Gods presence. | |
| Acts 2.37 The listeners were moved: "What shall we do" they asked. | Acts 2.38a Peter spoke to them: "Confess your sins" (be converted). „Repent" (be sorry) and... | Acts 2.38b "...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." | Acts 2.38c ... for the forgiveness of sins... | Acts 2.38 ...then you will be given the Holy Spirit. |
| Romans 5.8 | Romans 2.4 | Rom. 10.9a | Romans 6.4 | Romans 10.9b |
| But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners | Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you away from your sin? | If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead... | For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.. | ... you will be saved.! |
| | | | | Romans 8:16 |
| | | | | For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. |
| | | | | Romans 8.14-15 |
| | | | | For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." |

(God is sovereign and cannot be manipulated. In practice, the order sometimes looks different.)

1st Stage: Repentance (insight) - Sin separates us from God: "I know that I am a sinner!"

Write down everything you need to get rid of: e.g. bad deeds, evil thoughts, not helping others, wrong bindings, unhealthy addictions, damaging relationships, addictive behaviors, etc.

→ Sins you regret and want to confess to Jesus: Note all on toilet paper and flush them in the toilet (or burn them)!

2nd Stage: Turn away from sin - honest repentance and ask sincerely Jesus for forgiveness

→ Pray "The decision prayer": "Jesus, I am a sinner and have lived without You. I confess my sins to You: Please forgive me! Thank you for your forgiveness. I invite You into my life: Be my Lord. Guide me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me Your new and eternal life. Thank you Jesus."

1. John 1.9. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just: He forgives our sins and cleans us from all transgressions.

3rd Stage: Baptism "in the name of Jesus": baptism by going under water (river, lake, sea, Baptism basin) **"in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"**: we consciously renounce everything that is not of God; sin is washed away; our old life is buried with Jesus and I am resurrected to a new life in Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

4th Stage: Rebirth: God's gift to us is salvation through His forgiveness of all my sins, being born again, the assurance of my salvation and Eternal Life in a relationship with God in heaven (Paradise).

5th Stage: Baptism with the Holy Spirit: As a gift from God, I receive the baptism and am filled with the Holy Spirit!

III. The new life with God...

Through turning back to God, repenting of my sins, the water baptism, the forgiveness of Jesus, being born again and receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, God gives me eternal life and I become a new person.

→ When I confess my sins to Jesus, what does he give me?

Jesus forgives all my sins.

→ Baptism buries my old life. What is Jesus giving me afterwards?

A new, eternal life with God.

→ I have invited Jesus into my life, where is he now?

Jesus lives in me through the Holy Spirit.

3/3 IV. Application and training:

→ Practice "the 5 stages of salvation" until you can explain them to someone else!

→ Surrender all your sins to Jesus: Write all down on a piece of paper and then throw into the toilet/fire.

→ I pray the decision prayer and I invite Jesus consciously into my life!

→ Am I missing another stage? Am I baptized? If not, what's stopping me, to get baptized next time we meet?



3rd Training - Baptism, being born again and the new life

Solution Sheet by hk 2021

→ **Am I baptized? Otherwise I will be baptized now in the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father!**

2/3 I. Baptism and the new life through being born again

Baptism does not make me a believer, but it is an expression that I believe. It is not the baptism, it is Jesus Christ, who saves me. Through baptism, my old "I" (previous life) has "died", I was raised to a new life, I have "put on" Jesus Christ, I am saved and I am born again. A new life is beginning.

Mark 16:16 Anyone who believes and is baptized, will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe, will be condemned.

Galatians 3:27 For he who is baptized in Christ has put on Christ.

Through the new birth, God gives me a new life. I trust him through faith in my heart, that God has forgiven me all of my sins through Jesus Christ. I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that Jesus through His Holy Spirit gives me "eternal life" to live with God the Father.

John 1:12 All who received him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this especially is not of your own selves; it is the gift of God. Not by works, so that no man may take glory to himself.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness to our spirit that we are the children of God.



→ **Do you notice any changes in you? Yes, I ...** _____

sense inner peace & joy have a desire to talk with God do not want to sin anymore believe heaven and hell are real
 feel God's presence have new priorities received forgiveness want to understand the Bible realize that God is here



→ **Have I invited Jesus into my life by faith and accepted his salvation and forgiveness?**

Yes No Not yet, because _____

2. Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II. What if I sin (again)? What should I do?

1. John 1:9 But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

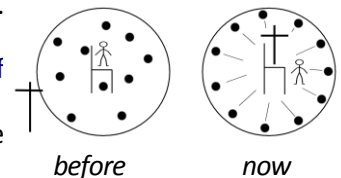
Hebrews 10:26 If we intentionally continue sinning after we have received knowledge of truth, there is no longer any sacrifice, that will cover these sins.

III. What place do I give to Jesus and what does a change of leadership mean?

Jesus Christ comes into my life and gives me forgiveness, redemption and deliverance. The new life into my divine purpose happens through a change of rulership:

Left image: Jesus has no place in my life, or only on the side. My "I" is on the throne of life. My areas of life (●) are not optimally arranged....

Right image: Jesus takes the place on the throne of my life. He guides me and leads me to my destiny. My life begins to fall into place...



IV. You are called to be a blessing - pass on the blessing you have received!

Romans 10:9 If you openly declare, that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart, that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

It is important, to tell others about Jesus! When a person repents of his/her sins and decides to follow Jesus and live with Him, there is a huge celebration in heaven!

- It is a **blessing** to follow Jesus, but a greater blessing to help others to follow Jesus.

- It is a **greater blessing** to start fellowship-groups to have fellowship with Jesus.

- **The greatest blessing** is to start a new fellowship-group that will start new fellowship-groups that will...

3/3 V. The great Commission of Jesus to all disciples

Matthew 28:19 Go; make disciples, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To whom did Jesus give the command to baptize? To us! We have to share the good news and help people to follow Jesus. Everyone has the right to hear the gospel, to pass it on and to train others again.

→ We do a little exercise for two: **The first person asks and the second person answers:**

→ Who shall go? **I.** Whom shall we teach? **All nations.** Whom do we baptize? **All peoples.** Who shall baptize? **I.**

V. Application, training, practice and sharing



→ **Explain to each other what the transition of the Lordship means. Ask your counterpart if Jesus is allowed, to be the center in your life?** Have you invited Jesus into your life and are you following Him? To whom can you share this?

**4th Training - The gift of the Holy Spirit & spiritual gifts****Solution Sheet**

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2/3 I. The gift of God: The Holy Spirit is a person

I've decided to live my life with God. Jesus forgave all my sins, I became a child of God and Jesus is the Lord of my life and wants to fill me with His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is not just a power. He has a mind, performs deeds and functions that only a person can do:

Knowing (1 Corinthians 2.11), Thinking (Nehemiah 9.20), Feeling (Ephesians 4.30:), Helping (Romans 8.26), Teaching, Comforting (John 14.26) and He is our Advocate before God (1 John 2.1).

II. Being filled with the Holy Spirit with power and authority to serve

Through the baptism, God promised us to give His Holy Spirit to empower us as His disciples:

Acts 1:8 But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You shall be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth....

We can ask God for his Holy Spirit through a simple prayer! God wants to fill us with his Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13 ...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

→ **What is necessary to be filled with the Holy Spirit?** **To ask the heavenly Father!**

III. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit - For every follower of Jesus, to serve others.

1. Corinthians 12:8-10 From the spirit is given: **Wisdom**, word of knowledge, faith, healing... to do miracles, to prophecy; to discern what is from God and what is not; to speak in tongues or to interpret them.

→ **Read by two 1 Corinthians 12:4-11: Complete the missing gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the descriptions:**

| Spiritual gift | Description of the spiritual gift according to 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and for what it is used: |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Wisdom | Shows the way out of a difficult situation or a current state. |
| Word of knowledge | Shows the current state of something specific in detail. |
| Faith | Trust in God, that He wants to do something for or through me in a particular situation. |
| Healing | The gift of Healing for people, that are suffering, have a disease, an illness or feel pain. |
| to do Miracles | What God does supernaturally, like multiplying bread & fish, being freed from prison... |
| Prophecy | A divine revelation of something hidden, concerning the present or future of what God wants us to do and what will happen, if we (do not) act. |
| Discerning of spirits | Knowledge of what is (not) from God. Reveals satanic powers of darkness! |
| Speech in tongues (language prayer) | Speaking in tongues (= an unknown language). The language can be an angelic language, a heavenly language or an earthly language. (Acts 2.4). The two types: a) Speaking in tongues with interpretation for the edification of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14.13-15 + 27-28) b) Speaking in tongues for personal edification (1 Corinthians 14.4 and Romans 8.26). |
| Interpretation | Interpretation (=meaning) of language speech for fellowship (1 Corinthians 14.13-15 + 27-28) |

IV. The gifts of the Holy Spirit for everyone as a gift for the benefit of all

1 Corinthians 12:6-7 There is **one God** who **works all things in all**. In **each one** the gifts of the Spirit are manifested **for the common benefit**.

→ **To whom does God giving His gifts?** **all** **The spiritual gifts are for the benefit of:** **all**

Acts 10.44 When **Peter ... spoke, the Holy Spirit fell on all who** listened to the word.

Acts 19.6 Paul **laid his hands on them and the Holy Spirit came upon them** and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (1 Cor. 12.30 Not all speak in tongues and not all prophecy).

→ **How do we receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit?**

With the laying on of hands

Without the laying on of hands

→ **So I can pray: "Jesus, thank You for Your forgiveness and that You are my Lord. In faith I pray: Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me the gifts of the Holy Spirit that You want to give me. Thank You."**

V. Characteristics of being filled with Holy Spirit: being a new person who bears fruits of the Spirit

Colossians 3:5-10 Let go of everything that was part of your old life: ... for **you have become new men** and have put off the old man with his habits!

Galatians 5:22 But the fruits of the Spirit are **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith(fulness), gentleness and self-control** (over desires).

3/3 VI. Application Practice, Training, Practicing and Sharing

→ **I ask Jesus to fill me with the Holy Spirit** and I claim this in faith!

→ **I ask Jesus for the Gifts of his Holy Spirit** (e.g., tongues prayer, prophecy, healing...).

→ **I receive the gift of tongues** (this is for the personal edification) and I practice it!

→ Please bring a Bible with you next time!

**5th Training - Word of God and prayer (Talking to and hearing from God)** by hk**Solution Sheet**

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I. The Bible is the Word of God. It is powerful and God speaks through it to me.

Through being born again, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, I can live in a relationship with God. A newborn baby needs food to grow. For a child of God this food is the Word of God - the Bible!

1. The Word of God gives us the answer to the 3 most important questions of life:

→ 1) **Where do I come from?** *From God* → 2) **For what do I live?** *For God* → 3) **Where do I go to?** *To God*

2. The Bible starts at the beginning, has a highlight and ends with the future

The Bible was written by about 40 scribes over about 60 generations during about 1600 years.

- 1) **The beginning:** God created the earth and all human beings. The Communion with God was destroyed through sin.
- 2) **The highlight** of the Bible is the sacrifice of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, his resurrection and ascension to heaven.
- 3) **The end:** Jesus returns as the king and judge of this world. But God wants all people to be saved and to be able to live eternally with Him in heaven and He does not want anyone to be lost.

3. The Bible is the revealed Word of God, that was written down by men

2. Timothy 3.16-17 **All Words of the Scripture are inspired by God; are useful for teaching**, for showing us what is wrong in our lives; for correcting faults and teaching us the right way to live. Using the Scriptures, those who serve God will be prepared and will have everything they need to do every good work.
2. Peter 1.21 No prophecy ever came from what some wanted to say. Led by the Holy Spirit they spoke words of God.

4. To know God's Word means life!

Matthew 4:4 Jesus said: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Psalms 119:105 **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Joshua 1:8 The book of the law..., speak about it, study it day and night; then you can obey and do, what is written in it. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything you do.

→ **What commands and promises of God are in Joshua 1.8?** (see above)

1a) Study God's word day + night 1b) Obey + do it! 2a) So you'll act wisely 2b) ...and succeed in everything you do.

→ **Exercise: How do I find a Bible passage? Search the Bible for 1 John 2:5-6. Help one another!**

- a) **Find the book in index:** Is it in the OT=„Old Testament“ or NT=„New Testament“? (NT-pages start ev. from 1 again)
- b) ① If a **number is placed ahead of a bible book**, there are several bible books with the same name
- c) ① The **big thick numbers are the chapters.** d) ① The **small numbers are verse numbers** (verse 1 is without number)

Approach: 1 → 1st Book of John / **2** → 2nd Chapter / **5-6** → Verses 5 to 6 (small numbers at beginning of text lines)

→ **What it says in 1 John 2:5-6?** **To love God means to obey God's word. To live with God is to live as Jesus.**

5. Practical application: Read the Bible and expect God to speak to you!

→ Everyone opens his bible. **Read together aloud John 1.10-14: Open your heart.**

→ **Ask "The 3 questions for the Inductive Bible Study":**

- 1. What is written? What spoke to me or raised questions when I read it?**
- 2. What does the text say about God and man?**
- 3. How should I obey and what is to apply?**

II. Prayer - to communicate with God personally!

My vocation is to live in God's presence. His fellowship is doing me good. My heavenly Father knows and loves me. As his child I enjoy spending time with him. Jesus is my best friend. He guides me and reveals His secrets to me. I do what He tells me. With Him I can talk about everything. That is prayer!

1. Prayer: Talking with God has many aspects

Through prayer we confess our sins before God (**confession of sins**); we can thank God (**thanksgiving prayer**) and praise Him (**praise**) for everything He *does*. We can worship Him for who He *is* (**worship**), pray in languages (**praying in tongues**), or we can fast & pray for authority for deliverance of oppressed and burdened people (**fasting prayer**); pray for others, e.g. for people in special situations or in responsibility, God-seekers, brothers and sisters in faith, the persecuted and pray to God for the suffering and for whole nations (**intercession prayer**). You can **pray aloud** (= you're less distracted) or **quietly** (= in your thoughts you're more distracted). Important: Satan cannot read thoughts!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Never stop **Praying!**

1. Timothy 2:1 **Pray** for all people.

Ephesians 6:18 **Pray** for all believers.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and **pray** for each other so that you will be healed.

James 4:2-3 You don't **have** because you don't **ask** for it; because you only want to satisfy your greed.

1. John 5:14 We are confident, that he hears us, whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

John 14:13-15 And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, this I will do.

→ **There are 3 possible answers to my prayer: 1) Yes (green light):** I can move on. **2) No (red light),** I cannot move on. **3) Wait (yellow light):** God does not answer: I must be patient...

2. Hearing God's voice - God speaks to us humans in different ways

John 10:27 For my sheep hear my voice, and I know them; and they follow me.

Psalm 23:1-2 The Lord is my shepherd.... He leads me on the good path....

God speaks to us humans through:

Reading the Bible (Word of God); **the Word = Jesus** (John 1.1); **prayer; other followers of Jesus; circumstances; events or dreams** (Joel 3.1 / Gen 37.5+6); but also through **preaching** (Romans 10.14); **angels** (Matthew 1.20/Matthew 2.13); **a peace of heart**; through **prophecies** (prophetic speaking); **visions** (revelations) or **prophecies** (inspirations) (1 Corinthians 12.4-11).

Often when reading the Bible, God also speaks through an inner voice, placing a divine impulse in my thoughts (John 10:27). Such impulses are often personally colored. If in the end a thought was from God, will only be confirmed, when I *do* in a obedient attitude, what I think I heard from God! God will confirm it!

Note:

When making major decisions, God (almost) always speaks to myself first (1 Corinthians 14:32 / 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21) and not first through others (at most as a confirmation). **God confirms** important decisions, e.g. through an inner peace (personally), occasionally prophetically (through others), or through circumstances, signs and wonders (through God).

III. Application, training, practice and sharing

→ **How, where and when do I want to integrate Bible reading and prayer into my everyday life?**

→ **Do I know of any helpful Bible (reading) app? Share your experiences with each other!**

Android: [MySword](#), [Bibel YouVersion](#), [Losungen](#) / Apple [E-Sword](#), [Bibel YouVersion](#) / PC: [E-Sword](#), [Bible Online](#)

→ **Create a prayer list with people you would like to pray for!**



6th Training - Fellowship with Jesus (The body of Jesus)

Solution Sheet

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I. What (and who) is the Body of Jesus?

Every follower of Jesus lives in a relationship with Jesus and other followers. The Bible speaks of the body of Jesus Christ: 1) The word "Oikos"(greek) is used for a **local gathering** = „house fellowship”/”house of assembly”; **groups that gather as “families” in houses.** 2) Then the Bible also talks about the worldwide “body of Jesus” (one body and one Lord = Jesus) and uses for this the word “Ecclesia” (greek) = “the multitude of the called out”. The word of God says, there is only **one** body of Christ!

Matthew 18.20 Jesus says: *Where two or three come together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

II. Where do the followers of Jesus meet?

Initially, at the time of the first followers of Jesus there existed **no church buildings** (sporadically from the 2nd/3rd century). The **temple was destroyed in 70 AD.** Nevertheless the number of **followers of Jesus grew.** They met in houses, apartments, mansions, castles, parks, schools, cafes, businesses, department stores, forests, caves, or at my home and many others. (Acts 2,46; 5,42; 16,40; 17,5-7; 19,9; 20,20; Romans 16,1-5).

III. Definition of a biblical fellowship (according to Acts 2:38-47):

Peter replied, “Each of **you must repent of your sins** and turn to God, and **be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the **forgiveness of your sins.** Then you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** This **promise is to you,** to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” Then Peter continued **preaching** for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this perverse generation!” Then **those who gladly received his word were baptized.** At the same day there **were added** about 3000 souls. The **believers continued** to devote themselves to what the apostles were **teaching,** to **fellowship,** to the **breaking of bread,** and to **times of prayer.** A sense of fear came over everyone, and **many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.** **All the believers** were united and **shared everything with one another.** They made it their practice to **sell their possessions and goods** and to **distribute the proceeds to anyone who was in need.** United in purpose, they **went to the Temple every day,** **ate at each other's homes,** and **shared their food** with glad and humble hearts. They were **praising God** and enjoying the good will of all the people. Every day **the Lord was adding to their number** those who were being saved.

IV. What defines a biblical fellowship? What are we?

→ **What defines a biblical fellowship** according to Acts 2.38-47? → **Underline the keywords** in the above Bible text!

| How does our group look like? | | | Current group | Fellowship-Group |
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| What defines a biblical fellowship? Key elements: | Symbol | → Find the verses for all symbols (Acts 2.38-47): | → What we do/have already? | → What else does a fellowship meeting include? (what we don't do until now) |
| Fellowship and sharing | | 42 | <p><i>For example:</i></p> <p>→ Transfer symbols into the circle for what we already have, and the symbols for what we still need beside of the circle!</p> | <p>→ We lack the following elements to be a fellowship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celebrate the Lord's Supper - Give / donate |
| Thanks, praise & worship | | 47 | | |
| Gods Word; teachings of apostles, Jesus commands | | 41 + 42 | | |
| Baptism for the forgiveness of sins | | 38 + 41 | | |
| Confessing Jesus | | 40 | | |
| Prayer & blessing | | 42 | | |
| Sharing & giving | | 44 + 45 | | |
| Signs & wonders through apostles | | 43 + 44 | | |
| Eating together / Lord's Supper: bread & cup | | 47 + 46 | | |

Note: It is important, to be part of a local Fellowship (-Group) just as you are part of the "body of Jesus."

→ **Ask yourself: What are we, if we meet like this? Do we want to be a Fellowship (-Group)?** (Yes, for we are already a fellowship...)

V. Tasks of a fellowship-meetings

Hebrews 10:23-25 God keeps what he has promised. **Let us take care of each other and inspire each other to love and good deeds. Therefore it is important not to miss our meetings;** ... we must encourage each other the closer the day of the Lord comes.

VI. Sharing, that everyone has enough: Possessions, fortunes, finances, time, and talents.

2. Corinthians 9.7 ... do not give unwillingly or out of obligation; for God loves a cheerful giver....

God wants *everyone to have enough!* We are to share our material resources and finances, so that all may have enough! We are not owners, but stewards of everything we have. *Sharing is a command of God and it shows the level of our obedience, to remain depending on God* and an expression of our gratitude to God. We are also to share time, strength, gifts and abilities with others!

→ **We share God's love with others in a practical way and give cheerfully through our "Abundance-Barrel"** (this is filled through our personal abundance-pot).

(For more on this very important subject of Stewardship, Finances and Tithing: See the Bonus Training!)

VII. The "Lord's Supper" (Communion: be part of the body of Jesus through His forgiveness)

Jesus Himself established this meal in the context of the passover meal (celebration of the Exodus from Egypt) as a remembrance (in fact, a real meal!): **The bread stands for the fact, that we are part of the body of Jesus. The wine symbolizes, that Jesus gave his life (shed his blood) to cleanse us of our sin!** Those who take part of the meal should examine themselves.

3/3 VIII. Application practice (celebrating as body of Jesus):

→ **Together we celebrate the " Lord's Supper" (symbol of the body of Jesus):**

We read the words of Jesus from 1 Corinthians 11:23-29: (or Matthew 26.17 - 19.26-30):

"On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, gave thanks to God, broke it and said: **"This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."** In the same way he took the cup after the meal and said: **"This cup is the new covenant established by my blood. As often you drink it, do it in remembrance of me! For as often as you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes again.**

Whoever eats of this bread and drinks from the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, makes himself guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **So let everyone examine himself, before he eats of the bread and drinks from this cup.** For who eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks himself, for judgment; not discerning the Lord's body.

→ **We thank God in prayer for bread & wine (or grape-juice) and hand it out to each other;** and while sharing, **we say: "This is the body of Jesus, broken for you" and then "This is the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins".**

IX. Application, Training, Practice and Sharing:

→ **We celebrate the Lord's Supper** (Reading the bible text,using the words of Jesus, sharing wine & bread).

→ **From now on, we are on the move together as a Fellowship-Group.**

→ **We share God's love with others & give: As blessed persons we bless others. We fill our Abundance-Barrel with finances. → Then we ask: To whom or for what can we give?** Who may we bless, support financially, or can we serve? Is anyone in need?



7th Training - Sharing the Good News

Solution Sheet

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I. Called to share the good news, the gospel

God is calling me to share the good news, the gospel, and obediently do what He says. Through this, many can hear the gospel and then, they can share it with others and train them.

II. The fourfold call to share the gospel daily

1. The call from above - from heaven (finger pointing upwards)

Isaiah 6:5-8 I am of unclean lips, and ...have seen the Lord with mine eyes, and a seraphim touched my mouth with burning coals from the altar, and said: Behold, hereby your iniquity is taken away from you, your sins are forgiven; and I heard the voice of the Lord: Who shall I send? And I said: Here I am; send me!

→ Who can God send? What is my answer?

Here I am; send me

Mark 16:15 And then Jesus told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

→ To whom and where should we preach the gospel?

To everyone in every nation

2. The call from below - from hell (finger is pointing down)

Jesus told this story (not a parable!). It shows shocking things: The lost in hell are calling out to us, to bring the Gospel to their families, who are still alive. Can you hear them?

Luke 16:23-28 Now when the rich man was in hell and being tormented, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham and Lazarus from afar...and cried: Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger into the water and cool my tongue; for I suffer torment in this flame... between us and you, there is a great gap... Please Father, send Lazarus... - I have five more brothers, ... so that they do not also come to this place of torture.

→ What does the rich man in hell ask Lazarus, to warn his brothers about? *To warn them from hell*

3. The call from within - from our hearts (finger is pointing on your heart)

An inner voice tells us, not to keep the Gospel to ourselves. Do you hear it?

1. Corinthians 9:16 I give not myself the glory for preaching the gospel. I'm commanded to do it. Woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do it gladly, I will be rewarded; if I do it unwillingly, I have the order to do it anyway.

→ Do we have a choice to preach the gospel?

No; we have to do it. Jesus commanded to do it.

4. The call from outside (finger is pointing to others)

Acts 16:9 That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"

→ What did the man from Macedonia ask Paul for?

To go to Macedonia and help

● The lost people are calling us for help. Even when they say nothing, their hearts cry out for the gospel. Can you hear them? Followers of Jesus should respond to this fourfold call.

→ Repeat the four calls by pointing your finger up, down, inside and outside!

III. Pass on what you have learned and help others to become trainers of others!

1. We have to share the gospel: People should not only believe in God. They should become trainers who instruct others, so that many more can hear the good news.

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

→ What should we do, with what we heard? *To commit it to faithful people, who will be able to teach others*

2. Hospitality: It is God's desire to open my home and to start a group myself, so my family and friends also may get to know the gospel through me!

Acts 2:46-47 They were daily together in one accord in the temple, breaking bread from house to house, they shared their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having favor by all the people. And the Lord added to their fellowship (ekklesia) daily, all who were saved.

In one day 3000, then 5000 were baptized: In those days, there may have been over 20,000 followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. The followers of Jesus met back and forth in houses (Note: The temple was destroyed in 70 AD; but the biblical gatherings took place in private homes)...

→ How many houses were necessary for so many people to meet, if a typical private house had room for 10-15 people? There were *1500 - 2000* houses needed!

→ How high must have been the willingness to open your own house?

A very high willingness

Hebrews 13:2 Be hospitable, because by doing so, some have welcomed angels without knowing it.!

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Application practice and training: "My story with God"

→ I write down "My story with God." Afterwards tell it in groups of two, to each other (give one another feedbacks)!

→ I ask God: To whom should I tell "My Story with God" until the next time (see also prayer list)?



→ We share God's love with others & give: We fill our abundance-barrel with our finances.

→ Then we ask: To whom or for what can we give? Who may we bless, support financially, or can we serve? Is anyone in need?

(3/3) **A. My story with God** (that I can share it with others)...

→ "I split "My Story with God" into three parts. Then I am writing it down in a few sentences:



1. **How was my life in the past?** What was important to me? What questions did I have?
 2. **How did I find Jesus?** How I became aware of Jesus. How did I find him?
 3. **How is my life now?** What is changing in my life since then?
- Let us not forget what matters to God (Gal. 5.22): becoming more like Jesus!



| 1. How was my life in the past? How did I live my "old life"? | 2. How did I find Jesus? How did I find Jesus? | 3. How is my life now? What is changing in my life since then? |
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My closing question for my testimony:

• **Finally, I'll ask "my question."** Add an open final question, fitting to "My story with God", to find out, if my counterpart is open for God/Jesus; for example:

→ "Have you had a similar experience with God?" "Have you also tried to find Jesus?" "I would be interested to know, if you've experienced a godly peace in your heart?" "Have you ever wanted to know God? "Would you also like to know more about Jesus?" "Have you ever looked by yourself for the meaning of life?"

• **I limit "My story with God" to 1-3 minutes!** Make sure, that Jesus is the focus and avoid Christian vocabulary. **When people are attracted by your story, they want to hear more!**

- I write down "My story with God." We tell it to each other, two by two until we're settled.
- We give each other constructive feedbacks, on how to improve the story.
- I write down "My Story with God" again more clearly.

(Depending on the occasion it is also possible to describe another moving experience with God)



B. My Prayer List from my relationship network = Oikos (Greek)

→ I make a prayer list of my relationships and put the names in the list (family, relatives, friends, neighbours, workplace, school, friends of my children, apprenticeship, training, study, sport, club, leisure, hobby, etc.)

→ Mark with a small cross (+) who also follows Jesus and a question mark (?) where you are unsure about this...



| My name: | +/? | My friends: | Others: |
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| My family: | | | |
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When you pray for the people on your prayer list, the following is very helpful:



→ Pray for your "Oikos" and ask God: For whom should I pray and for what? With whom should I share "My Story with God" or the "Way to God", or with whom should I talk about God?



Tip: Fast from time to time! Listen to God speaking to your heart and let Jesus guide you in your prayer!

Important: God knows the hearts of your friends and knows what moves them and worries them.



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8th Training - The godly financial system and the power of sharing!

by hk 2021

Handling finances, income, possessions and assets is an essential subject for all followers of Jesus to cause much blessing. God belongs all 100%. We are trustworthy and faithful stewards (1 Corinthians 4:2).

I. I. Everything comes from God. His heart's desire for us is well-being.

God created everything; the universe, the earth and us humans: Everything was available in abundance. It was life in paradise. All the things are God the Father's, and therefore also His children's; it was the expression of his perfect love! But men, have lost their childhood with God, because they have disobeyed His commands: All creation, all resources, and all His creatures became exploited (*Luke 12:15*). Now, only a few have almost everything, as many have almost nothing. But **God loves all and He wants, that there are no poor's** (*Deut. 15:4*).

II. Handling of income: Tithing is intended for those who serve God.

Old Testament (OT) - Origin and significance of the tithe: The tithe belongs to God (*Malachi 3:8-12*).

● Abraham gave the first and only time the tithe of his Spoils of War to Melchizedek the King of Salem and Priest of the Almighty (*Genesis 14:20*). ● Since the legislation by Moses, the tithe was used for the financing of the Levites and priests. ● The priests reconciled the people with God through the sacrifice of animals.

→ ● **The tithe was always used as income for the Levites and priests (not for the tabernacle, temple, congregation, infrastructure, maintenance, purchases and projects):** Of 12 tribes of Israel, the tribe of Levi served God. 11 tribes financed the tribe of Levi with their tithes. **Levites gave their tithes to the priests (they were freed from tithing).**

→ ● **The tithe goes every 3 years to the Levites and strangers, orphans and widows** (*Deut. 14:28/5 Deut. 26:12*).

→ ● **The tithe was for a feast Meal at home** (for all who could not go to Jerusalem): *Bring God your tithes of oxen, sheep, goats, and eat all as your heart desires* (*Deut. 12:10-24 / Matt. 22:1-14*). In the New Testament (NT).

→ **New Testament (NT): Jesus passed the priesthood to all of us:** So we receive the tithes and are freed of tithing!

● Jesus ended the priesthood by a perfect sacrifice: His life! ● Jesus is now both, sacrifice and priest; king and high priest according to Melchizedek's eternal order (*Hebrews 5:5; 7:3; 7:17-18*).

→ ● **Through Jesus we were all made to be priests** (*Revelation 1.6/ 1 Peter 2.9*). **We as priests and representatives of Jesus, we all would have the right of the tithe, but the first followers of Jesus shared everything with everyone!**

→ ● **As royal children, we do not have to pay any taxes, but still, Jesus paid the temple taxes.** (*Matthew 17:25-27*).

III. Dealing with possessions and assets (OT): Balance unequal assets! There shall be no poor!

● **God's heart's desire: There shall be no needy or poor: *There shall be no poor among you*** (*Deut. 15.4*).

● **Break your bread to the hungry. bring the homeless poor into your house** (*Isaiah 58.7-8*).

The great misery: Due to debts, families lost land, houses and became slaves. But God has provided:

● **7th year = year of remission (Sabbatical year):** All debts were cancelled. All slaves were set free (*Deut. 15.1-18*)

● **50th .year (Jubilee / Year of Reconciliation)** ● The origin family was given back all their possessions (land, houses, and property) (*Deut. 25.8-55*). ● **In the 50th year, God enabled everyone a complete new beginning: everything was given back; all debts were cancelled and all slaves became free** (this shows God's heart)!

● **From the weak it is not allowed to take away their home**, as, e.g., defenseless widows... (*Luke 20:46-47*)

● **Help those in need: *Refuse not to do good to the needy, if you have from God the opportunity to do so.*** (*Proverbs 3:27-28*) ● He who has mercy upon the poor lends to the Lord. (*Proverbs 19:17*)

→ ● **The measure is to have enough:** Let me be neither poor nor rich! Give me only what I need to live! With too much, I say, What do I need God for? With too less, I begin to steal. (*Proverbs 30.7-9*)

IV. Dealing with possessions or riches (NT): All have enough. Unequal possessions has to be balanced!

● **Giving everything to Jesus:** *This poor widow gave all she had, all her possessions.* (*Mark 12.42-44*)

● **Everyone stands before God on the day of judgment.** Jesus warns: *"Inasmuch as You have not done to one of those least, You have not done to Me; all those will go to the place of eternal punishment* (*Matthew 25. 45-46*).

● **Create a balance between the rich and poor.** ● It is a matter of re-balancing: your abundance shall supply their shortage. In this way, a balance can be made. (*2 Corinthians 8:13-14*). ● **Jesus lived without earthly possessions** (*Luke 14.27*). ● **Lay up treasures in heaven: *Do not gather earthly treasures; lay up heavenly treasures*** (*Matthew 6:19-20*)! ● **Jesus told the rich young man: *Sell everything and give it all to the poor - so you will have a treasure in heaven*** (*Matthew 19:21-22 / Luke 18:22 / Mark 10:21*).

V. Dealing with possessions, wealth and assets in first fellowship: Sharing everything with each other.

→ ● **The power of the first fellowship: "Sharing of everything!"** Those who believed, shared everything; their goods and possessions. They sold all and shared it, according to everyone's need (*Acts 2.44-46 / 4.32-37*).

→ ● **Congregational fundraising for apostles:** ● **I am satisfied with what I have. I can handle poverty and abundance. You Thessalonians, you have supported me several times financially as a fellowship.** You are blessed as a result of

it. (*Philippians 4:10-17*). ● **Generosity:** Your poverty has turned into generosity. You have pushed yourselves to be involved in the ministry for the saints (*2 Corinthians 8.2-4 / Luke 6.38*).

Historical degeneration of the initial fellowship of Jesus into the "church" system: The followers of Jesus practiced "sharing" as a lifestyle until the 3rd century (*Acts 2.44-46 / 4.32-37*). For the first 300 years, the disciples multiplied themselves explosively. They shared everything with each other. But in the 4th century, Christianity became a (state) religion. Disciple-makers became Church Members. Multiplicative growth got lost. The **"Sharing of everything"** was replaced by the Old Testament tithe. Social welfare was lost and possessions were no longer shared. Wealth and possessions were becoming more and more unjustly distributed..

VI All first fruits and more belongs to God: First fruits, such as harvests, gains, salaries, rentals etc.:

● **Honor the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest.** Then your barns will be full of grain, and your barrels will be overflowing with wine. (*Proverbs 3:9-10*). We bring the first-fruits of our land...of all the harvest..., our sons and cattle, as it is written in the law, to those who serve in the house of God (*Nehemiah 10:35-38*).

VII. Additional fundamental principles for the handling of finances

● **We are responsible for our families:** *If anyone does not provide for his own, especially for those who are members of his household, he has denied his faith and is worse than a gentile.* (*1 Timothy 5.8*) ● **Through our work we shall honor Jesus.** ● God commanded us to work for our daily bread (*Genesis 3:19 / 1 Thessalonians 2.9*). ● We shall pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." (*Matthew 6:11*) ● **You can only trust faithful people:** *Whoever is faithful in small things is faithful in great things; and whoever is unfaithful in small things is unfaithful in great things.* (*Luke 16:10*) ● **Pay attention to honesty and uprightness** (*Proverbs 10:9 / 1 Chronicles 29:17*)! ● **Gold and silver will never fill our needs.** ● **Mine is silver and gold, says the Lord** (*Haggai 2:8*). ● **Peter said,** "Gold and silver I have not, but in Jesus' name get up and walk!" (*Acts 3:6*) ● **Heave offerings for projects,** the tabernacle, temple, fellowship infrastructure or maintenance. **People gave cheerfully** (*2 Corinthians 9.7*), **freely and much** (*1 Chronicles 29.3-4+7*): David, for instance gave 177 tons of gold! ● **Be thankful** (*1 Thessalonians 5:18*). ● **Danger of wealth:** *No matter how rich you get; wealth can be worthless tomorrow* (*Matthew 6.19-24 / Luke 12.13-21*). ● *You cannot serve God and mammon* (*Luke 16:13 / Matthew 19.24*). ● **Those who want to become rich, fall into harmful desires and temptations that bring ruin.** (*1 Timothy 6.9-10 / Romans 13:9*). ● **Accumulating wealth:** The rich man piles up reserves... *then God says: " You fool; this night you will die!"* (*Luke 12:18-21*)! ● **Giving back, what was unjustly obtained** (*Romans 13.7-8*): *Zacchaeus gave back everything fourfold; plus half of his wealth to the poor.* (*Luke 19.8*) ● **Do not accept money and possessions to which injustices are attached:** The priests did not want the 30 pieces of silver from Judas (For betrayal of Jesus): The pieces of silver were blood money (*Matthew 27.6*). ● **We should not make debts:** *Never be in debt to anyone* (*Romans 13:7-8*)! ● **Righteous lend:** *They always have enough; are merciful and glad to lend!* (*Psalms 37.21 / 25-27 / Deut. 28*) ● **Righteous do not vouch:** Only a fool vouches for his neighbor (*Proverbs 17:18*). ● **God provides for us:** The Lord gives you fruitfulness, abundance of goods farmland, gives rain and blesses your doings. **You lend; but borrow from no one** (*Deut. 28.11-12*) (*Matthew 6:33*). ● **We have to pay taxes:** Jesus said, Give to the King what is the King's (*Matthew 22:21*). ● **100 houses for who gives up everything?** Jesus said, **"who gives up houses, brothers, sisters, parents, fields because of me or the gospel, will receive it hundredfold"** (*Mark 10:29-30*)

VIII. Jesus provides for us as his followers and disciples.

● **Jesus was providing for his disciples for 3 1/2 years, during their training with him** through a circle of friends (common and wealthy people) ● **Jesus was sharing his money wallet with his 12 disciples,** despite knowing that abuse was possible (Judas) ● **In emergency situations, he multiplied food,** made Wine from water... (*John 2.3-11*), was multiplying bread and fish for 4000 and 5000 men (*Matthew 15:36-38 / John 6.10-13*).

3/3 IX. Application Practice: Practical sharing of income and wealth: My two pots!

1. The **"Enough Pot"** is for me: I ask God how much is "enough" for me. I set a budget limit for myself. In this way, my needs do not increase as my income and wealth.

2) **What is in my "Abundance-Pot", I share with others:** By doing this, I am a blessing to all who need it:

→ I ask God regarding my "Abundance-Pot", **"Who can I personally bless, financially support or set free with it?"** "How much should I give?" "For what?" "Is anyone in need?"

3. **"Overflow-Barrel"** of our Fellowship-Group: How big shall our barrel be? When it overflows, all will be shared!

We fill up our Abundance-Barrel together, at each meeting as a Fellowship-Group (as much as possible and as long, as our personal Abundance-Pot is not completely empty - for example when I am in need by myself).

We are pleased to share and give: → **"Who should we bless, support financially, or set free? How much should we give? For what project? Who is in need?"** → **The Financial responsible passes it on** (to person/project)!

**9th Training - Introduction to inductive Bible study****Final training!** by hk / yk 2021**2/3 Inductive Bible Study**

What comes next after the 9+ trainings? We do exactly the same things as we did before! After this introduction into the "Inductive Bible Study" you will discover God's Word by yourselves. It is very simple: you read together as a fellowship group in the 2nd third of the meeting (according to the 3/3 sequence) a Bible text of your own choice from God's Word and then ask yourselves the "3 questions for inductive Bible study." Jesus will speak to you through his Holy Spirit and shows you what he wants you to do.

God will use each one of your fellowship group to build His kingdom! Much has been written about God and the Bible. But no book about the Bible can replace my personal study of the Word of God.

People who have difficulty with reading, for those is an audio Bible a great help: (<http://www.bible.com> / in 1300 languages: faithcomesbyhearing.com). God wants to speak to me personally. Books, on the other hand, can only expand my knowledge. Moreover, I run the risk of making myself dependent on "revelations" from other people. God wants to reveal Himself to me personally through His Word!

Through the inductive study of the Bible, I can study the Holy Scriptures myself and in community with others and understand it better and better. This allows me to discover new truths about the heavenly Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This helps me to follow Jesus.

From now on, our Fellowship Group is led directly by God and His Word, the Bible! We read God's Word together, share it with each other, and ask God to meet us as a group and reveal Himself to everyone personally. He will show us, what He wants to do through us, and to whom we should pass on what we have learned.

Inductive Bible study will make it easy for us to dig out the truths of the Bible, no matter what passage I, or my fellowship group is studying.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to to study and obey the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach the law and justice to the people of Israel.

→ On what things was the heart of Ezra, the scribe, focused?

- 1) *To study* 2) *To obey* 3) *To do and* 4) *To teach the people*

II. The Power of the Word of God

We understand His Word because God has given us the Holy Spirit as a helper.

→ How exactly does his help look like??

John 14:26 **The Helper will teach you everything and cause you to remember all that I told you.** This Helper is the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name.

1. John 2:27 Christ gave you a special gift. You still have this gift in you. **So you don't need anyone to teach you. The gift he gave you teaches you about everything.** It is a true gift, not a false one. So continue to live in Christ, as his gift taught you.

I ask God to fill me with His Holy Spirit, to give me understanding of His Word, and to help me to obey Him and pass on His Word..

III. Inductive Bible Study (Example Bible text from Luke 15: "The loving Father...")

Here is a guide (also personally applicable) for our fellowship group. As an example for future meetings, we will take the Bible text of the story of the loving father from Luke 15:

- Procedure:**
1. **Someone in the fellowship group reads the Bible text aloud.**
 2. **Each person reads the text alone.**
 3. **Share what you have read together as a fellowship group (Bible is closed).**

We read from Luke 15:10-32 the story of the loving father and his two sons:

There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents." To illustrate this, Jesus told a story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, „I want my share of your estate now before you die.“ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave

him anything. When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, „At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say”, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.” So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, „Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.” “But his father said to the servants, “Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.” So the party began. Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. „Your brother is back,” he was told, „and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.” The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, „All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!” His father said to him, „Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!”

IV. Inductive Bible Study

We first read the Bible text in the group, then for ourselves and then we put together the Bible text content; and after that:

→ **We ask ourselves: "The 3 Questions for the Inductive Bible Study"**

1. What is written? What spoke to me or raised questions when I read it?
2. What does the text say about God and man?
3. Is there anything in this text that I should obey or implement?

Make sure that each answer comes from the Bible!

3/3 V. Application practice

→ **We ask ourselves: "The 2 Questions for Jesus-Followers"**

- How can I put into practice what I have recognized from the Word of God?
- What can I share and/or pass on and with whom?

You should never study the Bible without being willing to obey! Be careful to find very practical and simple ways to obey and apply what the Bible says. Otherwise, you collect a lot of knowledge without changing anything in your life.

→ **Commit yourself, to do always, what Jesus is showing/telling you to you!**

Train, practice and share (Prepare yourself and share with others)

→ **Practice the "3 Questions for Inductive Bible Study" and the "2 Questions for Jesus-Followers"**

until you know them well

→ **Share with each other, how to apply what you have learned.**

Think about who should hear what you learned today. To whom should I share what I have learned? Think specifically about when you want to do this in the coming week.

3/3 Sharing (giving and sharing God's love with others)

→ **Share: Fill your abundance barrel and ask: Who can we bless, support financially, or set free? Who is in need? Asking God how much that I should give.**

VI. Prayer and Blessing

→ Finally, pray that Jesus will prepare the hearts of the people.

→ Pray the Lord’s Prayer" and ask for God's blessing.

**9+ And now? The Fellowship-Group continues to meet...😊 !**

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(From now on with inductive bible study instead of the 9+ trainings)!

**→ After the basic training you continue to meet as a fellowship group!**

From now on you can run by yourself! **It is essentially important to follow exactly the instructions of the 3/3 process.** This is the multiplikative DNA, from which many more new fellowship groups will come into existence!

→ Thematically, you may go for example through the following bible books (chronological suggestion):

Gospel of John (Shows who God is and how one can live in a close heart relationship with God)

Gospel of Luke (Show us who Jesus is and what his disciples are called to do)

Acts (History of the first followers of Jesus and about the life of the first Fellowships)

Romans (About the influence of sin in our lives and how Jesus wants to set us free)

Ephesians (Insight, including how the invisible world works and how we can live our lives)

Galatians (The working of God in our lives)

Letters to the Corinthians (About the fellowship, the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts and our responsibility)

Revelation of John (What comes upon us, on the fellowship, the judgment and eternity)

→ After that, the following Bible books can be recommended:

The Gospels of **Matthew** and **Mark**, the **Psalms** (prayers), **Proverbs** (divine wisdom)... and finally....

**→ The Goal: Get to know the whole Bible from A-Z (the Old and New Testaments):**

(... and keep in mind: The Bible is an everlasting inspiration without an expiration date)

The Bible tells us about the origin of the earth, the history of the first human beings, paradise, the loss of fellowship with God, the development of humanity after the separation from God, the origin and development of the first peoples, the greatest natural catastrophe in history, the closeness to God of various forefathers, phases of need, godlessness, captivity and liberation, God's election of a people as a testimony for all peoples, successes and failures of judges, kings, prophets, wars and the promise of a savior for mankind until the fulfillment of this prophecy, the appointment of followers of Jesus until the revelation of the end of the world with heaven and hell and the eternal city of God for all who live with God forever through the redemption of Jesus! - The most exciting and comprehensive book in the universe, which gives our lives the best perspectives: In the here and now, but also for the future!

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Commitment-Meeting (Bible reading, prayer and discipleship) by Neil Cole & Hiram Küenzi

A Holy-Lifestyle!

Growth and personal maturity grows through obedience, hearing and doing God's Word. This includes a powerful prayer life and a holy lifestyle, that is essential to experiencing God's presence and His work in and through our lives. It's about empowerment. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are equipping us, that people may find into a life of following Jesus.

It is all about a committed, dynamic life in the power and dependence of the Holy Spirit. People meet by two, read committed the Bible, pray to God for the salvation of your VIP's (later you pray also for your disciples/disciple-makers), and are accountable to each other. This is how you become a disciple of Jesus and make disciples of others.

I. A Commitment-Meeting has three goals:

1. Concrete and continuous **Prayer** for e.g. three people who do not know God yet.
2. **In the commitment group, people exchange with each other about the books of their Bible reading.** Beginners read daily between 1-3 chapters and advanced readers 3-5 chapters from the Bible as a suggestion. What you want to read needs to be fixed in advance as an agreed obligation at each meeting.
3. **Personal Accountability with the help of the Commitment-Questions** in an atmosphere of mutual trust.

II. A Commitment-Meeting as a help for a consistent and God-pleasing lifestyle

1. A Commitment Group promotes **Commitment**, spiritual growth, and personal release.
2. **The group consists of two** (temporary up to three) **people of the same gender**, what allows a committed, intimate gathering and allows a flexible planning.
3. In the beginning, the Commitment-Meetings are weekly or later every two weeks binding, e.g. in the morning, over lunch or in the evening at home or somewhere else for about 1-2 hour(s).
4. The commitment group is for **people who are willing, to work on themselves, listen to God, and do what He says to them through His Word.** There is no need for a teaching plan or a leader.
5. A commitment group **seeks multiplication.** **With a fourth person you divide into two groups.**

III. The three committing elements: Prayer. God's word and accountability.

1. Prayer, that people may find God!

You pray mutually for three people, who do not yet know God. Jesus wants, that all people can find him and become his disciples. Believing, that God will save those persons, we share about them and pray for them. The personal **Prayer List will be completet with the three VIP names** of the Commitment Meeting partner.

One name on a list can mean life! More than a thousand Jews escaped death in the concentration camps because of "Schindler's List". Who of your people are not saved yet? (Romans 3:22).

We pray for each other's persons. Their name on our prayer list can mean life for them!

2. Bible reading: being shaped by God's Word!

For the commitment meetings you agree on a common Bible reading plan. Reading the Word of God, the Bible sets people free and this is an unbelievable power. It is important to **read God's Word and then put it into practical action.** This is one of the most important keys for personal growth and maturity!

The experience shows, that it is very helpful to choose a whole Bible book (about 5 chapters a day = one bible book per week) **to read for the next meeting. This will give you a better understandin, also of the context.** That's what you share about it with each other and gather your discoveries. Beginners can start with 1-3 chapters daily.

In view of what has been read, the exchane about the following questions is important:

→ **What did you discover while reading about God? What does the text say about God, you and others?**

→ **What are the consequences out of it? Is there something to confess, to do, to pass on,...?**

3. Growth through personal Accountability

The third element of a Commitment Group meeting is: **You ask each other the Commitment Questions in order to uncover sinful behaviors and patterns, or character weaknesses.** The Commitment Group offers a protected place of intimacy and confidentiality. The straightforward questions are helpful **to confess to each other your own failings and lay them down before God.**

James 5:16 **"Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."**

Confessing our sins is cleansing! Asking Jesus for His forgiveness and help (1 John 1:9) prepares our heart for every good work that God has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:11).

What it takes: The **"Commitment Meeting** (Guiding Sheet) with and **a Bible.** That is all!

Commitment Meeting (Guiding sheet to print)

Hiram Küenzi

1. Prayer

→ We ask God for His guidance and help.

2. Our VIPs

Very Important Persons / God Seeking Persons

a) Sharing about our VIPs:

→ **What assignments did God give me regarding my VIPs and how did it go?**

b) Prayer

→ **For which 3 VIPs who do not know Jesus do we pray together?****3. Bible reading** (Recommendation: 1-5 chapters/day)→ **Which Bible book/chapters have we read since last time we met?****We share about Bible books we read:**

What did I discover about God, people, missions, promises, questions and warnings as I was reading?

→ **As I read the text, what spoke to me?**
 → **What does the text say about God and people?**
 → **How should I obey an/or what should I apply/do?**

4. Sharing & Accountability

Confessing sins cleanses (1 John 1:9), and brings healing. James 5:16: "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed"

→ What are the works of Jesus to do that He has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:11)?

→ **The Commitment Questions (basic questions)**

Let us lay aside every burden that hinders our walk. Confess sin. Repent. Claim forgiveness and ask for God's help and forgiveness. To do this, we go through the Commitment Questions:

1a. Intimacy with God: How do you cultivate your relationship with God on a daily basis to talk with Him (Prayer) and listen to Him (reading God's Word)?**1b. Kingdom of God / Evangelism::** Have you lived for God? To whom have you talked about Jesus since the last time? To whom have you brought Life, Healing or Deliverance? How have you been a witness of Jesus through your words and actions?**2. Being pure and faithful in your sex life:** Are you this? Since the last time, have you lived your sexuality pure and in a godly manner?*For men:* Have you involved yourself in sexually stimulating material or gone too far with an other woman?*For women:* Have you given in to inappropriate thoughts regarding men? Have you been impure, flirted inappropriately, dressed provocatively, or played up your sex appeal?**3. Addictions:** Do you have problems with addictive or destructive behaviors? Is there something, that you cannot control? Are there certain bad habit patterns to change?**4. Financial fidelity:** Financially, have you been responsible, generous, honest, correct, and moderate to yourself and others? Have you faithfully invested money in God's cause? Have you made your home, possessions and what you have useful to God? Do you spend money unnecessarily? Do you live wastefully?**5. Family:** Have you treated those around you (parents, partners, children...) as a priority and given them enough honor, respect, appreciation, trust, understanding, mercy, generosity and time?**6. Workplace:** Have you been respectable in word and deed since the last time you were in the workplace? Have you behaved improperly?**7. Peace with all:** Have you gone over someone's head, treated a person disrespectfully, hurt anyone with words, gossiped behind their back, or silently wished anybody bad luck?**8. Dealing with our body:** How do you deal with your body (sports, nutrition, overweight)? As the temple of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor.6.20), it belongs to God.**9. Living in Forgiveness:** Do you live in forgiveness and peace with everyone, as far as it is up to you, or do you still carry disappointment, anger, hate and unforgiveness?**10. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Everyday Life & Fruits of the Spirit:** Where do you use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your daily life? Where do you see fruits of the Spirit in your life? Where does something else than God influence you? Where are you building the kingdom of God? Where do you build your kingdom?**5. Planning: Bible reading and next Meeting?**→ **What Bible book(s) will we read until next time? When and where will we meet?**

Next Meeting: _____

Bible Book: _____

Ending

→ We thank God for His presence, forgiveness, help and that He continues to lead us.

The time for commitment meetings takes about 1½ - 2 hours. This sheet is a great help for the meeting.

**The Commandments of Jesu****Kingdom of God Lifestyle!**

(Compilation by Wolfgang Simson)

- §1 The time for the reign of God's Kingdom has come. Repent and believe the gospel! Matthew 4.17; Mark 1.14-15
- §2 You must be born again! John 3.3-7
- §3 Think not that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets, but to fulfil it! Matthew 5.17-18
- §4 Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7.7-11; Luke 11.9-13
- §5 Do not work for food that corrupts, but that gives eternal life. John 6,1-59
- §6 Go in through the narrow gate! Matthew 7.13
- §7 Come here to me, all you tired and burdened, with me you will find rest! Take my yoke upon you and learn from me! Matthew 11, 25-29
- §8 Whoever wants to follow me, deny himself and take his cross to follow me! Matthew 16, 24-26; Mark 8,34; Luke 14,33; Matthew 10, 38-39
- §9 Receive the Holy Spirit! John 20,22-23
- §10 Everything you want people to do to you, you do to them! Matthew 7,12; Luke 6,31
- §11 Let your light shine! Do this so that people may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven! Matthew 5.16
- §12 Do not resist bad people. - You have heard that it has been said: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth!" but I (go beyond that and) tell you If someone strikes you on the right cheek, let him strike you on the other cheek! If someone sues you on your shirt, give him your coat as well! And if someone forces you to go a mile, go two with him! Matthew 5.38
- §13 Swear not! You heard what was said to the old men: You shall not take a false oath! But I (go beyond and) tell you: do not swear at all! Your no is a no, your yes is a yes. Everything that goes beyond that is from the devil. Matthew 5.33-34
- §14 Love your enemies! You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy", but I (go beyond that) and say to you: "Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you! Pray for those who insult and persecute you! Bless those who curse you! Pray for those who insult you. Matthew 5.43-48
- §15 Love your neighbour as yourself! Luke 10, 27; Matthew 22, 39; Luke 10, 25-29
- §16 Be merciful, as also your father is merciful! Luke 6,36
- §17 Take care that you do not do what you do for God, in order to be taken by others. Matthew 6.1-18
- §18 Judge not, lest you yourselves be judged. Luke 6.37-38
- §19 Speak freely, and you will be acquitted! Luke . 6.37
- §20 Give, and it will be given to you: a well filled, shaken and overflowing measure will be given to you! Luke 6, 38; Mark 4, 24
- §21 Give not the holy things to dogs, and cast not your pearls before swine. Matthew 7,6
- §22 Give to the emperor what belongs to the emperor and to God what belongs to God! Matthew 22.21
- §23 Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth! Matthew 10.34-36, Luk. 12.51
- §24 Put the sword away again! All who take the sword in their hand will perish by the sword! Matthew 26.52
- §25 Be salted with fire and be at peace with everyone! Mark 9.49-50
- §26 Do not despise any of these little ones! Let the children come to me. Matthew 18.1-114, Matthew 19.14
- §27 Abstain from meat sacrificed to idols. Acts 15, 20, 29 21.25, Rev. 2.14-20
- §28 Thou shalt not murder! Matthew 19.18
- §29 Don't kill a brother's reputation! Matthew 5.21-22
- §30 Thou shalt not commit adultery!
- §31 Adultery begins with covetous looks - protect yourselves radically against it. Matthew 5.27-30
- §32 Do not divide what God has put together. Matthew 19.4-9, 5.31-32, Mark 10.12
- §33 Thou shalt not steal! Matthew 19.18
- §34 You shall not be a false witness! Matthew 19.18
- §35 Honor father and mother! Matthew 19.19
- §36 I give you a new commandment: Love one another. Joh. 13.34; 15.12
- §37 Reconcile before you pray! Matthew 5.23 Luke, 12.58
- §38 Do not let yourselves be called rabbi, father or master! Matthew 23,8-12
- §39 Do not force anyone to join your group! Mark 9,38-40
- §40 The legal remedy for private law conflicts between citizens is: forgive 7x70 times! Matthew 18.15-35
- §41 Take care that the light in you is not darkness! Luke 11.35-36; Matthew 6.22-23
- §42 **Love God your King with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind.** Luke 10.27; Matthew 22.37-40
- §43 Stay inside me! Remain in my love, which enables you to keep my commandments! John 15,4-9; 14,15
- §44 Go and sin no more! John 8,11
- §45 So pray as follows: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come. thy will be done, as in heaven and on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone who owes us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen! Luke 11.2-4; Matthew 6.19-13
- §46 Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it is yours! Mark 11, 24
- §47 Pray in my name! John 16,23-24, Joh. 14,13-14,15,16
- §48 Listen up! Mark 4,3.9.24; 7,14; Matthew 13,3-9; 15,10
- §49 Take, eat, drink! Do this in memory of me! Matthew 26,26; John 6,53-58
- §50 give to him who asks you, do not refuse to the one who wants to borrow something from you, even if you cannot expect it back, and from the one who takes property from you, do not demand it back! Matthew 5.42; Luke 6.30
- §51 Hoard not treasures on earth, but in heaven! Sell your abundance and give to those in need. In this way you will not make yourselves obsolete and lay up a safe treasure in heaven, where no thief can steal it and where it is safe from moths. Matthew 6.19-21.24; Luke 12.33-34
- §52 Do not care for your life, eat, drink, body and clothes! Matthew 6.25-34
- §53 Make the kingdom of God and a life according to its constitution, your first priority, then all this will be yours! Matthew 6.33
- §54 Carry out (all religious merchandise) and do not make my father's house a market place and a den of robbers! John 2,16; Matthew 21,12-14
- §55 Beware of all forms of greed. Luke 12,15
- §56 Make friends with unjust mammon! Luke 16,9
- §57 Beware of false prophets They are wolves in sheep's clothing. Matthew 7.15-28
- §58 Beware of the scribes! Matthew 23, 13-36; Mark 12, 38-40
- §59 Be careful and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herod! Matthew 16.5-12, Luke 12.1-3
- §60 Remember Lot's wife! Luke 17,32
- §61 See that no false Christ seduces you! Matthew 24.4-14
- §62 Don't be excited! Believe in God, and believe in me! John 14.1
- §63 Be prepared for my coming again and be vigilant! Luke 12.35-40
- §64 Don't say there are still 4 months to go until the harvest! Look at the ripe fields! John 4.35-38
- §65 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers! Matthew 9.37-38; Luke 10.2
- §66 Go, proclaim and declare: the kingdom of heaven is near! Matthew 10.7
- §67 Heal the sick! Matthew 10.8
- §68 Cleanse the lepers! Matthew 10.8
- §69 Wakes up the dead! Matthew 10.8
- §70 Cast out demons! Matthew 10.8; Mark 6.7.1
- §71 You have received in vain, give away in vain! Matthew 10
- §72 What I tell you in the dark, tell it in the light, what I whisper in your ear, proclaimed from the roofs of houses. Matthew 10.27
- §73 Look: I send you like sheep among the wolves. Therefore be wise as the serpents and harmless as the doves. Luke 10.3; Matthew 10.16-31
- §74 Shake the dust from your feet where someone neither accepts you nor hears you! Matthew 10.14-15; Mark 6.11; Luke 9.5 + 10-12
- §75 Goes without money and food. **Ask for person or house of peace! Stay there!** Matthew 10.11; Luke 10.6
- §76 **Go and make disciples of all nations.** Matthew 28.18-20

Check-up your life & get free (or: let the Spirit show you everything!) by Charles Finney & hk 2021

1. John 1.9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God is holy. He hates sin. Jesus died on the cross for that. His blood flowed for the forgiveness of all sins. I confess my sins, turn away from them and claim the forgiveness and healing of Jesus. Let God show you everything and do not be afraid! There is nothing better than to get rid of all burdens and to be totally free. (Psalm 103.12, Ps. 69.5, 25.11, 130. 3-4)

→ Examine your life:

- **Fears:** What am I afraid of? Why? Do I trust Jesus totally?
- **Lies:** Misleading ambiguities. When we say (half) the truth to cover something, this too is a lie! (Prov. 21.8)
- **Hypocrisy:** Did you say or do things in front of others that you did not mean so? Did you say one thing and do the other? Did you lead others on a wrong way by being a bad example to them? (Matt. 6.5-6, 7.3, 7.5, 23.28, Rev. 3.15-16)
- **Broken promises:** Did you make God a promise and break it? If you made a foolish promise, ask God for forgiveness and release from it. God expects you to keep voluntary promises to him and others! (Ecc. 5.1-6)
- **Wrong coveting, envy:** Do you covet what does not belong to you? (Ex. 20.17; Prov. 14.30)
- **Stealing:** Did you steal money or possessions of others? Did you take things from neighbors, relatives, businesses, shops, schools or your home? Not returning borrowed things is theft. (Ex. 20.15, Eph. 4.20; Mark 7.21; 1 Cor. 6.10)
- **Cheating:** Did you get something from someone in an unfair way or through deception to get an inheritance or something else? Did you cheat on important exams? Did you rob someone by denying him the profit of the actual price or by not or only partially paying the due wages? (Isa. 5.1-4, Mal 3.5, Deut. 24. 14-15, Jer. 22.13, Job 31.13)
- **Speaking evil about others. Malicious gossip. Envy. Slander. Insult:** Did you defame others, speak ill of someone, criticize others or did you speak evil about them, putting yourself over them? Did you give your ear to slander and participate under the disguise of "have you heard...?" Telling the truth in order to hurt someone is slander, or even talking about a person, as I would not in front of him/her! (Ex. 20.16; Job 5.2; Matt. 5.21-24; Matt. 7.1-5; Mark 7.22; 1 Cor. 5.12; Eph. 4.31; Col. 3.8; Gal. 5.20-21+25)
- **Bitterness. Grudges:** Do you live at peace with everyone? Do you hold grudges?
- **Anger. Wrath:** Are you "unrestrained"? Do you lose your temper, patience or friendliness towards others? Do you carry disappointments, anger or hate in you? Did you judge and tell the worst things about a person? Whom do you need to forgive? (Prov. 14.29, 15.8, 21.9, 22.24; 27.4; Ecc. 7.9; John

7.24, 1 Cor. 4.1-7; Eph. 4.26; Col. 3.8; Matt. 5.22; Gal. 5.20; Eph. 4.31)

- **Unkindness. Strife. Enmity:** Did you behave in an unloving, quarrelsome or hostile way towards others? (Gal. 5.20)
- **Hardness:** Do you hit back? Do you repay evil with evil? Do you talk evil about others? Do you react hurt or in a reconciling way? (Phil. 2.14, 1 Cor. 10.10)
- **Murdering people:** Have you murdered someone with words or wished death upon someone? Abortion, attempted suicide, murder. (Ex. 20.13; Mark 7.21)
- **Lawlessness. Cursing. Using the name of God in vain. Swearing:** Do you have a blasphemous language? Those are expressions directed against God. Jesus also said that we should not swear! (Ex. 20.7; Deut. 5.11; Matt. 5.33-37)
- **Not honoring parents** (Ex. 20.12; Lev. 20.9)
- **Fornication. Sexual sins. Immorality:** Inappropriate flirting. Sexual desires for someone (thoughts, feelings, eyes). Premarital sex, pornography, masturbation (due to unclean thoughts/stimulating images); prostitution, homosexuality, sodomy (sex with animals), pedophilia, abuse of children. (Gen. 19.1-13; Lev. 18.22-23; Lev. 20.10-22; Deut. 22.20-21; Job 31.1; Ezek. 23.1-3; Mark 7.21; Matt. 5.28; Rom. 1.26-27; 1 Cor. 6.9+18; 1 Cor. 7.1-2; 1 John 2.16; Gal. 5.19; 2 Pet. 2.14; Rev. 14.4)
- **Breaking the marriage:** Adultery. Separation. Divorce. (Ex. 20.14; Lev. 20.10; Mal. 2.14-16; Mark 7.22; Matt. 5.28; Matt. 5.32; Matt. 19.6; 1 Cor. 7.10-11)
- **Pride. Arrogance. Boastfulness. Selfishness. Egoism:** The thought to be more in life than one actually is. Do you pay more attention to your image, your outward appearance and your possessions than to your heart and your soul? Do you seek recognition and attention from others instead from God? Repent if this demonic spirit has misled you! (Prov. 16.5/12.18/21.4/29.23; Mark 7.22; Tit. 3.9; 1 Cor. 1.26-31; 1 John 2.16; 2 Tim. 3.2)
- **Ungratefulness:** How often have others sacrificed their time and strength for you, which sometimes was a real sacrifice for them, yet you took it all for granted? (2 Tim. 3.2, Mal. 3.8-11)
- **Foolishness:** Foolish, unreflected words and deeds. Ambiguous, unclean jokes. Joking about God or the Bible. (Ecc. 5.3)
- **Half-heartedness:** Did you put off responsibilities or only do things half-heartedly: e.g. with money, concerning your spouse or family, at work, fulfilling tasks or dealing with situations? (Prov. 19.15, 21.5, 24.11-12, Matt. 25.1-13, 25.14-30, 1 Thess. 5.6, James 4.13+17; Eph. 5.4)
- **Greedy. Clinging to possessions. Spirit of mammon, serving money:** (Isa. 57.17; Matt. 6.24; Mark 7.22; 1 Cor. 6.10; 2 Tim. 3.2)
- **Wrong expectations:** Unrealistic or selfish expectations of others. Do I put others under

pressure? Do I allow myself to be angry unjustly? Let go of everything!

- **Dependencies. Addictive behavior:** Excessive appetite (Binge eating/ anorexia/ gluttony)? Addiction to buying things or gambling, gaming, mobile phone, smoking, pornography, alcohol, drugs, medication, people...? (Phil. 3.19; Prov. 23.21; 1 Cor. 6.19; Gal. 5.21; 1 Cor. 6.10; 1 Cor. 6.12+19-20)
- **Idolatry:** Help from other gods, religions & power. Astrology, horoscopes, adoration of angels or saints. Spirit healing, white and black magic, power stones, Bach flowers, anthroposophy, shamanism, (Ex. 20.3-5; Rom. 1.21-25; 1 Cor. 6.9; Gal. 5.20)
- **Witchcraft. Occultism:** (passive or active): contact to spirits, demons and the dead. Curses. Free masonry, spiritism, Satanism, superstition, dwarfs, fairies, goblins, séances. Dream catcher, occult objects, books, images, tattoos and symbols. Demonic movies, games and music. Witchcraft, hypnosis, tunneling, tarot, pendulum, clairvoyance, chiromancy, divination, aura reading, crystal ball, yoga, reincarnation, Reiki, Ouija, ask the glass, familiar spirits. (Lev. 19.26; Deut. 18.10-12; Gal. 5.20; Acts 19.19; Deut. 18.11; 2 Kings 21.6; Lev. 19.26; Col. 2.18; Rev. 22.8-9; Isa. 47.13-15)
- **Integrity and loyalty towards authorities over me:** Do I honor, appreciate and pray for them? Do I live in relationships characterized by respect, integrity and loyalty with my parents, spouse, boss, teacher, church leader (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher), government and public authorities? (Rom. 13.1-3)
- **Finances:** How do I deal with money? Can God bless me through my giving? (Matt. 19.21; Mark 10.21; Luke 6.38)

Real repentance and honest confession

Confessing (*Greek: homologeo*) means: saying the same thing (as it really is). Call sin by its name. **NOT:** "I am sorry, but..." / "Forgive me, when..." / "Well, yes – I am sorry", or "I admit, but..." This is a wrong attitude. Be honest! It is humbling to admit mistakes, to make things right, to pay things back, etc. However, make everything right as far as it is possible. God blesses this. Confession of sins and repentance is also needed after one's baptism.

→ Confess everything before God and witnesses!

James 5.16 **Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.** (Ps. 103.8-13, Isa. 43.25, Jer. 31.34)

Keep it with Martin Luther: "**Confession is a happy business.**" It makes us free and joyful. Yes, God makes my whole life.

The story behind the training "Following Jesus"

A Worldwide Following Jesus- and Fellowship Groups Multiplication Movement...

As in the book of Acts, followers of Jesus are starting fellowship groups and multiplication movements all over in this world. These movements are growing so dynamically in recent years that it is becoming realistic to reach all nations with the gospel! Some of these stories of men and women of God are just the tip of an iceberg of what God is doing. **It is all about Jesus and what God says to us in His Word: God loves all the people and He wants them all to be saved. That is the commission given by Jesus to all of us!**

Curtis Sergeant (USA): Initiated various movements (Zûme) in China, Northern India and USA.



In 1993 Curtis founded 3 churches in Hainan (China) with 85 Chinese Christians. Curtis trained them and started 6 new churches in the first year, 17 the next, and then 50. Only 5 years later there were already 550 churches with 55,000 believers. **After 9 years (2002) there were 360,000 baptized followers of Jesus and the total grew up to 550,000 followers of Jesus...** ● Today Curtis is working in the USA and is experiencing a similar story. ● A lot of his experience is flown into this training.

Ying & Grace Kai (Tawan) initiated **what is probably the largest church planting movement** T4T (Trainer for Trainers) in church history in China. Today they train people worldwide as disciple makers. ● Initially, they led 40-60 people to Jesus each year. Each year a new church was planted. But Ying realized that Jesus' mission - to reach all people with the gospel - could never be accomplished that way. God's answer came in prayer: **Make disciples who make disciples of others!** ● One year later (2001), 53,000 new believers were baptized. **Within 10 years, the total of all baptisms rose to an incredible 1.73 million. In total, over 2 million found Jesus;** even in the traditional Three-Self Church! ● Ying & Grace have allowed and authorized us to translate and culturally adapt their training! Everything essential has flown into this manual! They pray for us.



Jeff Sundell (USA) started various movements in China, Northern India and now in the U.S. ● Jeff worked in an unreached Himalayan region for 2 years with almost no success. Despite this, 3 churches were established. Then he met Ying Kai. This resulted in over 100 churches with 700 baptisms. Jeff saw a spiritual tsunami over countries like Burma, West Bengal and India and got a vision for 10'000 churches and 100'000 baptisms. A little later, **the number of baptisms in this region was 189,000 and countless new churches.** ● Jeff returned to the US in 2009. He started 2 times a business and failed. After 40 days of fasting, the breakthrough came. **By 2016, 17 church planting movements developed with 114 discipleship streams.**



Gary Stump (USA) planted in 2001 a church. In 10 years he baptized 1000 people, making his church to one of the 1% most successful in the USA. ● The book with the story of Ying Kai ("T4T" by Steve Smith) made Gary realize, that he had not implemented Jesus' discipleship mandate: "In 22 years as a pastor, I encouraged and exhorted Christians, but I never taught how to disciple others" ● Gary asked God for forgiveness. He started new and now trains people on how to disciple others!



Hiram Küenzi (CH) ● While fasting on November 7, 2013, Hiram had a dream/vision early in the morning:



He saw Switzerland with congregations and churches. All were labeled, then they disappeared from the focus. Then he saw some single dejected bended people wondering why they didn't fit in there. They carried a burden for the people at their place of residence, who didn't know Jesus, but they did not know what to do with this burden. Then God began to raise them up. He gave them back their identity, strengthened and encouraged them. God showed them, that the burden for their town or village and the people was from Him. Then God began to connect the people. New groups started everywhere.

Seekers did find Jesus. More and more were added and countless fellowship groups were established. Then the focus went into a wide angle perspective and new fellowship groups began to multiply from Switzerland into the world...

● For over a year he didn't know what to do with it. Then, Hiram got to know Curtis Sergeant during a training and a little later he met Ying & Grace Kai personally, and was introduced into the discipleship concepts of "Zûme" & "T4T". But applying "T4T" & "Zûme" in practice was difficult. However, this was exactly the way, that God has shown to him. ● During 7 years Hiram revised all trainings and went through them again and again with new groups until everything was smoothly applicable. Everything important is included. The fruit is incredible: Through the "Way to God" usually over 50% of the people (and whole groups) decide to follow Jesus. New (fellowship)-groups grow completely organically and are getting established almost by themselves. Wonderful networks and mighty movements can grow this way.

→ **The training "Follow Jesus - get to know Him and do what He did" is very easy to multiply and can be used in almost any religious or cultural context. "Following Jesus" is simultaneously an evangelism tool, discipleship training and church (group) planting tool.**

Application-practice - Template to take notes (Application-Check) for: _____ **(Name)**

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| Date | Subject Trainings-Unit, the Word of God | Application (The "Jesus-Follower Questions): What should I do that Jesus showed me? What should I share and/or pass on and with whom | What I want to apply? My story, gospel, or finances shared / person wants to follow Jesus (decision prayer) / 5 stages to meet God / group started... | Prayer for seekers: That he/she may know Jesus, I pray for (1-3 people): | What could I accomplish? Application Check | | |
|------|---|---|--|---|---|----|---------|
| | | | | | yes | no | not yet |
| | Training 1: The Way to God | | | | | | |
| | Training 2: The Five Stages to Meet God | | | | | | |
| | Training 3: Baptism, rebirth / new life | | | | | | |
| | Training 4: The gift of the Holy Spirit | | | | | | |
| | Training 5: Bible & Prayer | | | | | | |
| | Training 6: The Body of Jesus (Fellowship) | | | | | | |
| | Training 7: Sharing the Good News | | | | | | |
| | Training 8: Gods financial system - power of sharing | | | | | | |
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Following Jesus ①

**Participant booklet
(a practical Guide for new Followers)**

**Getting to know Jesus, follow Him and do what
He did.**



A practical guide with 9+ trainings, for new followers.

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Following Jesus - for a world of justice, peace and love!

What meaning has my life without Jesus Christ?

You give everything and you still feel unhappy and empty inside? Your religion, your community, your spiritual life, your commitment and your faith have not given you what you hoped for? **Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth and the life..."** Does Jesus perhaps have answers for us? Is he maybe the answer himself?

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Messiah brings meaning in my life!

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Messiah, brought God's love, peace and justice to all humans. He healed the sick, delivered the bounded, and raised the dead. He conquered death and prepared a way, to restore the relationship to God, which was lost through our sin. Jesus Christ trained his followers to be disciples, that they could continue his work. This is our divine destiny! This manual will help us, how to find Jesus, to follow Him, to find in our godly calling and to become fully empowered followers of Jesus.

→ If you have a desire to know Jesus Christ personally, to have fellowship with Him as the first disciples experienced, to learn from Him, to follow Him, and to disciple others, then this training will change your life in a lasting way forever!

Every person can follow Jesus Christ - regardless of religion and belief

This training is about becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. It is not about religion! That is why this guide is not only for Christians (Catholic, Reformed, Protestant, Free Churches and others), but also for people from other religions or spiritual directions (Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Esoterics). Searching people who want to meet Jesus and follow Him, will discover God's love and will find a meaningful life.

Following Jesus changes me, my environment and leads to a lived fellowship

The training is mainly about practical application of what Jesus taught us and less about knowledge. The training is intended to help individuals, groups and communities how they can follow Jesus. All of them can easily start more groups in their environment. New fellowship groups are also established in places, where there were none before!

The training is like a craftsman's training (apprenticeship):

Beside the necessary theory, the most important thing is the practicing and applying! The apprenticeship is only accomplished, when you can apply and pass on, what you have learned:

- The training helps you **to find God** and shows, how to share this experience with others.
- This guide shows how to **follow Jesus Christ** and guide others to do so.
- You learn how **the sick are healed, the burdened and bound are set free and the dead are raised.**
- **Persons of peace are found. New gatherings are starting in houses of peace.**
- It produces **disciple-makers who start new groups** that will multiply almost by themselves.
- Growth happens through multiplication. Movements grow and develop almost on their own.

Costs?

This practical training (© Hiram Küenzi & Team) **guide cannot be bought and is unaffordable! Therefore we offer the training completely free of charge.** It includes no course fees, no training money and no subscription or license fees!

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. **Give as freely as you have received!**

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1st Training - „The Way to God“

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I. The God Experiment

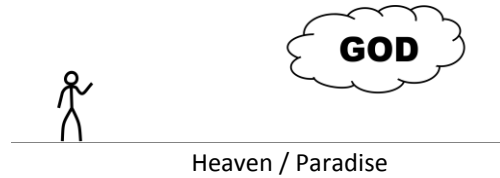
Test God: Discover Jesus of the Gospels! Read God's Word with an open heart; as the Bible is true!
 → Write yourself a letter (to be opened after the 7th training), with the question: Have I met God/Jesus?

II. My destination: Living with God! Find God and receive his eternal Life...

In the beginning God created the world and us humans. We as humans are destined to live in relationship with God!. But through sin, our relationship with God was destroyed. We are separated from God and lost our relationship with Him, no matter what we are doing to change it...

→ What is the divine intended destiny for us as human beings?

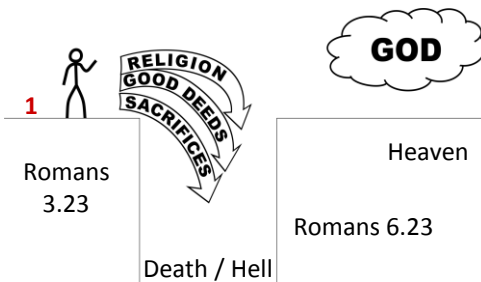
Our destination: Fellowship & Eternal life with God!



1a. What is the result of sin in my life??

Romans 3.23 Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence.

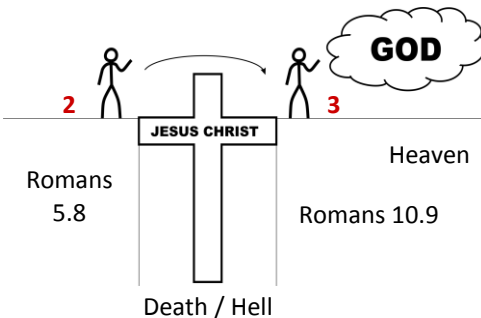
→ What is the effect of sin for us in relation to God?



1b. People try to find God in many different ways. Without success. Why is it like this?

Romans 6.23 The result of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

→ Can God be found through religious efforts (going to church, mosque, temple), bringing sacrifices, or good deeds?



→ **Diagnosis:** You can be at position 1, 2, and 3.

2. How is God bringing us into a personal relationship with Him?

Romans 5.8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

→ How has God solved the problem of our sins?

3. Jesus is the way to find into a relationship with God (through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus):

Romans 10.9 If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

→ What impact has our faith in Jesus Christ and our confession in order to find God??

→ Explain what the Bible means regarding our salvation:

Conclusion: God became man in Jesus, died on the cross for our sins to save us and to give us eternal life! Jesus Christ overcame the dividing gap to reestablish the relationship with God. Jesus took upon Himself not only our sins, but also our pain (where we were hurt by others) and all illness and bondage through His death!!

The 3 diagnostic questions:

- Where would it be good: to be at position 1, 2 or 3? On position
- Where are you standing now? On position
- Where would you like to be? On position

3/3 III. Application experience, training, practice and sharing

→ By two: Draw and explain to each other "The Way to God" (if possible with the Bible passages)!

→ Practice the "3 diagnostic questions" and ask each other these questions!

2nd Training - The five stages to meet God



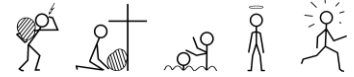
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2/3 I. What do I have to do to find God?

→ Draw and explain to one another (two by two) for a few minutes: "The way to God"!

We humans are separated from God and have lost our relationship with God. Sin separates us from God. This is why God came to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus took all sins upon himself, to restore the lost relationship with God.

Jesus sacrificed Himself to forgive our sins and through His death at the cross he took upon Him our guilt, pain and sickness (Isaiah 53.4). Through the forgiveness of Jesus, all that was separating us from God has been taken away, and we can have a restored relationship with our Creator and receive Eternal Life.



II. "The Five stages to meet God" (according to Acts 2.37-38)

→ Read the Bible words in the corresponding column and complete the top line of "stage 1-5" in keywords!

| 1. STAGE | 2. STAGE | 3. STAGE | 4. STAGE | 5. STAGE |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Repentance (insight) | Turning away from sins | Water Baptism | Salvation / beeing born again | Baptism with Holy Spirit |
| My steps... | | | ... and Gods presence. | |
| Acts 2.37 The listeners were moved: "What shall we do" they asked. | Acts 2.38a Peter spoke to them: "Confess your sins" (be converted). „Repent" (be sorry) and... | Acts 2.38b "...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." | Acts 2.38c ... for the forgiveness of sins... | Acts 2.38 ...then you will be given the Holy Spirit. |
| Romans 5.8 | Romans 2.4 | Rom. 10.9a | Romans 6.4 | Romans 10.9b |
| But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners | Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you away from your sin? | If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead... | For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.. | ... you will be saved! |
| | | | | Romans 8:16 |
| | | | | For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. |
| | | | | Romans 8.14-15 |
| | | | | For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." |

(God is sovereign and cannot be manipulated. In practice, the order sometimes looks different.)

1st Stage: Repentance (insight) - Sin separates us from God: "I know that I am a sinner!"

Write down everything you need to get rid of: e.g. bad deeds, evil thoughts, not helping others, wrong bindings, unhealthy addictions, damaging relationships, addictive behaviors, etc.

→ Sins you regret and want to confess to Jesus: Note all on toilet paper and flush them in the toilet (or burn them)!

2nd Stage: Turn away from sin - honest repentance and ask sincerely Jesus for forgiveness

→ Pray "The decision prayer": "Jesus, I am a sinner and have lived without You. I confess my sins to You: Please forgive me! Thank you for your forgiveness. I invite You into my life: Be my Lord. Guide me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me Your new and eternal life. Thank you Jesus."

1. John 1.9. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just: He forgives our sins and cleans us from all transgressions.

3rd Stage: Baptism "in the name of Jesus": baptism by going under water (river, lake, sea, Baptism basin) "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit": we consciously renounce everything that is not of God; sin is washed away; our old life is buried with Jesus and I am resurrected to a new life in Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

4th Stage: Beeing Born Again: God's gift to us is salvation through His forgiveness of all my sins, being born again, the assurance of my salvation and Eternal Life in a relationship with God in heaven (Paradise).

5th Stage: Baptism with the Holy Spirit: As a gift from God, I receive the baptism and am filled with the Holy Spirit!

III. The new life with God...

Through turning back to God, repenting of my sins, the water baptism, the forgiveness of Jesus, being born again and receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, God gives me eternal life and I become a new person.

→ When I confess my sins to Jesus, what does he give me?

→ Baptism buries my old life. What is Jesus giving me afterwards?

→ I have invited Jesus into my life, where is he now?

3/3 IV. Application and training:

→ Practice "the 5 stages of salvation" until you can explain them to someone else!

→ Surrender all your sins to Jesus: Write all down on a piece of paper and then throw into the toilet/fire.

→ I pray the decision prayer and I invite Jesus consciously into my life!

→ Am I missing another stage? Am I baptized? If not, what's stopping me, to get baptized next time we meet



3rd Training - Baptism, being born again and the new life

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→ **Am I baptized? Otherwise I will be baptized now in the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father!**

2/3 I. Baptism and the new life through being born again

Baptism does not make me a believer, but it is an expression that I believe. It is not the baptism, it is Jesus Christ, who saves me. Through baptism, my old "I" (previous life) has "died", I was raised to a new life, I have "put on" Jesus Christ, I am saved and I am born again. A new life is beginning.

Mark 16:16 Anyone who believes and is baptized, will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe, will be condemned.

Galatians 3:27 For he who is baptized in Christ has put on Christ.

Through the new birth, God gives me a new life. I trust him through faith in my heart, that God has forgiven me all of my sins through Jesus Christ. I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that Jesus through His Holy Spirit gives me "eternal life" to live with God the Father.

John 1:12 All who received him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this especially is not of your own selves; it is the gift of God. Not by works, so that no man may take glory to himself.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness to our spirit that we are the children of God.

→ → **Do you notice any changes in you? Yes, I ...** _____

sense inner peace & joy have a desire to talk with God do not want to sin anymore believe heaven and hell are real
 feel God's presence have new priorities received forgiveness want to understand the Bible realize that God is here

→ → **Have I invited Jesus into my life by faith and accepted his salvation and forgiveness?**

Yes No Not yet, because _____

2. Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II. What if I sin (again)? What should I do?

1. John 1:9 But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

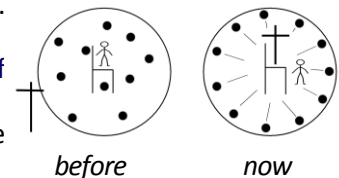
Hebrews 10:26 If we intentionally continue sinning after we have received knowledge of truth, there is no longer any sacrifice, that will cover these sins.

III. What place do I give to Jesus and what does a change of leadership mean?

Jesus Christ comes into my life and gives me forgiveness, redemption and deliverance. The new life into my divine purpose happens through a change of rulership:

Left image: Jesus has no place in my life, or only on the side. My "I" is on the throne of life. My areas of life (●) are not optimally arranged....

Right image: Jesus takes the place on the throne of my life. He guides me and leads me to my destiny. My life begins to fall into place...



IV. You are called to be a blessing - pass on the blessing you have received!

Romans 10:9 If you openly declare, that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart, that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

It is important, to tell others about Jesus! When a person repents of his/her sins and decides to follow Jesus and live with Him, there is a huge celebration in heaven!

- It is a blessing to follow Jesus, but a greater blessing to help others to follow Jesus.

- It is a greater blessing to start fellowship-groups to have fellowship with Jesus.

- The greatest blessing is to start a new fellowship-group that will start new fellowship-groups that will...

3/3 V. The great Commission of Jesus to all disciples

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

To whom did Jesus give the command to baptize? To us! We have to share the good news and help people to follow Jesus. Everyone has the right to hear the gospel, to pass it on and to train others again.

→ We do a little exercise for two: The first person asks and the second person answers:

→ Who shall go? I. Whom shall we teach? All nations. Whom do we baptize? All peoples. Who shall baptize? I.

V. Application, training, practice and sharing

→ → **Explain to each other what the transition of the Lordship means. Ask your counterpart if Jesus is allowed, to be the center in your life? Have you invited Jesus into your life and are you following Him? To whom can you share this?**



4th Training - The gift of the Holy Spirit & spiritual gifts

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2/3 I. The gift of God: The Holy Spirit is a person

I've decided to live my life with God. Jesus forgave all my sins, I became a child of God and Jesus is the Lord of my life and wants to fill me with His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is not just a power. He has a mind, performs deeds and functions that only a person can do: Knowing (1 Corinthians 2.11), Thinking (Nehemiah 9.20), Feeling (Ephesians 4.30:), Helping (Romans 8.26), Teaching, Comforting (John 14.26) and He is our Advocate before God (1 John 2.1).

II. Being filled with the Holy Spirit with power and authority to serve

Through the baptism, God promised us to give His Holy Spirit to empower us as His disciples:

Acts 1:8 But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You shall be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth....

We can ask God for his Holy Spirit through a simple prayer! God wants to fill us with his Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13 ...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

→ **What is necessary to be filled with the Holy Spirit?**

III. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit - For every follower of Jesus, to serve others.

1. Corinthians 12:8-10 From the spirit is given: Wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, to do miracles, to prophecy; to discern of what is from God and what is not; to speak in tongues or to interpret them.

→ **Read by two 1 Corinthians 12:4-11: Complete the missing gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the descriptions:**

| Spiritual gift | Description of the spiritual gift according to 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and for what it is used: |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Shows the way out of a difficult situation or a current state. |
| Word of knowledge | Shows the current state of something specific in detail. |
| | Trust in God, that He wants to do something for or through me in a particular situation. |
| | The gift of Healing for people, that are suffering, have a disease, an illness or feel pain. |
| to do Miracles | What God does supernaturally, like multiplying bread & fish, being freed from prison... |
| Prophecy | A divine revelation of something (hidden), concerning the present or future of what God wants us to do and what happens, if we (do not) act. |
| Discerning of spirits | Knowledge of what is (not) from God. Reveals satanic powers of darkness! |
| Speech in tongues (language prayer) | Speaking in tongues (= an unknown language). The language can be an angelic language, a heavenly language or an earthly language. (Acts 2.4). The two types: a) Speaking in tongues with interpretation for the edification of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14.13-15 + 27-28) b) Speaking in tongues for personal edification (1 Corinthians 14.4 and Romans 8.26). |
| Interpretation | Interpretation (=meaning) of language speech for fellowship (1 Corinthians 14.13-15 + 27-28) |

IV. The gifts of the Holy Spirit for everyone as a gift for the benefit of all

1 Corinthians 12:6-7 There is **one God** who **works all things in all**. In **each one** the gifts of the Spirit are manifested **for the common benefit**.

→ **To whom does God giving His gifts?** The spiritual gifts are for the benefit of:

Acts 10.44 When **Peter ... spoke, the Holy Spirit fell on all who** listened to the word.

Acts 19.6 Paul **laid his hands on them and the Holy Spirit came upon them** and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (1 Cor. 12.30 Not all speak in tongues and not all prophesy).

→ **How do we receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit?**

With the laying on of hands

Without the laying on of hands

→ **I can pray: "Jesus, thank You for Your forgiveness and that You are my Lord. In faith I pray: Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me the gifts of the Holy Spirit as You promised. - Thank You."**

V. Characteristics of being filled with Holy Spirit: being a new person who bears fruits of the Spirit

Colossians 3:5-10 Let go of everything that was part of your old life: ... for **you have become new men** and have put off the old man with his habits!

Galatians 5:22 But the fruits of the Spirit are **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith(fulness), gentleness and self-control** (over desires).

3/3 VI. Application Practice, Training, Practicing and Sharing

→ **I ask Jesus to fill me with the Holy Spirit** and I claim this in faith!

→ **I ask Jesus for the Gifts of his Holy Spirit** (e.g., tongues prayer, prophecy, healing...).

→ **I receive the gift of tongues** (this is for the personal edification) and I practice it!

**5th Training - Word of God and prayer (Talking to and hearing from God)** by hk 2021**2/3 I. The Bible is the Word of God. It is powerful and God speaks through it to me!**

Through being born again, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, I can live in a relationship with God. A newborn baby needs food to grow. For a child of God this food is the Word of God - the Bible!

1. The Word of God gives us the answer to the 3 most important questions of life:

→ 1) **Where do I come from?** _____ → 2) **For what do I live?** _____ → 3) **Where do I go to?** _____

2. The Bible starts at the beginning, has a highlight and ends with the future

The Bible was written by about 40 scribes over about 60 generations during about 1600 years.

- 1) **The beginning:** God created the earth and all human beings. The Communion with God was destroyed through sin.
- 2) **The highlight** of the Bible is the sacrifice of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, his resurrection and ascension to heaven.
- 3) **The end:** Jesus returns as the king and judge of this world. But God wants all people to be saved and to be able to live eternally with Him in heaven and He does not want anyone to be lost.

3. The Bible is the revealed word of God, that was written down by men

2. Timothy 3.16-17 **All Words of the Scripture are inspired by God; are useful for teaching,** for showing us what is wrong in our lives; for correcting faults and teaching us the right way to live.
2. Peter 1.21 No prophecy ever came through men. They were led by the Holy Spirit they spoke words of God.

4. To know God's word means life!

Matthew 4:4 Jesus said: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Psalms 119:105 **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Joshua 1:8 The book of the law..., speak about it, study it day and night; then you can obey and do, what is written in it. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything you do.

→ **What commands and promises of God are in Joshua 1.8?**

- 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

→ **Exercise: How do I find a Bible passage? Search the Bible for 1 John 2:5-6. Help one another!**

- a) **Find the book in index:** Is it in the OT=„Old Testament“ or NT=„New Testament“? (NT-pages start ev. from 1 again)
- b) ① If a **number is placed ahead of a bible book**, there are several bible books with the same name
- c) ① **Big thick numbers are the chapters.** d) ① **Small numbers are verse numbers** (verse 1 is without number)

Approach: 1 = 1st Book of John / 2 = 2nd Chapter / 5-6 = Verses 5 to 6 (small numbers at beginning of text lines)

→ **What it says in 1 John 2:5-6?** _____

5. Practical application: Read the Bible and expect God to speak to you!

→ Everyone opens his bible. **Read together aloud John 1:10-14: Open your heart.**

→ **Ask "The 3 questions for the Inductive Bible Study":**

1. **What is written? What spoke to me or raised questions when I read it?**
2. **What does the text say about God and man?**
3. **How should I obey and what is to apply?**

II. Prayer - to communicate with God personally!

My vocation is to live in God's presence. His fellowship is doing me good. My heavenly Father knows and loves me. As his child I enjoy spending time with him. Jesus is my best friend. He guides me and reveals His secrets to me. I do what He tells me. With Him I can talk about everything. That is prayer!

1. Prayer: Talking with God has many aspects

Through prayer we confess our sins before God (**confession of sins**); we can thank God (**thanksgiving prayer**) and praise Him (**praise**) for everything He *does*. We can worship Him for who He *is* (**worship**), pray in languages (**praying in tongues**), or we can fast & pray for authority for deliverance of oppressed and burdened people (**fasting prayer**); pray for others, e.g. for people in special situations or in responsibility, God-seekers, brothers and sisters in faith, the persecuted and we can also ask God for the suffering, or for whole nations (**intercession prayer**). The Bible says:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Never stop to _____

1. Timothy 2:1 _____ for all people!

Ephesians 6:18 _____ for all believers.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and _____ so that you will be healed.

James 4:2-3 You don't have, because you don't _____ for it; because you only want to satisfy your greed.

1. John 5:14 We are confident, that he hears us, whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

John 14:13-15 And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, this I will do.

→ **There are 3 possible answers to my prayer:** 1) **Yes (green light):** I can move on.
2) **No (red light),** I cannot move on. 3) **Wait (yellow light):** God does not answer: I must be patient...

2. Hearing God's voice - God speaks to us humans in different ways

John 10:27 For my sheep hear my voice, and I know them; and they follow me.

Psalms 23:1-2 The Lord is my shepherd.... He leads me on the good path....

God speaks to us humans through: **Reading the Bible** (Word of God); **the Word = Jesus** (John 1.1); **prayer; other followers of Jesus; circumstances; events** or **dreams** (Joel 3.1 / Gen 37.5+6); but also through **preaching** (Romans 10.14); **angels** (Matthew 1.20/Matthew 2.13); **a peace of heart**; through **prophecies** (prophetic speaking); **visions** (revelations) or **prophecies** (inspirations) (1 Corinthians 12.4-11).

Often when reading the Bible, God also speaks through an inner voice, placing a divine impulse in my thoughts (John 10:27). Such impulses are often personally colored. If in the end a thought was from God, will only be confirmed, when I *do* in an obedient attitude, what I think I heard from God! God will confirm it!

Note: When making major decisions, God (almost) always speaks to myself first (1 Corinthians 14:32 / 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21) God speaks not first through others (at most as a confirmation). **God confirms** important decisions, e.g. through an inner peace (personally), occasionally prophetically (through others), or through circumstances, signs and wonders (through God).

III. Application, training, practice and sharing

→ → **How, where and when do I want to integrate Bible reading and prayer into my everyday life?**

→ **Do I know of any helpful Bible (reading) app? Share your experiences with each other!**

Android: [MySword](#), [Bibel YouVersion](#), [Losungen](#) / **Apple** [E-Sword](#), [Bibel YouVersion](#) / **PC:** [E-Sword](#), [Bible Online](#)

→ → **Create a prayer list with people you would like to pray for.**



6th Training - Fellowship with Jesus (The body of Jesus)

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I. What (and who) is the Body of Jesus?

Every follower of Jesus lives in a relationship with Jesus and other followers. The Bible speaks of the body of Jesus Christ: 1) The word "Oikos" (greek) is used for a local gathering = „house fellowship"/"house of assembly"; groups that gather as "families" in houses. 2) Then the Bible also talks about the worldwide "Body of Jesus" (one body and one Lord = Jesus) and uses for this the word "Ecclesia" (greek) = "the multitude of the called out". The word of God says, there is only one body of Christ!

Matthew 18.20 Jesus says: Where two or three come together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

II. Where do the followers of Jesus meet?

Initially, at the time of the first followers of Jesus there existed no church buildings (sporadically from the 2nd/3rd century). The temple was destroyed in 70 AD. Nevertheless the number of followers of Jesus grew. They met in houses, apartments, mansions, castles, parks, schools, cafes, businesses, department stores, forests, caves, or at my home and many others. (Acts 2,46; 5,42; 16,40; 17,5-7; 19,9; 20,20; Romans 16,1-5).

III. Definition of a biblical fellowship (according to Acts 2:38-47):

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation!" Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. At the same day there were added about 3000 souls. The believers continued to devote themselves to what the apostles were teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to times of prayer. A sense of fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything with one another. They made it their practice, to sell their possessions and goods and to distribute the proceeds to anyone who was in need. United in purpose, they went to the Temple every day, ate at each other's homes, and shared their food with glad and humble hearts. They were praising God and enjoying the good will of all the people. Every day the Lord was adding to their number those who were being saved.

IV. What defines a biblical fellowship? What are we?

→ What defines a biblical fellowship according to Acts 2.38-47? → Underline the keywords in the above Bible text!

| How does our group look like? | | | Current group | Fellowship-Group |
|---|--------|---|---|---|
| What defines a biblical fellowship? Key elements: | Symbol | → Find the verses for all symbols (Acts 2.38-47): | → What we do/have already? | → What else does a fellowship meeting include? (what we don't do until now) |
| Fellowship and sharing | | | | |
| Thanks, praise & worship | | | | |
| Gods Word; teachings of apostles, Jesus commands | | | | |
| Baptism for the forgiveness of sins | | | | |
| Confessing Jesus | | | | |
| Prayer & blessing | | | | |
| Sharing & giving | | | | |
| Signs & wonders through apostles | | | | |
| Eating together / Lord's Supper: bread & cup | | | | |
| | | | → Transfer symbols into the circle for what we already have, and the symbols for what we still need beside of the circle! | → We lack the following elements to be a fellowship: _____ _____ _____ |

→ Ask yourself: What are we, if we meet like this? Do we want to be a Fellowship (-Group)?

Note: It is important, to be part of a local Fellowship (-Group) just as you are part of the "body of Jesus."

V. Tasks of a fellowship-meetings

Hebrews 10:23-25 God keeps what he has promised. Let us take care of each other and inspire each other to love and good deeds. Therefore it is important not to miss our meetings; ... we must encourage each other the closer the day of the Lord comes.

VI. Sharing, that everyone has enough: Possessions, fortunes, finances, time, and talents.

2. Corinthians 9.7 ... do not give unwillingly or out of obligation; for God loves a cheerful giver....

God wants everyone to have enough! We are to share our material resources and finances, so that all may have enough! We are not owners, but stewards of everything we have. **Sharing is a command of God and it shows the level of our obedience, to remain depending on God** and an expression of our gratitude to God. We are also to share time, strength, gifts and abilities with others!

→ **We share God's love with others in a practical way and give cheerfully through our "abundance-barrel"** (this is filled through our personal abundance-pot).

(For more on this very important subject of Stewardship, Finances and Tithing: See the Bonus Training!)

VII. The "Lord's Supper" (Communion: be part of the body of Jesus through forgiveness)

Jesus Himself established this meal in the context of the passover meal (celebration of the Exodus from Egypt) as a remembrance (in fact, a real meal!): **The bread stands for the fact, that we are part of the body of Jesus. The wine symbolizes, that Jesus gave his life (shed his blood) to cleanse us of our sin!** Those who take part of the meal should examine themselves.

VIII. Application practice (celebrating as body of Jesus):

→ **Together we celebrate the " Lord's Supper"** (symbol of the body of Jesus):

We read the words of Jesus from 1 Corinthians 11:23-29: (or Matthew 26.17 - 19.26-30):

"On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, gave thanks to God, broke it and said: **"This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."** In the same way he took the cup after the meal and said: **"This cup is the new covenant established by my blood. As often you drink it, do it in remembrance of me! For as often as you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes again.**

Whoever eats of this bread and drinks from the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, makes himself guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **So let everyone examine himself, before he eats of the bread and drinks from this cup.** For who eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks himself, for judgment; not discerning the Lord's body.

→ **We thank God in prayer for bread & wine** (or grape-juice) and **hand it out to each other;** and while sharing, we say: **"This is the body of Jesus, broken for you"** and then **"This is the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins".**

IX. Application, Training, Practice and Sharing:

→ **We celebrate the Lord's Supper** (Reading the bible text and using the words of Jesus).

→ **From now on, be on the move together as a fellowship-group.**

→ **We share God's love with others & give: As blessed persons we bless others. We fill our abundance barrel with finances. → Then we ask: To whom or for what can we give?** Who may we bless, support financially, or can we serve? Is anyone in need?



7th Training - Sharing the Good News

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I. Called to share the good news, the gospel

God is calling me to share the good news, the gospel, and obediently do what He says. Through this, many can hear the gospel and then, they can share it with others and train them.

II. The fourfold call to share the gospel daily

1. The call from above - from heaven (finger pointing upwards)

Isaiah 6:5-8 I am of unclean lips, and ...have seen the Lord with mine eyes, and a seraphim touched my mouth with burning coals from the altar, and said: Behold, hereby your iniquity is taken away from you, your sins are forgiven; and I heard the voice of the Lord: Who shall I send? And I said: Here I am; send me!

→ Who can God send? What is my answer? _____

Mark 16:15 And then Jesus told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

→ To whom and where should we preach the gospel? _____

2. The call from below - from hell (finger is pointing down)

Jesus told this story (not a parable!). It shows shocking things: The lost in hell are calling out to us, to bring the Gospel to their families, who are still alive. Can you hear them?

Luke 16:23-28 Now when the rich man was in hell and being tormented, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham and Lazarus from afar...and cried: Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger into the water and cool my tongue; for I suffer torment in this flame... between us and you, there is a great gap... Please Father, send Lazarus... - I have five more brothers, ... so that they do not also come to this place of torture.

→ What does the rich man in hell ask Lazarus, to warn his brothers about? _____

3. The call from within - from our hearts (finger is pointing on your heart)

An inner voice tells us, not to keep the Gospel to ourselves. Do you hear it?

1. Corinthians 9:16 I give not myself the glory for preaching the gospel. I'm commanded to do it. Woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do it gladly, I will be rewarded; if I do it unwillingly, I have the order to do it anyway.

→ Do we have a choice to preach the gospel? _____

4. The call from outside (finger is pointing to others)

Acts 16:9 That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"

→ What did the man from Macedonia ask Paul for? _____

• The lost people are calling us for help. Even when they say nothing, their hearts cry out for the gospel. Can you hear them? Followers of Jesus should respond to this fourfold call.

→ Repeat the four calls by pointing your finger up, down, inside and outside!

III. Pass on what you have learned and help others to become trainers of others!

1. We have to share the gospel: People should not only believe in God. They should become trainers who instruct others, so that many more can hear the good news.

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

→ What should we do, with what we heard? _____

2. Hospitality: It is God's desire to open my home and to start a group myself, so my family and friends also may get to know the gospel through me!

Acts 2:46-47 They were daily together in one accord in the temple, breaking bread from house to house, they shared their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having favor by all the people. And the Lord added to their fellowship (ekklesia) daily, all who were saved.

In one day 3000, then 5000 were baptized: In those days, there may have been over 20,000 followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. The followers of Jesus met back and forth in houses (Note: The temple was destroyed in 70 AD; but the biblical gatherings took place in private homes)...

→ How many houses were necessary for so many people to meet, if a typical private house had room for 10-15 people? There were _____ houses needed!

→ How high must have been the willingness to open your own house? _____

Hebrews 13:2 Be hospitable, because by doing so, some have welcomed angels without knowing it.!

3/3 Application practice and training: "My story with God"

→ I write down "My story with God." Afterwards tell it in groups of two, to each other (give one another feedbacks)!

→ I ask God: To whom should I tell "My Story with God" until next week (see also prayer list)?

→ We share God's love with others & give: We fill our abundance barrel with our finances and ask: Who may we bless, support financially, or can we serve? Is anyone in need? I ask God, how much I should give.

A. My story with God (that I can share it with others)...

→ "I split "My Story with God" into three parts. Then I am writing it down in a few sentences:

1. **Before: How was my life in the past?** What was important to me? What questions did I have?
2. **Meet Jesus: How did I find Jesus?** How I became aware of Jesus. How did I find him?
3. **After: How is my life now?** What is changing in my life since then?
 Let us not forget what matters to God (Gal. 5.22): **Becoming more like Jesus!**



| 1. How was my life in the past? How did I live my "old life"? (Before) | 2. How did I find Jesus? How did I find Jesus? (Meet Jesus) | 3. How is my life now? What is changing in my life since then? (After) |
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My closing question for my testimony:

• **Finally, I'll ask "my question."** Add an open final question, fitting to "My story with God", to find out, if my counterpart is open for God/Jesus; for example:

→ "Have you had a similar experience with God?" "Have you also tried to find Jesus?" "I would be interested to know, if you've experienced a godly peace in your heart?" "Have you ever wanted to know God? "Would you also like to know more about Jesus? "Have you ever looked by yourself for the meaning of life?"

• **I limit "My story with God" to 1-3 minutes!** Make sure, that Jesus is the focus and avoid Christian vocabulary. *When people are attracted by your story, they want to hear more!*

- I write down "My story with God." We tell it to each other, two by two until we're are settled.
- We give each other constructive feedbacks, on how to improve the story.
- I write down "My Story with God" again more clearly.
 (Depending on the occasion it is also possible to describe another moving experience with God)

B. My Prayer-List from my relationship network = Oikos (Greek):

→ I make a prayer list of my relationships and put the names in the list (family, relatives, friends, neighbours, workplace, school, friends of my children, apprenticeship, training, study, sport, club, leisure, hobby, etc.)
 → Mark with a small cross (+) who also follows Jesus and a question mark (?) where you are unsure about this...

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| My name: | t/? | My friends: | Others: |
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| My family: | | | |
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When you pray for the people on your prayer list, the following is very helpful:

→ Pray for your "Oikos" and ask God: **For whom should I pray and for what? With whom should I share "My Story with God" or the "Way to God", or with whom should I talk about God?**
Tip: Fast from time to time! Listen to God speaking to your heart and let Jesus guide you in your prayer!
 Important: God knows the hearts of your friends and knows what moves them and worries them.



8th Training - The godly financial system and the power of sharing

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Handling finances, income, possessions and assets is an essential subject for all followers of Jesus to cause much blessing. God belongs all 100%. We are trustworthy and faithful stewards (1 Corinthians 4:2).

I. I. Everything comes from God. His heart's desire for us is well-being.

God created everything; the universe, the earth and us humans: Everything was available in abundance. It was life in paradise. All the things are God the Father's, and therefore also His children's; it was the expression of his perfect love! But men, have lost their childship with God, because they have disobeyed His commands: All creation, all resources, and all His creatures became exploited (*Luke 12:15*). Now, only a few have almost everything, as many have almost nothing. But **God loves all and He wants, that there are no poor's** (*Deut. 15:4*).

II. Handling of income: Tithing is intended for those who serve God.

Old Testament (OT) - Origin and significance of the tithe: The tithe belongs to God (Malachi 3:8-12).

● Abraham gave the first and only time the tithe of his Spoils of War to Melchizedek the King of Salem and Priest of the Almighty (*Genesis 14:20*). ● Since the legislation by Moses, the tithe was used for the financing of the Levites and priests. ● The priests reconciled the people with God through the sacrifice of animals.

➔ ● **The tithe was always used as income for the Levites and priests** (not for the tabernacle, temple, congregation, infrastructure, maintenance, purchases and projects): Of 12 tribes of Israel, the tribe of Levi served God. 11 tribes financed the tribe of Levi with their tithes. **Levites gave their tithes to the priests (they were freed from tithing).**

➔ ● **The tithe goes every 3 years to the Levites and strangers, orphans and widows** (*Deut. 14:28/5 Deut. 26:12*).

➔ ● **The tithe was for a feast Meal** at home (for all who could not go to Jerusalem): *Bring God your tithes of oxen, sheep, goats, and eat all as your heart desires* (*Deut. 12:10-24 / Matt. 22:1-14*). In the New Testament (NT).

➔ **New Testament (NT): Jesus passed the priesthood to all of us:** So we receive the tithes and are freed of tithing!

● Jesus ended the priesthood by a perfect sacrifice: His life! ● Jesus is now both, sacrifice and priest; king and high priest according to Melchizedek's eternal order (*Hebrews 5:5; 7:3; 7:17-18*).

● **Through Jesus we were all made to be priests** (*Revelation 1.6 / 1 Peter 2.9*). **As Jesus' representatives, we are now authorized to receive the tithe, what the first church lived out by sharing everything with everyone!**

➔ ● **As royal children, we do not have to pay any taxes**, but still, Jesus paid the temple taxes. (*Matthew 17:25-27*).

III. Dealing with possessions and assets (OT): Balance unequal assets! There shall be no poor!

● **God's heart's desire: There shall be no needy or poor: *There shall be no poor among you*** (*Deut. 15.4*).

● **Break your bread to the hungry. bring the homeless poor into your house** (*Isaiah 58.7-8*).

The great misery: Due to debts, families lost land, houses and became slaves. But God has provided:

● **7th year = year of remission (Sabbatical year):** All debts were cancelled. All slaves were set free (*Deut. 15.1-18*)

● **50th .year (Jubilee / Year of Reconciliation)** ● The origin family was given back all their possessions (land, houses, and property) (*Deut. 25.8-55*). ● **In the 50th year, God enabled everyone a complete new beginning: everything was given back; all debts were cancelled and all slaves became free** (this shows God's heart!)

● **From the weak it is not allowed to take away their home**, as, e.g., defenseless widows... (*Luke 20:46-47*)

● **Help those in need: *Refuse not to do good to the needy, if you have from God the opportunity to do so.*** (*Proverbs 3:27-28*) ● He who has mercy upon the poor lends to the Lord. (*Proverbs 19:17*)

➔ ● **The measure is to have enough:** Let me be neither poor nor rich! Give me only what I need to live! With too much, I say, What do I need God for? With too less, I begin to steal. (*Proverbs 30.7-9*)

IV. Dealing with possessions or riches (NT): All have enough. Unequal possessions has to be balanced!

● **Giving everything to Jesus: *This poor widow gave all she had, all her possessions.*** (*Mark 12.42-44*)

● **Everyone stands before God on the day of judgment.** Jesus warns: "*Inasmuch as You have not done to one of those least, You have not done to Me; all those will go to the place of eternal punishment* (*Matthew 25. 45-46*).

● **Create a balance between the rich and poor.** ● It is a matter of re-balancing: your abundance shall supply their shortage. In this way, a balance can be made. (*2 Corinthians 8:13-14*). ● **Jesus lived without earthly possessions** (*Luke 14.27*).

● **Lay up treasures in heaven: *Do not gather earthly treasures; lay up heavenly treasures*** (*Matthew 6:19-20*)! ● **Jesus told the rich young man: *Sell everything and give it all to the poor - so you will have a treasure in heaven*** (*Matthew 19:21-22 / Luke 18:22 / Mark 10:21*).

V. Dealing with possessions, wealth and assets in first fellowship: Sharing everything with each other.

● **The power of the first fellowship: "Sharing of everything!"** Those who believed, shared everything; their goods and possessions. They sold all and shared it, according to everyone's need (*Acts 2.44-46 / 4.32-37*).

➔ ● **Congregational fundraising for apostles:** ● **I am satisfied with what I have. I can handle poverty and abundance. You Thessalonians, you have supported me several times financially as a fellowship.. You are blessed as a result of**

it. (*Philippians 4:10-17*). ● **Generosity:** Your poverty has turned into generosity. You have pushed yourselves to be involved in the ministry for the saints (*2 Corinthians 8.2-4 / Luke 6.38*).

Historical degeneration of the initial Fellowship of Jesus into the "church" system: The followers of Jesus practiced "sharing" as a lifestyle until the 3rd century (*Acts 2.44-46 / 4.32-37*). For the first 300 years, the disciples multiplied themselves explosively. They shared everything with each other. But in the 4th century, Christianity became a (state) religion. Disciple-makers became Church Members. Multiplicative growth got lost. The **"Sharing of everything"** was replaced by the Old Testament tithe. Social welfare was lost and possessions were no longer shared. Wealth and possessions were becoming more and more unjustly distributed..

VI All first fruits and more belongs to God: First fruits, such as harvests, gains, salaries, rentals etc.:

● **Honor the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest.** Then your barns will be full of grain, and your barrels will be overflowing with wine. (*Proverbs 3:9-10*). We bring the first-fruits of our land...of all the harvest..., our sons and cattle, as it is written in the law, to those who serve in the house of God (*Nehemiah 10:35-38*).

VII. Additional fundamental principles for the handling of finances

● **We are responsible for our families:** *If anyone does not provide for his own, especially for those who are members of his household, he has denied his faith and is worse than a gentile.* (*1 Timothy 5.8*) ● **Through our work we shall honor Jesus.** ● God commanded us to work for our daily bread (*Genesis 3:19 / 1 Thessalonians 2.9*).

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We fill up our Abundance-Barrel together, at each meeting as a Fellowship-Group (as much as possible and as long, as our personal Abundance-Pot is not completely empty - for example when I am in need by myself).

We are pleased to share and give: → **"Who should we bless, support financially, or set free? How much should we give? For what project? Who is in need?"** → **The Financial responsible passes it on** (to person/project)!

**9th Training - Introduction to inductive Bible****Final training!**

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2/3 Inductive Bible Study

What comes next after the 9+ trainings? We do exactly the same things as we did before! After this introduction into the "Inductive Bible Study" you will discover God's Word by yourselves. It is very simple: you read together as a fellowship group in the 2nd third of the meeting (according to the 3/3 sequence) a Bible text of your own choice from God's Word and then ask yourselves the "3 questions for inductive Bible study." Jesus will speak to you through his Holy Spirit and shows you what he wants you to do.

God will use each one of your fellowship group to build His kingdom! Much has been written about God and the Bible. But no book about the Bible can replace my personal study of the Word of God.

People who have difficulty with reading, for those is an audio Bible a great blessing: (<http://www.bible.com> / in 1300 languages: faithcomesbyhearing.com). God wants to speak to me personally. Books, on the other hand, can only expand my knowledge. Moreover, I run the risk of making myself dependent on "revelations" from other people. **God wants to reveal Himself to me personally through His Word!**

Through the inductive study of the Bible, I can study the Holy Scriptures myself and in community with others and understand it better and better. This allows me to discover new truths about the heavenly Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This helps me to follow Jesus.

From now on, our Fellowship Group is led directly by God and His Word, the Bible! We read God's Word together, share it with each other, and ask God to meet us as a group and reveal Himself to everyone personally. He will show us, what He wants to do through us, and to whom we should pass on what we have learned.

The Inductive-Bible-Study will make it easy for us to dig out the truths of the Bible, no matter what passage I, or my fellowship group is studying.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to to study and obey the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach the law and justice to the people of Israel.

→ On what things was the heart of Ezra, the scribe, focused?

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II. The Power of the Word of God

We understand His Word because God has given us the Holy Spirit as a helper.

→ How exactly does his help look like??

John 14:26 This assisting Helper, **the Holy Spirit will teach you everything and cause you to remember all that I told you.**

1. John 2:27 Christ gave you a special gift. You still have this gift in you. **So you don't need anyone to teach you. The gift he gave you teaches you about everything.** It is a true gift, not a false one. So continue to live in Christ, as his gift taught you.

I ask God to fill me with His Holy Spirit, to give me understanding of His Word, and to help me to obey Him and pass on His Word..

III. Inductive Bible Study (Example Bible text from Luke 15: "The loving Father...")

Here is a guide (also personally applicable) for our fellowship group. As an example for future meetings, we will take the Bible text of the story of the loving father from Luke 15:

- 1. Someone in the fellowship group reads the Bible text aloud.**
- 2. Each person reads the text alone.**
- 3. Share what you have read together as a fellowship group (Bible is closed).**

We read from Luke 15:10-32 the story of the loving father and his two sons:

There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents." To illustrate this, Jesus told a story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave

him anything. "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!

I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'" "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. "Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!' "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"

IV. Inductive Bible Study

We first read the Bible text aloud with the group, then for ourselves and then we put together the Bible text content; and after that:

→ We ask ourselves: **"The 3 Questions" for the Inductive Bible Study**

1. What is written? What spoke to me or raised questions when I read it?
2. What does the text say about God and man?
3. Is there anything in this text that I should obey or implement?

Make sure that each answer comes from the Bible!

3/3 V. Application practice

After that:

→ We ask ourselves: **"The 2 Questions for Jesus-Followers"**

1. How can I put into practice what I have recognized from the Word of God?
2. What can I share and/or pass on and with whom?

You should never study the Bible without being willing to obey! Be careful to find very practical and simple ways to obey and apply what the Bible says. Otherwise, you collect a lot of knowledge without changing anything in your life.

→ **Commit yourself, to do always, what Jesus is showing/telling you to you!**

Train, practice and share (Prepare yourself and share with others)

→ **Practice the**

"3 Questions for Inductive Bible Study" and the

"2 Questions for Jesus-Followers" until you know them well

→ **Share with each other, how to apply what you have learned.**

Think about who should hear what you learned today. To whom should I share what I have learned? Think specifically about when you want to do this in the coming week.

→ **Sharing** (giving and sharing God's love with others)

→ **Share: Fill your abundance barrel and ask: Who can we bless, support financially, or set free?**

Who is in need? Asking God how much that I should give.

VI. Prayer and Blessing

→ Finally, pray that Jesus will prepare the hearts of the people.

→ **Pray the Lord's Prayer" and ask for God's blessing.**

Application practice: What do I want to implement? Application sheet from: _____ (Name)

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| Date | Subject Trainings-Unit, the Word of God | Application (The "Jesus-Follower Questions): What should I do that Jesus showed me? What should I share and/or pass on and with whom? | What I want to apply? My story, gospel, or finances shared / person wants to follow Jesus (decision prayer) / 5 stages to meet God / group started... | Prayer for seekers: That he/she may know Jesus, I pray for (1-3 people): | Application Check What could I accomplish? | | |
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| | | | | | yes | no | not yet |
| | Training 1: The Way to God | | | | | | |
| | Training 2: The Five Stages to Meet God | | | | | | |
| | Training 3: Baptism, rebirth / new life | | | | | | |
| | Training 4: The gift of the Holy Spirit | | | | | | |
| | Training 5: Bible & Prayer | | | | | | |
| | Training 6: The Body of Jesus (Fellowship) | | | | | | |
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| | Training 8: Gods financial system - power of sharing | | | | | | |
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