

FOLLOW-UP STUDY 1

After Baptism, Now What?

Introduction

- A. Discuss: first few days as a Christian.
- B. Pray

1. The Conversion of the 3000

A. **Acts 2:36-47**

- 1. Review how to become a Christian.
- 2. Reinforce the joy of salvation.

B. Devoted-Apostles' Teaching-the Word

- 1. Suggest a chapter a day. Suggested readings to focus on God:

- a. **Psalm 5**
- b. **Psalm 18**
- c. **Psalm 23**
- d. **Psalm 51**
- e. **Psalm 63**
- f. **Psalm 119**
- g. **Psalm 126**

- 2. Show how to mark Bible. For many a quiet time book is helpful.

C. Fellowship

- 1. Discuss the purpose of each gathering: Sunday and midweek services, devotionals, discipleship partner times.
- 2. Discuss the need to initiate relationships – give not just receive.
- 3. Discuss the expectation to tithe (10%). Read together **Malachi 3:6-12**.

D. Prayer

- 1. Discuss prayer and peace. (**Philippians 4:4-7**)
- 2. Share prayer requests and answered prayers.

E. Breaking Bread-Communion (**1 Corinthians 11:23-32**)

- 1. Discuss purpose of bread and fruit of the vine.
- 2. Prevents a hardness of heart

2. The Conversion of Paul (**Acts 9:18-25**)

A. Paul immediately begins to preach.

- 1. Who have you shared with?
- 2. List people to share with.

B. Paul grows powerful.

C. Paul is persecuted.

Conclusion: Pray together.

FOLLOW-UP STUDY 2

Christ Is Your Life

Introduction

A. Discuss:

1. Did you have daily quiet times this past week?
2. Who did you share with and invite?
3. Did you feel good about your level of sacrifice in time and money?

B. Pray

1. **Colossians 3:1-4**

- A. Raised with Christ in baptism (**Colossians 2:12**)
- B. Set your mind (thoughts) and set your heart (emotions) on things above.
- C. Christ is your life.

2. Put to death (**Colossians 3:5-11**)

- A. Be open about your greatest struggles this week.
- B. Discuss practical ways to crucify these sins.

3. Put on (**Colossians 3:12-14**)

- A. Compassion
- B. Kindness
- C. Humility
- D. Gentleness
- E. Patience

4. New attitudes (**Colossians 3:15-4:1**)

- A. Peace (v. 15)
- B. Thankful (vv. 15-16)
- C. Wholehearted (v. 17)
- D. Family interaction (v. 18-21)
- E. Employer-employee relationship (3:22, 4:1)
- F. Teacher-student relationship

Conclusion: Pray together.

FOLLOW-UP STUDY 3

Best Friends of All Time

Introduction

A. Discuss:

1. Your relationship with God
2. What are you reading?
3. Who are you sharing with?

B. Pray.

1. One Another Passages:

- A. Love one another (**John 13:34-35**). Jesus teaches that Christians should have better relationships than people in the world. Set your mind to make the Christians around you your best friends.
- B. Counsel one another (**Colossians 1:28-29**). God's plan for maturity
- C. Restore one another, bear burdens (**Galatians 6:1-2**). Handling pressure- discuss openness
- D. Confess sins to one another (**James 5:16**).
- E. Attitudes towards one another (**1 Thessalonians 5:12-14**)
- F. Discuss how to have daily contact with one another (**Hebrews 3:12-14**).
- G. Prevent "bad attitudes" in one another (**Hebrews 12:15**).
- H. Confront one another (**Matthew 18:15-17**). Church discipline begins one-on-one and rarely should go to steps 2, 3 and 4.
- I. Pray for one another-it makes a difference (**Ephesians 6:18**).
- J. The ultimate goal of love and unity-world evangelism (**John 17:20, 23**)
- K. Date and marry only disciples (**2 Corinthians 6:14-18**)

2. For further private study:

Matthew 22:37-39

Romans 12:4-8

Romans 12:9-16

Romans 13:71

Romans 14:11

Romans 15:14

Ephesians 4:25-32

Ephesians 5:19

Philippians 2:1-5

Philippians 3:17

1 Thessalonians 2:8

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Titus 3:1-9

Hebrews 10:24-25

James 2:15-16

Conclusion: Pray together.

FOLLOW-UP STUDY 4

The Mission

Introduction

A. Discuss:

1. How are you feeling about your discipling relationship?
2. How are you feeling about your relationship with God?

B. Pray.

1. Jesus' Mission

A. **Luke 19:10**

B. **1 Timothy 1:15**

C. **Acts 20:24**

D. **Matthew 28:19-20**

1. What was Jesus' mission?
2. What is our mission?

2. Disciples Mission...

A. **John 15:1-16**

1. Glorifying God – fruit in John 15 is fruit of making disciples.
2. Jesus' plan to multiply.

B. See the growth of the church when all Christians are fruitful (making disciples).

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| 1. Acts 2:41 | 5. Acts 6:1 |
| 2. Acts 2:47 | 6. Acts 6:7 |
| 3. Acts 4:4 | 7. Acts 8:4 |
| 4. Acts 5:14 | |

C. Discuss:

1. World Evangelism
2. Mission Teams
3. Your Kingdom Dreams...how can you use your talents for God, giver not taker

3. Persecution will come...

A. **John 15:18-16:4**: Jesus was called these names, lies and half-truths.

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| 1. Matthew 11:19 | 4. Luke 23:2 |
| 2. Mark 3:21 (by his family) | 5. John 8:48 |
| 3. Mark 3:22 | 6. John 9:16 |

B. Attitude of Jesus

1. **Luke 23:24**
2. **Hebrews 12:1-2**

C. Attitude of Apostles

Acts 5:40-42

Conclusion: Pray together.