



PREPARATION FOR THE DISCIPLER

GOAL: Make disciples [*apprentices of Jesus*] of all nations (Matt 28:19-20). **How?** Teaching them all I have commanded them. Discipleship starts with conversion then shifts to discipleship. **Transformation** is key. **ISI** – as one man sharpens another.

1. Go to YouTube and enter “Building Kingdom Disciples (with Dr Tony Evans)” Introduced by Greg Laurie/Harvest (length 49:25).
2. Plan to meet weekly at a time and place you mutually determine and go over the material and verse memorization. Try for weekly consistency. It will probably take 6 to 12 months to complete.

MISSION STATEMENT: Things you have heard me [*the Apostle Paul*] say, entrust to faithful men who can also teach others. - 2 Tim 2:2 **Please review this verse together.** We intentionally train men to equip and lead others.

COURSE TRAINING OVERVIEW

1. Both you and your disciple should state a **mutual commitment to the program** in that you are willing to disciple him, and he wants to be disciplined.
2. Consider having him sign and date the following: “I voluntarily desire to be disciplined and commit to meet weekly or bi-weekly to be disciplined by another man to discuss Christian basics. I understand Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) is not providing counseling, rather, ISI is helping another man grow in their faith.”
3. We are not counselors. If counseling is needed, we can refer them to professional counselors.
4. There is a core group of **12 Sessions + 1 Bonus Session** giving a framework to follow covering solid Christian basics, but the real depth comes from meeting one on one, answering questions, sharing together and growing deep.
5. You are not looking for a simple “yes” or “no” answer rather, you are looking to stimulate discussion and see if there are any questions and to start a discussion that leads to a transformed life. You are not the “answer man” but should try to ask good questions, LISTEN, and answer any questions from the Bible and use the material as a guide. Many other issues will arise so be sensitive to them. Denominational issues may arise but that should not be the focus. **The focus is Jesus and the Bible.** Answers should come from **the Bible, not personal beliefs.** Expect unexpected questions and situations to arise & be flexible.
6. Remember to treat things confidentially, you represent ISI and if something is shared that could violate Arizona Mandatory Reporting Laws (such as active child abuse or a belief that suicide may occur) this should be brought to the attention of Steve Kolter or one of the members of the Servants Counsel. **Be sure to state and practice that all items shared are confidential** (unless in violation of Arizona Mandatory Reporting laws). The trust you develop is vital.
7. Curriculum comes from a variety of Discipleship Programs and can be modified by ISI over time when approved by the Servants Council.

8. **Consider wrapping up each session by asking:** “What spoke to you, what does it say to you, now what”
Each session has a key verse or verses that should be memorized that cover the main session topic.
9. **Each session should be understood and agreed upon before moving to the next session.** Questions beyond topic will arise.
10. Leaders will meet quarterly as one large group to share experiences, encourage and see if things need adjusting. Create a feedback system to adjust as needed.
11. Steve Kolter (414-429-4768 or stevekolter@yahoo.com) is willing to lead or guide this group with “reporting” to the Servants Council in whatever form they request.
12. Once you have an initial meeting and **get a commitment** and you want to move ahead, **email the first session to them and ask them to look up the verses.**
13. You should **review the material** and **memorize the key verse** so that when you meet them, you have some material to discuss and to start a discussion. The material is easily transferable.
14. The Holy Spirit will help develop trust in each other and men are looking to share their spiritual journey with other men. Further reading books are provided as a supplement if either party wants to learn more about a topic. **Once the first session is complete, you can email them the 2nd session so they can start working through that material.**

COURSE TRAINING SESSIONS

SESSION 1 – ASSURANCE OF SALVATION Memory Verses (1 John 5:11-12) (Rev 3:20)

1. Why did God create us? (Isa 43:7, Rev 4:11)
2. How do we become part of God’s family? (John 1:12-13)
3. That must we do to be saved? (Rom 10:9)
4. Will Jesus take away our free will and force Himself on us? (Rev 3:20)
5. How do we go from death to eternal life? (John 5:24)
6. What do we gain by receiving Christ? (John 10:28)
7. Can a person KNOW they have salvation? (1 John 5:11-12)
8. Does God want everyone to receive Him? (Rev 3:20, John 3:16)
9. Is Jesus the only way? Is that exclusionary? (John 14:6)
10. Does God want everyone to be saved? (1 Tim 2:3-5)
11. We are saved by Grace, through Faith. It is a gift. Not to be earned. Christ provides the way. (Eph 2:8-9)
12. Christianity is a relationship with Christ, not a religion or a set of regulations...but as a citizen of Christ’s Kingdom there are commands to keep and instructions to follow. (John 14:21,23-24, 1 John 2:3-6)
13. Will Christ ever leave us? Don’t confuse salvation with growing process (John 6:37, Heb 13:5-6, I Peter 2:2)
14. Once we receive Christ, what are we, what do we become? (II Cor 5:17)

Further Reading:

A Case for Faith - Lee Strobel

The Evidence Demands a Verdict - Josh McDowell

SESSION 2 – IS THE BIBLE TRUE? Memory Verse (2 Tim 3:16)

1. www.absolutetruthnews.com/eight Eight Reasons the Bible is True
2. Go to YouTube - Chuck Missler - **Learn the Bible in 24 hours**

3. YouTube CCV Big Questions week 2 - Can I trust the Bible
4. 66 Books (39 + 27) written over 2,000 years by over 40 authors with one unified message
5. YouTube - Alpha Talks episode 2 - Who is Jesus
6. We read the Bible to learn about Jesus and change our behavior, not just for intellectual knowledge
7. Pentateuch or Torah = first five books of the Bible, used by Israel
8. Septuagint = 70 Jewish scholars transcribed Hebrew Pentateuch from Hebrew into Greek about 250 BC
9. How was Scripture given and who helps us understand it? (2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Cor 2:12-13)
10. What are all the names given for God's word and its characteristics? (Psalm 119:7-11)
11. google Bible Museum in Washington DC & be aware of this wonderful resource
12. google <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/contradictions-in-the-bible.html>
13. **Download a Bible app "Bible you version"** so you always have it on your phone. It offers prayers & videos
14. Be sure to **develop a reading plan or daily devotional time** (prayer, bible reading, scripture memory)
15. **Download the app: "BIOY"** (Bible in One Year) by Nicky Gumbel
16. Go to YouTube and enter **"The Bible Project" for an overview of each book**
17. There are many versions or translations of the Bible. Please use one you are comfortable using & reading.

Further Reading:

Haley's Bible Handbook

How To Study the Bible For Yourself – Tim LaHaye

My Utmost for His Highest – Oswald Chambers (Devotional)

Streams in the Desert – L. B. Cowman (Devotional)

The Bible Made Easy – For Kids - Dave Strehler

SESSION 3 – THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS Memory Verses (John 14:6) (Rom 5:8)

1. **"Who is Jesus"** (see 40:06 min YouTube Video on Matt 16 with Gary Hamrick)
2. The Old Testament has over 300 prophecies which Jesus fulfilled. The Old Testament points to Jesus. A read through Hebrews builds upon many Old Testament practices and shows the superiority of Jesus. Find 10 Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Jesus. (Psalm 22, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, Isaiah 53, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, 11:12)
3. Is Jesus the only way? (John 14:6)
4. Who can make this choice? (John 3:16)
5. What did Jesus do for you? (Rom 5:8)
6. Is there any other way to be saved? (Acts 4:12)
7. How does God balance justice and love? (John 10:11)
8. Was there any other way? (Luke 22:42)
9. Can we earn salvation? (Eph 2:8-9)
10. Jesus is Creator, unchangeable, eternal, righteous (Hebrews 1:8-12)
11. Why did God create humans if He knew they were going to sin? (see 8:05 min YouTube video with Dr. Betters)

Further reading:

More than a Carpenter - Josh McDowell

The Case for Christ - Lee Strobel

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - C. S. Lewis (also see the 2005 Movie)

SESSION 4 – UNDERSTANDING TEMPTATION **Memory Verse** (1 Cor 10:13)

1. How should we view sin & temptation? (Gen 4:7, Heb 4:15)
2. Where does temptation come from? (James 1:13-15)
3. How can you avoid temptation? (Prov 4:13-27)
4. What does 1 Cor 10:13 tell us about temptation?
5. What was the role of the Old Testament Priest? (Heb 5:1-3)
6. How is the Priesthood of Christ better? (Heb 4:15-16)
7. How did Jesus handle temptation? (Matt 4:1-11)
8. What are the results of Jesus becoming man? (Heb 2:14-15)
9. Don't put yourself in a position to sin. Joseph ran (Gen 39:12). Lot pitched his tent near Sodom (Gen 13:12-13)
10. What is Satan doing? (Job 2:1-2, 1 Peter 5:8)
11. The good news is that when we fall into temptation, we have a way out though Jesus. The bad news is that we will always be faced with temptation. Confess and return to Jesus. Use the full armor of God (Eph 6:10-18)
12. If we know God's Word, how does that help us? (Psalm 119:9-11, 2 Tim 3:16)
13. Why are Christians able to overcome the enemy? (1 John 4:4)
14. Pastor Greg Laurie said, "sin blinds us, then it binds us and then it grinds us" (think of Samson)
15. Sin overpromises and underdelivers
16. Matt 7:24-27 is a parable about a wise & foolish man. Proverbs has many similar exhortations. Proverbs 1:7, 12:1, 13:18, 14:15, 17:24, 19:1. Is there an area of your life that needs to be brought under obedience to God?

Further reading:

Screwtape Letters - C. S. Lewis

If Jesus Loves Me, Why Isn't This Working – David Gregory

SESSION 5 – UNDERSTANDING FORGIVENESS **Memory Verse** (1 John 1:9)

1. We need to receive God's forgiveness and forgive ourselves and forgive others
2. Once we have received God's forgiveness, how does God view us? (II Cor 5:17-21)
3. Forgiveness is a gift we receive from God through Christ (Eph 1:7, 2:1-9, Col 1:13-14, 2:13-14)
4. Once we have received God's forgiveness, is there any reason we should still condemn ourselves? (Rom 8:1)
5. What does the Parable of the workers in the vineyard teach? Matt 20:1-16
6. What can inhibit our relationship with God? (I John 1:9)
7. David sinned and finally repented. David tells of this process & the benefits. (Psalm 32 & Psalm 51)
8. Sin does not alter God's love for us, but it does cause a break in fellowship with Him. What should we do?
9. Since God forgives us when we repent, how should we treat others who ask for mercy? (Matt 18:21-35)
10. Punish = what we deserve, Mercy = we do not get what we deserve, Grace = we get what we do not deserve
11. Ask for God's perspective. (Psalm 139:23-24)
12. When others ask us to forgive them, what should our attitude be? (Eph 4:32, Col 3:13)
13. Is there anyone you need to forgive? Do you harbor any bitterness toward someone who hasn't forgiven you?
14. Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15)
15. Forgive & forget (Matt 6:14-15, 18:21-22, Luke 6:36-38)
16. "Harboring unforgiveness is like drinking poison and hoping the other person dies." – Joyce Meyer

17. Think of two friends that grow up together; one becomes a Judge, and one becomes a criminal. One day, the criminal comes before the Judge. Because the Judge is fair, he must pass sentence on the criminal who is guilty. Because the Judge loves his friend, he gets down from the bench, takes off his robe, and pays the fine. Jesus must judge us since He is fair/righteous/sovereign, but He loves us so much, He paid the price for our sin.
18. YouTube Video – Pete Briscoe “Where Forgiveness is Found” (Hebrews 9:22 – “...and without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness”) (Lev 17:11 – “...it is in the blood that makes atonement for one’s life”)

Further Reading:

The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness - John McArthur

When You have Been Wronged - Erwin Lutzer

Healing Grace – David Seamands

Healing Damaged Emotions – David Seamands

Total Forgiveness – R. T. Kendall

SESSION 6 – HOW TO LIVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT Memory Verse (Gal 5:22-23)

1. What are some of the characteristics about the Holy Spirit? (Acts 13:2, 1 Cor 2:10-13, Eph 4:3)
2. The Holy Spirit is a person. (Acts 1:16, 15:28, 16:7, Rom 8:9, 8:14)
3. The Spirit of God is God (Acts 5:3-4, 1 Cor 2:11-15)
4. Think of H₂O – it can be either ice, water or steam/gas. We pray to God, through the Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ name
5. The Holy Spirit was involved in creation. (Gen 1:1-2, 1:26)
6. The Bible has several names of the Holy Spirit: Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Christ, Counselor, Helper, Advocate. The Holy Spirit was active in the Old Testament, and the ministry was to come to specific person at a specific time for a specific purpose. For artistic work (Exodus 31:3-5), for Leadership (Judges 6:15), for power (Judges 15:4). God gave us the Law in the Old Testament but knew we could not keep it, so He promised a new heart (Jer 31:33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27) and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29)
7. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:49, John 16:7, John 16:14, Acts 1:8)
8. Human mind cannot fully comprehend God & His revelation as the Trinity (unity with diversity)
9. How is the Holy Spirit involved in every conversion? (John 3:5-6, Eph 1:13-14, Titus 3:5, Rom 8:9-14)
10. What is the Spirit doing today? How does He help believers and what does He emphasize? (John 16:7-15)
11. How did the Holy Spirit help Paul? (Acts 13:2-4, 16:6-7, 1 Cor 2:4)
12. How does the Holy Spirit help us today? (Romans 8:26, Acts 1:8, Rom 5:5, 8:14, 1 Cor 6:19, John 16:8-11)
13. How does the Holy Spirit help us in witnessing? (Acts 1:8)
14. What did the disciples do after being filled with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:42)
15. What is the result of being filled with the Holy Spirit? (Eph 5:18-21)
16. Is there anything in your life that grieves the Holy Spirit? (Eph 4:30)
17. YouTube Video: The Essential Ministry of the Holy Spirit, Part 1 – John MacArthur
18. YouTube Video: The Names of the Holy Spirit – Dr. Tony Evans

Further Reading:

Mystery of the Holy Spirit - R. C. Sproul

The Holy Spirit - Billy Graham

SESSION 7 - PRAYER Memory Verse (Phil 4:6-7)

1. How does God answer prayer: No (Psalm 66:18, Matt 26:36-39 – God is more interested in my character than my circumstances), slow (Psalm 27:14 – not right now), grow (Isa 59:2, Ps 66:18, Matt 6:14-15, James 4:3), go (Matt 21:22, John 16:24), mo (more) (Eph 3:20)
2. What special opportunity do you have as a believer? (Hebrews 4:16)
3. ACTS: **Adore** (Ps 100), **Confess** (1 John 1:9), **Thanks** (1 Thes 5:18), **Supplication/Ask** (Phil 4:6-7)
4. What are some benefits of Prayer? (Jeremiah 33:3, Ephesians 3:20, Psalm 34:4, Philippians 4:6-7)
5. Remember that we can speak to God but allow God to speak to you. Connecting & Communing with God
6. Do you have any fears, anxieties, temptations you need to pray about right now?
7. What has been your experience with prayer? Repetitive written style or free flowing? (Matt 6:7)
8. See the example of prayer in Matt 6:9-13 Why is this a good pattern to follow?
9. Who should we pray for (1 Tim 2:1-4) and what should we pray for (Matt 9:37-38)
10. Compare Martha & Mary in Luke 10:38-42 Which did Jesus commend? What distracts us from prayer?
11. To experience public power, a Christian needs to develop personal prayer with God
12. See YouTube video by Gary Hamrick “Why Pray” Isaiah 36-38. **Five Reasons:** I may not receive what God wants me to have until I ask God because it teaches us humility, patience & gratefulness; God delights to show Himself strong on my behalf (see also 2 Chron 16:9); Because prayer bends my will to the will of God; Prayer combats anxiety, fear, worry & temptation; Prayer is the pathway for forgiveness
13. What can hinder our prayers? Unseen spiritual warfare (Dan 10:12-14), Unconfessed sin (Isa 59:2, Ps 66:18, Ps 32:5), Unforgiving hearts (Mark 11:25, Matt 6:15), Uncaring attitudes (Prov 21:13), Unacceptable motives (James 4:3) see Gary Hamrick on YouTube – Five Things That Hinder Our Prayers (Read Psalm 51 together)
14. See Daily 15-minute Prayer Podcast: Give Him 15 by Dutch Sheets (he prays in a clear and powerful way).

Further Reading:

Handle with Prayer - Charles Stanley

Prayer - The Great Adventure - David Jeremiah

SESSION 8 – HOW TO KNOW GOD’S WILL **Memory Verse** (Prov 3:5-6)

1. **The five CS’s:** Common Sense (Eph 5:15-17), Communion of the Saints (Proverbs 15:22), Commanding Scriptures (Psalm 37:31), Compelling Spirit (John 16:15), Circumstantial Signs
2. Consider how Scripture teaches, rebukes, corrects and trains (2 Tim 3:16)
3. What can you do practically to follow Colossians 3:16?
4. Read and meditate on Psalm 1. What new ideas do you have from this?
5. According to Eph 5:17, what is one goal you should have?
6. What does God promise? (Psalm 32:8)
7. What does God reveal in these verses? (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 1 Peter 2:15)
8. Ask yourself; is it beneficial to God (1 Cor 6:12), am I hindering others (1 Cor 8:9) is it glorifying (1 Cor 10:31)
9. Pray on Psalm 25:4-5, Rom 12:1-2. Did your life change in any way after meditating on these verses?
10. Consider setting annual SMART (**Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time sensitive**) goals each year for spiritual, physical, financial, intellectual, social aspects in strategic (long term) and tactical (short term) areas. Jesus grew in wisdom (intellectual), stature (physical) & favor with God (spiritual) and man (social) (Luke 2:52)

Further Reading:

Experiencing God - Henry & Richard Blackaby

SESSION 9 – WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL? Memory Verse (Rev 21:1)

1. Some say the provision to get to heaven is narrow and exclusionary but available for everyone. (John 3:16)
2. God does not want anyone to go to hell. 2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 33:11
3. Is heaven real? Streets of gold, gates of pearl, illuminated by His glory, colorful yet transparent, 12 gates. Rev 21:1, Rev 21:10-23. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. Earth, like man, will be redeemed
4. Why should we focus on Heaven? (Col 3:1-4, Ecclesiastes 3:11)
5. What will we do in Heaven? (Rev 5:13, 22:5)
6. Eternal home for those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior. Psalm 103:19, Rev 21:27
7. Where is Heaven located? Somewhere above the earth, beyond outer space. Psalm 14:2, 2 Cor 12:1-2 (first heaven is earth's atmosphere, second heaven is outer space, third heaven is where God dwells)
8. What does Rev 21:1-4 say about pain, eternity, fellowship with God and death? No more death or pain
9. What type of bodies will we have? 1 Cor 15:42-54 imperishable, power, spiritual, immortal
10. Jesus had a new body: He could eat, walk through walls, change His appearance, will live forever/conquered death
11. See YouTube Gary Hamrick "Answers to Questions You Thought We Forgot/Heaven & Hell
12. Luke 16:19-31. This is not parable but a real story, with people having real names. The rich man is in agony, knows he is in hell, knows he cannot get out. Conscious of his place of torment, eternal punishment
13. Why did God create hell? God created hell for Satan and his followers (Matt 25:41) and does not want anyone to go to hell but wants all men to be saved yet God gives us free will and if we reject Jesus and rely on good works, that person will die rejecting Jesus and cannot have fellowship in heaven if a person rejected Jesus
14. Where is hell? The Bible seems to indicate hell is in the center of the earth. Eph 4:9
15. Jesus speaks about hell. What does He say? Mark 9:48, Matt 8:12, 10:28, 25:41. It is a place of eternal fire, complete darkness, loneliness, torment, misery, awareness that something is better but unattainable, separation from God
16. Some hold the view of Annihilation or Annihilationism (non-believers go out of existence). This view is not supported by the Bible. Some hold the view of Universalism (all unbelievers are still somehow saved). This is not supported by the Bible. Some hold the view of Inclusivism (unbelievers who did not hear the gospel are still saved). This is not supported by the Bible. Some hold the belief of Purgatory (holding area prior to heaven). This is a Roman Catholic Doctrine not supported by the Bible. If these theories/Doctrines were true, Christ died for no reason
17. Hell is described as eternal, darkness, pain forever. Isaiah 66: 22-24, Thes 1:8-9, Rev 14:9-11
18. "How can God declare eternal punishment for temporal sin?" Mark 3:29 (because they sin forever)
19. Matt 24:45 -51 Jesus tells a parable of a faithful servant (one who understands who the Master is, does the work of the Master, waits expectantly for the Master and gets rewarded) and the evil servant (one who does not acknowledge the Master, does what he wants, and ends up being punished)
20. Be careful about forming judgements about Heaven & Hell based on current presentations or videos from people claiming to have gone to either place after death and returned. Base your judgements on the Bible.

Further Reading:

Heaven - Randy Alcorn

C. S. Lewis – The Great Divorce

Further Viewing:

YouTube Video John McArthur "The Truth About Hell"

YouTube Videos N. T. Wright "Surprised by Hoped" - 6 short videos

SESSION 10 – WHY AND HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH **Memory Verse** (Acts 1:8)

1. Mark 5:18-19 What did Jesus say to the healed man and why?
2. Evangelism: Cooperating with the Holy Spirit & others to move someone one step closer to Jesus
3. What we say and what we do should direct people to Jesus. Matt 13, Mark 4 & Luke 8 – Parable of Sower) Sometimes the message is not understood (1 Cor 1:18) but we have done our part
4. Are you held back from sharing by fear? (1 John 1:3, 1 Cor 2:4-5)
5. Who shared with you and how effective was it? Why?
6. Has anyone shared with you when it was not effective? Why?
7. What do we learn from 2 Cor 5:9-14 and 1 Cor 13:4-7?
8. What do we learn from 1 Peter 3:15?
9. Just say what Jesus has done for you. (John 9:25)
10. What are the four points of the gospel message in John 3:16-18?
11. Why did God come into the world? What are two types of people in the world?
12. Not what we DO, but what has already been DONE. (Eph 2:8-9)
13. God's Plan (peace), Man's Problem (sin), God's Remedy (cross), Man's Response (decision)
14. Rom 3:23, Rom 5:8, Rom 6:23, Rom 10:9, Rom 12:1-2, Rom 13:14
15. **Questions to ask when sharing your faith:**
 - (1) **Ask:** "If you were to die today, would you go to heaven and on what basis?"
 - (2) **Ask:** "Have you ever received Jesus? Would you like to?"
 - (3) **Ask:** "Do you ever read the Bible?"
 - (4) **Ask:** "Do you ever think about what happens when we die?"
 - (5) **Ask:** "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?"
 - (6) **Ask:** "Who do you think Jesus was?" Many believe in Jesus as Lord, but perhaps not Lord of their life. To put it another way, they know Jesus intellectually as someone who dies on a cross, but not Lord of their life
16. One of the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey is "**Seek first to understand, then be understood.**" Ask good questions to see how someone views eternity and why they have rejected Jesus. Consider why you rejected Jesus and the process you went through before you accepted Jesus as Lord & Savior
17. "Why should I strive to hold onto what I cannot keep at the sake of what I cannot lose?"
18. There are many benefits of our faith (eternal life, fellowship, forgiveness of sins, peace, worship, Sabbath rest, fruit of the Spirit). Sharing our faith with non-believers is just one aspect of our Christian faith, but not one to be overlooked. Pray for others, be prepared to lead someone to salvation or move them one step closer to Jesus & look for opportunities to demonstrate God's love

Further Reading:

Know What you Believe - Paul Little

Know Why You Believe – Paul Little

Through Gates of Splendor – Elizabeth Elliot

Answers to Tough Questions – Josh McDowell

The Bible Answer Book – Hank Hanegraff

SESSION 11 – HOW TO SHARE YOUR PERSONAL TESTAMONY **Memory Verse** (1 Peter 3:15)

1. What do you learn from 1 Peter 3:15?
2. What do you learn from Col 4:2-6?
3. Paul gave a complete Testimony in Acts 26:
 - (1) **He** connected with the audience. Gracious Introduction
 - (2) **He** gives his information on his background (good & bad) before Christ.
 - (3) **He** gives information on how he learned of Christ.
 - (4) **He** describes how and why he accepted Christ.
 - (5) **He** shares how his life is now different.
 - (6) **He** appeals to the audience via the Gospel to consider accepting Christ
4. It can be that involved or simply 'I was _____, but now I am _____. John 9:25
5. Have at least one solid Scripture verse you are comfortable sharing
6. Do not speak negatively of denominations or others
7. Be sure to focus on "Jesus Christ" and not just "going to a church" or hearing a pastor preach.
8. Build your story around a theme "I was Proudful and now I am _____. I had anxiety, but Jesus freed me from that
9. **Give your 10-minute testimony at Saturday morning ISI**
10. **Review** www.navigators.org - How to Prepare Your Personal Testimony
11. **Review** www.Cru.org (Train & Grow - How to Share Your Personal Testimony)
12. **Review** www.learnreligions.com - how to write your Christian testimony

Further Reading:

Training of the Twelve – A. B. Bruce

SESSION 12 – HOW TO USE YOUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE FOR GOD **Memory Verses** (Rom 12: 1-2) (2 Tim 2:2)

1. How did we become God's possession and what should we do? (1 Cor 6:19-20)
2. What are we commanded in Rom 12:1-2? How can we do this?
3. What does Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 58:11. Mark 4:18-19 say about our future and our anxieties?
4. How do you divide your time? Leisure, work, family, health, self, possessions, fellowship?
5. Is there an area of your life not under the control of Christ? (1 Peter 5:6-7)
6. What does Luke 9:23 tell us to do?
7. Can every task be committed onto the Lord? (1 Cor 10:31 and Col 3:23-24)
8. What does the phrase "Christ is my Lord and Savior mean to you?
9. What is the Biblical principle of tithing? (Malachi 3: 6-12) Do you feel God might lead you to Disciple another man? Do you have that desire?
10. How has your life changed after going through this program?
11. Be aware that men can compartmentalize. A life in Christ should impact all areas of life.

Further Reading:

The Purpose Driven Life - Rick Warren

Change Your World – John Maxwell

Finishing Well: What People Who Really Live Do Differently – Bob Buford

Halftime: Changing Your Plan from Success to Significance – Bob Buford

Point Man – Steve Farrar

Driven by Eternity – John Bevere

Bonus Material: Session 13 – Discipleship as Viewed by an International Outreach Organization

1. **Premise** – God has His own methods and processes by which He discipled each of us directly. These should work for all time, for all people, from the Garden of Eden right up until the modern day, and must be applicable for all cultures.
2. Kevin Phillips is Founder & President of **FAMM** (<https://www.gofamm.org/statement-of-faith>) – **For All Mankind Movement**. Their goal is to reach the unreached with the gospel, equip them in disciple-making and church planting and send them as missionaries to their own people. They are reaching unsaved people. Since disciple making is core to this endeavor, it is worthwhile to consider how this group views the disciple making process.
3. God has **four key areas** that He uses to mold and shape us: **Marriage, Parenting, Work, Death**. See “The Kingdom Citizen” Podcast with Kevin Phillips.
4. How Does Marriage Mold You? 6/7/22 Podcast. Gen 2:20-24, Gen 3:17-19, Prov 18:22, Matt 16:24
5. How Parenting Prepares You. 6/21/22 Podcast. Gen 1:28, Psalm 127:3, Prov 13:24, Prov 22:6, Eph 6:4
6. How To Win At Work. 7/5/22 Podcast. Gen 2:15 (work is established before the fall), Gen 3:17-19, Col 2:23-24
7. How Death Defines You. 7/19/22 Podcast. Gen 2:16-17, Eccl 7:2, Eccl 9:5-6, Rom 14:8-9
8. These are four ways God shapes and molds us and since Satan knows this, these four institutions are under attack. For instance, rather than contemplating our own death so that we realize our own mortality and live in a manner honoring to God, Satan spins a lie that we should live for all the pleasure we can. As usually, this overpromises and underdelivers and leaves people feeling empty and afraid of death. How are these four time-tested methods used by God under attack in your world?
9. **Activity:** Write your own obituary. Perhaps this will motivate you to cherish each moment, honor God and live each day for eternal significance.
10. How can you **reimagine these four principles in your own life** so that you become more God honoring?

Further Reading:

Celebration of Discipline – Richard Foster (A Book but also a 12 session YouTube video series). How a life is disciplined through Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration