

HOW TO BE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Life is a journey. God loves you and wants you to succeed on that journey. Success in life for every person, including you, will be determined by whether or not they fulfilled God's wonderful purpose for their life. Depending on the path you choose, you can end up in His Eternal Kingdom with His abundant blessings forever, or live the nightmare that never ends. In order to choose the bright path so you can find and fulfill God's purpose you must *grow to know God* more every day. That is what this learning guide is designed to help you do.

Each lesson has three parts: {1} Scripture meditations, {2} Basic Questions, and {3} Scripture memory. The scripture meditations will help you *grow to know the truth of God's Word*. The basic questions will help you live the truth. The scripture memory will help you hide the truth in your heart.

This learning guide will help you learn about God's spiritual family, The Church. You will learn who is in the spiritual family, how to become part of it, and about spiritual family life.

Begin each lesson with prayer. Write the answers in your own words. Ask God to help you live the truth that was revealed to you. May God bless you as you *grow to know Him*.

NOTE: It is best to use the King James or New King James Bible as you go through this booklet.

LESSON 1

THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What did Jesus say we are? Matthew 23:8
2. Who did Jesus say our Spiritual Father is? Matthew 23:9
3. What Did Jesus say we must desire to do in order to become part of His family?
Matthew 12:50
4. What is another term used to describe The Church? Romans 12:5
5. Who is the head of the body? Colossians 1:18
6. How do we become part of the Body of Christ? Galatians 3:27-28, 1 Corinthians 12:13
7. What is another way God looks at The Church? 1 Corinthians 3:9, Hebrews 3:6,
1 Peter 2:5 & 9
8. Who is building The Church? Hebrews 3:4
9. What will The Church finally become? 2 Corinthians 11:2, Revelation 19:7-8

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you see yourself as part of God's family desiring to do God's will with all your heart?
Yes __ No __ If no, pray right now and ask God to help you desire to do His will with all your heart.
2. Have you been water baptized? Yes__ No__ If no, ask your pastor to water baptize you.
3. Have you looked at someone other than God the Father or Jesus as head of The Church? Yes __ No __ If yes, repent of doing so right now and begin to honor Christ as the head of The Church.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by
memorizing **MATTHEW 12:50** *THE CHURCH IS A SPIRITUAL FAMILY*



LESSON 2

SPIRITUAL FAMILY MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

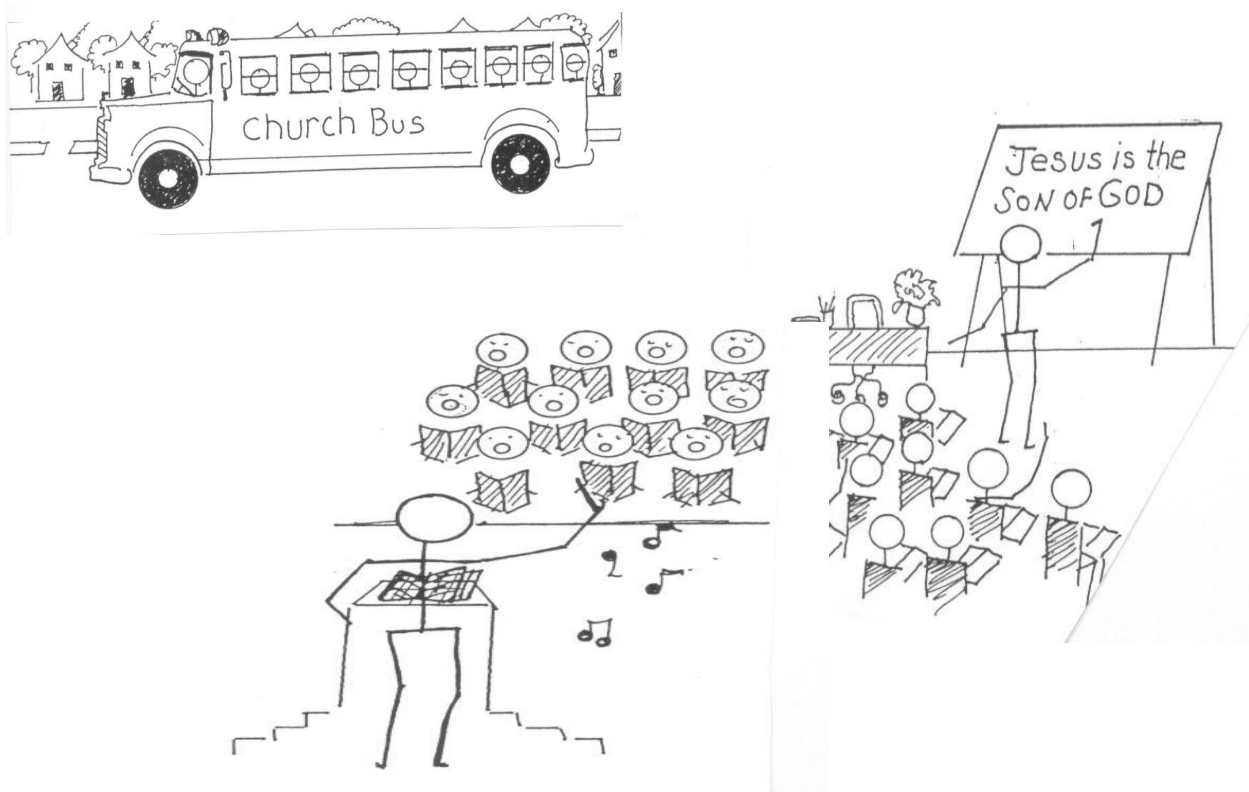
1. Who is the Father and head of The Church? Matthew 23:9, Colossians 1:18
2. In what way can we become a father even though we are not to be called father?
1 Corinthians 4:15
3. Who are the older brothers and sisters who train us how to live for Jesus?
Ephesians 4:11-15
4. What are some of the other members and what are they called to do? Romans 12:6-8,
1 Corinthians 12:28
5. Who determines what position a person has in The Church? 1 Corinthians 12:18,
2 Timothy 1:9
6. What two things help us find and fulfill the calling God has given us? Romans 12:6,
2 Timothy 1:9
7. What part do older brothers and sisters have in confirming our gifts and callings?
1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Corinthians 13:1
8. Whom has God called to shepherd (lead) the flock (spiritual family)? 1 Peter 5:1-3
9. What are the qualifications for being an elder? 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9
10. How does a person become an elder? Titus 1:5, Acts 14:23
11. Whom has God given to lead The Church in ministering to the needs of The Church members? Acts 6:1-3, Philippians 1:1
12. What are the qualifications of a deacon? 1 Timothy 3:8-13
13. How does a person become a deacon? Acts 6:1-3

14. How are we to follow those whom God has given to lead The Church? Hebrews 13:7 & 17

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Have you sought God in order to find your position in His spiritual family (The Church)?
Yes __ No __ If no, begin to do so right now.
2. Are you depending on God's grace (unmerited strength & wisdom) or your own abilities to fulfill God's purpose for your life? God's grace __ My abilities __ If you've been depending on your own abilities, repent and begin to ask God to help you live and do His will by His grace.
3. Are you submitting to God's leadership in your spiritual family, and allowing them to train you for ministry? Yes __ No __ If no, repent and ask God to give you an obedient heart right now.
4. Are you a spiritual father leading other people to Christ so they can become part of His family also? Yes __ No __ If no, repent and ask Jesus to help you do this right now.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **1 CORINTHIANS 12:18**.



EVERYONE HAS A JOB TO DO IN GOD'S FAMILY

LESSON 3

HOW TO BE A SPIRITUAL FAMILY

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

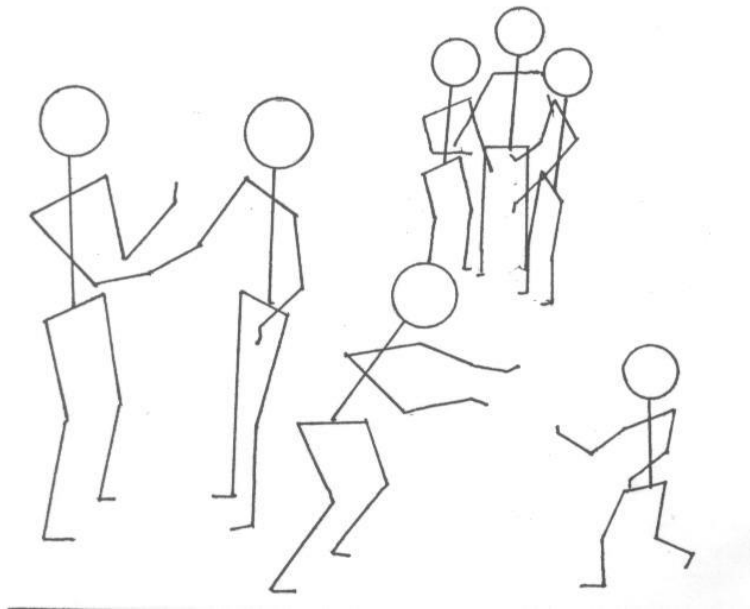
1. What does our relationship with our brothers and sisters tell us about our relationship with God? 1 John 4:20-21
2. How should the rich and the poor relate to one another as members of the Body of Christ? James 1:9-10, 2:1-9; Romans 12:16; 1 Timothy 6:17-19
3. How should a young person relate to an older member of the Body of Christ and to someone the same age? 1 Peter 5:5, 1 Timothy 5:1-2
4. What is the responsibility of the strong members to the weak members of the Body of Christ? Romans 14:1-5,21, 15:1; 1 Corinthians 8:7-13, 9:22; 1 Thessalonians 5:14
5. What is our responsibility concerning ministry to fellow members of The Body? 2 Corinthians 8:12-15, 9:6-13; James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17; Galatians 6:7-10
6. What grounds do we have for breaking fellowship? Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 5:4-13, 2 Thessalonians 3:11-14, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 2 John 7-11
7. How do we seek to restore broken fellowship with body members? Galatians 6:1-2, Matthew 7:1-5, 18:15-20; James 5:16-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:15
8. What does our relationship with our brothers and sisters tell the world? John 13:35

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What does your relationship with your brothers and sisters say about your love for God?
2. Do you seek to treat the poor church members with the same respect as the rich ones? Yes __ No __ If no, repent right now and ask God to help you love all your brothers and sisters equally.
3. Do you treat older members with the respect due parents, and do you treat members your same age as brothers and sisters? Yes ___ No ___ If no, repent right now and ask God to help you show other church members the respect due them.

4. Do you look down upon those whose faith is not as strong as yours? Yes __ No __
If yes, repent right now and ask God to help you love them as He loves them.
5. Do you seek to minister to the physical needs of other church members as much as you can? Yes __ No __ If no, repent right now and ask God to help you see and minister to the needs of others in the Body of Christ.
6. Have you broken fellowship with another brother or sister for other than scriptural reasons? Yes __ No__ If yes, repent right now and seek to restore fellowship.
7. Have you done all you can according to the scriptures to maintain or restore fellowship with a brother or sister you have a problem with? Yes__ No __ If no, repent right now and seek to do all you can to restore and maintain fellowship with the brothers and sisters you have problem with.
8. Is the way you treat other church members a witness to the world? Yes __ No __ If no, repent right now and ask God to help you treat other members of The Church the way God would want you to.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2.**



WE SHOULD TREAT ALL MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY WITH LOVE & RESPECT

LESSON 4

SPIRITUAL FAMILY LIFE

PART 1

FELLOWSHIP

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

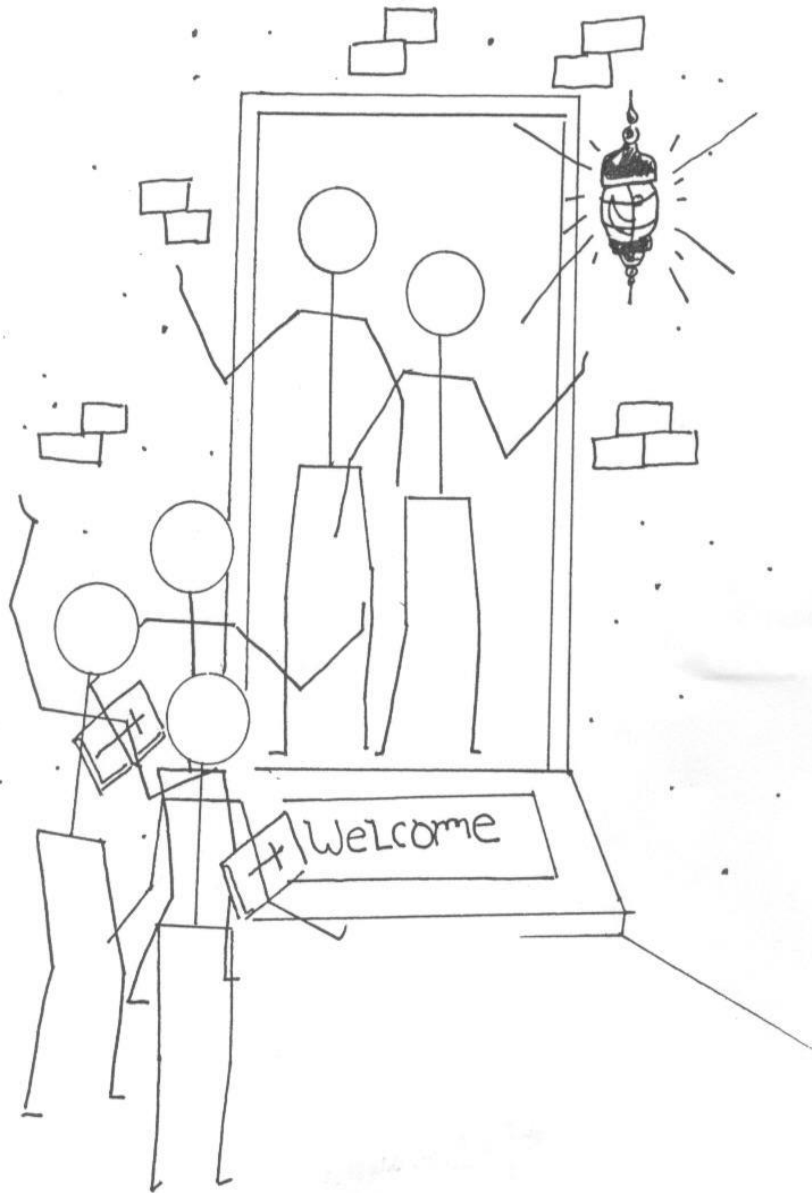
1. What is God's command concerning getting together with other church members?
Hebrews 10:24-25
2. How often did the early church meet for fellowship? Acts 2:42, 46-47
3. What are the ten things that should be part of The Church when it fellowships?
1 Corinthians 14:26, 16:1-2; Acts 2:42
 - A. B.
 - C. D.
 - E. F.
 - G. H.
 - I. J.
4. What three things that only happen once in our life should be done in fellowship with other Christians? Revelation 19:7,9; Hebrews 13:4; Acts 2:41; Mark 10:13-16
5. In what manner are these things to be done? 1 Corinthians 14:40
6. What does God do when we get together for fellowship? Matthew 18:20

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Are you spending as much time as you can fellowshiping with other Christians?
Yes __ No __ If no, ask God to help you organize your life so you can be able to spend the time you need in fellowship.
2. Are you doing the things God told us to do when you get together for fellowship?
Yes __ No __ If no, ask God to help you do all the things He's asked you to do when you fellowship with other brothers and sisters.

3. Are you doing things God doesn't want you to do when you get together with other Christians? Yes __ No__ If yes, repent right now and ask God to cleanse these things from your life.
4. Are your times of fellowship decent and in order so that God is able to minister to others? Yes __ No __ If no, repent right now and ask God to help you do things decently and in order.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing MATTHEW 18:20 .



*WE SHOULD SPEND TIME WITH OTHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
SO WE CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO SERVE THE LORD*

LESSON 4
SPIRITUAL FAMILY LIFE
PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
A
PRAISE & WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

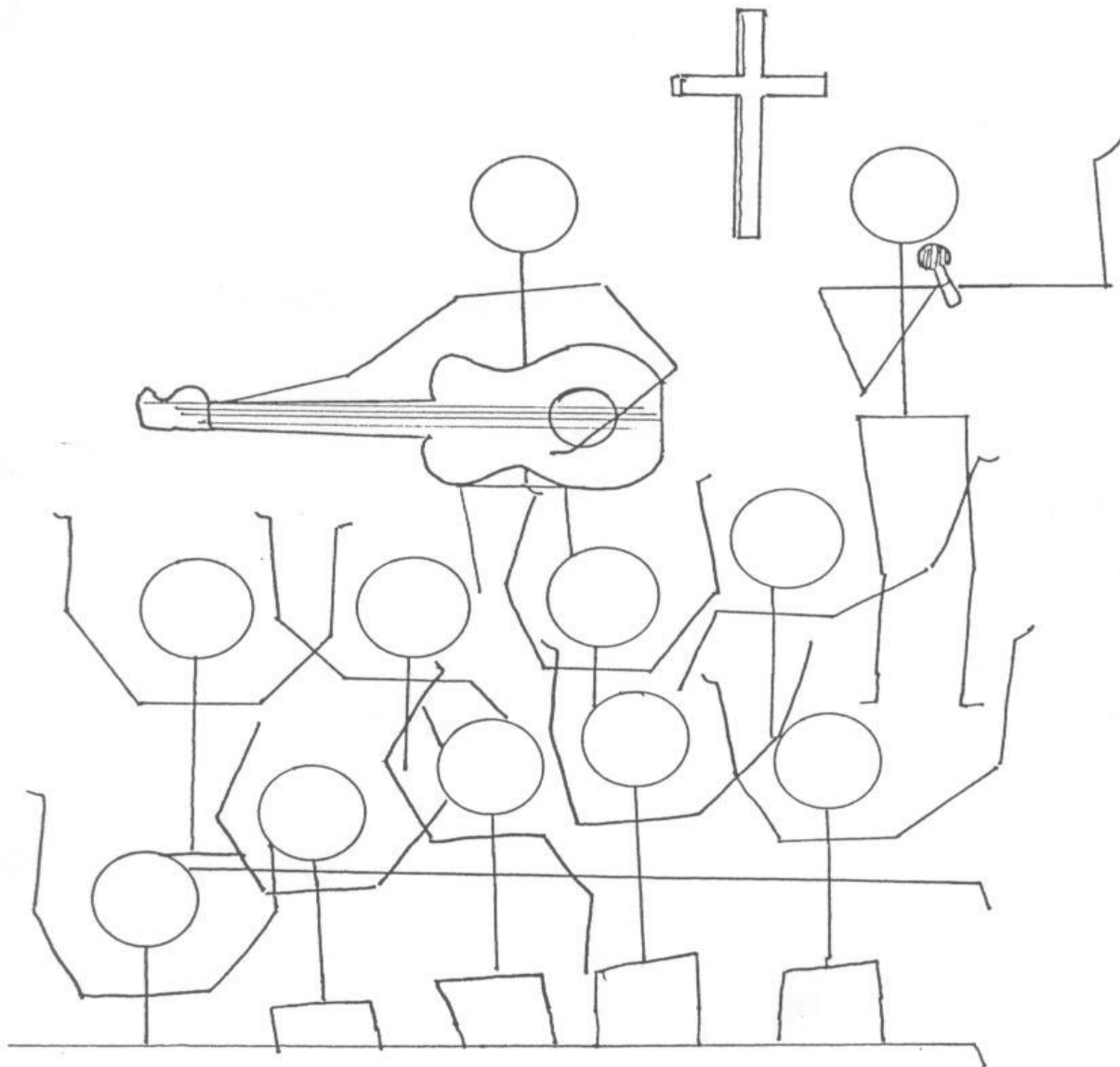
1. How do we come into God's presence? Psalms 100:2,4
2. What does God inhabit? Psalms 22:3
3. What does praise and worship do for God? Psalms 63:3-4
4. What does Praise and worship help the worshipper do? Ephesians 5:18-19
5. What must be the condition of our heart when we worship God? John 4:23-24
6. What are some of the things we can do as acts of praise and worship?
Psalms 63:3-4; 95:6; 96:1; 149:1,3,5,6; 150, 29:1-2
7. What happens to God's enemies and our enemies when we worship Him?
2 Chronicles 20:14-24, Psalms 149:6-9

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you seek to enter God's presence through praise and worship? Yes __ No __ If no, ask God to help you do right now.
2. What are some of the ways you have been worshipping God?
3. What are some new ways that you can begin to worship God?

4. Do you seek God's presence daily so you can stay full of the Holy Spirit? Yes __ No __
If no, ask God to help you to do so today.
5. Do you let God help you with life's problems by seeking His presence through praise and worship? Yes __ No __ If no, do it.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **PSALMS 100:4.**



PRAISE & WORSHIP BRINGS US INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

LESSON 4
SPIRITUAL FAMILY LIFE
PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
B
PRAYER

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What has God given to us? Psalms 115:16
2. What has God given us so we can take care of this responsibility? Matthew 18:18-19
3. How does agreeing in prayer increase our ability to accomplish things for God? Leviticus 26:7-9
4. What should be our first spiritual priority? 1 Timothy 2:1-4
5. How should we pray? Matthew 6:9-13
6. When circumstances overwhelm us, what should we do? Luke 18:1
7. How often should we pray for one another? Ephesians 6:18



BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Are you seeking to bring the world to Jesus? Yes __ No __ If no, repent and ask God to help you do so right now.
2. Are you praying with other Christians so that you have the power and agreement to accomplish the things of God? Yes __ No __ If no, begin to do so today.
3. Are you praying according to the pattern given us in the Lord's prayer? Yes __ No __ If no, study this pattern and begin to use it in your prayer life.
4. Do you see prayer with others as one of the resources God has given you in times of trouble? Yes __ No __ If no, ask God right now to help this become real to you.
5. Do you pray together with other Christians for church members, lost friends and neighbors regularly? Yes __ No __ If no, make a list and begin to do so today.
6. Does your local church fellowship have or participate in a 24 hour a day 7 day a week prayer group? Yes __ No __ If no, begin to see about one today.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **MATTHEW 18:18-19.**



WE HAVE MORE POWER WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER

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TEACHING

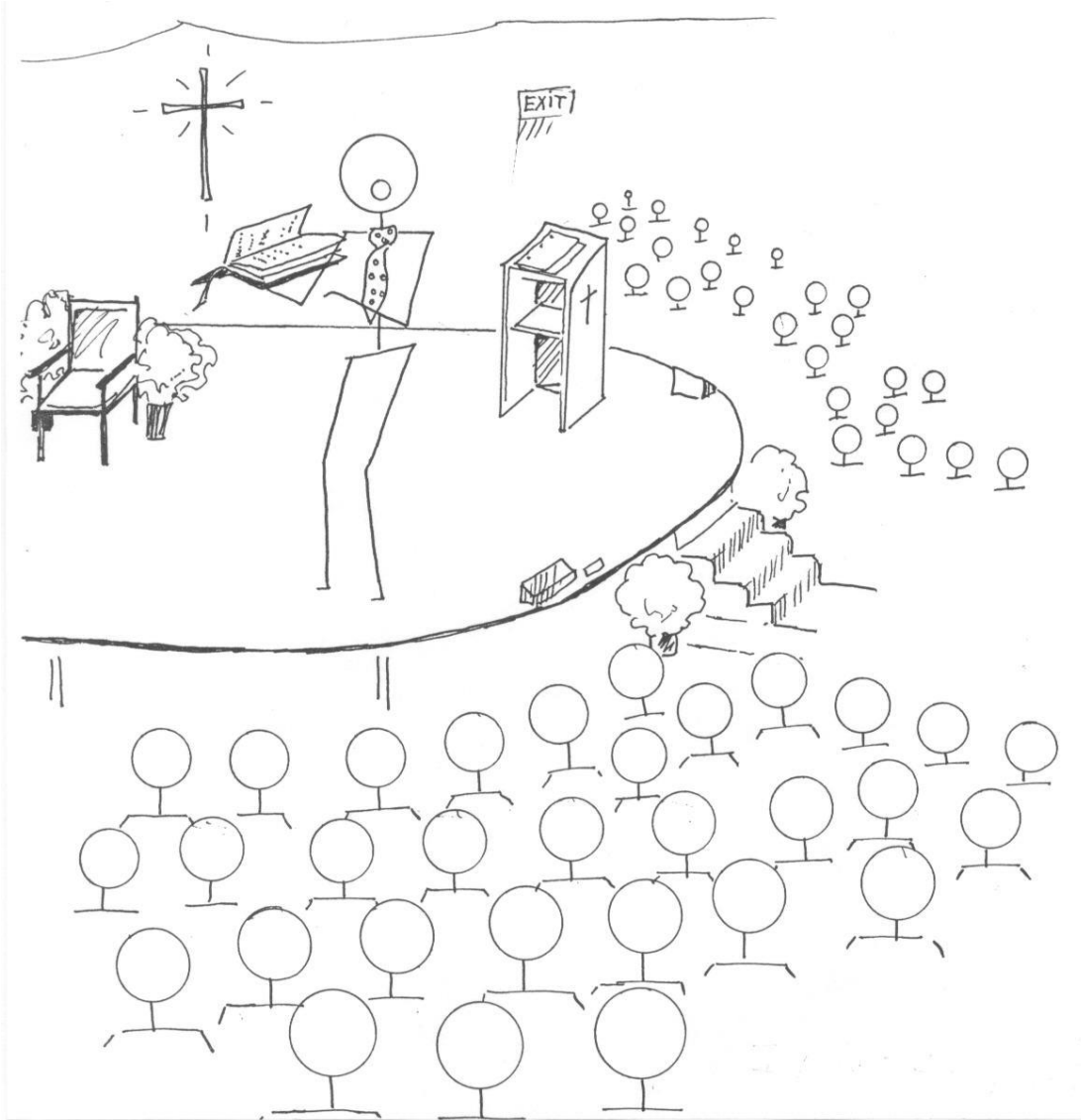
SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What was the last command Jesus gave? Matthew 28:19-20
2. Why do we need to be taught? Titus 3:14, Colossians 1:28
3. Who helps us as we are taught the things of God? John 16:13
4. What should be our response to the things God teaches us? Colossians 3:16, Philippians 2:12-13
5. As we allow God to teach us what happens? Proverbs 9:9
6. What happens to the body of Christ when we are properly taught the word? Ephesians 4:11-16
7. What should we do with the things God teaches us? 2 Timothy 2:2

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you desire to be used of God to teach others how to live for Jesus? Yes __ No __
If no, ask God right now to help you have the desire to teach others and the anointing so you can teach them.
2. Are you allowing God's word to dwell in you richly and growing in it through obedience? Yes __ No __
If no, repent right now and ask God to help you do this.
3. Are you allowing God to guide you into His plan and purpose for your life as you are taught the word? Yes __ No __
If no, repent right now and ask God to show you His will for your life as you study His word.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **TITUS 3:14.**



*WE NEED TO BE TAUGHT
SO WE WILL KNOW HOW TO SERVE THE LORD*

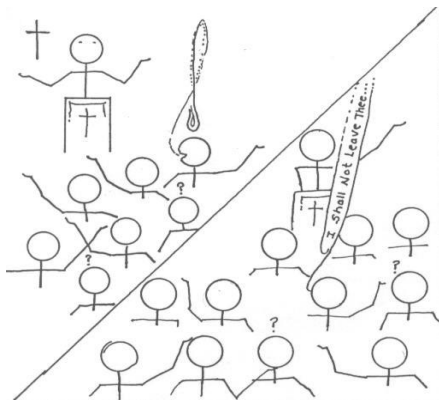
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PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
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TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Why are tongues used in a group meeting? 1 Corinthians 14:22
2. What happened on the day of Pentecost when tongues were used? Acts 2:4-41
3. What should the person giving a message in tongues do? 1 Corinthians 14:13
4. What should be done if no one can interpret? 1 Corinthians 14:28
5. How much should the gift of tongues and interpretation be used? 1 Corinthians 14:27

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Has God given you the gift of tongue so you can minister to unbelievers? Yes __ No __
2. Have you prayed about being able to interpret tongues? Yes __ No __ If no, do right now yielding yourself to God for His service.
3. Is the gift of tongues being overly used in your fellowship? Yes __ No __ If yes, begin right now to pray that it will be used properly.
4. If there is no interpreter, do you keep silent? Yes __ No __ If no, begin to do so from now on.



MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing
1 CORINTHIANS 14:22.

*TONGUES &
INTERPRETATION
ARE A WITNESS
TO THE
UNBELIEVER*

LESSON 4
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PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
F
REVELATION

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

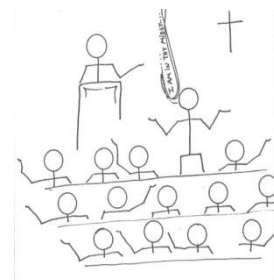
1. What spiritual gift is to be most desired? 1 Corinthians 14:1
2. What does true prophecy do for others? 1 Corinthians 14:3
3. Where does true prophecy come from? 2 Peter 1:21
4. What will true prophecy testify about? Revelation 19:10
5. What will false prophecy appeal to? 2 Peter 2:1-3, 18-19
6. What other types of revelation do we find in The Church? 1 Corinthians 12:8

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you desire the gift of prophecy? Yes __ no __ If no, ask God right now to give you a desire to prophesy in order to minister to others.
2. Do you examine prophecy to see if it's true or not? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do it from now on.
3. Do you allow words of wisdom and words of knowledge to operate in your life? Yes __ No __ If no, begin to do so today.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **1CORINTHIANS 14:1.**

PROPHECY ENCOURAGES
US, COMFORTS US,
& HELPS US GROW IN
THE LORD



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THE LORD'S SUPPER

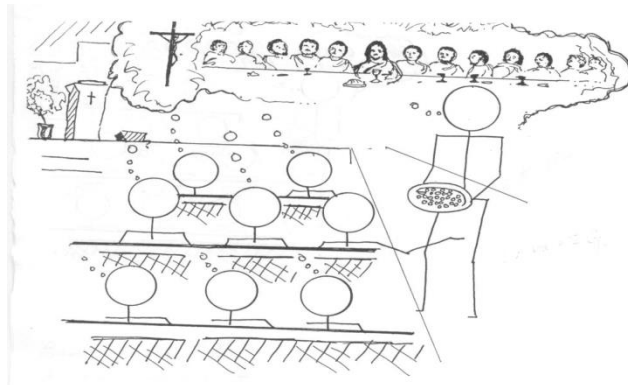
SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Who gave us the Lord's Supper and why? 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
2. What should we do before we partake of the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:27-31
3. What did Jesus show us should accompany the Lord's Supper? John 13:1-17

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Are you observing the Lord's supper often enough to remind you of what Jesus did for you? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do it more often.
2. Are you examining your heart before you partake of the Lord's Supper? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do it from now on.
3. Have you found the joy of washing each other's feet as a means of preparing to take the Lord's Supper and a sign of a servant's heart toward one another? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do so from now on.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **1 CORINTHIANS 11:26.**



THE LORD'S SUPPER REMINDS US
OF WHAT JESUS DID FOR US

LESSON 4
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PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
H
FEASTING

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What is a feast? Leviticus 23:2
2. What should be our attitude as we come together to feast? 1 Corinthians 5:8
3. What is required for us to truly fellowship when we come together? 1 John 1:1-3, 6-7
4. In addition to other church members, whom should we invite to our feast?
Luke 14:13-14

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you set aside special times to celebrate the work of God? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do so today. Special times such as Christmas, Resurrection Sunday, birthdays, and anniversaries can be times to celebrate what God has done.
2. Are your feast centered around God and what He has done? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to make Him the center of your feast right now.
3. Do you invite those in need when you feast? Yes __ no __ If no, ask God to help you do this from now on.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **1 JOHN 1:7.**



*OUR TIMES OF CELEBRATION SHOULD
REMINDE US OF WHAT JESUS DID FOR US*

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PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
I
GIVING

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

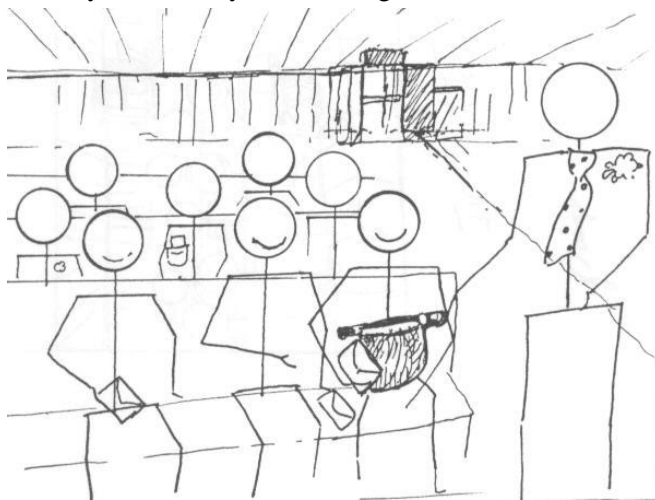
1. Who has given the greatest gift? John 3:16
2. Through God's gift what does God give us? Romans 8:32
3. What does God ask us to do in order that He might bless us? Malachi 3:10
4. What did the early Christians give in order that the good news about Jesus might be preached? Acts 2:44-45; 4:32
5. What did Jesus say concerning tithes and offering? Matthew 23:23
6. What must we give to God first? 2 Corinthians 8:5
7. What should our heart attitude be as we give? 2 Corinthians 9:7
8. What should guide our giving? 2 Corinthians 8:12-15
9. How should this affect the way we work? Ephesians 4:28
10. What is God trying to do through our giving? 2 Corinthians 8:13-15
11. Whom should we give our tithes to? Galatians 6:6, 1 Timothy 5:17-18

12. When are we to give offerings to men? Galatians 6:10, Proverbs 3:27-28
13. When should we give tithes and offerings to God's work? 1 Corinthians 16:2
14. What is God's promise concerning giving. Ecclesiastes 11:1, 2 Corinthians 9:6
15. What does faithful giving supply to us? 2Corinthians 9:8

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you realize that everything you have been blessed with materially comes from God? Yes __ no __ If no, ask God to make this truth real to you right now.
2. Do you realize that you need to give to God in order to be fully blessed? Yes __ no __ If no, ask God to make this truth real to you right now.
3. Do you seek to give under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in order to spread the Good news about Jesus instead of giving to those things that appeal to you? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to seek God's wisdom and direction in your giving right now.
4. Do you give ten percent of your income to those who lead and teach you so they are able to do the work of the ministry? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do so right now.
5. Do you give offerings above your tithes to help with missions and other special needs? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do so right now.
6. Do you have a cheerful attitude of living to give instead of doing it because you feel you have to? Yes __ no __ If no, repent and ask God to make you a cheerful, willing giver right now.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **MALACHI 3:10.**



*WE SHOULD GIVE AS MUCH AS WE CAN
SO ALL THE NEEDS OF GOD'S FAMILY WILL BE MET*

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PART 1
FELLOWSHIP
J
MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What are the three parts of a man that need to be ministered to? 1 Thessalonians 5:23
2. Who should have priority in our ministry? Galatians 6:10
3. How do we need to see a person in order to minister to them properly?
2 Corinthians 5:16, 1 Corinthians 2:13-16
4. What needs to be our heart attitude as we minister to others? 1 Corinthians 8:1; 16:14
5. What has God given that has the power to minister to the spirit and soul?
Hebrews 4:12
6. How do we minister to the spirit and soul with the word of God? 2 Timothy 3:16; 4:2
7. What spiritual gifts does the Holy Spirit give to help us minister the word?
1 Corinthians 12:8 & 10
8. In addition to the spirit and soul, what should we also minister to?
James 2:15-16, 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 12:9
9. What is God's command concerning ministry to others? Proverbs 3:27-28
10. What should we always seek to do when we minister to others?
Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 4:12, 10:31-32

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. When you minister to others, do you seek to minister to the whole man? Yes __ no __
If no, repent and begin to do so today.
2. Do you try to minister to the member of your spiritual family before you minister to others? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to make ministering to the saints priority.
3. Do you minister to others through spiritual eyes or fleshly understanding?
If fleshly, repent and ask God to help your minister with spiritual eyes.
4. Do you use God's word in every way possible in order to minister to the soul and spirit of those God sends you for ministry? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to do today
5. Do you minister out of concern and love or do you minister out of religious duty or self glory? If religious and self glory, repent right now and ask God to give you a heart of love as you minister.
6. Do you minister as soon as you can or do you put off ministry? If you put it off, repent right now and ask God to give you discipline in your ministering situations.
7. Do you seek to build up others and glorify God as you minister? Yes __ no __ If no, repent and ask God to give you a ministering heart.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **MATTHEW 5:16.**



**WE NEED TO MINISTER TO THE SPIRITUAL, MENTAL,
EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, & MATERIAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE.**

LESSON 4

SPIRITUAL FAMILY LIFE

PART 2

EVANGELISM

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS: Read the questions then read the scriptures. Meditate (think about what God is saying). Write the answers to the questions in your own words based on what's revealed to you during your meditations.

1. What was Christ's last statement to The Church? Matthew 28:18-20
2. What did He say we should do in order to carry out His command to go? Acts 1:8
3. What must we do daily in order to have the power to tell others about Jesus? Acts 4:31
4. What kind of prayer helps us to tell others about Jesus? 1 Timothy 2:1-4, Luke 18:1
5. What must we do with the word in order to tell others about Jesus? 1 John 1:1-3
6. What should our attitude be as we tell others about Jesus?
Psalms 126:5-6, 2 Timothy 2:24-26
7. What did Jesus do as He told other people about God? John 4:5-26
8. What three things is the Holy Spirit dealing with people about? John 16:7-11
9. What should we share, where should share it, and what determines the results according to Acts 20:21, & Luke 8:5-8, 11-15?
10. Besides sharing the word, what else should we do as we share Jesus? Matthew 10:7-8

11. What two approaches should we use as we share Jesus? Jude 22-23
12. What is the message about Jesus according to Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 2:4, 10:9-10, & 6:17-18
13. What two things should we avoid as we talk about Jesus? Titus 3:4-9, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
14. What should we not do when we talk about Jesus? Galatians 6:9
15. What is God's promise when we tell others about Jesus? Isaiah 55:10-11
16. How did Jesus send people out to share His message? Luke 10:1-2
17. How did the early church tell others about Jesus? Acts 2:32, 4:31, 8:4

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you *grow to know God* by living the truth that was revealed to you during your meditations.

1. Do you tell others about Jesus? Yes __ no __ If no, pray and begin today to share Jesus at every opportunity.
2. Is local evangelism part of the life of your church? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to pray that the leadership of your local church fellowship will make it a part of its ministry.
3. Is your local church fellowship involved in world missions by sending people and resources to other parts of the world? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to pray that the leadership of your local church fellowship will make it a part of its ministry.
4. Is the message about Jesus your local church fellowship emphasizes the same as the one found in Romans? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to pray that your church will emphasize all these points and also begin to share them as you have opportunity.
5. Does your local church fellowship pray for world missions and the lost in your community? Yes __ no __ If no, begin to encourage the members of your fellowship to pray for world missions and the lost.
6. Do you keep on witnessing even when you don't see results? Yes __ no __ If no, ask God to help you be faithful in this area.



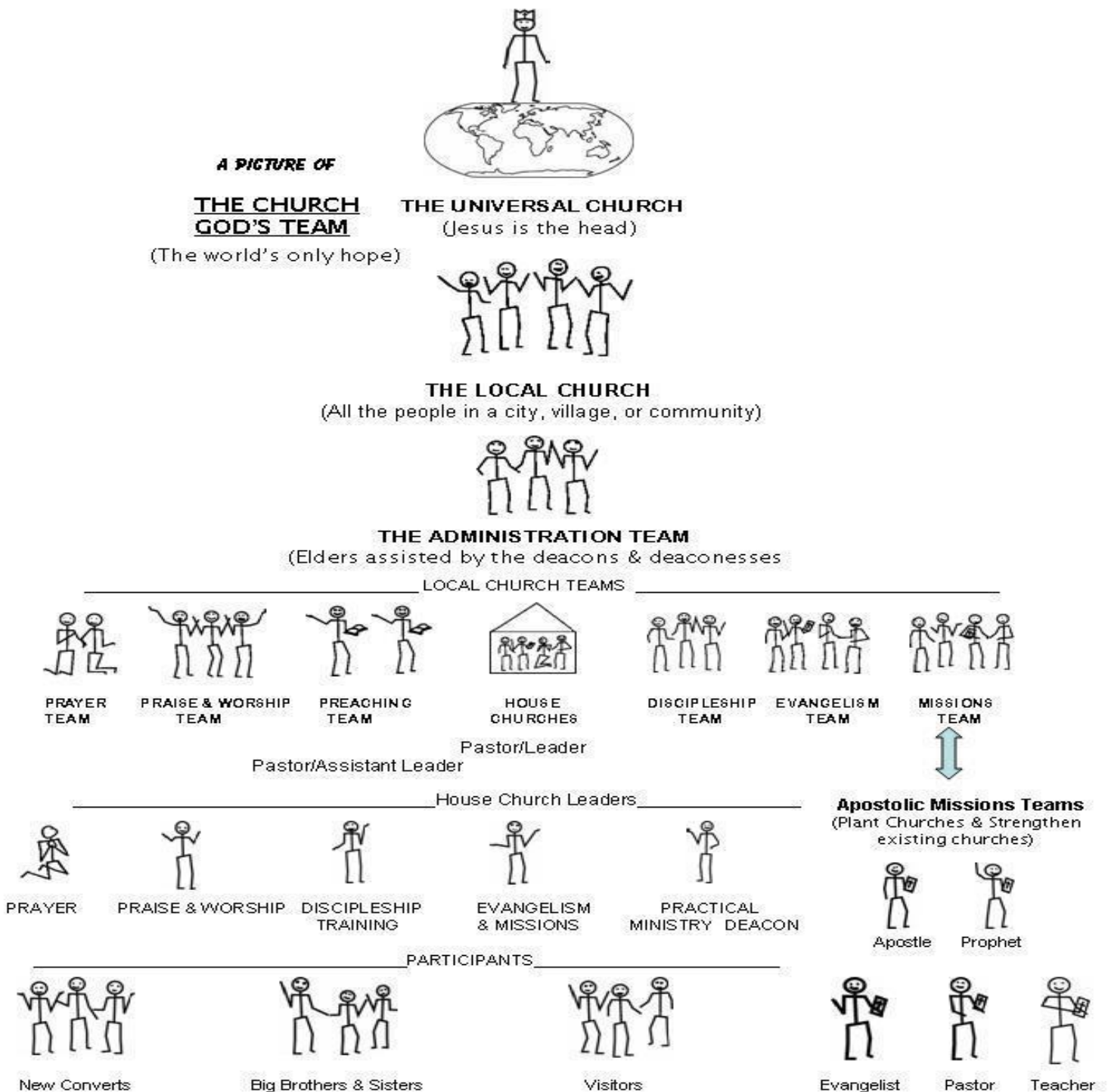
MEMORIZE: Hide God's truth in your heart by memorizing **ACTS 20:21.**

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE APPENDIX ON GOD'S TEAM THE CHURCH. It will give you a better understanding of what you just learned.

WE MUST PRAY IN ORDER TO HAVE THE POWER TO WITNESS

BASIC CHURCH LIFE APPENDIX

GOD'S TEAM **THE CHURCH** & GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS IN A LOCAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP



We hear The Church referred to in many different ways. Most people speak of a church referring to a particular group of believers locally or denominationally. Too many a church is simply a building whether anyone is there or not. These concepts tend to promote the idea that in God there are many different churches. This does not agree with scripture. It tends to promote disunity causing The Church not to be the influence in the world God intended it to be.

The Church is a people not a place. It is a family made up of all those who follow Jesus by faith. Matthew 18 makes it clear that whenever two or more members of The Family gather in Jesus name The Church is there in power. Jesus says He is present in a special way, and because He is, The Church has the power to make things happen. They can stop them or set them in motion.

Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us that the closer we come to Jesus' return the more we should get together. There are more things to deal with so more needs to be done. Today much of The Church has substituted meeting in a building for meeting in power. Often there is no power because even though we meet in Jesus name, we really meet in the name of an organization or division. It must make Christ really sad when we attend a meeting on Sunday then ignore His family and the needs of those around us in our daily lives. The failure of His people, to show His love for one another, makes it hard for the world to see The Church. It makes it difficult for The Church to be the salt and light He intended it to be.

We must realize that whenever two of us are together Jesus is there in His Church to do the things He wants done on the earth. When we acknowledge Him and His purpose, He will work through us to establish His Kingdom in the hearts of people. At our request He will do whatever it takes for this to happen. We need to understand, The Church was designed to operate as interdependent teams based on spiritual family relationships.

This is the life God wants His Church to live. It begins with seeing The Church the way He sees it. We do this by seeing the family of believers and its purpose through God's eyes. That purpose is to establish God's Kingdom in peoples' hearts. This should lead us to minister to all people especially those who are part of the family of God. It should cause us to seek opportunities to be salt and light by praying for people, sharing an encouraging word, or ministering to needs when we're able. The size of the task should prompt us to team up with others to accomplish it.

When we see the power that comes from Jesus through His Church then we will want to team up with other believers. We'll want to get together regularly with fellow believers to stir up love and good works in each other. There will be an urgency to reach lost souls. We will do more than attend a "church meeting" on Sunday to fulfill our religious duty. We will spend time each day with fellow believers in our family sharing and praying for one another. We'll get together regularly with other believers where we work, in our neighborhood, or where we go to school to share, and pray for each other and the needs around us. If we are a leader, we will get together with other leaders for fellowship and prayer. Living out the gospel will be part of our daily life. His Church will be the salt and light Jesus intended it to be.

The scriptures indicate that in order to promote spiritual family relationships and team work, The New Testament Church was not ruled over by a hierarchy, but guided by teams of servant leaders who watched over God's flock and God's work. The Church manifested itself in two forms. The first was The Local Church Fellowship which consisted of all believers in a particular geographical area. It was led not by a pastor, but by a group of elders. This was a group of three to twelve men of equal spiritual maturity who gave themselves to the word and prayer so they could hear from God and guide The Church to fulfill its purpose. The second was the Apostolic Mission Team. This consisted of two men of

equal spiritual maturity accompanied by other Church members. They were sent out from The Local Church to reach the nations with the good news of Christ salvation. Below, is a brief explanation of the expressions of The Church, and how they are suppose to work together.

LOCAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIPS

A local church fellowship is a family of teams.

Each team has the responsibility of taking care of one of the eight basic areas of church life. An elder should give oversight to each team. The life flow of the Holy Spirit should be allowed to lead in what each team does.

The eight teams are:

1. PRAYER TEAM: They serve the local church by keeping them informed of prayer needs. They also maintain a church fellowship prayer list, and fellowship prayer chain to pray for emergencies. The team should encourage prayer in home fellowship groups, and teach church members how to have personal and group prayer time. In addition, they should lead in establishing church prayer meetings; and seek to develop around the clock (24-7) intercession by church members (at least 2 or 3 people praying together at all times).
2. PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM: They assist in helping the local church come into God's presence by leading worship in group meetings; introduce new songs; and training people in music and praise & worship.
3. PREACHING TEAM: They help the local church hear from God by sharing on God's vision and relevant issues during group meetings.
4. DISCIPLESHIP (TRAINING) TEAM: They guide training in Christian living and ministry so people can learn to live for Jesus, share Jesus, and help others live for Jesus. They also seek to equip people to find and fulfill the ministry God has given them. In addition, they assist in maintaining children's groups where children are encouraged to commit their lives to Jesus, learn the books of the Bible, and learn the main stories and themes of the Bible and how they apply to their lives. What's more, they should help maintain young people groups where youth are encouraged to commit their life to Jesus and seek His will for their lives. In these groups young people should be led to do a survey of the bible, and intensive studies of specific books of the bible, and learn how to apply the Bible to their lives and the issues and problems they face. The discipleship team should also help maintain a network of Big Brothers and Big Sisters who disciple new converts, and adopt new arrivals to the church fellowship who are already believers. Where possible, mentoring in small groups should be used for the training.
5. EVANGELISM TEAM: Promotes a burden for the lost in the local church. They serve by doing special types of local evangelism such as street ministry and crusade ministry. They should also help organize local outreach teams. In addition, they ought to help home fellowship groups reach out by training church members in witnessing.
6. MISSIONS TEAM: They should keep the church informed concerning world missions, help train people for missions, and lead in sending out Apostolic Mission Teams.

7. HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (HOUSE CHURCHES) GENERALLY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

Pastor/Leader: who is the servant leader of the group. Responsible, along with the assistant-leader for guiding the group, and encouraging group members to find and fulfill their ministry. He should be an elder or under the guidance of an elder.

Pastor/ Assistant-Leader: who is responsible for working with the pastor/leader in serving the needs of the group, and encouraging group members to find and fulfill their ministry. He is a person growing in spiritual maturity, and is being trained to be a servant leader.

Prayer Leader: who is responsible for helping the group to do its part to fulfill the ministry of the local church prayer team.

Praise and Worship Leader: who is responsible for leading the group in praise and worship.

Evangelism/Mission Leader: who is responsible for helping the group to do its part to fulfill the ministry of the local church evangelism team and mission team.

Practical Ministry Leader (Deacon): who is responsible for leading the group to minister to the physical and material needs of people.

Discipleship (Training) Leader: who is responsible for helping the group to do its part in teaching people so they can find and fulfill God's purpose for them.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters: are older, mature believers who have learned how to live for Jesus, share Jesus, and help others live for Jesus. They serve by teaching the new converts the basics of personal life, family life, church life, evangelism, and discipleship. They also serve by adopting new arrivals to the local church who are already believers. They help them become part of the life of the local church.

New Converts: are people who have just made a commitment to live for Jesus, and need to be taught by a big brother or sister.

Visitors: are people who have come to the group, but are not members of the local fellowship. They provide opportunities for ministry and/or church growth.

NOTE: A home fellowship member may function in more than one area of ministry.

8. ADMINISTRATION TEAM: Responsible for taking care of the spiritual and physical needs of the local church including the business needs, and the physical care of local church property. It consist of people in two servant leadership positions. The two positions are:

Elders: God's appointed overseers for a local church. They are responsible for ministering to the physical, material, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of the members. They guide the local church to fulfill its purpose of establishing God's Kingdom in their particular geographical area. They serve the local congregation by assisting

them to find and fulfill God's purpose for their lives.

Deacons or Deaconesses: They are appointed to assist the elders in meeting the needs of fellowship members, especially the physical and material needs.

Other church members: should assist the elders and deacons.

APOSTOLIC MISSION TEAM

An **Apostolic Mission Team** is a group of three to twelve trained and equipped people who team up to bring the message of Jesus to people outside the local church area. It is guided by two men of equal spiritual maturity. The Apostolic Team is usually sent out from a local church to plant churches in unreached areas, or to strengthen existing churches. Throughout the New Testament most people doing ministry outside the local church were part of a team.

THE APOSTOLIC TEAM USUALLY CONSISTS OF PEOPLE WITH THE FOLLOWING FIVE FOLD MINISTRY GIFTS:

The Apostle who gives oversight and leadership to the mission team.

The Prophet who confirms the word God is speaking, and warns of dangers and problems.

The Evangelist who leads people to a real commitment to live for Jesus

The Pastor who is concerned with seeing that all the needs of the people are met.

The Teacher who guides and nourishes people in the word and basic Bible principles.

NOTE: An apostolic team member may function in more than one ministry gift.

LET'S BE THE CHURCH

There was never a more critical time for The Church to move in power, and spread God's Kingdom around the world than now. It will not happen as long as we hold on to our denominational and sectarian divisions. The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God. His Church will be a team without spot or blemish. It will be without man made divisions.

The Katrina disaster on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is a good example of the power, and influence The Church can have. The majority of the relief effort was spearheaded by **The Church**. People worked together regardless of affiliation. People's lives were touched, and souls saved as The Church ministered to physical and spiritual needs.

It is our prayer that as you think of the picture of **The Church** we've shared here that you will see the team God wants His Church to be. That you will also see the part God wants you to have on that team. Our prayer is that you will purpose in your heart to work with **God's Team-The Church** so we can reach the world for Jesus.

BASIC QUESTION: Are you seeking to team up with the other members of **God's Team, The Church**; and are you serving where God wants you to serve on that team?

God has a wonderful purpose for your life. We want to help you find and fulfill that purpose. If you would like further training, prayer, or information on how you can work with others to share Jesus where you live; please contact us.

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