



“... a tree planted beside streams of water...” Ps 1:3 -- that is nourished by the Son

MAKING DISCIPLES ONE AT A TIME

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INTRODUCTION

For each lesson, both mentor and protégé (feminine protégée) are to confess their sins in prayer (1 John 1:9). Pray Holy Spirit would be in total control of the teaching/learning process (John 14:26; Romans 8:26; 1 John 3:24; Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 4:30; Galatians 4:22-23).

Read each Scripture reference for the lessons. As you read, ask Holy Spirit to reveal His truths and applications for you, one of His growing children. **When text in this manual is deemed to be at variance to Scripture, the Scripture always prevails -- Scripture is never incorrect.**

As you read the Scripture references for each lesson, write-out questions about items that aren't clear to you. Pray Holy Spirit will answer as you write. Minimally, then, carry your questions-list to the next one-to-one meeting for prayer/discussion/resolution.

Ephesians 4:11–13, HCSB

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

JUST ONE training is neither complete nor perfect. It is part of life-long learning and teaching about discipleship. Often the first formal training for disciples, the sessions may be completed by new believers and believers of many years. It may be completed multiple times.

JUST ONE sessions are based on DISCIPLINES OF FAITH. In order for a disciple to grow and mature there are some basic principles or disciplines of the faith, that when put to practice, can help us reach our full potential or measure Christ has for us. These principles must be consistently present in our lives if we are going to grow and mature in Christ.

JUST ONE is an intentional one-on-one discipleship process intended to make better disciples through spiritual mentoring that produces spiritual growth and maturity.

JUST ONE discipleship consists of just one mentor and just one protégé building a relationship over just one year, meeting just one time a month and having just one contact every week resulting in making better disciples **in a mutual learning process**. It connects believers in a faith relationship that helps both the mentor and protégé grow and mature in their faith with faith by intentionally moving toward their full potential in Christ.

JUST ONE MENTOR AND PROTÉGÉ OBLIGATIONS

Mentor

- Sign covenant with Protégé.
- Commit to one person.
- Commit to one year.
- Commit to one meeting per month.
- Commit to one contact per week.
- Call on the disciple to ensure they are praying and reading/studying the material. Determine if there are questions for the monthly topic.

Protégé

- Commit to the JUST ONE process.
- Sign covenant with Mentor.
- Study the materials, pray for forgiveness of sins, read the Scriptures, ask questions, try to gain as much insight as possible about the subject matter.
- Consider becoming a JUST ONE mentor upon completion of the JUST ONE Plan.

COVENANT

I, _____, agree to be a JUST ONE mentor protégé.

I agree to meet with my JUST ONE mentor protégé for JUST ONE year while meeting JUST ONE time a month to cover disciplines of the faith and to connect JUST ONE time a week for encouragement and accountability.

I, _____, agree to be a JUST ONE mentor protégé.

I agree to meet with my JUST ONE mentor protégé for JUST ONE year while meeting JUST ONE time a month to cover disciplines of the faith and to connect JUST ONE time a week for encouragement and accountability.

ABBREVIATIONS DEFINITIONS

BFM2000	Baptist Faith and Message 2000; see www.broadmanchurch.org/about/our_beliefs
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
KJV	King James Version

STUDY GUIDE INTRODUCTION

Write what Ephesians 4:11-13 means to you.

What is JUST ONE discipleship training?

What are some things about discipleship you want to learn? List reasons for each.

Mentor and Protégé review the covenant. Sign and commit to the contracts together.

Discuss and schedule the JUST ONE monthly meeting time and place and when the JUST ONE contacts will take place each week.

CHAPTER 1 THE CALL TO BE DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 28:16-20, HCSB - *The Great Commission*

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Every believer who is following Christ has made a decision to trust Christ for salvation and has entered into a lifelong commitment to be a disciple. We may not have realized it, but Jesus is both our Savior and our Lord. Being a disciple is living under His Lordship. This lifelong discipleship process is too important to be left to chance. It is also too important to think going to church alone is enough. It has to become a lifestyle or a way of life. JUST ONE was prepared to help believers become lifestyle disciples for Jesus Christ.

It is a great thing to be a believer of Jesus Christ! However, faith and believing are but first commitments in becoming a lifelong-disciple of Jesus Christ. Too often many individuals come to Christ and then *fade away* from being His disciple. This is not what Christ had in mind when he called His disciples to *Come follow me!* He still wants all believers to be His life-long disciples!

The command to Go make disciples is part of Christ's plan for every believer. This great commission although individually lived out, is intended to be the means by which God's church functions. God has given His church all authority, He commands us to go under His authority and make disciples, ultimately of all peoples. Furthermore, we are to baptize and teach disciples. In all this, we have the promise of Christ's presence and empowerment.

The church does well getting people to receive salvation in Christ, but we often fall short on discipleship that is more than learning and is actually applicable to life. If we fail to follow through and teach believers how to be disciples of Christ, we have failed to make disciples. Thus we have failed His Great Commission. Biblical discipleship can be achieved through ***individual spiritual disciplines, spiritual mentorship, small groups, and corporate worship***. JUST ONE is designed to help us develop disciples one-at-a-time through mentoring while the individual spiritual disciplines, small groups, and corporate worship reinforce the JUST ONE principles which have been/are being learned.

Our Lord commands us to make disciples, which requires the church to be intentional in not only saving souls, but in making true followers of Christ -- disciples. The Great Commission says, ***Go into the world and make disciples...*** (Matthew 28) Imagine a church that is intentional about discipleship on the individual, small group and corporate level. Most churches have corporate worship, and many have small groups, but perhaps rare is the church that disciples believers JUST ONE at a time.

The Great Commission and Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) provide a biblical mandate for doing discipleship on an individual level. We learn and grow in relationships, starting first with God and then with our brothers and sisters in Christ. ***The concept of JUST ONE is to fulfill the Great Commission of God, motivated by the Great Commandment.***

By no means is JUST ONE the only way to do disciple believers. Nor is it an end-all solution to discipleship. However, JUST ONE takes all believers to a new level and makes discipleship what it was always intended to be – **an intentional lifelong process.**

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 1

Read Matthew 28 : 16-20 - Is this important for you? for others? why?

Read Matthew 22 36-40 - Is this important for you? for others? why?

Write the meaning of the *Great Commission* and the *Great Commandment* in your own words.

What do you hope to receive from the JUST ONE training? Create at least three tangible goals using the *S.M.A.R.T.* strategy (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**ealistic, and **T**ime-sensitive).

What is JUST ONE and how can it make you a better disciple of Jesus?

What is the difference between a believer and a disciple?

CHAPTER 2 UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14, HCSB

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing [to Him], bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. -

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

At the root of the word discipleship is disciple. To be a disciple means you are following someone. If we are truly disciples of Jesus, the Christ, then we are following Him. Discipleship must be connected with basic spiritual concepts -- as teaching, training, learning and living that produce spiritual growth and maturity in our Christian faith.

Every Christian must realize that discipleship is something that cannot be left to chance. We must be intentional about discipleship. You cannot become good, let alone great, at anything without discipline. Some of us have some natural talents but for most of us if we are to excel at something, we have to work very, very hard. Discipleship is not easy; however, it can be a very rewarding experience.

DISCIPLESHIP DIMENSIONS

There are a variety of dimensions in which discipleship takes place. Each dimension of discipleship is important, but the more intimate you can make discipleship the better. That is why the goal of JUST ONE is to equip, train, and teach disciples one-on-one while maintaining a holistic view of discipleship. The discipleship process is intended to connect the individual with disciplines, people, groups, and situations that will allow each one to grow spiritually and mature in Christ.

PERSONAL – This is the putting into practice spiritual disciplines that will lead to spiritual growth, maturity and holiness. Spiritual disciplines include daily Bible reading and study, meditating on and memorizing God's Word, prayer, repentance and confession, fasting and witnessing.

ONE-ON-ONE - Often the best way to learn is to have a coach. Receiving one-on-one instruction is invaluable. This is the dimension that JUST ONE focuses on the most.

SMALL GROUP – Sunday School groups, Life Impact Groups, Men's and Women's Discipleship and other groups are an important way to grow in Christ and become a greater disciple of Christ. We were not created to walk alone, but in fellowship with God and one another.

CORPORATE – Corporate worship opportunities on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings provide opportunities to be fed spiritually. Corporate worship through the assembly of God's people had always been a means in which God has equipped and encouraged His people. We are called never to forsake the assembly of the Body of Believers (Hebrews 10:25).

DISCIPLESHIP PROCES

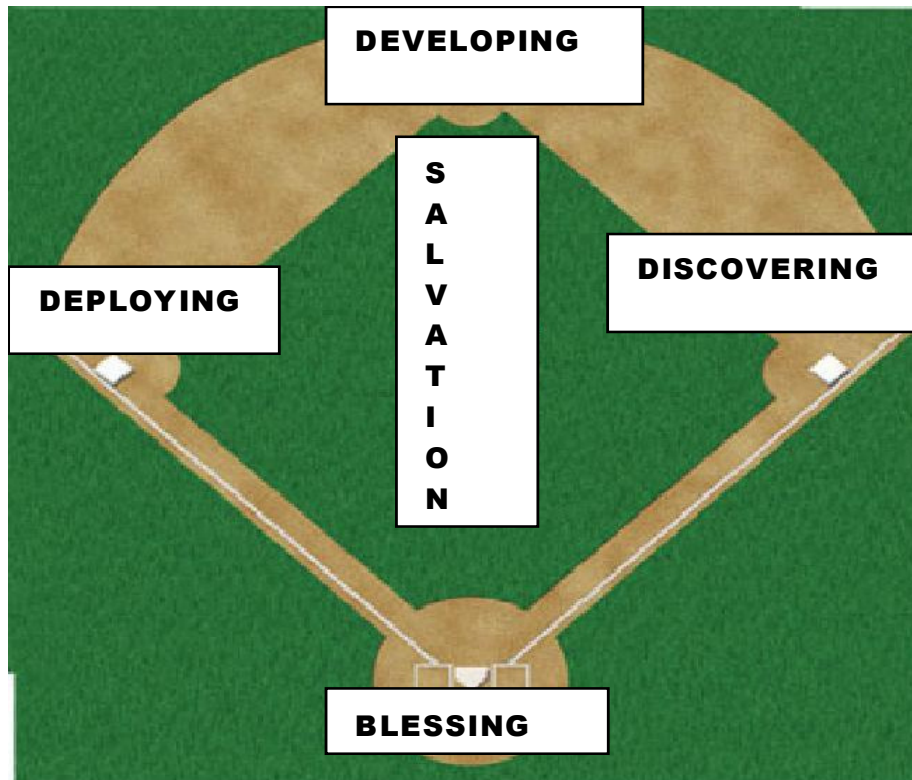
Because discipleship must be intentional, a strategy is required to guide the discipleship process. For the purposes of JUST ONE a baseball analogy is used to illustrate the strategy.

In baseball the primary goal is to get *on base* and ultimately to *score* by crossing home plate safely.

Note the illustration below, a baseball playing field in a stadium. Our first step is to get into the *stadium of abundant and eternal life*. We do this through coming to embracing the plan of salvation for our lives through Jesus, the Christ. **We cannot be disciples of Jesus until we are believers in Jesus.** The discipleship journey for every believer begins with salvation – our **regeneration** and **justification** (page 13).

Once we are in the *stadium of abundant and eternal life* we enter into *God's game plan*, the discipleship process. Our goal is to get *singles, doubles, triples*, and even *home runs*. Ultimately, however, we want to get home one *base* at a time. The baseball diamond is used to illustrate a discipleship process.

DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS



FIRST BASE **Discovering** - learning, connecting, fellowshiping, getting *plugged into* God's church and His ways. Being faithful to church attendance and joining a small group and/or Sunday School class.

SECOND BASE **Developing** - developing Christian character by practicing disciplines of the faith resulting in spiritual growth, maturity and holiness. Disciplines of the faith are, but are not limited to, daily prayer and Bible reading, Bible studies, tithing and exercising gifts from Holy Spirit.

THIRD BASE **Deploying** - being mobilized and deployed according to your spiritual gifts, calling and ministry by which you serve God and others. This is where you learn to serve God and to serve one another in the Body of Christ.

HOME PLATE **Blessing** - Being a disciple that is discovering, developing and deploying results in blessing God, blessing others, and being blessed by God and others.

The JUST ONE discipleship plan is intentional. It can take a disciple at any level and continue to help them grow, whether they are a mentor or a protégé. Ultimately every disciple of Jesus Christ must want to live out the blessing of attaining spiritual maturity and the fullness of Christ.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 2

Read Colossians 1:9- 4, then pray this scripture over your life.

Lord may you fill me with the Your knowledge with all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that I may walk worthy of You, fully pleasing You, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge that I have of You. May You strengthen me with all Your power, according to Your glorious might. May you give me all endurance and patience. With joy I give thanks to You, my Father, who has enabled me to share in the saints' inheritance. You have rescued me from the domain of darkness and transferred me into the kingdom of Your Son Jesus Christ, whom You love. It is in Christ that I have been redeemed and forgiveness of my sins. I pray this for my life in Jesus' name....Amen!

How can God's answer to this prayer make you a better disciple?

How might this prayer change your life?

What are the discipleship Dimensions? Are you involved in all levels of discipleship?

What is the discipleship process? What *base* are you on? What do you need to do to *score*?

CHAPTER 3 ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Genesis 3:15 Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8 Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28 Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32 John 1:11-14, 29; 3:3-21, 36; 5:24; 10:9, 28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17 Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32 Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18, 29-39; 10:9-10, 13; 13:11-14 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15 Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16 Philippians 2:12-13 Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 2 Timothy 1:12 Titus 2:11-14 Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12 James 2:14-26 1 Peter 1:2-23 1 John 1:6; 2:11 Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22*

One cannot be a disciple of Jesus Christ unless they have first become a believer of Jesus Christ. How one becomes a believer of Christ is through salvation; one becomes a disciple of Christ as they follow Him and His teachings.

According to the following passages how does one become saved?

John 3:16

John 14:6

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:2

Romans 10:9-10, 13

Acts 4:12

The Bible clearly teaches that anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord or places their faith in Christ for salvation will be saved. What do you think about that statement?

MARK YES OR NO TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

According to the Scriptures, have you placed your faith in Christ for Salvation? Yes. No.

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins and He has forgiven you of your sin? Yes. No.

Do you believe that Jesus is the only way to eternal life? Yes. No.

Do you believe that Jesus is raised from the dead and He is alive forevermore? Yes. No.

Do you believe that there is no other name under Heaven by which a person can be saved, but Jesus of Nazareth? Yes. No.

If you answered **yes** to all of the questions above, then you are a believer of Christ and you are saved! Write a note to God for your salvation thanking Him for saving you.

Assurance of your salvation

What does the Bible actually say about salvation? Can we lose salvation? Consider the following

God is faithful, He will keep His Word....if you are saved, *He will not take back His promise for God is not a liar.* 1 Corinthians 1:9, HCSB

The passages John 3:16; Romans 10:13 and Romans 10:9 make it clear that if we believe, call and/or confess Christ as our Lord and Savior, we will be saved.

Once we are in Christ we must realize that **NOTHING** can keep us from Christ. Romans 8:38-39.

Ephesians 1:13-14 - You were sealed by the Holy Spirit. The seal of God is upon you. Being sealed can mean either that the Holy Spirit protects and preserves Christians until they reach their inheritance (2 Cor. 1:22; 1 Pet. 1:5; Rev. 7:2-3) or that he certifies the authenticity of their acceptance by God as being genuine – they bear the royal seal (see John 3:33; Acts 10:44, 47).

Salvation is by grace, not works (Eph. 2:8-9). We cannot earn it. It is not about what we do; it is about what God has done for us and what God has given us. Because we are given salvation by grace, we also keep salvation by God's grace and not by our actions.

All who are in Christ are new creations, this is the evidence of salvation. 2 Corinthians 5:17

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

It is not our responsibility to judge. If a believer is living in blatant sin, perhaps due to only a *soulish* conversion, and even if a believer renounces Christ and becomes a reproach to the cause of Christ, it is our job to pray for and try to lead that believer back into a right relationship with Christ. But **God will not remove His promise of salvation** based on Scripture and the Character of God. The child of God is always a child of God if indeed they received Christ's promise of salvation. The parable of the prodigal son is a great example of this truth (Luke 15:11-32).

We want to live our lives in such a way that there is evidence of salvation in our lives. We want our faith to produce good works and as believers there should be evidence of spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) in our lives for Christ. (James 2:26). We must realize that the good works and spiritual fruits are not what gave us salvation. *For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.* (Ephesians 2:8-9 HCSB)

DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

We have established our doctrinal positions from Scripture. As a church we endorse the doctrinal position statement of the *Baptist Faith and Message 2000*. See www.broadmanchurch.org/about/our_beliefs for a complete copy (only sections have been copied into JUST ONE documentation).

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

Justification is God's full and gracious acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer to a relationship of peace and favor with God.

Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life. [**JUST ONE** discipleship training is part of **Sanctification**.]

Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 3

1. Do you know that you are saved? How do you know?
2. Can you recall a time in your life in which you admitted to God you were a sinner, placed your belief and faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord and committed your life to Him? Explain either YES or NO.
3. If you have not admitted your sin, believed in Christ, and committed your life to Jesus are you ready to take that step of faith? If so, please pray this prayer

Dear God, I admit that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. I ask for you to forgive me of my sin. I receive what you did for me on the cross through Your death. I believe that you are raised from the dead. I believe that Jesus Christ is the God's one and only Son and place my faith in Him as my Lord and Savior. I commit my life to following Jesus, my personal Savior and Lord. Amen. [If you just prayed that prayer for the first time, welcome to the family of God.]

4. If you know that you are saved but have fallen away from God. Rededicate your life to Christ by saying this prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that you saved me, but I have not been as faithful to you as I know I should have been. Please forgive me and help me live by faith in a relationship with you. Amen.

5. Out of all the Scriptures in this section, which one helped you best understand salvation? Why?

6. In the *Doctrine of Salvation* we learned about regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. Briefly describe each phase of salvation in your own words and discuss with your mentor.

Regeneration

Justification

Sanctification

Glorification

CHAPTER 4 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20 Mark:1:9-11; 14:22-26 Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20 John 3:23 Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7 Romans 6:3-5 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11: 23-29 Colossians 2:12*

Expressing our faith is not just a private individual matter, but is to be shared with others and is to be expressed and experienced publicly in a community of believers. The Bible says that *I am not ashamed of the Gospel* (Romans. 1:16, HCSB) but if we are ashamed of Jesus then he will be ashamed of us (Matthew 10:32-33).

The church provides opportunities for us to express our faith publicly. One of those opportunities is *altar calls* or *time of response* during worship services. Normally altar calls allow us to corporately share in the experiences of salvation, church membership, baptism, calling to ministry or missions, confession, prayer, testimony, healing and--most importantly--God's movement and our obedience in that moment to respond to Him. **Publicly standing for Christ and His Kingdom are essential parts of our faith. During or just after public presentation, one signs/dates a DECISIONS document as a personal benchmark, a memorial stone.**

The Scriptures teach of two ordinances, Baptism and Lord's Supper, of the church that also allow us to publicly express our faith in Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM

Baptism is one of the earliest elements of the church. Jesus was baptized. He commanded His disciples to be baptized and to baptize others. The first church baptized believers. Church history supports the act of baptism.

From the BFM2000:

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

We must understand that the Lord Himself modeled baptism for us (Matthew 3, Mark 1, and Luke 3). We are to follow our Lord's example. It was pleasing to our Heavenly Father and marked the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry as the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ. Baptism is symbolic of the new life we have in Christ as we profess our faith through believers' baptism.

Baptism is extremely important to a Christian. However, we sometimes fail to realize that the mode (**how** one is baptized) and the timing (**when** one is baptized) are important to God as well.

THE MODE The Greek word for baptism in Scripture means to *fully immerse* or *dunk*. We should desire to be baptized similarly to Christ, the teachings of Scripture and the first century church.

THE TIMING Baptism is for believers, which is why we often call it *believers' baptism*. It should follow as soon as practicable after one's profession of faith in Christ.

Although Baptism is important it is not the act of salvation or church membership.

The significance of Baptism

OBEDIENCE	Christ did it and commanded it. (Matthew 28:16-20)
ASSOCIATION	Death, burial, resurrection (Romans 6:1-4)
NEWNESS	New way of life. (Romans 6:1-4)

Baptism was part of the original intent of the New Testament church -- Acts 2:27-38; 41, 47; Acts 8:35-38.

When we obey Christ we show our love for Him - John 14:21 - He did it, He commanded it, and if we love Him, we will fulfill it out of obedience.

LORD'S SUPPER

Why take it? Our Lord commanded it. It is a moment of remembrance of what Christ has done for us as His followers and it is done in anticipation of His return.

The primary Scriptures pertaining to the Lord's Supper come from the accounts in the Gospels (Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23) and Paul's writing in I Corinthians 11:17-34.

From the BFM2000:

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

The Lord's Supper is something that Christ shared with His disciples on the night of His betrayal. Christ fulfilled the Passover and was the sacrificial Lamb of God. He taught this to His disciples so that the memorial of His sacrifice would be passed on and practiced by all believers throughout all generations until He returns.

The Lord's Supper is important to the believer because it allows him/her to remember what Christ did for all of us. It is a memorial service in that way for His body was broken and His blood was shed for us. *No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends.* (John 15:13, HCSB) *and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me* (Gal. 2:20, HCSB). We are called to remember His sacrifice through the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is celebrative as well. As we remember, we will also recall and celebrate the fact that Christ is coming back for us someday. We are to anticipate His return through the Lord's Supper bringing great hope and encouragement to our faith.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 4

Have you been baptized? If so, when?

Was it a believer's baptism by immersion?

What is baptism by immersion and why is it important to our faith?

If you haven't been baptized as a believer by immersion, why haven't you?

Will you decide to follow through with a believer's baptism?

If you have had a believer's baptism, share your remembrances of your baptism.

Why do we take the Lord's Supper?

What does the Lord's Supper mean to you?

CHAPTER 5 LEARNING TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12 2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17*

How will people know about Jesus unless we tell them? The answer is quite obvious – they won't! In Mark 1, Jesus said follow me and I will make you fishers of men. We have to share our faith so others may know Him. Sharing our faith or witnessing should be a natural part of our new way of living. We are called by Jesus to share the Good News, which is the Gospel, which proclaims that Jesus Saves!

There are many ways in which to share your faith, Most methods are equally fine and effective. For the purposes of JUST ONE, we want to emphasize lifestyle-witnessing or sharing the gospel through how you live. Your life is your witness! Building relationships with people and earning the right to share your faith verbally with them is equally important and should be a natural byproduct of your relationship. You must be intentional and pray for opportunities to share your faith verbally. With your lifestyle witness and a relationship you will be able to verbally share your testimony and share a Gospel presentation that helps lead a person to make a decision to either accept Jesus Christ as his/her Savior and Lord.

One of the most important things you can do is be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you about your faith. 1 Peter 3:15, HCSB, *but set apart the Messiah as Lord in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.* If you are living as a witness for Christ, people will notice and will probably ask questions! So be ready!

SHARING YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Giving your personal testimony of faith is important. Everyone likes to hear about something that has changed your life in a positive way. Your testimony gives you an opportunity to tell your story about how Jesus changed your life.

Your testimony can be structured in four parts: 1. Before Christ 2. Coming to Christ 3. New life in Christ and 4. Eternal Life in Christ. You should write it, and rewrite it, so that it is easy to follow and can be shared in three minutes or less.

Before Christ (What was life like before you knew Christ?)

How I came to know Christ (What happened? Explain how you came to the point in which you realized your need for Christ and received Him into your life?)

New Life in Christ (What life means to you now that you have Christ?)

Eternal Life in Christ (How it feels to know that you have eternity with Christ?)

TOOLS OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

There are many techniques to learn to how to Share the Gospel Message. Some of those techniques are *A.B.C.'s*, *Bridge to Life*, John 3:6, *Romans Road*, *F.A.I.T.H.* All of these techniques are simply tools that help us share the Gospel message. You are encouraged to learn one or more techniques. Practice them and use them. Of course **the most convincing sharing is to give your personal testimony**. Remember no one can argue against your personal experience and no one can deny what you say you have experienced. They may reject it, but they cannot deny it.

1. The *Romans Road* is a series of Scriptures that, when followed in order, take a person through a process of making a commitment to Christ. You should mark the following passages in your Bible and remember them in order **a.** Romans 15:13 **b.** 1:16 **c.** 2:4 **d.** 3:23 **e.** 5:8 **f.** 6:23 **g.** 10:9, 13. After you have read all these Scriptures in order to a *seeker* (lost one), ask him/her to call upon the name of the Lord and be saved.
2. Access the *Bridge to Life* this website www.navigators.org/us/resources/illustrations/items/.
3. *F.A.I.T.H.* is an acronym tool/technique. You start a conversation with someone and ask him or her if they died today do they know for sure they would go to Heaven? If they say yes, you ask how they know. Unless they give the answer because Jesus is my Lord and Savior, ask if you can share how you know for sure. If they say no, ask them if they want to know how they can know for sure they are going to Heaven? *F.A.I.T.H.* stands for **F**orgiveness, **A**vailable, **I**mpossible, **T**urn, **H**eaven (alternatively **F**orsaking, **A**ll, **I**, **T**ake, **H**im [Jesus]).
4. The *A.B.C.'s* of salvation can be used in many ways (e. g., one-to-one, small groups, Vacation Bible School). The *A.B.C.'s* of salvation is a great place to start because it a simple way to lead someone to Christ.
 - A** – Admit to God you are a sinner.
 - B** – Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sin and Believe he is your Savior and Lord.
 - C** – Confess or Commit their life to Jesus, the Christ, as Savior and Lord by believing that He was raised from the dead and by living for Him forever more.

If someone can **Admit**, **Believe** and **Confess**, then that person has taken the first steps to being a Christ-follower, a disciple. Learn the *A.B.C.'s* so that you can share your testimony and then follow Holy Spirit's leading for someone to become a Christian.

5. *John 3:16* is perhaps the shortest, most comprehensive Scripture which can be used in sharing your testimony. *For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.* HCSB

Memorize this Scripture. Follow the Holy Spirit's leading to know what actual words to use ("You are part of the 'world' He loved," "Would you as a human parent give a child to sacrificial death?," "What prevents you from 'believing'?", "Can you even imagine eternity without God?" and the like).

Remember the technique you follow is not critical. Use whatever method(s) is best for you to share the Gospel message about Jesus, your Lord and Savior.

From the BFM2000:

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness under girded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 5

Re-write your testimony.

Before Christ

How I came to Know Christ

New Life in Christ

Assurance of Eternal Life

Make a list of three people you know whom you can invite to church. Pray for them over the next month, and then invite them to church with you. Then find an opportunity to share your testimony with them; let them know you are practicing a presentation and ask them if you can try it on them?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Write down opportunities, people you have met, and situations in which you had the opportunity to share your faith (you may not have shared yet--just be aware of your surroundings).

Think about opportunities (places and people) that you have on a regular basis. How can you turn these regular events in your life into opportunities for to share your testimony and the Good News of Christ?

Can you share the Gospel presentation by using the A.B.C.'s, Bridge, F.A.I.T.H., Romans Road or John 3 16? Pick one and practice it in your mentor session.

How important is sharing your testimony?

How important is sharing the Gospel?

Make a commitment to share your testimony and Gospel with at least one person this next month. Who will it be?

CHAPTER 6 ESTABLISHING A DEVOTION-LIFE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21

The WORD OF GOD Over and over again God asks His people to keep His Word, commands, precepts and statutes. If we want to hear from God and find direction in life, we have to start with His Word. We thus must read it, apply it and live it. **Before any Scripture study, always, always confess your sins in prayer.**

The Bible teaches us God's ways in the Scriptures: 2 Tim. 3:16 HCSB, *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.*

We increase our faith by reading the Scriptures for *So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.* (Romans 10:17 HCSB)

Our lives are transformed by the Word of God. Isaiah 55:11 HCSB, *My word that comes from My mouth...will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please, and will prosper in what I send it [to do]* and Hebrews 4:12 HCSB *For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any two-edged sword penetrating as far as to divide soul, spirit, joints, and marrow; it is a judge of the ideas and thoughts of the heart.*

Ways to Study God's Word

1. **Devotionally** (1 Timothy. 4:13 HCSB) *Give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching.*
2. **Meditation** (Psalm 1:1-2 HCSB) *How happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of sinners, or join a group of mockers! Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.*
3. **Memorization** (Psalm 119:11 HCSB) *I have treasured Your word in my heart so that I may not sin against You.*
4. **Sermons/teachings** *So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.* (Romans 10:17 HCSB; and (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
5. **Study Groups** (Acts 2:42, 46 HCSB) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and every day they devoted themselves [to meeting] together in the temple complex.*

The Word of God is how God will speak to our lives. If we are going to be a disciple of Jesus Christ we must spend time reading God's Word so that we can hear His voice. The more we read the Word of God the more God reveals Himself to us.

From the BFM2000:

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

We believe that the Bible is inerrant and infallible, meaning that the Bible is without error and has no fault as to the things it addresses. It is perfect and divine. We believe that the hand of man wrote the Scriptures but the author was God who divinely inspired these men to write His Words. The Bible teaches us God's ways and helps us to understand who we are and who God is. We believe that the Bible is truth and is trustworthy to guide our lives as a source of absolute truth. If any teaching/learning points of the JUST ONE documentation are deemed at variance to Scripture, the **Scripture completely prevails.**

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 6

1. Do you have a devotional life? How often do you read the Word of God?
2. What are some ways to establish a devotion-time?
3. Why should one read God's Word daily?
4. What does "**Faith comes from Hearing the Word of God**" mean? (see Romans 10:17)
5. What is the Word of God to you?
6. What are some ways to study God's Word?
7. Do you belong to a study-group? If not, will you commit to join one of the small groups/Sunday School classes so you can study God's Word? Will you commit to attend Wednesday night adult Bible study?

CHAPTER 7 ESTABLISHING A PRAYER-LIFE

PRAYER God asks His people to communicate with Him through prayer. Like any relationship you have to have good communication. The best way to get to know God is to talk to Him.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PRAYER

We are called to *pray without ceasing* (1 Thess. 5:17)

If my people called by my name will humble themselves and pray (2 Chron. 7:14).

You have not because you ask not (James 4:2b), we are called to ask God for the things of Heaven and often we have not because we ask not.

Persistence in prayer is important to God (Luke 18:1-8). God asks us to be persistent in prayer. God answers our prayers – “No” and “Wait” are answers also. Often we must pray earnestly and seek His will. Regardless of God’s timing, we are called to be persistent in our prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer (Matt. 6:5-13; Luke 11:1-4) is a *model* prayer in which the Lord teaches us as disciples how to pray. The Lord’s Prayer is something that we should be able to pray out loud from memory to help guide our prayer life.

PRAYER TOOLS

If you are not familiar with prayer a simple technique on how to start to praying is called **A.C.T.S.**; **A**doration -- praising God; **C**onfession – confessing our sins; **T**hanksgiving – giving God thanks and **S**upplication – praying for others and yourself.

ADORATION Praise God for who He is. Adoration is about praise God for His character of love, truth, compassion, mercy, tenderness, mighty power, sovereignty and the like. It is about God and the focus of this prayer is on God Himself.

CONFESSION is a time in prayer in which we humble ourselves before God. We admit our sins in general, but also name them. We can also ask God to reveal sin to us. It is a time of asking God’s forgiveness and being cleansed of sin and restored in a right relationship with God. God’s forgiveness of our sin allows us to experience freedom and helps us to overcome our sins.

THANKSGIVING is a specific type of prayer in which we worship God in gratitude. Thank God for all blessings and good gifts come from Him alone. Just start thanking God for life, provisions, work, recreation, church, your house, your care, your family and the like. Make a list of things for which you are thankful. We can also be thankful in difficult times and situations -- this does not have to always be positive. We can thank God in sickness and in health, in richness and in poverty, when we are hurting and when we are joyful.

SUPPLICATION is praying for others and/or yourself. We are to make our requests known to God. We are to intercede on the behalf of others. So praying for the good of others, for their salvation, for God’s blessings, strength, power, help, intervention, healing and so forth for others and for ourselves.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 7

What is prayer to you?

How often do you pray?

How can you pray without ceasing? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

What are you praying for and about right now? Why do we sometimes not have things?

Write a prayer using the *A.C.T.S.* memory aid.

Adoration –

Confession –

Thanksgiving –

Supplication -

Do you have the *Lord's Prayer* memorized? If not please write it out and begin to memorize Matthew 6:5-13.

How can saying the Lord's prayer regularly help your prayer life?

What does it mean to pray **in Jesus' name**?

CHAPTER 8 BEING FAITHFUL TO GOD'S CHURCH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3*

Church is God's idea. Jesus established His church to carry out His purposes here on earth as it is in Heaven. It is Christ's desire for His church to advance God's Kingdom here on earth. The church is to serve as our spiritual family here on earth until the day we are united with all believers and Christ in eternity.

The church is made up of followers of Christ, the *Called out* ones. Church can apply to all the believers. But it is usually meant to capture a local body of believers working together to advance God's Kingdom in their community and beyond.

Christ called His disciples to establish the church on earth to advance the Kingdom of God. Specifically Christ told Peter to establish His church and The gates of Hell shall not prevail meaning that the church of Christ will be victorious even at the gates of Hell.

The Bible teaches us that the church is the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ.

The Body of Christ is made up of each and every believer (Rom. 12 4-8; 1 Cor. 12 12-31; Eph. 4 1-6, 5 30). Being alive, we are called to carry out His purposes on earth. The body has many parts working together to function properly. The Body is intended to be healthy, functional, thriving, growing and very much alive. Every believer is expected to support and belong to a local body of believers to be in fellowship, serve in ministry and missions with time, talents and treasures, to corporately worship God, to grow in Christ through instruction and application, and to share Christ with the world around us.

The Bride of Christ is the church as Christ sees us. A follower of Christ cannot say they love Christ and not love His church. Christ gave Himself for the church. To not belong to the Bride of Christ is like telling a husband...I like you, but not your wife. Most likely you won't be friends long. You cannot have Christ and not belong to His Bride. We are His Bride and someday Christ shall return for His Bride and we need to be ready and one.

Importance of church attendance

Acts 2:42-49 - Originally called out ones met all the time. The concept of church has emerged over time. But the idea of church is a gathering of God's people on a regular basis.

Hebrews 10:25 – We are not to forsake the assembly of believers but spur one another on in faith. In other words, we need church and God does not want us to abandon the church. God does not want His people to be unfaithful. He calls us to meet regularly to worship Him corporately.

The components of church are **Worship, Fellowship, Evangelism, Missions, Ministry and Discipleship**. This is how the body of Christ at Broadman functions.

Broadman's Purpose Statement Broadman Baptist Church exists to glorify God, by being a prevailing church, which relies upon the power of God that has saved and called us according to His purpose and grace, to make a difference in people, families, our community and the world.

Broadman's Vision Statement To become the Spiritual Hub of our community by being a Christ-centered church with ministries meeting people where they are, emphasizing salvation, encouraging spiritual growth, and equipping people for ministry.

Broadman's Values

- W** Worship – Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth 24/7.
- O** Outreach – Outreaching to our community deliberately with the Gospel.
- R** Relationships – Relationship building through individual mentoring, small groups, and church fellowships.
- S** Spiritual Growth – Spiritual growth in all areas of our lives.
- H** Homes – Homes that honor God.
- I** Involvement – Involvement by serving in the ministries of the church.
- P** Proclamation – Proclaiming the Word of God as absolute truth.

From the BFM2000:

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

BROADMAN BAPTIST CHURCH STRUCTURE Broadman Baptist Church strives to be A Church That Makes A Difference by being a true church of Jesus Christ. We function as a body as seen below

CHRIST – Christ Jesus is the Head of the Church.

Church Pastor – The Spiritual leader of the congregation is the church pastor. He serves as an overseer for all aspects of the church.

Deacons – Serve the congregation through Family Care Groups, support the pastor so he can focus on preaching, praying, equipping and guiding the ministry of the church.

Church Council – Assists the church pastor in making ministry decisions. The biblical basis for the council is that the church is to be led by a plurality of spiritual leaders.

Staff – Pastors, ministers or employees of the church who assist the pastor and congregation in ministry.

Ministry – People and Teams empowered by the congregation to carry out their ministry areas. Congregation appoints leaders. Team members volunteer.

Body – Congregation built on the priesthood of the believer. Every believer can go directly to God and is called to minister through the ministries of the local church.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 8

How important is regular church attendance? Why? How faithful are you?

Why do you go to church?

What two things does Christ call or compare His church too?

Every church is autonomous, therefore no two churches are alike. What, in your opinion, makes Broadman unique?

When we see people fading away from church what should we do according to Hebrews 10 25? What does that mean to you?

List three people you know that used to attend church regularly. Commit to inviting them to church this week and every week this month until they come to church with you. Start right now by praying for them and then make a call.

1.

2.

3.

CHAPTER 9 STEWARDSHIP

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.*

Stewardship is an important part of a Christian's life. In JUST ONE, it is managing your life so that you are productive with your time, talents and treasures for God. Ultimately our goal is to manage our lives in such a way that we please God and bring Him glory through our management of time, talents and treasures.

Stewardship for the Christian can be broken down into three categories known as the *three T's* of Stewardship: **T**ime, **T**alents and **T**reasures. As Christ followers we personally need to be good stewards of our *three T's*. We no longer live as the world, but are set apart to manage our lives according to God's ways. Romans 12:2 KJV. *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Time Time is a precious gift. We all have the same amount of time. God wants our time to matter.

Talent God wants us to share our talents with others. In chapter 10 you will take a spiritual gifts survey to discover your spiritual gifts that you are to share with the body of Christ.

Treasure The Bible teaches us that all that we have and all that we are belongs to God. In the same way, all of our possessions and material wealth belong to God as well. God wants us to enjoy the things we have. As a part of demonstrating our gratitude for His blessings and provisions we are asked to give God of our first fruits.

The Tithe and Offering God calls us to the **tithe**. We are called to give a tenth of all we have to purposes of God. The **offering** is something we give above and beyond our tithe. It is a total gift to God. Begin to give is by becoming a first-time giver, then a regular-giver, then a tither and then, someday, an extravagant-giver.

From the BFM2000:

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 9

What is stewardship?

What are the *three T's* of Stewardship?

How are you a fine or poor steward over your time?

How can you better use your time for God?

How are you a fine or poor steward over your talents?

What talents do you have that you need to share?

How are you a fine or poor steward over your treasures?

Are you tithing of your treasures? Why or why not?

Are you ready to take the first step toward becoming a regular-giver and then a tither? How?

CHAPTER 10 ESTABLISHING A LIFE-MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11-12*

MINISTRY is about getting *plugged-in* and finding a place to serve God through your local church. God has shaped each of us to serve Him. Therefore, ministry is about living and serving God within His church.

The *Spiritual Gifts Survey*, included as an APPENDIX, is a fine tool for use in identifying what Christ would have you do for Him.

The inventory can be used by Christians of any spiritual age or chronological age.

Even if you have taken the inventory earlier, take it again. Growing in Christ includes gifts and talent given by Holy Spirit all along the way of life. You may discover gifts bestowed earlier may now be *dormant* because He wants you in other areas of ministry for Jesus.

Every believer is a minister and every minister has a ministry. Discover yours.

Recall how you ministered at another church. If God blessed you in that service, immediately step into the same ministry at Broadman. Take the initiative to serve Jesus by serving others.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 10

Take *Spiritual Gift Survey* – see Appendix

What are your top five spiritual gifts?

What did you think of the results of your spiritual gifts?

What ministry areas do you think you could best use your spiritual gifts?

Where are you willing to serve so you can use your spiritual gifts?

Will you give permission to your Mentor to share your spiritual gifts results with the pastoral leadership so that we can engage you in the ministry based on your spiritual gifts.

CHAPTER 11 ESTABLISHING A LIFE OF BEING ON-MISSION FOR GOD

Every believer is called to be on mission for God. Missions is really two-fold. It is about being a missionary in the culture/community in which we live and in supporting mission efforts in variety of other ways locally and abroad. We often use Acts 1:8 as a mode for missions as we focus on local missions, annual missions, missions giving and the Cooperative Program.

PERSONAL MISSION Every person is to consider himself/herself a missionary. This is a mind-set. As missionaries are sent to reach lost people groups, we are sent to reach our family, friends, co-workers, colleagues and acquaintances where we live.

LOCAL MISSION As a church we promote mission work and giving that impacts the local area. We highly encourage every person to be involved in mission work. This can be outreach efforts such as handing out information about the Gospel or our church. It can also be doing a mission project, such as serving as part of a mission team at a local soup kitchen. Local missions also needs our financial support in making opportunities to give/serve.

ANNUAL MISSION GIVING Throughout the year we give toward at least these five mission offerings: 1. Ottis Denning Associational 2. Ray Roberts State 3. North American Mission Board 4. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and 5. Lottie Moon International Mission Board.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM is how our church gives regularly and annually to mission work around the world. This part of our annual budget and does not include the special mission giving above. The Cooperative Program begins with each of us working cooperatively with other Southern Baptist churches to do something greater than we could do alone. As we give ourselves first to God (II Cor. 8:5) to be on-mission, we begin to change the world. Then we commit to give back to Him, through our church, a portion of what He provides. The latter is a tithe and represents ten percent of ones income (Lev. 27:30, Mal 3:10). The tithes make up our church's annual budget. Each year our church decides prayerfully how much of our budget will be commit to reaching people in our state and around the world through the Cooperative Program.

PERSONAL MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

PRAY All of us can pray for missions. We can pray regularly for our missionaries serving in our state and around the world. We can also pray for our local mission efforts and groups. *Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers.* Matthew 9:38 HCSB

GIVE We all can contribute to mission funds out of love for Jesus and people around the world. We can give regularly to Him through our church through the Cooperative Program and special mission/outreach offerings.

GO We all can serve at some capacity in hands-on mission/outreach efforts. The Great Commission calls us to GO. We must be involved in some sort of missions beyond simply giving. Missions cannot be done by money alone; it takes you and me working together and being involved. Always remember that you are God's missionary right where you live. *Go...and make disciples of all nations..* Matthew 28:19 HCSB

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 11

What does it mean to be on-mission for God?

How are you a missionary? What are your personal mission fields?

Briefly explain the Cooperative Program.

How can you **pray** for missions?

How can you **give** to missions?

How can you **go** for missions?

Write what missions means to you. Consider writing the personal definition later also. Perhaps you'll discover your personal involvement will have changed after you've grown more in Christ.

CHAPTER 12 LEARNING HOW TO LIVE A GREAT LIFE FOR GOD

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 11, 12; Colossians 1:28; Galatians 5:22-23,25; II Corinthians 5:7; Romans 6:4; Luke 9:23-26; Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 12; I Peter 3:13-16; Galatians 5:16*

God created you in His image. He created you to live a great life with Him. This discipleship training is to give you ways to live the *Great Life (Abundant Life)* with Jesus, the Christ.

Now that you have Christ as your Lord and Savior, now that you are following Him, now that you belong to a local body of believers, it is time to live the great life by faith each and every day.

Colossians 1:28, HCSB *We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

“TEACHING” Mentor and protégé teach one another as they both learn.

“MATURE IN CHRIST” Just as one physically matures in life, the goal is to have mentors and protégés mature spiritually. Just as there are no ways to measure when one is physically mature, there also are issues with determining how spiritually mature one is. We must look for indicators and clues.

Galatians 5: 22-23, 25 HCSB ... *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit.*

When one is led by Holy Spirit to accept the Son as Lord and Savior, Holy Spirit then indwells (lives in) that new believer. He wants each new believer to deliver His fruits in all realms of life.

The fruits listed are indicators of spiritual maturity. We are here commanded to let Him develop his fruit in us.

Your abundant life or great life can be measured by the presence and strength of His fruit.

Romans 6:4 KJV *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

The *newness of life* IS your abundant life!

A disciple of Jesus leads a life that makes a difference.

A disciple of Jesus is a new creation.

A disciple of Jesus lives a Great and Abundant Life.

Everybody wants to make a difference, but few people ever do. It is not that we are incapable; it is that most of us are not intentional. Jesus has called us to be Great for Him so we can make a difference. There are three *Greats* in the Scriptures that are part of God's plan to equip us to make a difference.

Great Mandate Be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over all of creation.

Great Commandment Love God and love others.

Great Commission Go forth as a disciple and make disciples.

As you step out in faith you are living in the world but are not supposed to be of the world. You are called to live life from God's perspective, fulfilling God's purposes.

STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 12

Prayerfully read all the Scripture references. Write what each means for **YOUR** abundant life.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES *Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 11, 12; Colossians 1:28; Galations 5:22-23,25; II Corinthians 5:7; Romans 6:4; Luke 9:23-26; Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 12; I Peter 3:13-16; Galatians 5:16*

1. Matthew 6:33
2. Hebrews 11, 12
3. Colossians 1:28
4. Galations 5:22-23, 25
5. II Corinthians 5:7
6. Romans 6:4
7. Luke 9:23-26
8. Proverbs 3:5-6
9. Romans 12
10. I Peter 3:13-16
11. Galatians 5:16
12. Can you determine *how far along* you are in your Great Life? Explain.
13. Discuss Abundant Life with your Mentor.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY**DIRECTIONS**

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The *Spiritual Gifts Survey* consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

Your response choices are:

- 5—Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
 4—Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
 3—Frequently characteristic of me/true for me—about 50 percent of the time
 2—Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me—about 25 percent of the time
 1—Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me

- _____ 1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively.
- _____ 2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
- _____ 3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
- _____ 4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
- _____ 5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
- _____ 6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary.
- _____ 7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
- _____ 8. I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions.
- _____ 9. I enjoy studying.
- _____ 10. I have delivered God's message of warning and judgment.
- _____ 11. I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements.
- _____ 12. I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations.
- _____ 13. I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches.
- _____ 14. I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help.
- _____ 15. I enjoy entertaining guests in my home.
- _____ 16. I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me.
- _____ 17. I can delegate and assign meaningful work.
- _____ 18. I have an ability and desire to teach.
- _____ 19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
- _____ 20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
- _____ 21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
- _____ 22. I have an acute awareness of the emotions of other people, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and anger.

- _____ 23. I am a cheerful giver.
- _____ 24. I spend time digging into facts.
- _____ 25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.
- _____ 26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
- _____ 27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). I am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
- _____ 28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
- _____ 29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other lands.
- _____ 30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
- _____ 31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
- _____ 32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
- _____ 33. I have the ability to plan learning approaches.
- _____ 34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
- _____ 35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.
- _____ 36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
- _____ 37. I am attracted to people who are hurting.
- _____ 38. I am a generous giver.
- _____ 39. I am able to discover new truths.
- _____ 40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
- _____ 41. I can sense when a person is acting in accord with God's will.
- _____ 42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
- _____ 43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
- _____ 44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
- _____ 45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
- _____ 46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
- _____ 47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group.
- _____ 48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decisions.
- _____ 49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.
- _____ 50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.
- _____ 51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvation.
- _____ 52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feelings of those in distress.
- _____ 53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.
- _____ 54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
- _____ 55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
- _____ 56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
- _____ 57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
- _____ 58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
- _____ 59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.
- _____ 60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
- _____ 61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.

- _____ 62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
- _____ 63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
- _____ 64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
- _____ 65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
- _____ 66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
- _____ 67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
- _____ 68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
- _____ 69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
- _____ 70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
- _____ 71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
- _____ 72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
- _____ 73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation.
- _____ 74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
- _____ 75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christlike lives.
- _____ 76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.
- _____ 77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
- _____ 78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
- _____ 79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
- _____ 80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seem impossible.
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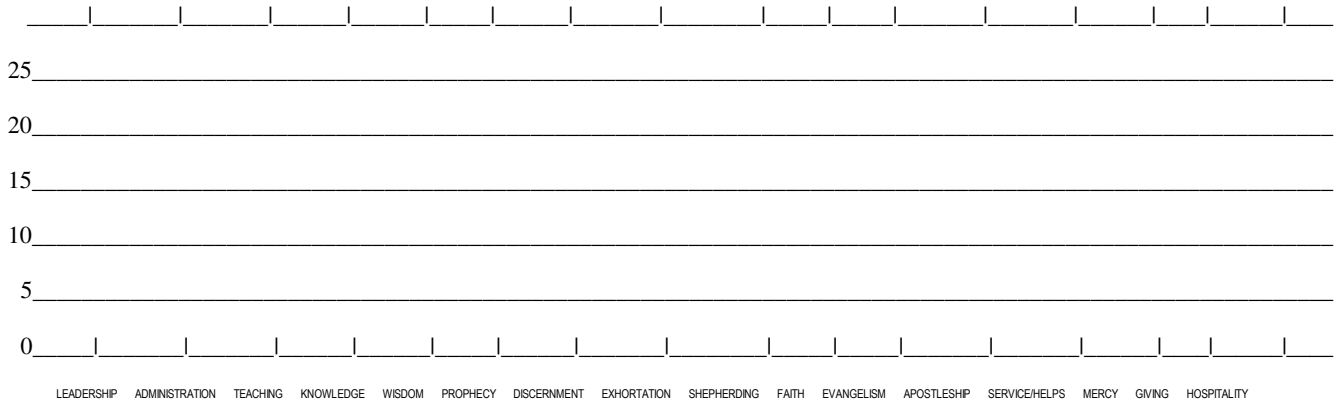
SCORING YOUR SURVEY

Follow these directions to figure your score for each spiritual gift.

- Place your numerical response (1-5) to the indicated item number.
- For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put the total on the TOTAL line.

LEADERSHIP	Item 6	Item 16	Item 27	Item 43	Item 65	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION	Item 1	Item 17	Item 31	Item 47	Item 59	TOTAL
TEACHING	Item 2	Item 18	Item 33	Item 61	Item 73	TOTAL
KNOWLEDGE	Item 9	Item 24	Item 39	Item 68	Item 79	TOTAL
WISDOM	Item 3	Item 19	Item 48	Item 62	Item 74	TOTAL
PROPHECY	Item 10	Item 25	Item 40	Item 54	Item 69	TOTAL
DISCERNMENT	Item 11	Item 26	Item 41	Item 55	Item 70	TOTAL
EXHORTATION	Item 20	Item 34	Item 49	Item 63	Item 75	TOTAL
SHEPHERDING	Item 4	Item 21	Item 35	Item 50	Item 76	TOTAL
FAITH	Item 12	Item 28	Item 42	Item 56	Item 80	TOTAL
EVANGELISM	Item 5	Item 36	Item 51	Item 64	Item 77	TOTAL
APOSTLESHIP	Item 13	Item 29	Item 44	Item 57	Item 71	TOTAL
SERVICE/HELPS	Item 14	Item 30	Item 46	Item 58	Item 72	TOTAL
MERCY	Item 7	Item 22	Item 37	Item 52	Item 66	TOTAL
GIVING	Item 8	Item 23	Item 38	Item 53	Item 67	TOTAL
HOSPITALITY	Item 15	Item 32	Item 45	Item 60	Item 78	TOTAL

GRAPHING YOUR PROFILE



1. For each gift place a mark at the point that corresponds to your TOTAL for that gift.
2. For each gift shade the area below the mark that you have drawn.
3. The resultant graph gives a picture of your gifts. Gifts for which the bars are tall are the ones in which you appear to be strongest. Gifts for which the bars are very short are the ones in which you appear not to be strong.

Now that you have completed the survey, thoughtfully answer the following questions.

The gifts I have begun to discover in my life are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- After prayer and worship, I am beginning to sense that God wants me to use my spiritual gifts to serve Christ's body by _____
- I am not sure yet how God wants me to use my gifts to serve others. But I am committed to prayer and worship, seeking wisdom and opportunities to use the gifts I have received from God.

Ask God to help you know how He has gifted you for service and how you can begin to use this gift in ministry to others.