

## ***Motivated To Serve***

***This lesson will deal with the following question. How can you and I find the motivation to be involved in the Lord's work each day of our lives?***

### **1. Looking to \_\_\_\_\_ for motivation.**

- Heaven is a wonderful place God has reserved for those who do His will. The reward of heaven serves as powerful motivation for many to live for the Lord.
  - a. In your own words describe heaven. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What does the Bible say about heaven?
    - i) John 14:1-6—Jesus describes heaven as His Father's \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:18—In his letter to Timothy, Paul describes heaven as the eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii) Hebrews 11:13-18—The writer of Hebrews uses the word \_\_\_\_\_ to describe heaven.
  - c. In your mind, what will be the greatest aspect of heaven? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Let's look at the greatness of heaven as described in God's Word.
    - i) Revelation 21:10-27—John paints an incredible physical picture of heaven which includes golden \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii) Revelation 21:1-4—Heaven is a place where there will be no tears, death, mourning, crying or pain. It is a place where \_\_\_\_\_ will dwell with His children.
  - e. Heaven as motivation.
    - i) 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6-8—Paul was looking forward to his future reward in heaven.
    - ii) Matthew 25:14-23—We must use our talents in order to enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of our master.
    - iii) Matthew 25:34-40—We must \_\_\_\_\_ others to receive the reward of heaven.
    - iv) Does the greatness of heaven motivate you to get involved in God's work? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The fear of \_\_\_\_\_ is another powerful motivator.**

- The greatness of heaven is matched on the opposite end of the spectrum by the horror and terror of hell. The fear of hell should motivate us to give our best to God.
  - a. In your mind, what would be the worst aspect of spending eternity in hell? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Let's look at the picture of hell as painted in God's Word.
    - i) Matthew 18:9—Hell is described by Jesus as a place of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii) Matthew 13:47-50—Hell is a place where there will be \_\_\_\_\_ and gnashing of teeth.
    - iii) Luke 16:19-31—The rich man eternal destination was a place of \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 23)
  - c. If the rich man in the above story had the opportunity to live his life again, do you think he would change? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Matthew 25:41-46—Those who refuse to serve God by helping others will be \_\_\_\_\_ for eternity in hell.
  - e. Does hell motivate you to live everyday for God? \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Motivation to serve God can also come from the \_\_\_\_\_ we owe Him and His Son.**

- Jesus took your death sentence along with the rest of the worlds. He stepped in as our substitute taking the punishment we deserved because of our sin.
  - a. Romans 3:23—\_\_\_\_\_ has sinned.
  - b. Romans 6:23—God has given us the gift of eternal \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus even though we deserved death due to our sinfulness.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21—God made Jesus who lived a perfect life to know \_\_\_\_\_ so that we could be made righteous.
  - d. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:21-25
    - i) vs. 24—We are healed spiritually by the wounds suffered by \_\_\_\_\_ in His death.
    - ii) vs. 21—We are called to follow in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Luke 9:23—Jesus calls us to follow in His footsteps by taking up our \_\_\_\_\_ daily.

- f. Based on the above verses, why should we take up our cross and follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Does Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for you motivate you to get involved in His work? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Lasting motivation will come when we learn to \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

- The first three motivators can provide motivation to live for God. Unfortunately, they often fail to produce lasting motivation. How can we find the motivation to serve God throughout our life?
  - a. Describe your love for your spouse. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How would you describe your love for your children/parents? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Describe your love for God. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. The importance of learning to love God.
    - i) Matthew 22:36-37—When questioned about the greatest commandment in the law, Jesus responded by saying \_\_\_\_\_ God.
    - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8—Paul concluded his description of love by saying it never \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii) Genesis 22:1-12—Abraham's proved his love for God in his willingness to sacrifice his \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iv) John 14:15—Love will enable us to \_\_\_\_\_ God completely just as Abraham did.
  - e. Why should we love God like Abraham did?
    - i) John 3:16—God loved us enough to sacrifice His own \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8-12—We should love God because He first \_\_\_\_\_ us.
    - iii) John 15:13—Jesus demonstrated the ultimate act of \_\_\_\_\_ by giving His life for you.
  - f. If you are not involved daily in God's service are you really in love with Him? \_\_\_\_\_

**Review:**

Motivation to serve God can come from the reward of heaven, the fear of \_\_\_\_\_, the debt we owe God or our love for God. Lasting motivation comes from learning to love God.

**Preview:**

In our next lesson we will look together at how we can learn to love God which will continually motivate us to be involved in His service.

## *Answers to Lesson 1*

### 1. heaven

a. answers will vary

b.

- i) house
- ii) kingdom
- iii) city

c. answers will vary

d.

- i) streets
- ii) God

e.

- i)
- ii) joy
- iii) serve
- iv) answers will vary

e.

- i) Son
- ii) loved
- iii) love

f. no

Review:

hell

### 2. hell

a. answers will vary

b.

- i) fire
- ii) weeping
- iii) torment

c. yes; He had experienced the pain and agony of hell.

d. punished

e. answers will vary

### 3. debt

a. everyone

b. life

c. sin

d.

- i) Jesus
- ii) footsteps

e. cross

f. Because of what He has done for us.

g. answers will vary

### 4. love

a. answers will vary

b. answers will vary

c. answers will vary

d.

- i) love
- ii) fails
- iii) son
- iv) obey

## *Learning to Love God*

*It takes time to learn to love somebody. This fact is also applicable in our relationship with God. We must spend time with God to fall in love with Him. The result of learning to love God will be a personal desire to live for Him daily by being involved in His work. In this lesson we will unveil a 15 minute daily plan that will help you learn to love God.*

### 1. Spend one minute \_\_\_\_\_ and focusing your mind on God.

- Life at time can seem overwhelming. Each day take a minute to relax focusing your thoughts on God and His purpose for your life.
  - a. Psalm 46:10—We need to take time out of our lives to be \_\_\_\_\_ and know that God is.
  - b. Jesus took time out of His ministry to spend time alone with God.
    - i) John 12:12—Jesus withdrew to a mountain to \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
    - ii) Mark 7:45-46—Jesus sent His disciples away so that He could pray.
    - iii) Matthew 14:13—Upon hearing the news concerning John’s death, Jesus went to a \_\_\_\_\_ place by Himself.
  - c. How can I learn to relax and focus my mind on God?
    - i) Find a quiet place where you will be alone.
    - ii) Spend time in prayer with God as Jesus did.
    - iii) Meditate on a verse(s) from God’s Word.
    - iv) Reflect on the many blessings we have in Jesus.

### 2. Devote four minutes to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word.

- God’s reveals Himself to us through His Word. We must spend time each day getting to know God.
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:6-10
    - i) Jesus is returning to earth to deal out punishment.
    - ii) vs.8—Those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ God and obey the gospel of Jesus will be punished.
  - b. Getting to know God is a continual process! How can we

get to know God better each day?

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Why is it important that we spend time in God's Word?
- i) Hebrews 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) John 1:1-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Suggestions to follow as you read God's Word.
- i) As you read, focus on listening to God as He speaks directly to you. Personalize the message!
  - ii) Read with an open mind and an open heart to what God is saying to you. Be willing to change!
  - iii) Meditate on the words you are reading.

**3. Take three minutes to \_\_\_\_\_ on what you just read.**

- Read God's Word in a way that enables you to get to know Him better. Read with purpose!
  - a. Jeremiah 15:16—God's Word should be a joy and a delight to our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Psalm 1:1-3—Meditating on God's Word will allow us to become strong and fruitful like a \_\_\_\_\_ planted by streams of water.
  - c. Questions to ask yourself as you reflect on God's Word.
    - i) How does this Scripture apply to my life?
    - ii) How can this Scripture help me build a stronger relationship with God and my family?
    - iii) In what ways can this Scripture help me reach out to my friends and family members who are lost?
    - iv) Which verse in this Scripture made the greatest impact on me personally?

**4. Spend three minutes \_\_\_\_\_ important information.**

- Writing combined with reading increases our learning. Take time to write down important lessons you learned from God's Word.
  - a. Writing is a powerful way to learn.

- b. Here are some suggestions of things to write down after reading God's Word.
  - i) Write down important questions and observations you have over the reading.
  - ii) Write out personal applications from the Scripture.
  - iii) Write down one action step you will take in your life based on what you read. *What is one thing you need to change in your life based on the Scripture you just read?*

**5. Take four minutes to make \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

- Prayer is powerful. We not only get to know God through reading His Word, but we also get to know Him by talking with Him continually in prayer.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:17—We should \_\_\_\_\_ continually.
  - b. Philippians 4:6-7—Prayer is God's solution for the worries we face in our lives.
  - c. Things we should include in our prayers.
    - i) We need to pray with thanksgiving in our hearts. *If the only prayer you ever prayed to God was thank you, that would be sufficient.*
    - ii) Pray for the lost. *Prayer is where evangelism begins.*
    - iii) Pray for forgiveness.
    - iv) Pray for strength to follow through with your action step for today.

**Review:**

- 1. Relax—1 minute**
- 2. Read God's Word—4 minutes**
- 3. Reflect on God's Word—3 minutes**
- 4. Record important information—3 minutes**
- 5. Request (Talk with God)—4 minutes**

*This plan can change your life. If you follow through with this plan you will learn to love God which in turn will make you passionate about serving Him. Put this plan into action in your life beginning today!*

## *Answers to Lesson 2*

1. relaxing

a. still

b.

i) pray

ii)

iii) secluded

c.

2. reading

a.

i)

ii) know

b.

i) answers will vary

ii) answers will vary

c.

i) God's word is living and powerful. It will judge us.

ii) The Word is Jesus. Reading God's Word enables us to learn about our Lord and Savior.

d.

3. reflect

a. hearts

b. tree

c.

4. recording

a.

b.

5. requests

a. pray

b.

c.

Review

## ***The Gift of Evangelism***

***In our two previous lessons, we have looked at how we can find the motivation to get involved in the Lord's service. In our next four lessons we will examine four specific areas of the Lord's work where you can get involved. The first lesson will cover the work of an evangelist.***

### **1. An evangelist is \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the lost with the gospel.**

- The best evangelists are those who look at the world through the eyes of Jesus. They recognize the urgency in sharing God's message of salvation with everyone.
- a. How can we find the motivation to be an evangelist?
    - i) Matthew 9:35-36—We must have \_\_\_\_\_ for people just as Jesus did.
    - ii) Romans 10:13-14—We must realize people will never have a chance to respond to Jesus without first \_\_\_\_\_ about Him.
    - iii) John 14:15—We must \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus enough to fulfill His commandments which includes sharing the gospel (Mark 16:15-16).
  - b. See lessons 1 and 2 for more information on motivation.

### **2. An evangelist takes advantage of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- If you are seeking souls, you will find them.
- a. Acts 8:26-40—Lessons we can learn from Philip the evangelist.
    - i) vs. 26-27—We must listen and \_\_\_\_\_ God's will for our lives just as Philip did.
    - ii) We must make ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ just as Philip did. *(It takes time and sacrifice to be an evangelist)*
    - iii) Sharing God's Word with the lost must be the \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
    - iv) vs. 35—We must share the message of \_\_\_\_\_ just as Philip did.
  - b. God will open doors for us.
    - i) Matthew 5:6
    - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:8-9—Paul remained in Ephesus

because a wide door of service was \_\_\_\_\_  
for him.

- iii) Share a time in your life as a Christian when God opened a door for you to share the gospel with someone. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. An evangelist spreads the gospel \_\_\_\_\_.**

- God has called us to be soil sowers not soil inspectors!
- a. Matthew 13:1-8
  - i) The sower in this parable scattered \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere.
  - ii) The seed represents the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:5-7
  - i) The work of an evangelist is to plant the \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of people.
  - ii) \_\_\_\_\_ causes the growth.
- c. How can we best accomplish the mission of sowing the gospel seed everywhere?
  - i) It begins with self. I must obey the gospel!
  - ii) Then we must sow the gospel into the hearts of our immediate \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii) Our next greatest level of influence will be on our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv) We then must seek to sow the gospel into the lives of our close \_\_\_\_\_, neighbors and co-workers.
  - v) Next we should sow the gospel into the lives of acquaintances.
  - vi) Our next contacts should come from people in our communities/neighborhoods we have yet to meet.

**4. An evangelist is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- It takes boldness to share the gospel with those around us.
- a. How can I become more courageous?
  - i) Joshua 1:8-9 and Matthew 28:18—We must turn to God and \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome our fears.
  - ii) Galatians 1:6-10—Seeking \_\_\_\_\_ should be

- the greatest priority in our life.
  - iii) Ephesians 5:18-20—We must use \_\_\_\_\_ as a way to gain courage and boldness as Paul did.
  - iv) 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:18—Love will overcome \_\_\_\_\_.  
(see lesson 2 on how to learn to love God)
- b. We must have the courage to share the gospel with our friends.
  - i) What has prevented you from reaching out to your friends in the past? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. An evangelist has a strong personal relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- We will never lead someone where we ourselves are not going. We must have a strong relationship with God in order to lead others to God.
  - a. An evangelist will meditate on God’s Word. (see lesson 2)
  - b. An evangelist will \_\_\_\_\_ continually!
    - i) Acts 10:1-48—Prayer enabled Peter to share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_ and his family.
    - ii) We must talk with God about men before talking to men about God.

**6. Are you gifted in the area of evangelism?**

- Review this lesson and ask yourself if you have the ability to be an evangelist remembering this statement, *“If you have obeyed the gospel, you know why you obeyed the gospel, and how you obeyed the gospel— you have a message to share with those around you!”*

**Review:**

An evangelist reaches out to the lost with the \_\_\_\_\_. An effective evangelist courageously takes advantage of all opportunities to share the gospel motivated by their personal relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

***Answers to Lesson 3***

1. motivated

- a.
  - i) compassion
  - ii) hearing
  - iii) love
- b.

2. opportunities

- a.
  - i) follow
  - ii) available
  - iii) priority
  - iv) Jesus
- b.
  - i) answers will vary
  - ii) opened
  - iii) answers will vary

3. everywhere

- a.
  - i) seed
  - ii) gospel
- b.
  - i) gospel (seed)
  - ii) God
- c.
  - i)
  - ii) family
  - iii) relatives
  - iv) friends
  - v)
  - vi)

4. courageous

- a.
  - i) Jesus
  - ii) God
  - iii) prayer
  - iv) fear
- b.
  - i) answers will vary
  - ii) answers will vary

5. God

- a.
- b. pray
  - i) Cornelius
  - ii)

6.

Review: gospel, God

## *The Gift of Discipleship*

*The work of an evangelist is extremely important to the growth of the body of Christ as seen in our previous lesson. Another important area of ministry is teaching new Christians. Let's look together at the gift of discipleship.*

### **1. Teaching new Christians is commanded by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Jesus realized the importance of continuing to teach new Christians after they have obeyed the gospel.
  - a. Matthew 28:18-20—There are three commands given by Jesus in these verses.
    - i) Jesus commands us to go and make \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii) He also commands us to \_\_\_\_\_ those who believe in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
    - iii) Jesus finally commands us to \_\_\_\_\_ new Christians to observe all of His commands.
  - b. Ephesians 4:11—The church has been given gifts by Jesus to fulfill His commands in Matthew 28:18-20.
    - i) The gifts of apostleship and prophecy were given by Jesus to the early church. These two gifts have ceased to exist. *(See Discipleship Studies Volume 3 lessons 32 and 33 for more information on spiritual gifts.)*
    - ii) Jesus also gave gifts in the areas of pastoring and \_\_\_\_\_. These two positions are important roles in the church today. *(See Discipleship Studies Volume 2 Lesson 20 for additional information on pastors.)*

### **2. What is involved in teaching new \_\_\_\_\_?**

- God gives us a clear picture in Scripture of what we are to teach new Christians.
  - a. Matthew 28:20—We are to teach new Christians to

- \_\_\_\_\_ all the commands of Christ.
- i) Another word for observe is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii) We must not only teach Christians the commands of Christ, but also to obey all the commands of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii) How can we teach new Christians to obey all the commands of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Ephesians 4:11-13

- i) A teacher will equip new Christians for works of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii) A teacher will unify Christians in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii) A teacher will bring new Christians to a knowledge of the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv) A teacher will help young Christians mature in their relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. What are the results of \_\_\_\_\_ new Christians?**

- There is a tremendous impact when new Christians are taught to observe all the commands of Christ.

a. Ephesians 4:12-13

- i) Christians will be involved in God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii) The body of Christ (church) will be \_\_\_\_\_ up.
- iii) The church will be \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Ephesians 4:14-16

- i) New Christians will \_\_\_\_\_ in their knowledge and faith which will help them to not be led astray by false teachings.
- ii) Young Christians will learn to speak the \_\_\_\_\_ in love.
- iii) Each individual Christian will be active in the church which will cause the body (church) to \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

**4. Let's look at examples of \_\_\_\_\_ from the New Testament.**

- a. Acts 18:23-28—Priscilla and \_\_\_\_\_ taught Apollos the way of the Lord more accurately.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:5-9
  - i) Paul describes himself as a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is described as one who watered.
  - iii) What is the difference between the gifts of planting and watering? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. The Letters of Paul, Peter, John and Jude.
  - i) The New Testament contains thirteen \_\_\_\_\_ Paul wrote Christians to help them grow in Christ.
  - ii) Peter wrote \_\_\_\_\_ letters to also help young Christians stay faithful to God.
  - iii) John wrote three letters to new Christians to encourage them in their walk with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv) Jude wrote one letter of encouragement to new Christians.

**5. How can I use my talents to teach new \_\_\_\_\_?**

- Let's look at three ways we can teach New Christians.
  - a. Matthew 28:20—Teach new Christians the commands of Christ using the *Taking Flight—One on One Follow up Study Series*.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:1—Show people how to observe (obey) the commands of Jesus by your personal \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Follow the examples of Paul, Peter, John and Jude by writing letters to young Christians encouraging them to stay faithful to Jesus.

**Review:**

Teaching new Christians is an important command given to us by \_\_\_\_\_. We must continue to teach new Christians how to obey all the commands of Jesus, and how to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

## *Answers to Lesson 4*

### 1. Jesus

- a.
  - i) disciples
  - ii) baptize
  - iii) teach
- b.
  - i)
  - ii) teaching

### 2. Christians

- a. observe/obey
  - i) obey
  - ii) Christ
  - iii) We must first teach them the commands of Christ so that they can obey them. We then must show them from our lives how to obey these commands.
- b.
  - i) service
  - ii) faith
  - iii) God
  - iv) God

### 3. teaching

- a.
  - i) service
  - ii) built
  - iii) unified
- b.
  - i) grow
  - ii) truth
  - iii) grow

### 4. teachers

- a. Aquilla
- b.
  - i) planter
  - ii) Apollos
  - iii) A planter is one who sows the gospel seed. He is an evangelist. One who waters takes the person who has obeyed the gospel and helps them grow in their faith.
- c.
  - i) letters
  - ii) two
  - iii) Jesus
  - iv)

### 5. Christians

- a.
- b. example
- c.

### Review:

Jesus, serve

## *The Gift of Fellowship*

*Another important area of ministry is fellowship. Fellowship is crucial in helping the church grow. Fellowship brings about opportunities for evangelism and is vital in helping new Christians stay faithful to God. Let's look together at the gift of fellowship.*

### **1. Fellowship initiates \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism.**

- Fellowship with our friends, neighbors and co-workers who are lost produces opportunities to reach out with the gospel.
  - a. Which method below is most effective in reaching out to the lost?
    - i) Gospel Meetings
    - ii) Church Programs
    - iii) Random Door Knocking
    - iv) Talking to Friends
  - b. Friendship evangelism is the most effective method of bringing lost souls to \_\_\_\_\_!
  - c. Turning \_\_\_\_\_ into friendship evangelism.
    - i) Work to build meaningful friendships with your neighbors, and co-workers.
    - ii) Create opportunities for fellowship.
    - iii) Look for chances to turn the conversation to spiritual matters.
    - iv) Seize opportunities to explain how Christ or other Christians have impacted your life.
    - v) Be patient!
    - vi) Set up a one-on-one study with your friend. Ask for help with study if needed.
  - d. Galatians 6:10—We must look for opportunities to do \_\_\_\_\_ to all people.
  - e. Matthew 9:9-13—Jesus fellowshiped with the \_\_\_\_\_ in His ministry in order to reach them.

### **2. Fellowship helps New Christians stay \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.**

- Fellowship helps Christians build meaningful relationships with other Christians.
  - a. Fellowship provides a sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

- i) Ephesians 2:19
  - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:15
  - iii) Romans 12:5
- b. Fellowship provides \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Acts 2:42
  - ii) Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- c. Fellowship provides \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Galatians 6:1-2
  - ii) Proverbs 27:17

**3. Fellowship allows Christians to take care of one another's \_\_\_\_\_.**

- The New Testament contains numerous passages devoted to caring and helping each other. Fellowship builds an atmosphere where this can be accomplished.
- a. One Another Passages from the New Testament.
  - i) Romans 12:10
  - ii) Romans 12:15-16
  - iii) Ephesians 4:32
  - iv) 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:11
  - v) James 5:16
  - vi) Mark 9:50
  - vii) John 15:12
  - viii) 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:25
  - ix) Hebrews 13:1
  - x) Philippians 4:2
- b. In your own words, describe the importance of these verses.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- c. How can this church accomplish all these things? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. How can I implement the gift of fellowship in my \_\_\_\_\_?**

- Let's look at practical ways one can get involved in the work of fellowship.

*Reaching the Lost Through Fellowship*

- a. At Home
  - i) Invite neighbors over for dinner or coffee.
  - ii) Look to share common interests with

neighbors and friends such as sports, fishing, shopping, cooking, etc., etc.

iii) Find opportunities to help your neighbors and friends.

-Mow their yard if they are unable.

-Fix them food if they are sick.

-Be there for them during grievous situations.

*-Show them Christ through your life.*

iv) **When doing these things find opportunities to talk about spiritual matters.**

b. At Work

i) Start a Bible class luncheon at work and invite your co-workers to attend.

ii) Take one of the friends you work with out to lunch.

iii) Invite your co-workers over to your house.

iv) **When doing these things find opportunities to talk about spiritual matters.**

### *Strengthening Other Christians Through Fellowship*

a. Group Studies—Start a small group Bible study in your home for college students, young adults or some other group from church.

b. Individual Studies—Invite new converts into your home for dinner. Offer to take them through a follow up Bible study if they are interested.

c. Encouragement—We can make a tremendous impact on the lives of others by seizing opportunities to encourage!

i) Romans 12:4-12

ii) Hebrews 10:23-25

### **Review:**

Fellowship is an important area of \_\_\_\_\_. Fellowship helps the church reach the \_\_\_\_\_, and helps in strengthening new Christians. Genuine fellowship amongst Christians creates an atmosphere of love enabling the Lord's church to \_\_\_\_\_.

## *Answers to Lesson 5*

1. friendship

- a.
- b. Christ
- c. fellowship
- d. good
- e. lost

2. faithful

- a. belonging
- b. support
- c. accountability

3. needs

- a.
- b. answers will vary
- c. fellowship and loving others are possible answers.

4. ministry

- a.
- b.
- a.
- b.
- c.

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## *The Gift of Serving*

**1. Jesus came to earth to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

- Jesus’ ministry was centered around service to other people. Jesus helped people with their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
  
- a. Matthew 20:26-28
  - i) If we desire to become great in the eyes of Christ, we must become a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii) Jesus did not come to earth to be served, but to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- b. Read the scriptures below and indicate whether Jesus helped the person(s) physically, emotionally or spiritually.
  - i) Luke 19:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) John 3:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii) Matthew 15:32-38 \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv) Mark 2:1-12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - v) John 8:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_
  
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21—Jesus helped (saved) us spiritually by saving us from our \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Jesus wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

- Jesus has provided us with an example to follow. Jesus expects us to reach out and serve others just as He served us.
  
- a. Matthew 25:31-46—List the different types of service opportunities that Jesus describes in these verses.
  - i) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii) \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv) \_\_\_\_\_
  - v) \_\_\_\_\_
  - vi) \_\_\_\_\_
  
- b. vs. 34—What is the reward for those who serve in the areas discussed above? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- c. vs. 46—Those who fail to serve others will go away into eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- d. List some practical things you can do on a daily basis to

serve others.

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. God gives us the energy and the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.**

- God has given us everything we need pertaining to life and godliness (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:3). He has given us the tools we need to serve others, and fulfill our responsibilities as ministers.

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:10-11

- i) God expects us to use the \_\_\_\_\_ that He has given us .
- ii) God provides us the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve others.

b. Romans 12:4-8

- i) As Christians, we are members of \_\_\_\_\_ body.
- ii) Christians have different \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
- iii) We are to use our abilities to help the body of Christ grow.

**4. We must identify the \_\_\_\_\_ God has given us.**

- There are many different areas of service that you can get involved in here at the Lord's church in Mannford. As individual Christians, we must identify our abilities and use them in meaningful ministry for the Lord.

a. Below is a list of some of the ministry opportunities available at the Mannford church of Christ.

- i) Prayer chain
- ii) Adult devotionals (these groups serve as care groups for our church family)
- iii) Bible class teacher
- iv) Monday night visitation
- v) Serving in worship (men)
- vi) Evangelism opportunities (door knocking, setting up Bible studies, conducting Bible studies, conducting follow up studies)
- vii) Participating in the home Bible study program
- viii) Helping with our benevolence program

b. List some of your abilities that God has given you.

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) \_\_\_\_\_

c. How can you use these talents to help the church grow?

\_\_\_\_\_

d. What ministry areas in column a above interest you?

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) \_\_\_\_\_

**Review:**

Jesus Christ came to earth to \_\_\_\_\_ others. Jesus served people physically, emotionally and spiritually. Jesus expects us to follow in His footsteps and \_\_\_\_\_ others. We must identify our \_\_\_\_\_ and use them to help the body of Christ grow.

## *Answers to Lesson 6*

1. serve
  - a.
    - i. servant
    - ii. serve
  - b.
    - i. emotionally, spiritually
    - ii. spiritually
    - iii. physically
    - iv. spiritually, physically
    - v. emotionally, spiritually
  - c. sins
2. serve
  - a.
    - i. feeding the hungry
    - ii. giving drink to the thirsty
    - iii. helping strangers
    - iv. giving clothes to the needy
    - v. visiting the sick
    - vi. visiting those in prison
  - b. inherit the kingdom
  - c. punishment
  - d. answers will vary
3. abilities
  - a.
    - i. abilities
    - ii. energy
  - b.
    - i. one
    - ii. functions
    - iii.
4. talents
  - a.
  - b. answers will vary
  - c. by getting involved
  - d. answers will vary

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## ***Get Involved—Stay Involved***

*This series has focused on 1) finding the motivation to live a powerful life for Christ and 2) looking at key areas of ministry where you can serve Jesus and His church. This is the final lesson of the Taking Flight and Maintaining Flight series, and will focus one last time on practical ways you can use your gifts in fulfilling God's purposes for your life.*

### **1. Every Christian is God's fellow \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Listen to the words of Paul in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:9. *“For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field and God's building.”*
  - a. Take a look at God's Word!
    - i) Romans 12:1-8
    - ii) Ephesians 4:11-16
    - iii) Matthew 25:14-30
  - b. Important Conclusions:
    - i) In the Lord's church every member is a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii) Every task is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii) Every member is \_\_\_\_\_ in some area.
    - iv) Each Christian must find and use their \_\_\_\_\_.

### **2. How can I use my talents in service to God?**

- We must use our gifts fulfilling the purposes God has given us as Christians as seen from reading Acts 2:37-47.

#### **Purpose 1—*Evangelism***

- a. Acts 2:37-47
- b. Matthew 28:18-20
- c. How can I use my gifts in bringing others to Christ?
  - i) *Make a list of close friends who need to hear the gospel, and pray for them daily.*
  - ii) *Talk to your friends about Christ seeking opportunities to set up a Bible study.*
  - iii) *Sit in on a Bible study as a silent partner.*

- iv) *Participate in a door knocking effort seeking people interested in studying God's Word.*
- v) *Share God's plan of salvation with someone in a personal Bible study.*

### Purpose 2—***Discipleship***

- a. Acts 2:42
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:6
- c. How can I use my gifts in teaching new Christians?
  - i) *Pray for new Christians on a daily basis.*
  - ii) *Write letters to new Christians encouraging them in their new Christian walk.*
  - iii) *Be involved in a visitation program focusing on visiting new Christians.*
  - iv) *Sit in on a Follow up Study with a new Christian as a silent partner.*
  - v) *Mentor a new Christian leading them through the Taking Flight & Maintaining Flight Bible Studies.*

### Purpose 3—***Fellowship***

- a. Acts 2:42
- b. See One Another Verses in Involvement Study 5.
- c. How can I use my gifts in fellowship?
  - i) *Invite Christian and non-Christian friends into your home for dinner.*
  - ii) *Take a co-worker out to lunch.*
  - iii) *Share common interests/hobbies with your non-Christian friends such as shopping and sports seeking opportunities to talk about Christ.*
  - iv) *Share common interests/hobbies with Christian friends seeking to strengthen each other.*
  - v) *Participate in fellowship activities at church including fellowship meals, adult devotionals and other age appropriate fellowship activities.*

### Purpose 4—***Service***

- a. Acts 2:44-45
- b. Galatians 6:10
- c. How can I use my gifts in service to others?

- i) *Participate in the Monday night visitation program.*
- ii) *Cook meals for neighbors, friends and other Christians who are struggling with sickness or loss of a loved one.*
- iii) *Help fellow Christians and neighbors with work projects such as mowing, painting, raking leaves, etc.*
- iv) *Donate clothes and food for the homeless shelter.*
- v) *Donate money for families needing assistance with camp, food, gas, clothing, help with bills, etc.*

**Purpose 5—*Worship***

- a. Acts 2:42
- b. Hebrews 12:28-29
- c. How can I use my gifts in worshiping God?
  - i) *Pray everyday!*
  - ii) *Study God's Word everyday!*
  - iii) *Use your gifts in service to God everyday!*
  - iv) *Faithfully attend Worship services.*
  - v) *Use your gifts in participating in Worship services.*
    - Teach a Bible Class
    - Lead a Wednesday Night Devotional (Men)
    - Preach a Sermon (Men)
    - Lead a prayer (Men)
    - Lead singing (Men)
    - Serve the Lord's Supper (Men)

Look at the ministry opportunities on the following sheet and identify the ministry areas you want to serve in.

## ***Finding Your Gift(s)***

*Read through the Ministry Areas listed below:*

Place a (1) beside the areas you are gifted in, and want to serve in right now.

Place a (2) beside the areas you want to serve in, but need more training in.

Place a (3) beside the areas you do not want to serve in at this time.

### ***Evangelism***

1. Make a list of close friends who need to hear the gospel and pray for them daily. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Talk to your friends about Christ seeking opportunities to set up a Bible study. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sit in on a Bible study as a silent partner. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Participate in a door knocking effort seeking people interested in God's Word. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Share God's plan of salvation with someone in a personal Bible study. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Discipleship***

1. Pray for new Christians on a daily basis. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Write letters/call new Christians encouraging them in their new Christian walk. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Be involved in a visitation program focusing on visiting new Christians. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sit in on a Follow up Study with a new Christian as a silent partner. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mentor a new Christian leading them through a weekly Bible study. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Fellowship***

1. Invite Christian and non-Christian friends into your home for dinner. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Take a co-worker out to lunch. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Share common interests with non-Christian friends and neighbors. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Share common interests with other Christians seeking to strengthen each other. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Participate in fellowship activities at church. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Service***

1. Participate in the Monday night visitation program. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cook meals for neighbors, friends and other Christians. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Help fellow Christians and neighbors with work projects. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Donate clothes and food for the homeless shelter. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Donate money for needy families. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Worship***

1. Pray everyday. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Study God's Word everyday. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Use your gifts everyday in the ministry areas listed above. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Faithfully attend Worship services. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Use your gifts through leading in Worship services. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Teach a Bible class \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Lead a Wednesday Night Devotional (men) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Lead a prayer \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Lead singing \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Serve the Lord's Supper (men) \_\_\_\_\_

***Would you be willing to participate in a Monday Night Ministers Program?*** \_\_\_\_\_