First Lesson for New Believer – Sharing Your Story and Jesus’ Story

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First Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Pastoral Care, Worship, Vision Casting, and Accountability

• **Pastoral Care** – Ask, “How are you doing? What are you thankful for? What problems/challenges do you have?” Have you told anyone yet that you have become a follower of Jesus? If so, how did it go?

• **Vision Casting** (approx. 3 minutes) – For who trainees can be in Christ – “being” (Romans 8:29) and what God can accomplish through them – “doing” (Ephesians 2:10). A short, moving, easy-to-remember image, story, or lesson that can be passed on generation by generation. i.e. Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20

• If you have not already given them the Training Handbook do so now. Take them to page 2 and read through and fill in the blanks. Explain to them that today you will be training them to share their story and Jesus’ story and helping them make a list.

• **Pray that God will help them begin this journey of following and fishing.**

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Sharing Your Story and Jesus’ Story

**Your Story:**

• **Read or have someone read Acts 26:9-23.** Here Paul shares his story. Our stories are very powerful.

• **Share your story in 3 minutes or less.**

• **Help your trainee write out their story on page 3 in the Training Handbook.** Let them practice telling you their story.

• **Help your trainee list the names of those in their Oikos and then indicate with a mark (a tick) those they think will be the most open.** Ask if they know any Christian they could train. Help them make a list.

• **Help your trainee learn a way to bridge into their story with their friends and family.** Practice!
Jesus’ Story:

• **Read or have someone read 1 Peter 3:15.** It is important that we can explain to others why we have hope.

• **Give them a Share Jesus Without Fear New Testament if you have not already done so.** Help them mark the four verses listed on page 4 of the Training Handbook.

• **Explain the diagram and the 4 verses.** Get them to practice taking you through the 4 verses, asking “What does that say to you?” and the 5 Key questions on page XIV in the Share Jesus NT.

**Prayer** – Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have boldness and power to tell my friends and family about Jesus. Amen

**Application** – Share Your Story and Jesus’ Story with your Oikos

**Final Third of the Training** (20-40 minutes): **Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

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The 7 Commands of Christ – #1 Repent & Believe - Mark 1:15

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• Vision Casting (approx. 3 minutes) – For who trainees can be in Christ – “being” (Romans 8:29) and what God can accomplish through them – “doing” (Ephesians 2:10). A short, moving, easy-to-remember image, story, or lesson that can be passed on generation by generation. i.e. Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20
• Accountability – Follow Jesus “How are you obeying the word (the last lesson)?” Fish for men “Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed? Are you training them in the same process?”

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Repent and Believe

• Read or have someone read Mark 1:15. Introduce command #1
• Tell the Story: Zacchaeus’ Salvation from Luke 19:1-10
• Retell the Story in pairs in your own words
• Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach...
• Read the Story from the bible

Sword Bible Study Method:

1. What does this story say about Jesus?
2. What does this story say about the Zacchaeus? What does this story say about the crowd?
3. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
4. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?
5. **What does repent mean?** Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus.

6. **What does believe mean?** Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord.

7. **Why should we repent?** Because of our sinful condition: What is SIN?

8. **What is the answer or remedy for sin?** Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-10


10. **What is assurance?** 1 John 1:9 says that when we confess our sins Jesus forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. John 10:28—Our salvation belongs to Jesus.

**Prayer** - Jesus I want to leave my old life of sin and follow you. I believe in you, become my Lord.

**Application** – Confess your sins before the Lord, turn from them and live a new life.

**Final Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

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First Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Pastoral Care, Worship, Vision Casting, and Accountability

• **Pastoral Care** – Ask, “How are you doing? What are you thankful for? What problems/challenges do you have?” Allow each person in the group to answer. Pray for one another when appropriate.

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• **Accountability** – Follow Jesus “How are you obeying the word (the last lesson)?” Fish for men “Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed? Are you training them in the same process?”

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Be Baptized

• **Read or have someone read** Matthew 28:19. Introduce command #2

• **Tell the Story:** Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch Acts 8:26-39

• **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**

• **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach...**

• **Read the Story from the bible**

Sword Bible Study Method:

1. What does this story say about the Holy Spirit or Jesus?
2. What does this story say about the Phillip? What does this story say about the Eunuch?
3. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
4. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?
5. **What is baptism?** Romans 6:3-4 - Baptism is a symbol of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection. It means we also have died to our old life and been raised to live a new life with Jesus.

6. **Why should we be baptized?** Matthew 3:13-15 - Jesus received baptism, so should we. Receiving baptism means we identify Jesus as our Lord.

7. **Who should be baptized?** Acts 2:38 - Everyone who repents and believes.

8. **How should we be baptized?** Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water.

**Prayer**—Lord give me the strength to identify my life with you through the symbol of baptism.

**Application**—Go down into the water and receive baptism.

**Final Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

- Get in groups of 2 or 3, and practice teaching the lesson to each other.
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The 7 Commands of Christ – #3 Pray – Matthew 6:9-13

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• **Accountability** – Follow Jesus “How are you obeying the word (the last lesson)?” Fish for men “Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed? Are you training them in the same process?”

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Pray

• **Read or have someone read Matthew 6:9-13.** Introduce command #6

• **Tell the Story:** Jesus Teaches about Prayer, Matthew 6:5-15

• **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**

• **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach…**

• **Read the Story from the bible**

Sword Bible Study Method:

11. What does this story say about God and Jesus?
12. What does this story say about the hypocrites? What does this story say about the pagans?
13. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
14. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?
15. **What is prayer?** Talking with God our Father.

16. **Why do we pray?** – Matthew 6:9-13 God hears us. We desire His will to be done on earth.

17. **How do we pray?** By simply talking with God.

   “Give us today our daily bread”
   —pray for needs

   “Forgive us our debts”
   —pray for forgiveness

   “Deliver us from the evil one”
   —pray for resistance of temptation

**Prayer**—Lord teach us to pray. Give us pure motives. May your will be done in us.

**Application**—Start and finish each day by giving thanks to God and presenting your requests to Him.

**Final Third of the Training** (20-40 minutes): **Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

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The 7 Commands of Christ – #4 Go...Make Disciples – Matthew 28:19-20

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- **Accountability** – Follow Jesus “How are you obeying the word (the last lesson)?” Fish for men “Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed? Are you training them in the same process?”

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Go...Make Disciples

- **Read or have someone read Matt. 28:19-20.** Introduce command #4
- **Tell the Story:** The Samaritan Woman: John 4:4-42
- **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach...**
- **Read the Story from the bible**

Sword Bible Study Method:

1. What does this story say about God and Jesus?
2. What does this story say about the Samaritan Woman? What does this story say about the men from Samaria? What does this story say about the disciples?
3. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
4. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?

5. **Who** should we share with?
   
   John 4:16—Our families, friends and neighbors

6. **What** should we say?
   
   John 4:29—The woman shared her story and God’s story.

7. **Who** is qualified to go?
   
   John 4—The Samaritan woman was qualified. Every believer is qualified!

**Prayer**—Lord make me bold to share what you have done in my life. Give me your words to share in my community.

**Application**—Learn how to share My Story and God’s Story from the Training Handbook and SJWF NT. Also pray for opportunities to share with the people who are on your list of friends and neighbors that need to hear your story. Share with them.

**Final Third of the Training** (20-40 minutes): **Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

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The 7 Commands of Christ – #5 Love – Matthew 22:37-39

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• **Accountability** – Follow Jesus “How are you obeying the word (the last lesson)?” Fish for men “Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed? Are you training them in the same process?”

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Love

• **Read or have someone read Matt. 22:37-39.** Introduce command #5

• **Tell the Story:** Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37

• **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**

• **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach…**

• **Read the Story from the bible**

**Sword Bible Study Method:**

1. What does this story say about Jesus?
2. What does this story say about the Lawyer? What about the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan?
3. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
4. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?
5. **What is love?** John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13


7. **Who do we love?** Matthew 22:37-39—First we need to love God. Then we need to love our neighbors.

8. **How do we love?** John 14:15—Loving Jesus means we obey Jesus. John 21:17—Loving others means telling them what God has done for you.

**Prayer**—Lord help me to love you by obeying you. Lord, help me to love others so that they might learn that you love them also.

**Application**—Take time each day to intentionally show love by helping your neighbors.

**Final Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

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The 7 Commands of Christ – #6 The Lord’s Supper – Luke 22:19-20

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Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – The Lord’s Supper

- **Read or have someone read Luke 22:19-20.** Introduce command #6
- **Tell the Story:** Jesus’ last meal: Luke 22:7-20
- **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach…**
- **Read the Story from the bible**

Sword Bible Study Method:

1. What does this story say about Jesus?
2. What does this story say about the Passover? What does this story say about His Disciples?
3. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
4. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?
5. **What is the Lord’s Supper?** 1 Corinthians 11:26 - A symbol of the Lord’s death.

6. **Why do we eat the Lord’s Supper?** 1 Corinthians 11:2 His body was broken, His blood was spilt for us.

7. **How do we receive the Lord’s Supper?** 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God and remember Jesus died to give us forgiveness.

8. **Who should receive the Lord’s Supper?** Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29—Baptized disciples devoted to Jesus who examine themselves.

**Prayer**—Lord show me the sins I have committed. Please forgive them. Thank you for giving your body and blood for me.

**Application** – Receive the Lord’s Supper.

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**Final Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Practice the Lesson, Set Goals and Pray for each other**

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The 7 Commands of Christ – #7 Give – Luke 6:38

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Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Give

- **Read or have someone read Luke 6:38.** Introduce command #7
- **Tell the Story:** The Widow Gives from Mark 12:41-44
- **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach...**
- **Read the Story from the bible**

Sword Bible Study Method:

1. What does this story say about Jesus?
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3. What are the examples to follow in this story? What are the commands to obey in this story?
4. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?
5. **What should we give to God?**  Our money, time and our lives.

6. **Why should we give to God?**  2 Corinthians 9:6-7—Give generously and we will receive generously. God loves a cheerful giver.


8. **Who do we give to?**  2 Corinthians 9—A collection was given to a church. Acts 4:34-35 - The church gave to all who had need.

**Prayer**—Lord everything I have is yours. Teach me to give. Show me needs that I can help with my time and money.

**Application**—Decide this week with your family an amount of time or money you will give for the work of the church each week.

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"T4T: A Disciple ship Re–Revolution" (Steve Smith with Ying Kai)
Church Formation Lesson– Church Circles – Acts 2:36-47

3/3rds “process”

This process divides the meeting in 3 time blocks that do the following things:

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First Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): Pastoral Care, Worship, Vision Casting, and Accountability

• **Pastoral Care** – Ask, “How are you doing? What are you thankful for? What problems/challenges do you have?” Allow each person in the group to answer. Pray for one another when appropriate.

• **Worship** – Have someone lead a few songs of praise to God, or read a psalm of praise, or ask each person to give praise to God for who He is and what He has done.

• **Vision Casting** (approx. 3 minutes) – For who trainees can be in Christ – “being” (Romans 8:29) and what God can accomplish through them – “doing” (Ephesians 2:10). A short, moving, easy-to-remember image, story, or lesson that can be passed on generation by generation. i.e. Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20

• **Accountability** – Follow Jesus “How are you obeying the word (the last lesson)?” Fish for men “Who are you witnessing to? Who has believed? Are you training them in the same process?”

Second Third of the Training (20-40 minutes): The New Lesson – Church Circles

• **Read or have someone read Hebrews 10:24-25**

• **Tell the Story**: The Church in Jerusalem from Acts 2:36-47

• **Retell the Story in pairs in your own words**

• **Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach**...

• **Read the Story from the bible**

Sword Bible Study Method:

18. What does this story say about Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
19. What does this story say about Peter? What does this story say about the crowd that heard Peter?
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21. (Optional) Who do you identify with in this story? Why?

- **Covenant:** A group of baptized believers (Matt. 28:18, Acts 2:41) who recognize themselves as Christ’s body and are committed to meeting together regularly (Acts 2:46).

- **Characteristics:** They regularly abide in Christ through the characteristics of church:
  - **Worship** - exalting and enjoying God’s presence
  - **Fellowship** – loving care for one another
    - Including *giving offerings* to meet needs and as an act of worship
  - **Prayer**
  - **Word** – studying and OBEYING the scripture as authoritative
  - **The Lord’s Supper**
  - They live out a commitment to *share the gospel* to the world and to *minister* to the needs of others

- **Courageous Leaders that are Caring:** As the church develops, leaders are appointed according to biblical standards (Titus 1:5-9) and exercise mutual accountability including church discipline.

**Church Circles (see page 255 in T4T book):**

1. **Draw** a circle with a dotted line to represent the group. If the group calls itself a church or sees itself as a church (covenant identity), then make the dotted line a solid line.
2. **Above the circle,** write three numbers representing those attending the group, those who have professed faith in Christ, and those who have been baptized.
3. **Give a one word description or symbol to each characteristic of church.** If a church is consistently practicing the characteristic put it *inside* the circle. If they are not practicing it or wait on someone to come from the outside to do it for them, put it *outside* the circle.
4. **There are things that are outside the circle perhaps,** but they can clearly see what they need to do to become a church. How and when can we add in the missing components?

**Prayer** – Jesus, help us to be a healthy expression of your church on earth that brings glory to your Name!

**Application** – Form the Church

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