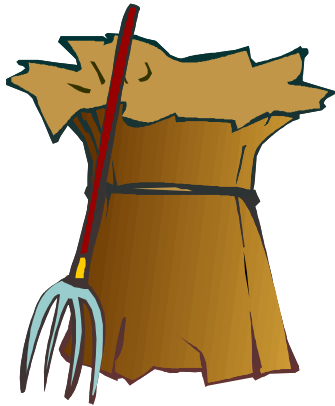


# Go Make Disciples Of Your Men





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## Go Make Disciples of Your Men

Our world is in trouble. Crime rates continue to rise; abortion is a method of birth control. Homosexuality is an alternate life style; adultery is a common occurrence. People are living life without moral direction. Jesus saw the people of His day as lost sheep and felt compassion for them because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. Turning to His disciples, He said, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field” (Matthew 9:37-38). Workers were scarce in Christ’s day; they are scarce in our day.

This discipleship training manual was created to provide the local church with a process for developing men into mature disciples of Jesus Christ so they can labor in the harvest field of men’s souls. It is designed to be systematic yet reliant on the Holy Spirit. Our vision is to see every man we influence make a commitment to serve God at home, at work, and in the church.

Ministries that serve God contain certain common qualities and traits. These common qualities and traits provide a model that godly men can use to help build up their local church and see lives changed for the glory of God. The three main elements of effective ministry are:

- Deepen a man’s relationship with God – Matthew 22:37-38
- Develop a man’s relationship with men – Matthew 22:39-40
- Disciple a man’s life for service – Matthew 28:18-20

Twenty years ago, my mentor challenged me to a life of discipleship. He invested countless hours helping me grow in my relationship with God by teaching me principles for kingdom living and training me in the basics of the Christian life. I find myself going back to those early lessons and am amazed at the continued relevance it has for impacting lives. The application has changed slightly, but the principles remain the same.

This manual focuses on three critical areas for making disciples: becoming a new man in Christ, developing godly character, and freeing people held captive by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Each area contains ten training modules. Each module includes objectives, a companion Bible study, tips for mentoring the disciple, and methods for evaluating effectiveness. It is intended to be a resource for local church leaders who want to develop men into mature disciples. It is not exhaustive by any means.

The purpose of this manual is to provide the local church with a basic process for making disciples out of men. God is in the business of changing lives, and He uses men to accomplish this. I thank Him for this blessing every day.

## ***Form Your Team***

A few years back I was leading a Bible study with three men. To stimulate their thinking, I asked this question: “If you had three months to live, what would you do with your life?” The first individual to speak was single. He said, “I would give away all my possessions and use the money in my bank account to fly to the deepest jungle in India to share the gospel with an unreached people group.” The second man was married and had a family. He said, “I would do two things. First, I would ensure my home is in order and my immediate family taken care of. Then, I would sit down and list all my family members who were not saved and create a plan to share the gospel with each one of them.” The third man, who was also married, said “I would move my mother-in-law into my home.” Stunned by his answer, I asked “Why would you do that?” He replied, “Because that would be the longest three months of my life.”

Granted, this story brings a chuckle. But there is a truth to the question and wisdom in the answers. Suppose you had three years to live, what would you do with your remaining time? Jesus faced the same question. He knew His time on earth was limited. So, what did He do? To find the answer to that question, we need to take a look at the Gospel of John.

In John 1, we find John the Baptist giving the first real testimony of who Jesus is. The next day, two of John’s disciples decided to follow Jesus. Seeing them follow Him, Jesus asked them, “What do you want?” They replied by asking, “Where are you staying?” Jesus begins His ministry with a few simple but powerful words, “Come and you will see.”

Andrew went to Simon his brother and claimed to have found the Messiah. He then brought him to Jesus. The next day Jesus found Phillip and said to him, “Follow me.” Phillip then found Nathaniel and told him about Jesus. Nathaniel reacted with disbelief. Phillip’s answer to Nathaniel is a classic case of mentoring and discipleship. He said, “Come and see.”

While the principles for ministry in this chapter are numerous, I want to point out the importance of finding like-minded men who are seeking truth and desire to make an impact in the world. After meeting Christ and finding out He *is* the Messiah, they shared this truth with their friends and family. Sharing a personal testimony and living an exemplary life still bear the greatest fruit in showing men how to follow Christ.

## **Exercise Principles of Teamwork**

Teamwork has been a matter of concern to organizations and groups of people throughout history. In recent years, interest by leaders to get as much out of their teams as possible has fostered all sorts of experiments and testing of new methodologies. The world wants to maximize the effort produced by its work force so it can accomplish more work in the marketplace and thereby gain or maintain its economic welfare. Christian organizations should expend effort at maximizing its work as well. The focus of a men's ministry is to produce lasting fruit and make an eternal impact in the harvest fields of the earth.

There are three key areas of interest for a men's ministry leader as he seeks to build a ministry: understand the roles and functions of team personnel, cultivate a relationship process whereby men develop a brotherhood with other men, and focus on a clear purpose as a ministry to men. Each area should facilitate a process for building stronger male relationships. Throughout these areas, it is critical to build deeper interaction.

### **Establish Team Roles**

Teams are groups of people. All groups of people banding together have a need for direction, motivation, and guidance. Christian men, who want to make a difference in their community, require them as well. Leadership, teamwork, and partnering serve to create a team. If a ministry applies the principles for each area, it is more likely to be effective in achieving the overall mission purpose. Creating a solid team will achieve more than merely creating followers. Jesus and His small band of men transformed their society and changed the course of history.

### **Leaders**

Leaders provide:

- **Direction:** They focus team activities and behaviors on desired common outcomes
- **Motivation:** They encourage appropriate team effort to accomplish desired outcomes
- **Guidance:** They provide information that improves the ability of a team to accomplish the desired outcomes
- **Service:** They serve people in an effort to achieve desired outcomes

Men's Ministry leaders operate using two basic strategies:

- Use what exists and make things work to the best possible scenario by:
  - Giving direction through clear goals and specific objectives
  - Motivating men through recognition, rewards, and affirmation
  - Guiding men through use of performance feedback
  - Demonstrating strategy behaviors
    - Set clear, measurable objectives
    - Meet performance standards



- Establish procedures and systems to guide and support the ministry
  - Deal with existing systems in a practical way
  - Get things done
  - Make use of knowledge and experience
  - Take action when needed
- Alter what exists to improve or create something new by:
  - Giving direction through vision and values
  - Motivating through setting expectations
  - Modeling new behaviors
    - Communicate high expectations
    - Live up to potential
    - Establish principles to guide priorities and decision making
    - Look for opportunities to improve
    - Get ready for the future
    - Take note of new and differing perspectives
    - Know where the ministry is going
    - Communicate a vision for the future

## **Team Members**

Men's Ministry team members are to:

- Demonstrate support by:
  - Giving cheerfully to the Church in time, talents, and treasures
  - Willingly assist others to see that ministry events are done with effectiveness and efficiency
  - Conforming behavior to the truth of God's Word
- Practice trust by:
  - Relying only on Jesus Christ for salvation
  - Demonstrating respect for pastors and ministry leaders
  - Keeping his word and commitments
  - Operating without hidden agendas
- Share participation by:
  - Reaching out to those in need and providing for their welfare
  - Contributing ideas and making men's ministry suggestions
  - Involving other men as much as possible

Here are suggested steps to create a ministry team.

1. Pray, pray, and pray some more. Ask several men if they would like to meet and pray for men (Luke 6:12-13; Matthew 18:19).
2. Fish for men. Make contacts through evangelism, Bible studies, prayer meetings, worship, conferences, cell groups, and fellowship meetings. Share your passion for men's

ministry and love for God's Word. Look for men who respond with a kindred spirit (Mark 3:13).

3. Challenge each man to give his life to an objective that is realistic and attainable yet big enough and exciting enough to warrant giving his whole life to it.
4. Build the team through joint activities: men's breakfasts, prayer meetings, Bible studies, evangelism, work projects, recreation, fellowship, worship, cell groups, and conferences.
5. Develop the team as a unit while maintaining personal man-to-man training and fellowship.
6. Use each event as an opportunity to meet new men and grow the team. Pair up key men so they are meeting with other men for mutual accountability, encouragement, and growth.
7. Focus all activities and events so they fulfill the mission, vision, and guiding principles of a Christ centered men's ministry.
8. Involve the pastor in as many activities and ministries as his time will allow.

## **Pastors**

Pastors have a dual role. In addition to providing all the functions of a shepherd, they also partner with ministry leaders and other church ministries.

Pastors help church ministries by:

- Maintaining a spirit of openness so ministry team members and ministry leaders can openly share opinions, ideas, and information
- Demonstrating respect for others so that all ideas are considered fairly, and so that differences between ministries do not become sources of conflict or suspicion
- Ensuring all ministries act responsibly and contribute fully to the work of church ministry
- Ensuring each ministry contributes to the overall mission of the church

## ***Cultivate a Relationship Process***

Many ministries start with a great idea and then disintegrate for lack of one major factor; they did not cultivate deeper relationships. Relationships are the backbone of men's ministry. Men are prone to develop elaborate programs around spectacular events yet fail to touch others in a way that makes a lasting impact. If a church wants to see men truly change, it needs to ensure they are growing deeper in a love relationship with God and continually developing brotherhood with other men (Matthew 22:37-40).

## **Grow in Your Love for God**

A vibrant relationship with God is the first priority for a healthy men's ministry. In order to have a vibrant relationship with God, two elements must be in place. One is spending time in His Word and the other is spending time in His presence. They go hand in hand.

Quiet time and prayer have worked for centuries to facilitate growth in a godly man's relationship with God. Mature disciples want to know God. They make spending time in the Word and prayer a priority. Men who neglect this will spiritually dry up. Faithful men spend time in God's Word and cultivate a sense of His presence, thereby growing in the true knowledge of Christ. Men who grow in the true knowledge of Christ produce the fruit of the Spirit.

## **Establish an Environment for Men to Grow**

Men tend to flourish when they exist in a setting that is conducive to masculinity. Ministry to men seeks to stimulate growth by applying four key principles:

- Maintain a male-friendly environment
- Create opportunities for men to interact with other men
- Teach practical Bible lessons for application
- Provide real-world solutions to male oriented problems

## **Develop Relationships with Other Men**

### ***Strengthening Team Relationships***

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Every man has relationships within his sphere of influence. All relationships have a start and an end. Some men know each other for years; some know each other for only a minute or two. Most men go through a similar process as they experience life together. There are four levels to this process: acquaintances, friends, brothers, and Jonathans. Between each stage, men tend to experience problems. Problems act as a filter restricting men from the next stage in the relationship development. Each stage is described below. Figure 9 is a simple diagram that illustrates each stage and the primary filters between each level of friendship.

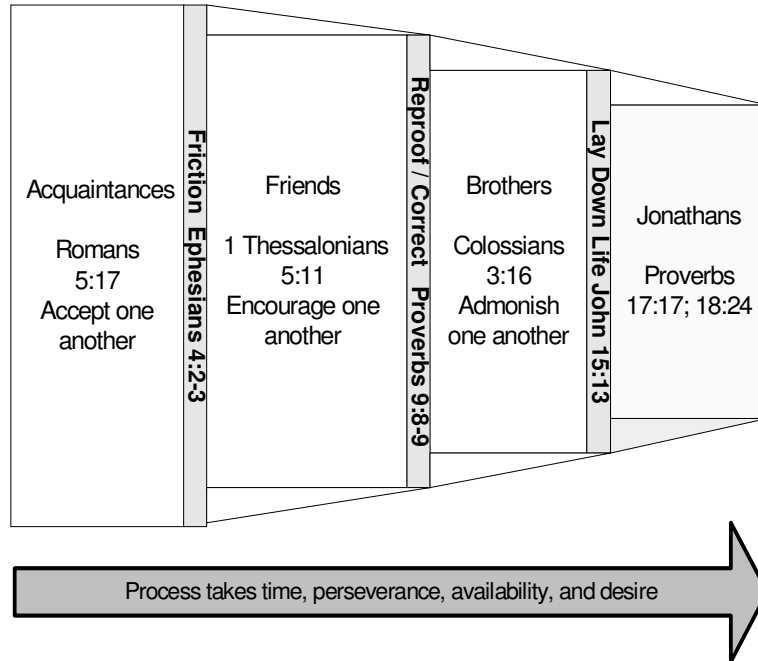


Figure 1 - Relationship Funnel

## Acquaintances

Acquaintances are people we meet in our day-to-day lives but with whom we have not developed an intimate friendship. We have occasional interaction with these people. Familiarity is the result of continued acquaintance which develops as people spend increasing amounts of time with one another. For some of us, it is easy to accept people at this stage because we do not know their personal lives. Everything we experience together is on a surface level. A men's ministry team works at meeting men and accepting them for who they are. Romans 15:7 says, "Accept one another, then just as Christ accepted you in order to bring praise to God."

Men tend to develop acquaintances by spending time together on an activity where there is common interest. Communication is on the surface level and often filled with cliché speech. Individuals tend to focus on their own purposes for attending events and keep things about themselves somewhat confidential.

As men grow in their experience and knowledge of one another, they eventually encounter friction in the relationship. Friction can be good and bad. Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Friction tests all relationships. Men either come through this experience as friends, or the relationship stalls.

Friction can take many forms. A few examples are habits, styles, manners, behaviors, pride, and envy. All men experience friction with others. How they work through the friction determines if their relationship progresses to the level of friendship. Intimacy is the result of close connection. Continued intimacy goes beyond the friction and into an established friendship. Keep in mind

Ephesians 4:2-3, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

## **Friends**

Friends are people you know well and regard with affection and trust. Friendships are developed by spending time together, taking an interest in the other person, and encouraging one another. First Thessalonians 5:11 says, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” Communication is at the level of ideas, dreams, and goals. Time together is spent discussing skills, resolving frictions, and addressing conflicts.

True friends will eventually see things that require tough love. Risk is involved at this point. Men either respect their friends for addressing the issue, or they become angry and withdrawn. Proverbs 9:8-9 tells us, “Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Instruct a wise man and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.” Giving reproof, rebuke, and correction in a spirit of love takes discipline and prayer. It is a critical factor in moving the relationship from being a friend to a true brother in Christ.

## **Brothers**

Brothers are men who have the same parents. Men enter into God’s family as brothers in Christ. All true children of God are members of God’s family. Like members of family, brothers are to support, defend, and help one another. Brotherhood is formed as men develop close relationships. These are the kind of brothers the diagram is referring to. To become part of a band of brothers requires successful passage through the first two stages of building relationships.

A band of brothers is three or more men who share a common vision, mission, and purpose. In the pursuit of achieving their mission, they grow in close interpersonal relationships as brothers. Men allow other men to hold them accountable in the battles of life. Communication flows on a level of strengths and weaknesses. Time is spent together doing things like building a ministry team, worshipping together, and holding one another accountable. Paul describes this type of relationship in his letter to the church at Colosse, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16). Men who labor together in ministry are more apt to develop into band of brothers. And, a band of brothers who persevere in ministry are more apt to grow into mature disciples. Disciples are men who obey Christ’s teachings and are committed to helping others grow in the true knowledge of Christ. This level is one of the most difficult to develop.

Men who are living a life of true discipleship love one another (John 13:34-35). They are men who want to be used by God and strive to see their relationships develop in a godly manner. Men become disciples by learning more about God and His Word and applying Scripture to their everyday lives. Communication is at a level of speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Men who are disciples sacrifice for one another as they work together to build up the body of Christ.

They know how to function on God's team and demonstrate love to one another like Christ demonstrated love to twelve men on His team.

## **Jonathans**

Proverbs gives us a couple of great verses on deeper male relationships. Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Jonathans are men who are of one heart and soul, as Jonathan and David, and as were the first men on Christ's team. The men on Christ's team lived and labored in close union although they did not start out that way.

To be able to move to the level of being a true Jonathan, every godly man must learn what it means to be broken and die to self. Then He said to them all, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Just before ascending to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father Jesus drove home the depth of His relationship with Peter (John 21:15-19). Three times He asks Peter if he loves him. At the end of this discourse Christ says, "Follow Me."

The friends funnel process takes time, perseverance, availability, and desire. With all the demands in life for men, this makes reaching the end process all the more important. It takes a team with heart, vision, and knowledge to produce godly disciples who are willing to lay down their lives for their friends.

## ***Focus on Your Purpose***

There is a saying, “Aim at nothing and you will hit it every time.” When it comes to men’s ministry, having a focused direction is important. A purpose statement provides direction and forms the basis for all of ministry activities, goals, and guiding principles. Here is an example from Joshua’s Men a ministry of The Summit an Evangelical Free Church located in Enumclaw, WA. It states mission, vision, standards, strategies, and guiding principles.

Mission - Serve the Lord at home, at work, at play and in the Church.

Vision - Help every man ***deepen*** his personal relationship with God (Matthew 22:37-38), ***develop*** his relationships with other men (Matthew 22:39-40), and ***disciple*** his life for works of service (Matthew 28:18-20).

### Standards

- Worship God in Spirit and truth (John 4:23-24)
- Create an environment which develops a biblical love relationship with God and other men (John 13:34-35)
- Build up men in the Christian faith (Colossians 2:6-7)
- Coach individuals to serve as godly men in their homes, communities, and churches (Ephesians. 6:7)
- Teach men how to be godly husbands and fathers (1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 6:4)
- Help men discover their spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
- Equip men to accomplish works of ministry (Ephesians 4:11, Colossians 1:28-29)
- Train men to witness (Matthew 5:16, Romans 1:16)
- Guide men to discover the compartments of their heart and turn them over to the Lordship of Christ (Ephesians 1:18-19; Psalm 119:34;139:23)
- Make disciples who can reproduce other disciples (Matthew 9:36-38; 28:18-20)
- Facilitate growth in the basics of the Christian life

Strategies - Strategies are a necessary part in gathering men together. Most men will attend something if they are invited or have some similar interest. Here are four areas to consider in developing a strategy and scheduling a tailored men’s event.

### **Social – Fun activities to invite Christians and non-Christians to attend**

- Sports (football, baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, hockey)
- Wilderness (fishing, fly fishing, hunting, hiking, camping)
- Business (Kiwanas, elections, fund raisers)
- Dining (Latte stand, pizza, fine dining)

### **Situational – Periodic events increasing relationships with God and men**

- Monthly men's breakfast
- Annual district men's retreat
- Annual Iron Sharpens Iron or similar event
- Men's worship or rally events

### **Seminar – Equipping or training events with a specific focus**

- Relationships (marriage, parenthood, family)
- Spiritual skills (God's will, spiritual gifts, prayer, mentoring)
- Knowledge skills (computer, vehicle repair, carpentry)
- Apologetic or evangelism seminars

### **Spiritual – small group where growth has increased accountability**

- Discipleship cell
- Sermon cell for men only
- Application Bible study
- Accountability cell

The Joshua's Men ministry team will:

- Focus on relationships not programs
- Maintain men-only tailored events
- Cultivate a male-friendly environment
- Teach practical application from the Bible
- Provide opportunities for men to interact
- Pray and promote honor to pastors

Summary of Joshua's Men Purpose Statement: Joshua's Men is a Christ-centered ministry calling men to serve the Lord at home, at work, at play, and in the church. We strive to help men in three key areas: deepen a love relationship with God, develop a brotherhood with other men, and disciple a life for works of service.

A purpose statement is critical to keeping a men's ministry focused. Without focus, a ministry can exist but never accomplish something significant toward building the kingdom of God. Building the kingdom of God is accomplished by training men to labor in the harvest fields of men's souls. Jesus worked to train His men to fulfill the great commission.

Take a moment to think about this question: What should be the main product of a church? Let's consider a major manufacturing company like Boeing. What is its product? Although it is true that Boeing produces aircraft(s), planes and jets are not really its end product. Boeing's product is really air transportation. They manufacture planes and jets to satisfy a wide range of aviation transportation needs.

Considering this illustration, what is the product of the church? If you say godly men, you are correct. The church should be producing godly men who reflect the character of Christ. However, like aircrafts, godly men are a means to an end. The final product of a local church is a



transformed world. Just as Boeing fulfills its purpose to satisfy air transportation needs every time it manufactures an aircraft, the local church needs to recognize that the purpose of building Christ-like men is to transform a hurting world.

Assume that Boeing purchased all the best raw materials available to build an aircraft. After collecting rubber, metal, glass, and plastic materials, they dump them into a pile on the showroom floor and call it a jet. This pile of “raw material” is not aviation transportation; it is only the beginning of the process of producing it. Now think about the average man sitting in the local church receiving a pile of biblical and spiritual knowledge. To think that this man will walk out of the building as a Christ-like individual ready to impact the world is as far fetched as believing that a showroom of parts is an operational aircraft.

To build an aircraft out of parts, Boeing employs a strategy that the Christian church should consider and employ. First, it defines the type of aircraft with specifics and standards. What is the finished aircraft supposed to do? How will it operate? What will it look like? What features will be needed to ensure quality air transportation?

Next, they design an assembly line where the aircraft sections are put together part by part. Completed sections are organized for integration and aircraft construction. Once the aircraft is completed, the finished product is tested to ensure it meets all the standards and qualifications as planned. In a similar way, the local church should build men into mature disciples of Christ. At Boeing, the work is done component by component, section by section. In the church, discipleship should be done precept upon precept, biblical principle upon biblical principle. Inspired from Wired To Work.<sup>1</sup>

To view this from another business perspective, consider an aircraft component manufacturing plant that produces tires. Early on in the business cycle, someone invested huge sums of money, time, and abilities in creating a plant that would produce a quality tire. A solid business plan was created with a forecast to include overhead, salaries, supply chain management, and raw materials. The combined elements were assembled to create a tire.

One year later the operation employs twenty five full-time and five part-time personnel. All of the employees live and work frantically to keep up the demands placed on them in their official occupation. With each new month, more demands are placed on them. The company’s operation continues at a frantic pace; activity is at an all time high.

At the end of their first year of operation, the original investors, board of directors, and stock holders call for an annual stock holder’s meeting. Just prior to the meeting, they inquire of the plant production manager regarding the number of tires produced, current list of clients, and total tires sold. The plant manager reports that after a full year of business, they have not produced one tire. However, all the employees feel they have contributed to the success of their operation. All are very active at their jobs and consider themselves above average performers.

Imagine how the stock holders would feel about their investments. What would they do in a case like this? What would you do? Get angry? Fire the current management? A manufacturing plant that does not produce a specific product will not continue to exist. Yet, this is how the local

church often treats the process for making disciples. Church staff and key volunteers are very active in accomplishing large volumes of *church work*. Ministries exist, committees are formed, and associations abound. Time, money, and energy are spent doing local ministry, but no real equipping of people takes place. Inspired from Lost Art of Disciple Making.<sup>2</sup>

Without a clear process of what a church is to produce, the members of a body will not make a significant difference in their society. When men and women are properly trained to be mature disciples for Christ, they will naturally seek ways to minister to others. The more men and women are trained to be disciples, the more ministries will be developed. Transforming society begins and ends with a clear vision for making disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

Making disciples is essential to effective and healthy men's ministry and should not be neglected. It is a critical part of establishing men in the Christian faith and impacting lives in the community. Men who receive discipleship training tend to become leaders in their homes, communities, and churches. They give more time, talents, and treasures than men who have not received training. Unfortunately, having a strategic plan for building men into disciples is often overlooked by the twenty first century church. This needs to change.

Discipleship training takes place in the context of personal relationships. For some men this requires a one-on-one type of mentoring process. Others prefer a small-group environment where three to six men gather to grow in Christ and process biblical principles into everyday obedience.

This manual contains a process based on scriptural principles which describe an end result. Appendix B: Men's Discipleship Ministry Profile lists three levels of maturity in men. Below is a basic description of the three levels as they relate to the main sections of this training manual.

The Warrior's Way series of training modules is designed to help men learn the basics of the Christian life. New men in Christ display changes from their old life to their new one.

- He shows evidence of possessing new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- He demonstrates a favorable attitude toward Jesus Christ
- He exhibits an unfavorable attitude toward sin
- He hungers for the Word of God
- He turns from idols to serving God (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

The Warrior's Way and The Warrior's Character are designed to help men develop into mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Here are twelve attributes of mature disciples in the local church.

- He puts Christ first in the major areas of his life (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 1:18)
- He takes steps to separate himself from sin (Romans 12:1-2)
- He continues in the Word through such means of intake as Bible study, Scripture memory and listening to sermons (John 8:31)
- He regularly applies God's Word to his life (James 1:22-25)
- He maintains a consistent devotional life (Mark 1:35)
- He routinely prays for himself and others (Colossians 4:2-4)
- He attends church on a regular basis (Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- He shares in God's work through consistent giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

- He properly relates to people at home and at work (Ephesians 5:22-6:9)
- He provides sustenance for his wife and family (1 Timothy 5:8)
- He labors at work to the glory of God (Colossians 3:22-25)
- He demonstrates Christ's love to members of the body and people in the world (John 13:34-35)
- He serves others (Mark 10:45)
- He openly identifies with Jesus Christ where he lives and works (Matthew 5:16)
- He presents the gospel with increasing effectiveness (1 Peter 3:15; Romans 1:16)

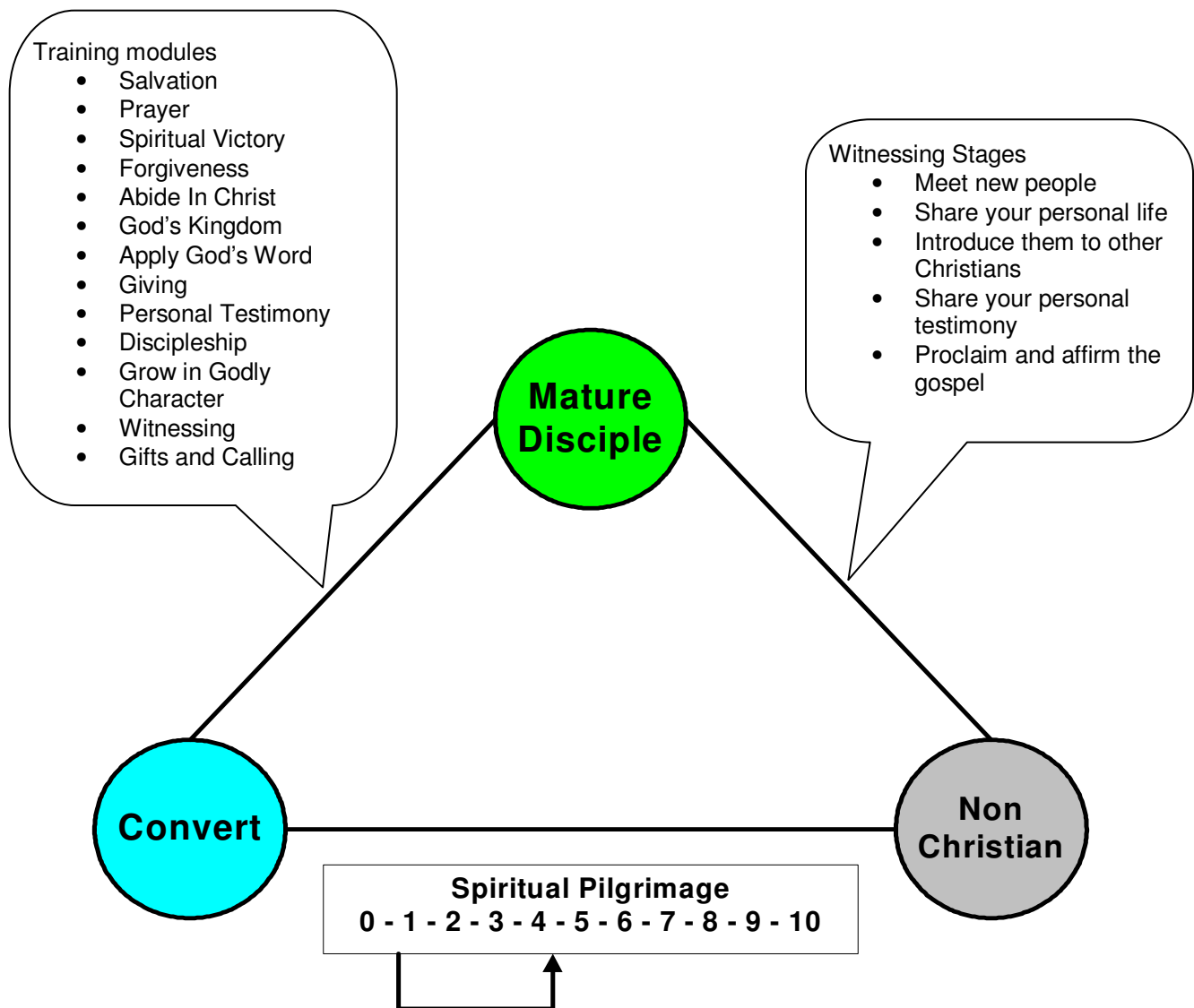
The Warrior's Mission is the third section of training. It contains knowledge and skills to train men in effectively sharing the gospel of Christ with those who are within their sphere of influence. Men who follow Christ are to free people who are held captive by the world, the flesh, and the devil. God places men where He needs them. His men need to live for Him where they work, where they live, and where they play. The Warrior's Mission bible study equips men to determine their life mission and effectively lead others to Christ freeing them from powers of darkness.

- He evidences growth in the virtues listed under The Warrior's Way and The Warrior's Character (1 Peter 3:18)
- He shows a growing compassion for the lost (Matthew 9:36-38)
- He demonstrates his ability to proclaim the gospel through cultivating relationships, sowing God's Word, and reaping the harvest (Romans 1:16; Mark 4:1-20; John 4:34-38)

All men are in the process of growing in their relationship with God. It is up to the current men in leadership to determine which setting will facilitate the greatest benefit among their constituents. Each church must decide which setting is best suited for the needs of its men.

## Train Men to Reproduce

The important concepts in this model are strategic to the church in reproducing disciples. Why is this important? Cults add to their numbers by recruiting. They do not and cannot reproduce. Conversely, a child of God must be born again and after doing so, he enters into the family of God. Our responsibility is to adequately prepare God's people to grow in the true knowledge of Christ, so they can make a difference in the world. One very significant way we can do this is by providing proper training on spiritual reproduction. Below is a graph of the reproduction training process.



Adapted from The Lost Art of Disciple Making<sup>3</sup>

# The Kingdom Warrior Curriculum

Making disciples incorporates visioning, harvesting, and building in men after conversion. This is not an easy task. Fortunately, Christ provided an example for the church by training His men. At the end of His earthly ministry, He commanded them to go make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The need was great then; the need is great today.

The following training materials are designed to help provide instruction for men that are new to the Christian faith or lack disciple making skills. There are three sections: The Warrior's Way, The Warrior's Character, and The Warrior's Mission. Properly taught they develop spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry skills.

The Warrior's Way provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It is designed for men to learn how to live as true believers. Each module contains a set of questions to facilitate examination of a Scripture text surrounding a biblical theme. Participants are provided with an NIV Scripture memory card based on the module topic and encouraged to memorize the verse. At the end of each printed study is a focused section to help them create an application to put the study into everyday practice. Training men to go through the process of memorizing, meditating, studying, and applying God's Word, provides them a pattern for a life time of spiritual growth.

The Warrior's Character focuses on the qualities of a man's walk with God. As men grow in the true knowledge of Christ, weaknesses in character begin to surface. This section provides an examination of character issues like bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness. Participants learn what God's standards are for a godly man's character and how to make application to their personal lives.

The Warrior's Mission gives an overview of how the early church grew through evangelism and witnessing as well as helping men find their ministry calling. It contains knowledge and skills to train men in effectively sharing the gospel of Christ with those who are within their sphere of influence. Men who follow Christ are to free people who are held captive by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Through evangelism and witnessing men, women, and children are set free from the power of darkness (Isaiah 41:6-7). God places men where He needs them. His men need to live for Him where they work, where they live, and where they play.





Developing depth in spiritual growth, godly character, and evangelism are the foundation issues of discipleship. Mature disciples work the ministry to fulfill the Great Commission: "To make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This series is designed to equip men with the know-how required to obey Christ's command given to all disciples.

## ***The Warrior's Way***

This study provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It consists of twelve modules. Each module contains a set of questions to facilitate examination of a Scripture text surrounding a biblical theme. Participants are provided with a Scripture memory card based on the module topic and encouraged to memorize the verse word perfect. At the end of each printed study is a focused section to help them create an application to put the study into everyday practice. Scripture texts are based on commands given by God to His people. The goal is for each man to complete his study as outlined in the materials and learn to live a Christ-centered life. The Warrior's Way covers twelve essential areas to become a growing disciple:





1. Enlist Your Service – 1 John 5:1-13
2. Pray to the Commander in Chief – Matthew 6:5-15
3. Ask for Forgiveness – 1 John 1:1-10
4. Achieve Spiritual Victory – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
5. Abide in Christ – John 15:1-17
6. Obey God's Marching Orders – Psalm 19:1-14
7. Fellowship with the King's Men – Acts 2:42-47
8. Seek God's Kingdom – Matthew 6:19-34
9. Contribute to the Spoils of War - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
10. Share Your War Story – Acts 26:1-29
11. Count the Cost – Luke 9:23-27, 57-62; 14:25-35
12. Worship the King – Matthew 18:1-20; Acts 1:6-8

Each training module contains four sections: objectives, education, mentoring, and evaluation. Objectives provide direction. Education lists the corresponding Bible study required for completion. Mentoring aids the disciple maker by listing activities required by both mentor and mentoree. Evaluation provides a way to assess if the objectives have been achieved. Below is a sample template. Each topic contains a separate training module.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>-</p>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <p>-</p>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <p>-</p>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p>-</p>





## 1. Enlist Your Service - 1 John 5:1-13

God wants every one of His men to know He loves them. He demonstrated ultimate love by sending and sacrificing His own Son for their sins. Sadly enough, most men suffer from a lack of intimacy with God. New Christians are especially prone to question their faith and this basic Bible truth. The purpose of this topic is to show men who will spend eternity in the presence of God and the magnitude of His love for them. Eternal life is available only through Jesus Christ because it is only God's to give. If a man does not know Jesus, he has no hope for eternal life. Salvation is the beginning of an eternal love relationship with God.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express to another person his assurance of salvation</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 1 John 5:11-12</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior's Way Enlist Your Service</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on assurance of salvation John 5:24; 10:28</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares with other people the basis for his salvation</li> <li>- Completes his assigned Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 1 John 5:11-12 by memory</li> </ul>

## 2. Pray to the Commander in Chief - Matthew 6:5-15





The discipline of prayer is the foundation of all spiritual disciplines. It is the central component in worship, Bible study, and witnessing. It is a form of personal devotion and the vehicle for communicating to God. Learning how to pray is critical to proper growth in discipleship. All godly men strive to make their prayer life better. Starting men out right is important to their longevity and impacts the type of intimacy they experience with God.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present himself to God for prayer five out of seven days</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Use the Scriptures to pray back to God</li> <li>- Memorize John 16:24</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior's Way Pray to the Commander in Chief</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal prayer experience</li> <li>- Share personal prayer requests</li> <li>- Meet together for prayer</li> <li>- Share other verses on Prayer Matthew 7:7; Philippians 4:6-7; John 15:7</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares prayer requests</li> <li>- Offers to take requests and pray for others</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application using appendix A from the <i>The Warrior's Way</i> Bible study</li> <li>- Quotes John 16:24 by memory</li> </ul>







### 3. Ask For Forgiveness - 1 John 1:1-10

Sin is anything that violates the law of God. Every man commits sin. Sin is an unfortunate part of our human nature that all mankind inherited from Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Fortunately, when men are faithful to confess to their sins, God is faithful to forgive them. God promises to forgive His peoples sin when they repent and confess their violations of His Word. Confession of sin is essential to living a Christian life.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person principles for confessing sin</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 1 John 1:9</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior's Way Ask for Forgiveness</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal story or illustration from your own life</li> <li>- Discuss the difference between conviction and worldly sorrow</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on forgiveness Psalm 32:5; 103:2-5, 8-18</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles of God's forgiveness</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 1 John 1:9 by memory</li> </ul>





#### 4. Achieve Spiritual Victory - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The world offers many temptations for the Christian. Giving in to temptation is sin. Saying no to temptation is victory. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians provides several warnings from Israel's history to help Christians gain victory when facing temptations. No matter kind of temptations a man faces, God is faithful. It is important to the spiritual life of men to look at helpful sources when facing temptations. The enemy seeks to destroy security and mislead men. God is there to help men through their temptation and lead them to victory.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience spiritual victory over sin</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior's Way Achieve Spiritual Victory</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal spiritual victory over sin</li> <li>- Share personal prayer requests for areas you still struggle with</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on victory Isaiah 41:13; Hebrews 2:18</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares victory over a temptation to sin</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Shares with others the principles of spiritual victory</li> <li>- Quotes 1 Corinthians 10:13 by memory</li> </ul>





## 5. Abide in the King's Presence - John 15:1-17

Maintaining a relationship with Christ is essential to knowing God. Without Him as Lord, men live like dry and withered branches. With Him Christian men grow and produce spiritual fruit. It is important to abide in Christ and obey His Word. The more men learn to submit to Him, the greater they will experience His presence. The more they experience His presence, the greater they will understand their purpose in life.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person the Lordship of Christ</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize John 15:7-8</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Way Abide In the King's Presence</u> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal illustration on how you abide in Christ</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the Lordship of Christ John 1:1,14; Colossians 1:18; Revelation 17:14</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of having Christ as Lord and not just Savior</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes John 15:7-8 by memory</li> </ul>





## 6. Fellowship with the King's Men - Luke 22:7-30; Acts 2:42-46; 4:32-37

When Christ set the example of breaking bread with His disciples He set in motion a practice that is designed to worship and build relationships. From this we find depth of camaraderie among the first Christians strong and growing in the early chapters of Acts. The believers met together in homes for teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper, and prayer. So profound was their sense of brotherhood that men and women pooled their possessions and distributed them to those brothers and sisters in need. The dominant characteristic of this early Christian fellowship was the willingness to care for one another.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person the biblical importance of fellowship</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Acts 2:42</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior's Way Fellowship with Kings Men</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal illustration on how you connect with other men</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the Fellowship with other men</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of routinely connecting with me</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Acts 2:42 by memory</li> </ul>





## 7. Seek God's Kingdom - Matthew 6:19-34

God cares for men as a father cares for his children. He provides for their needs so they can serve Him without anxiety. The world's influence seeks to mold men into a false sense of security through the lure of materialism. Seeking security in possessions naturally leads to increased worry and fear. The greater the potential loss, the more men tend to worry. It is important to seek God's perspective on life and gain His peace of mind. Anxiety over life is a continual problem for many men. Jesus prescribes a remedy for worry by making the Kingdom of God and His righteousness the central focus of life. The more men learn to seek His Kingdom, the more they will sense God's care and concern. Only God provides true security.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person how God cares for His children</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Matthew 6:33</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior's Way Seek God's Kingdom</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal experience in dealing with anxiety in a biblical way</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on worry, stress and God's desire to bear our burdens Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Peter 5:7</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles on God caring for His children</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Matthew 6:33 by memory</li> </ul>





## 8. Support the War - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

One of the best ways men can glorify God is to give their time, talents, and treasures. Being generous in the Christian life blesses others with the possessions and talents God provides to his men. Giving brings special rewards from God in ways men do not expect. Financial support to ministry needs in the body enable ministries to operate and churches to function. When men give their time, talents, and treasure, they share in building God's kingdom.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person the importance of giving to God</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:7</li> <li>- Create a giving plan to support the needs of a ministry</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Way Support the War</u> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on giving</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal example on blessings received through sharing in God's work through financial giving</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on being charitable Leviticus 27:30-33; Malachi 3:6-10; Luke 6:38</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Verbally shares principles on giving to the church</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 2 Corinthians 9:7 by memory</li> </ul>





## 9. Share Your War Story - Acts 26:1-29; 1 Peter 3:15

One of the most exciting things a Christian man can do is give his personal testimony. In Acts 26, Paul provides an excellent model that can be adapted to Christian men world wide. His testimony consists of three distinct parts: before knowing Christ, how he came to know Christ, and his life after receiving Christ. Every conversion is a testimony of God's love and should be shared with anyone God puts in a person's sphere of influence. Anytime men share what Jesus means to them, it is a testimony of God's love and grace.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person his personal testimony</li> <li>- Develop a three step story of his personal testimony: before, how, and after meeting Christ</li> <li>- Memorize 1 Peter 3:15</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Way Share Your War Story</u> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on developing a personal Testimony</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal story from your experience in presenting a personal testimony</li> <li>- Share Scriptures where men give their personal testimony Acts 22:1-11; John 9:25</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares his personal testimony with others</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application by writing out a three step personal testimony</li> <li>- Quotes 1 Peter 3:15 by memory</li> </ul>

## 10. Count the Cost - Luke 9:23-27, 57-62; 14:25-35

All men who claim Christ as their Lord need to evaluate the cost involved in following Him. Christ paid the ultimate price for salvation. Obedience to Him pales in comparison to His obedience to the Father. Learning to be obedient and putting Christ first is not an option. Disciples learn by living and working with their teacher. Men grow in their experience of God by spending time with Him on a daily basis and obeying what He says in his Word. One of the best ways to communicate with Him is to have a daily quiet time followed by period of personal prayer.





	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person the importance of discipleship and maintaining consistent time in God's Word</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Luke 9:23-24</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Way</u> <i>Count the Cost</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on having a quiet time</li> <li>- Meet together for quiet time and prayer</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal illustration on living as a Christian disciple</li> <li>- Shares subject with other men</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares importance of consistent quiet times</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Shares with others the principles of discipleship and growth through daily quiet time and prayer</li> </ul>



## 11. Obey God’s Marching Orders - Psalm 19:1-14





The Word of God is one of the most significant gifts the Lord has given to men. King David knew the value of God’s Word. In Psalm 19, he describes the glory of God, the Law of God, and the grace of God. There is great value in God’s Word. It is essential to living the Christian life. When men read and apply God's Word, they are transformed more into the image of Christ.

The Word of God contains the mind of God; the state of man; the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its records are true. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the travelers' map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, the Christian’s character. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet” Author unknown.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person the importance of God’s Word</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Psalm 19:11</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <i>The Warrior’s Way Apply God’s Word</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Share examples on how God’s Word has impacted your life</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on Bible study and renewing your mind Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10; Hebrews 4:12-13; Psalm 119:9-11</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares importance of God’s Word for the Christian life</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Psalm 19:11 by memory</li> </ul>

## 12. Worship the Victorious King – Matthew 28:1-20; 24:14; Acts 1:6-8

At the time of the crucifixion the disciples were scattered and stunned. Like so many men they were slow to understand what it meant for Him to be King that dies on a cross. After His resurrection the men meet on a mountain where they worship. There on the mountain Christ gives them his final set of marching orders. In worship they listen and for their rest of their lives they live in service to the victorious King.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person the importance of worshipping Christ personally, privately, and corporately</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Matthew 28:17</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Way</u> <i>Worship the Victorious King</i> Bible study, or work through the study together</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on having a quiet time</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal illustration that promotes personal and corporate worship</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the subject</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares importance of consistent quiet times</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Shares with others the principles</li> </ul>

## **Congratulations on completing The Warrior's Way**

In completing this workbook, you acquired a foundation knowledge and experience of the basics for living the Christian warrior's life. You should be able to:

- Enlist your service into the kingdom
- Pray to God on a regular basis using a biblical pattern
- Ask God's forgiveness for your sins
- Achieve spiritual victory in your daily life
- Abide with Christ through experiencing His presence
- Seek God's kingdom and put Him first
- Apply God's Word as He speaks to you
- Fellowship as part of a band-of-brothers
- Share in God's work by cheerfully giving to kingdom ministries
- Express your faith in Christ by sharing a personal testimony
- Live as a Disciple of Christ through routine time in God's Word and prayer
- Worship the King and live out a life time of service

Growing in the true knowledge of Jesus will help you develop as a disciple of Christ. As a committed disciple you will learn to model life as a godly man. A godly man is disciplined in the basics of the Christian life. The more you learn and apply, the more your life will reflect a Christ-like character. Living as a warrior for Christ is the ultimate expression of a committed disciple.

God bless you as you march through life.

## **Going Forward**

On the next page is a tool to help assess how well men are doing in six areas of living the Christian life. Make a copy. Set a time to meet with your men and have them honestly evaluate themselves by completing the form. Make arrangements to meet with them to discuss their scores. Review the scores together and solicit a commitment to work through the next section The Warrior's Character.

## **Kingdom Warrior Discipleship Inventory**

**4 – Always, 3 – Usually, 2 – Sometimes, 1 – Seldom, 0 – Never**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Individual Worship</b>					
- I try to make Christ Lord of my life by doing all for His glory					
- I sense God’s presence on a daily basis					
- I sense the Lord’s discipline					
<b>Time in God’s Word each week</b>					
- I have a quiet time at least three times a week					
- I study my Bible every week					
- I memorize a verse each week					
- I take notes during the sermon and or ministry messages					
- I meditate on God’s Word weekly					
<b>Time in Prayer each week</b>					
- I use and keep a prayer journal					
- I have received specific answers in the last month					
- My prayers include: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS)					
- I pray for people who need salvation					
- I pray for my pastor and spiritual leaders					
<b>Family and Friends</b>					
- I strive to live in harmony with my wife, children, and family					
- I routinely read the Bible and pray with my wife and family					
- People see Christ in me by how I relate to others					
- I seek reconciliation when there are problems					
<b>Witnessing and Evangelism</b>					
- I share my testimony at each proper opportunity					
- I know how to share the gospel of Christ					
- I cultivate relationships and share God’s Word					
- I live a proper witness at work and at home					
<b>Ministry to Others</b>					
- I am involved in a weekly small group					
- I serve Christ through a ministry in my church					
- I support the church financially each payday					
- I have someone who keeps me accountable					
<b>Subtotals</b>					

When you are finished, add each column in the subtotals. There are twenty five issues, so the maximum you can score is 100. Adapted from the Disciples Study Bible.<sup>4</sup>

## ***The Warrior's Character***

You can learn to perform the actions of a Christian disciple and still not have a vibrant relationship with God. Why? Because performing well can give you the impression you are doing well. Performing well makes you look good on the outside. Godly character is formed on the inside. Character is what makes you do the right things, think the right thoughts, and say the right kind of words even when no one is observing your life. After becoming a new creature in Christ, God expects you to develop a nature, personality, and moral fiber that reflect a right relationship with and thereby live a biblical based life in public and private.





The purpose of this bible study is to help you form the right kind of character as you grow in your walk with God and develop brotherhood with other men. It covers twelve essential areas:

1. Live by the Spirit - Galatians 5:1-26
2. Pursue Holiness - 1 Peter 1:13-2:3
3. Practice Godliness - Ephesians 5:1-21
4. Imitate Christ's Humility - Philippians 2:1-18
5. Acclaim Christ's Supremacy - Colossians 1:15-29
6. Be a Godly Man - 2 Timothy 2:14-3:9
7. Do The Right Thing - Titus 3:1-15
8. Love Like a Man –1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
9. Develop Proper Relationships – Ephesians 5:21-6:9
10. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:1-29
11. Reside In God's Will - Romans 12:1-21
12. Watch Your Tonuge – James 3:1-18

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, you need to develop godly character. The more time you spend with God, the more your character will reflect the attributes of Christ.





## 1. Live by the Spirit - Galatians 5:1-26

The Bible describes the sanctifying work of God’s Spirit using the metaphor of fruit. The Holy Spirit produces fruit in the Christian’s life. Only God’s Spirit can produce this fruit. The process of sanctification begins when men become true believers and continues throughout their lives on earth. Sanctified men produce the fruit of the Spirit and crucify their old, sinful nature. All men should know that fruit of the Spirit is behavior manifested from God’s presence and convictions. Works are an effort done to accomplish something. The flesh produces dead works; the Holy Spirit produces living fruit.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person principles on bearing spiritual fruit</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- List the fruit of the Spirit and work on bearing spiritual fruit</li> <li>- Memorize Galatians 5:22-23</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign the <u>The Warrior’s Character</u> <i>Live by the Spirit</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on bearing spiritual fruit</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Discuss the difference between doing works and producing fruit</li> <li>- Share personal example of bearing spiritual fruit</li> <li>- Share Scriptures on bearing spiritual fruit that lasts Malachi 3:11; John 15:16</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of bearing lasting spiritual fruit</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Galatians 5:22-23 by memory</li> </ul>





## 1. Pursue Holiness - 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

God begins a sanctifying work in men through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit. God continues sanctification by revealing to men their sinful behavior. Sanctification is the process of being made holy resulting in a changed life-style. Pursuing holiness is the removal of principles, habits, and dispositions that reflect a man's depraved nature. Like old garments, sin must be taken off and new godly behaviors put on. Taking off "sinful garments" is a way to pursue holiness. Putting on "godly garments" is a way to practice godliness.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person principles on pursuing holiness</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 1 Peter 1:15-16</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character Pursue Holiness</u> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on pursuing holiness</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Discuss the difference between pursuing holiness and practicing godliness</li> <li>- Share personal example of pursuing holiness</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on pursuing holiness Hebrews 12:14; Deuteronomy 7:6; Romans 6:14; 1 Timothy 2:8; 1 Peter 1:16</li> <li>- Have him read <u>Pursuit of Holiness</u> by Jerry Bridges</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of putting off the old self</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 1 Peter 1:15-16 by memory</li> </ul>

## 2. Practice Godliness - Ephesians 4:17- 5:21





Practicing Godliness is a discipline that focuses upon devotion to God and is central to living a well-grounded life. It supposes knowledge, veneration, affection, dependence, submission, gratitude, and obedience to God. Men need to work at increasing their daily practice of godliness in a world that hates God. Practicing godliness is putting on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person principles on practicing godliness</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Ephesians 5:8</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Practice Godliness</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on practicing godliness</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Discuss the difference between pursuing holiness and practicing godliness</li> <li>- Share personal example of practicing godliness</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on practicing godliness 1 Timothy 2:2, 4:8; Colossians 3:12; Ephesians 4:24</li> <li>- Have him read <u>Practice of Godliness</u> by Jerry Bridges</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares with others the importance of practicing godly behaviors</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Ephesians 5:8-10 by memory</li> </ul>







### 3. Imitate Christ's Humility - Philippians 2:1-30

Jesus is the supreme example of humility. He is divine by nature but did not selfishly demand His divine rights. Instead, He gave up the glory of heaven to become human. He did not seek royal treatment but took on a servant's role. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). He obeyed the Father's plan and died so men can live. All godly men work at becoming more like Jesus by having the same servant attitude as Christ.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person principles of Christ like humility</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Philippians 2:3-4</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Imitate Christ's Humility</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on humility and servant hood</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal example on being humble or humbled</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on developing humility Matthew 23:12; Proverbs 11:2; Ephesians 4:2</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of growing in humility</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Philippians 2:3-4 by memory</li> </ul>





#### 4. Acclaim Christ's Supremacy - Colossians 1:15-29

Christ is the supreme being of the universe. He is the image of the unseen God through whom God created the world. He is Lord over all, and all creation is united to Him. He rules the church and has reconciled creation to God the Father. Through the saving power of the gospel, men can experience Christ's supremacy. For mature disciples, there is no greater cause than to help men grow in their experience with Christ. Disciples help other men become godly under Christ's supreme leadership.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with another person principles on who Christ is</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Colossians 1:18</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Acclaim Christ's Supremacy</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application on the supremacy of Christ</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal example on how you have grown in recognizing the supremacy of Christ</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the Lordship of Christ Matthew 6:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 5:9-14</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles on acclaiming the supremacy of Christ</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Colossians 1:18 by memory</li> </ul>





## 6. Be a Godly Man - 2 Timothy 2:14-3:9

Men have a tendency to like a good fight. In the early church, people also tended to like arguing. While having an honest debate can be healthy, God's Word clearly indicates men who enter into godless chatter will become more ungodly. The point is this: if men spend time acting ungodly, they will develop more sin and problems with their life. If men spend time working on godliness, they will develop a more Christ-like character. Studying and applying the Scriptures is the primary medium for developing godly men.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with others the importance of being a godly man</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 2 Timothy 2:24-25</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Be a Godly Man</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal experience and blessings from living life as a serving man of God</li> <li>- Share other verses on being a godly man Ezra 7:10; Ephesians 1:13; James 1:18</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles on being a godly man</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 2 Timothy 2:24-25 by memory</li> </ul>





## 7. Do the Right Thing – Titus 3:1-14

God places His men where He wants to use them for His kingdom. Christian men are to live as representatives of God in an ungodly world. The way men respond to those in authority over them is one way the world will know Christian men are different. The only reason for godly men to protest, or exercise civil disobedience, is when something clearly violates the laws of God.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express to another person the importance of living a life of integrity</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Titus 3:8</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Do the Right Thing</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life on living by principle versus by circumstance</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the importance of doing good and living a life that pleases God Ephesians 2:10; Romans 13:1-7</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of good works and responding correctly to ethical situations</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Titus 3:8 by memory</li> </ul>





## 8. Love like a Man - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Most Christian men are extremely poor at demonstrating biblical love to others. Jesus is the perfect example of a masculine form of love. Love should be the goal for all relationships and the foundation for all ministries. Programs, processes, and activities mean nothing if love does not motivate them. Love is a consistent attitude of personal humility and devotion to the good of others.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express to another person principles for demonstrating love as a godly man</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-7</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Love Like a Man</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life when you failed to demonstrate God's love</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life when you excelled in demonstrating God's love</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the importance of demonstrating biblical love 1 John 4:7-12; Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 12:20</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles of biblical love</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 by memory</li> </ul>





## 9. Develop Proper Relationships – Ephesians 5:21-6:9

God’s Word stipulates standards of proper conduct on how men should relate to others. The apostle Paul provides instruction for three types of relationships: husband and wife, children and parents, and employer and employees. All three require an attitude of love and sacrifice for the benefit of others.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share with others the importance of having relationships based on God’s design for His people</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Ephesians 5:21</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior’s Character</u> <i>Develop Proper Relationships</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share personal examples on maintaining biblical relationships to those in your sphere of influence</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on having godly interpersonal relationships Romans 12:9-13; Ephesians 5:21</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles on relating to others as a man of God</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Ephesians 5:21 by memory</li> </ul>





## 10. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:1-29

No one likes to endure difficulties in life; however, this is how God builds into a man's character. Storms are turbulent and in the midst they do not always appear beneficial. God's discipline is designed to lead His people back to Him, build faith, and prepare for the future. Jesus is the ultimate example of a disciplined life. During all of His persecution and troubled times He lived an obedient life. Christian men need to bear up under trials and to keep going especially when the going is tough. When God calls His men to a life of kingdom soldiering He expects His soldiers to express thanks and properly worship no matter what their situation or experience. It takes a committed man to constantly fix his eyes on Christ, honor God, and obey His Word.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize that all trials and problems are by design helping him focus on Christ</li> <li>- Studies God's word on the subject</li> <li>- Memorize Hebrews 12:12</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Fix Your Eyes on Jesus</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on the subject</li> <li>- Ask him how he is doing at applying God's word?</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares with someone else the concept and or the way God is working in his life</li> <li>- Completes his assigned Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Hebrews 12:6</li> </ul>

## 11. Reside in God's Will - Romans - 12:1-21





This section of Scripture contains two themes for individuals who want to live in God's will. One is to be a living sacrifice and the other is applying Christian love. The world is constantly trying to mold Christian minds. To be a living sacrifice requires mental transformation. Minds are transformed by spending time in God's Word and presence. When men grow in the process of renewing their minds, they learn how to be responsible members of Christ's body. Godly men need to apply God's will in three areas: view people appropriately, use their gifts as God intended, and demonstrate Christian love.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express to another person the importance of living a godly life as part of knowing and residing in God's will</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Memorize Romans 12:2</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Reside in God's Will</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life on residing in God's will</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on knowing God's will John 4:34; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Proverbs 12:15; John 14:28; Psalm 119:105; Matthew 7:7-8</li> <li>- Have him take a gifts assessment and help find the right place for him in the body</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles for knowing God's will</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Romans 12:2 by memory</li> </ul>



## 12. Watch your Tongue – James 3:1-18

God's man impacts other people through the use of words and sentences. Unfortunately, words do not always build up the listener. All too often words hurt and wound rather than help and heal. Words should please God including those used in anger and in arguments. With a few ill-chosen words a man can destroy his reputation, severely damage his relationships, and stop any potential impact for the future. God's wisdom saturates life with qualities that cement good relationships with other people.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Take measures to guard his words and speech</li> <li>- Memorize James 3:9-10</li> <li>- Put guards in place to help control the tongue</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Character</u> <i>Watch your Tongue</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share failures as well as victories of when you applied the principles from this study</li> <li>- Share other Scriptures on this subject</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes James 3:9-10 from memory</li> <li>- Quickly seeks forgiveness when speaking inappropriately</li> </ul>

## Summary

In this section, you acquired knowledge and experience regarding the pursuit of holiness and practice of godliness. You should be able to:

- Bear spiritual fruit
- Remove sinful habits and patterns from your life
- Practice godly behaviors that glorify God
- Acclaim Christ is Lord as well as Savior of your life
- Be a godly man in an ungodly world
- Do the right things at home, at work, and in your community
- Demonstrate biblical love to believers and non-believers alike
- Look to Christ for forgiveness, guidance, and discipline
- Develop godly relationships at work, at home, and in the community
- Seek and reside in God's perfect and pleasing will for your life
- Build solid relationships by controlling the tongue and seeking to apply godly wisdom

Bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness are life-time goals for the serving man of God. Make them part of your everyday life, the rewards are eternal.

## Going Forward

We live in a lost and dieing world. Jesus looked upon the masses and felt compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. If our world is to change, it will change because committed disciples of Christ are faithful to live their lives before their neighbors, coworkers, and family members. Out of a solid relationship with God should be an outpouring of His love for people.

When Jesus looked down on the multitudes, He felt compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:37). Today's world is no different. People are still harassed and helpless. As such the world, the flesh, and the devil keep them living in darkness (Isaiah 42:6-7; 2 Corinthians 4:4). If men truly care about their friends, family, and coworkers, they will share their faith in Christ.

The next section gives an overview of how the early church grew through witnessing and what issues they faced as the ministry grew. It contains knowledge and skills to train men in effectively sharing the gospel of Christ with those who are within their sphere of influence as well as dealing with a few critical issues. Men who follow Christ are to free people who are held captive by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Through evangelism and witnessing men, women, and children are set free from the power of darkness (Isaiah 41:6-7).

## ***The Warrior's Mission***

The Bible tells men that “Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19). Later Jesus says, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). As a disciple of Jesus Christ you are to live your life as light to the world (Matthew 5:14-16). From the beginning of mankind there has been an epic battle between light and darkness.

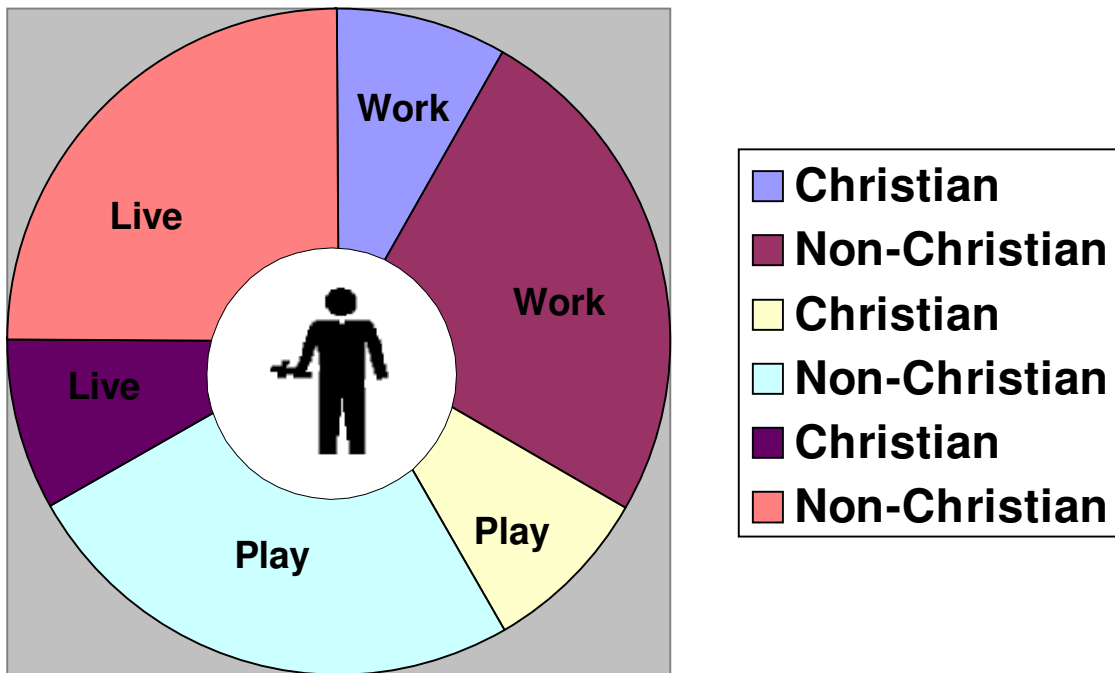
The Warrior's Mission covers the following twelve topics:

1. Know the Enemy – Ezekiel 28:11-19; Is 14:12-15
2. Recognize the Trinity – Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-20
3. Preach a True Gospel – 1 Corinthians 15:1-28
4. Sow God's Word – Mark 4:1-20
5. Fish For Men – Matthew 4:12-35
6. Seek Lost People – Luke 19:1-10; Gal 3:26-4:7
7. Serve Others – Mark 10:32-45
8. Help People in Need – Luke 10:25-37
9. Work Wholeheartedly – Genesis 2-3; Col. 3:23
10. Develop World Vision – Acts 1:1-9; 10:23-48
11. Live by Faith – Hebrews 11:1-40
12. Wage Spiritual Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-20

There will be numerous opportunities for you to enlighten people with the light of Christ. Jesus set the premier example. He associated with all sorts of people. Generally, these people were shunned by the religious elite. They were people held captive by the powers of the world, the flesh, and the devil (Isaiah 42:6-7). He went out of his way to cultivate relationships with them to show His light. So should you!

During His ministry on earth, Jesus spent time with His men building into them principles and practices for a life time of laboring. The main point of this study is to give you practical application for laboring in the harvest and achieving a kingdom mission. All of God's men are called to mission. Unfortunately some end up as casualties while others become life saving heroes.

God bless you as you work to build His kingdom in a dark and fallen world. There are three distinct areas of influence in the lives of men: where they work, where they live, and where they play. Together they form the basis for connecting with other humans. God has placed men in the various aspects of life to wage warfare for the souls of individuals. The following graph illustrates the sphere of influence for all men.







God wants men to impact people in the areas where they spend their time. Each area is a place where God has put men to make a difference. Even brief moments on a plane, or other public means of transportation, can be a moment where God puts men in order to touch lives. Knowing how to cultivate relationships, sow God's Word, and share the gospel are crucial skills for men in leading others to Christ. All men of God need to become proficient in process of evangelism and witnessing.

Powerful things happen when men confidently share their faith. Roles in the church may vary with circumstances; roles in witnessing do not. Men must learn to cultivate relationships, sow God's Word, and be prepared to reap a harvest. This section of training equips men with the knowledge and skills to reach out to help people see the light of Christ as they live out their Kingdom assignment.


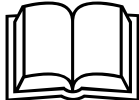


## 1. Know the Enemy – Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 3:1-6

Soon after Christ begins His ministry, He encounters Satan His arch enemy. During their confrontation, Jesus faces and overcomes three distinct temptations. With His humanity and His obedience both established, Jesus provides a classic model for knowing the enemy and defeating him on the field of battle. Satan’s temptations of Eve in the Garden of Eden correspond to those of Jesus in the desert. Satan appealed to the physical appetite (Gen. 3:1-3; Matt. 4:3), the desire for personal gain (Gen. 3:4-5; Matt. 4:6), and an easy path to power (Gen. 3:5-6; Matt. 4:8-9). In each case Satan altered God’s Word (Gen. 3:4; Matt. 4:6). Satan’s continues to use the same temptations with men today giving them alternatives to serving God.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Matthew 4:10</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Recognize when Satan is making an attack</li> <li>- Combat the enemy in a similar way as Christ the Warrior King</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior’s Mission</u> <i>Know the Enemy</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life when you were attacked and won the victory</li> <li>- Share any examples from your own life when you misunderstood the signs and what kind of warfare ensued</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of knowing and quoting Scripture as a means of defending yourself against the enemy’s attacks</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Matthew 4:10 by memory</li> </ul>





## 2. Recognize the Trinity - Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-20

The Bible teaches that the Father is God, that Jesus Christ is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God. The Bible also teaches that there is only one God. Though we can understand some facts about the relationship of the different Persons of the Trinity to one another, ultimately, how three equal one is incomprehensible to the human mind. This does not mean the Trinity is not true or that it is not based on the teachings of the Bible. The word *Trinity* is not found in Scripture. This is a term used to attempt to describe the triune God who is three coexistent, co-eternal Persons who make up the God of the Bible. Even though the word does not exist in Scripture, the Scriptures exist to describe the three persons and their eternal relationship to one another and to all mankind.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Ephesians 4:4-6</li> <li>- Express to another person the concept of the Trinity</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Prepare a defense for those who deny this biblical truth</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Recognize the Trinity</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples of when each attribute of God has impacted your life</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles on recognizing the trinity</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Ephesians 4:4-6 memory</li> </ul>





### 3. Preach the True Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

The book of 1 Corinthians contains the most concise definition of the gospel located in the Bible. There are three key points: Christ's death, burial and resurrection. These three are according to the Scriptures. As a man of God, you are to affirm and proclaim the gospel of Christ. Your salvation is based on personal faith. Presenting the gospel is a central part of every Christ centered ministry. When you present the gospel, be sure to preach the whole story. Give the person enough information so when they walk away, they know what needs to be done in order to receive Christ into their lives.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:3-5</li> <li>- Learns to express three key elements of the gospel</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Preach a True Gospel</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life for presenting the gospel</li> <li>- Review point one of the God's Plan for All Men (see Appendix B)</li> <li>- Assign point one to memorize</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the core elements of the gospel</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 by memory</li> </ul>

#### 4. Sow God's Word - Mark 4:1-20





In this parable, Jesus teaches His men what to expect when they sow the word of God while fishing for men. The seed of the laborer is God's word. The soils reflect the human heart. The reaction to the seed illustrates four ways human hearts respond to hearing God's word. Satan fights to keep the hard heart solid. The flesh impacts the shallow heart and allows feelings to control the moment. The world chokes any substantial growth of the word to the point it dies. Only a changed life truly produces fruit that will last. It all starts with a faithful laborer sowing God's word.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Mark 4:14</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Acknowledge God's Word impacts different people in different ways</li> <li>- Seek opportunities to sow God's Word in a person's life</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Sow God's Word</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life on sowing God's Word with others</li> <li>- Review point one of the God's Plan for All Men (see Appendix B)</li> <li>- Assign point two to memorize</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seeks to systematically share God's Word with non-Christians</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Mark 4:14 by memory</li> </ul>







## 5. Fish for Men - Matthew 4:12-35

Matthew 4:19 says, “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Following Christ is a life-time commitment of discipleship. A call to follow Christ involves evangelism and witnessing. Christ’s men received a call and immediately obeyed by leaving their nets and following Him every day for the rest of their lives. God calls some men to work full time in the church, while He calls others to work full time for the church. What matters is how men live their lives in Christ and do all things as a witness of His grace as Savior and Lord. All men in the church are called to follow Christ.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Matthew 4:19</li> <li>- Express to another person principles for fishing for men</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior’s Mission</u> <i>Fish for Men</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples of your efforts to live as a witness and evangelize those in your sphere of influence</li> <li>- Demonstrate how to deliver God’s Plan for All Men illustration (see Appendix B)</li> <li>- Assign point three to memorize</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares principles on fishing for men</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Matthew 4:19 by memory</li> </ul>





## 6. Seek Lost People - Luke 19:1-10; Galatians 3:26-4:7

Christ associated with people from all walks of life in order to impact them with the gospel. Through Christ, God touches and saves men from their sin and eternal alienation. By His grace, all those who repent and believe are adopted as sons. Jews and Gentiles both receive a full share in His inheritance. Race, gender, and social status have no bearing when men enter the family of God. All become children of God.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Luke 19:10</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Acknowledge salvation is for all people groups</li> <li>- Seek opportunities to pray for lives to be touched</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Seek Lost People</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life for presenting the gospel to people of other races and or religions</li> <li>- Review points one through three of the God's Plan for All Men (see Appendix B)</li> <li>- Assign point four to memorize</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares the importance of building a multicultural body</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Luke 19:10 by memory</li> </ul>





## 7. Serve Others - Mark 10:32-45

For the third time, Christ speaks to His disciples about His coming death; now He tells them He will be crucified in Jerusalem. Unfortunately the disciples did not quite understand the nature of His comments and the format of His ministry. In their minds He was returning as Israel's ruling king and not as a resurrected Savior and Lord. Through His death he illustrates how suffering, humiliation, and humility mark the serving man of God. As Christ served other people without seeking fame, power, or position, so must His men. Office and power do not make a person great, service does. Christ came not to be served but to serve, even to the point of dying on a cross. The greatest man of God will be the greatest servant of others.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Mark 10:45</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Man will look for opportunities to serve others without being prodded</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Serve Others</i> Bible Study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life where you began to learn sensitivity to others and how you jumped in and served a need</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares with others the need to see issues and circumstances where men can serve others</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Mark 10:45</li> </ul>





## 8. Help People in Need - Luke 10:25-37

Christ tells a parable to confront a young expert in law who wanted salvation but did not understand the full extent of demonstrating God's love to others. Godly men are willing to help people in need. In this way, God uses men to impact the world. Men tend to select how and when they offer assistance. Godly men consistently demonstrate God's love and grace. Growing in the true knowledge of Christ deepens the commitment to love God and to love people (Matthew 22:37-40).

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Luke 10:36-37</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Recognize the importance of meeting needs to share God's love</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Help People in Need</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life in meeting the physical needs of others</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looks for opportunities to minister to people in need</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Luke 10:36-37 by memory</li> </ul>





## 9. Work Wholeheartedly - Genesis 2:15-3:19; Colossians 3:23-24

From the time God created the earth and mankind, human labor was a part of His original plan for His men. It is a divine gift provided for the fulfillment of life and the sustainment of people. This provision by God is part of His responsibility to care for the world He created. Toiling to provide for your life and family is part of your responsibility as men created in the image of God. Work itself is not punishment for sin. God gave it to Adam as a gift before the fall. After the fall, the difficult, frustrating, and relentless toil which comes from dealing with an unresponsive environment became the lot of humankind. This was not God's original intention for men.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Colossians 3:23-24</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Recognize the importance and blessing of work</li> <li>- Seek opportunities to share with others the value of working</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior's Mission</u> <i>Work Wholeheartedly</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life the importance of work</li> <li>- Assign man to practice sharing God's Plan for All Men (see Appendix B)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seeks to work to glory of God</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Colossians 3:23-24 by memory</li> </ul>





## 10. Develop World Vision – Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-11

The Great Commission is directed to Christ’s church and to all Christians. It gives the power and authority for the church’s missionary task, a missionary task that includes a command to reach all the nations of the earth. Christ promised to help His men achieve this worthy goal by giving them power through the indwelling Holy Spirit. The purpose of the power is to equip disciples to be witnesses from where they live to the farthest ends of the earth. The serving man of God witnesses by word and example where he lives, works, and plays. This includes people from different ethnic groups, families, and sub-cultures. The power of the Holy Spirit can send ordinary men to do extraordinary things for the building of His kingdom

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Matthew 28:18-20</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Recognize the importance of a Christian world view</li> <li>- Seeks to reproduce his life in another man</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior’s Mission</u> <i>Develop World Vision</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share the importance of making disciples for your own life</li> <li>- Expose him to your churches mission team</li> <li>- Have man present God’s Plan for All Men (see Appendix B)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seeks to develop friendships with non-Christians</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Engages in making disciples of other men</li> <li>- Quotes Matthew 28:18-20 by memory</li> </ul>





## 11. Live by Faith – Hebrews 11:6

This section of Hebrews is known as the faith hall of fame. It contains a list of men and women of God whose faith involved absolute confidence in God’s historical saving acts. History is the story of God’s saving presence leading people to faith. Ministry is the story of people persevering in faith while serving God in history. Faith results in actions without having physical evidence. Serving men of God trust His promises even when they appear impossible or unreasonable. In many cases men need to persevere even when no earthly reward is in sight. Ultimately, all God’s men receive a reward in Christ and His atoning work.

	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Hebrews 11:6</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Seeks to live by faith and not by sight</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior’s Mission</u> <i>Live by Faith</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life when you took a giant step of faith</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looks to God as the basis for life and decision thinking</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Takes a step in faith that stretches his understanding of God</li> <li>- Quotes Hebrews 11:6 by memory</li> </ul>

## 12. Wage Lifetime Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-4

The Kingdom Warrior is destined to a life of struggle with superhuman forms of evil, including the arch enemy of God Satan. God has given His men spiritual armor to help wage warfare in this epic fight between good and evil. God’s warriors are men who experience victory as they identify with Christ and live according to His revealed will. All those who seek to help men change from captives of darkness into warriors of light will face hardship and persecution. If a man does not don his armor, he is an easy target. This final section tells His men how to walk in victory. It is a pretty sad that most men do not know the provisions God has made for victory over Satan. Christ has completely overcome Satan and his hosts and His victory is available to the Kingdom Warrior by faith.

	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Memorize Ephesians 6:10-11</li> <li>- Create an application from the Bible study</li> <li>- Recognize the need for waging daily warfare</li> <li>- Learn the various weapons for spiritual warfare</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assign <u>The Warrior’s Mission</u> <i>Wage Lifetime Warfare</i> Bible study</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mentoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss his Bible study application</li> <li>- Review Scripture memory verse</li> <li>- Share examples from your own life when you endured opposition and conflict as a result from sharing the gospel</li> <li>- Share examples from your life when you donned the weapons of warfare and examples of when you did not.</li> <li>- Review presenting the God’s Plan for All Men (see Appendix B) and the importance of being ready to share the gospel.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shares with another man the importance of warfare and wearing spiritual armor</li> <li>- Completes his Bible study</li> <li>- Fulfills his Bible study application</li> <li>- Quotes Ephesians 6:10-11 by memory</li> </ul>



## **Summary**

In this section, you acquired knowledge and experience in Christ's standards for His men to live a light to world. You should be able to:

- Know how to combat the arch enemy of God
- Recognize the work and ministry of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- Preach a gospel that reflects the true light of Christ
- Cultivate relationships and share God's Word
- Fish for men in the world in which you live
- Seek lost people who are held captive by the world, the flesh, and the devil
- Serve others at their point of need
- Recognize situations where you need to stop and help others
- Work for the kingdom rather than to make a living
- Move into the future as a man living by faith
- Wage lifetime spiritual warfare as a kingdom warrior

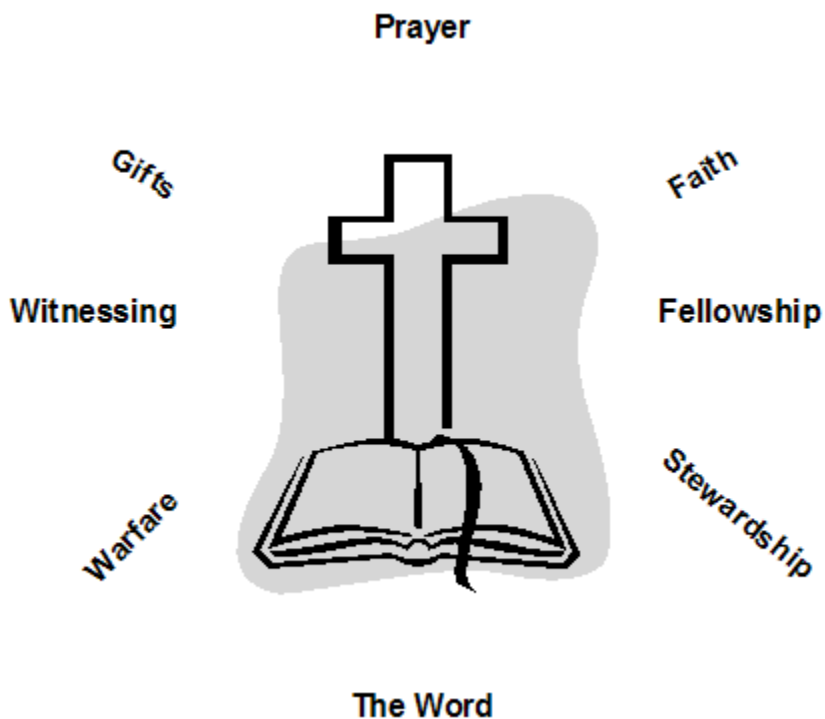
God assigns His men to be on mission with Him. Whatever you do for the Lord do it with a whole heart and passion. Now go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

## **Going Forward**

Completing this series of training modules is just the beginning for a committed disciple. If committed disciples want to finish their race as serving men of God, they will spend the rest of their lives going deeper in the basics of the Christian life.

## ***Appendix A: Grow Deeper in the Basics of the Christian Life***

Mature disciples consistently expand their relationship with God. They do this by growing deeper in the basics. This illustration summarizes the basics for all men in God's kingdom.



**Jesus Is Lord** – The power to live as a disciple comes from having Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He lives in us by His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit impacts our mind, will, and emotions as He glorifies the Son, convicts of sin, and reveals God's will.

**Prayer** – Prayer is central to a man's personal worship, the atmosphere surrounding effective Bible study, and the power behind witnessing. Through prayer men can communicate directly with God by expressing adoration, confession, thanksgiving, intercession, and making petitions.

**Faith** – Faith is the attitude whereby a man abandons all reliance on his own efforts to obtain salvation. It becomes an attitude of trust in Christ.<sup>5</sup> Faith is based upon the certain Word of God. Believing God and His Word gives men an experience of hope, joy, peace, answered prayer, and the fulfillment of God's Word.

**Fellowship** – Christ-centered fellowship facilitates a brotherhood of mutual encouragement, reproof, rebuke, correction, and stimulation to love and good deeds. It provides a medium for growth in giving time, talents, and treasure.

**Stewardship** – Stewardship involves managing someone else’s property. Christian stewardship involves faithfulness of men as they speak, live, serve, give, and minister to people. Men are responsible to act appropriately with everything God has given to them.

**The Word** – Just as a body lives by intake of physical food, the spiritual life requires regular intake of God’s Word. Men can receive the Word through hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating in the Bible.

**Warfare** – A battle rages over the hearts and minds of men. The world and Satan muster everything they can to stop men from growing in their relationships with God. With an increase of growth comes a greater awareness of conflict; however, through Christ we are more than conquerors.

**Witnessing** –Witnessing involves affirming and proclaiming the gospel to those within a sphere of influence. Fishing for men involves cultivating relationships, sowing God’s Word, and reaping a harvest. All of God’s men are called to evangelize and witness to those in their sphere of influence.

**Gifts** – There are three major lists of gifts: ministry, motivational, and manifestations of the Spirit. Men grow in their use of spiritual gifts as they mature in the true knowledge of Christ. Discovering spiritual gifts, learning ministry skills, and growing in knowledge enable men to be more productive for God’s kingdom.

**Obedience** – Obedience is putting into practice what you know as truth based on understanding God’s Word or communication based on sensing God’s Spirit.

Godly men demonstrate a commitment to grow in the basics and continually seek ways to apply the basics to everyday life. The key to growing deeper in the basics is living a Spirit filled life with Jesus Christ as Lord over all you do. With Christ in control, life has meaning and purpose.

## ***Appendix B: God's Plan for All Men***

This handout is intended to be a basic outline for presenting the gospel. It is not exhaustive. All learners should be encouraged to expand their presentation skills as God directs them. To download a tri-fold copy of this old of this presentation go to <http://www.kingdomwarrior.net/MMTools/default.html>

### **God's Plan for All Men**



- **Man was created to have a relationship with God and other men**
- **God wants all men to know Him and worship Him.**

God created man to have a relationship with him, to serve Him and worship Him.

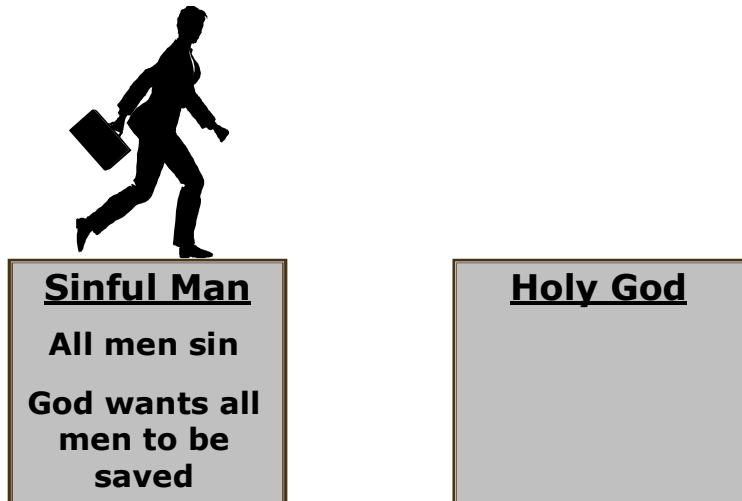
He wants each of us to be His friend and to live a full and meaningful life.

“God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female”  
(Gen 1:27)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. (Psalm 19:1-2)

God's Plan for All men is adapted from the Bridge to Life track.<sup>6</sup>

## Man's Problem with God



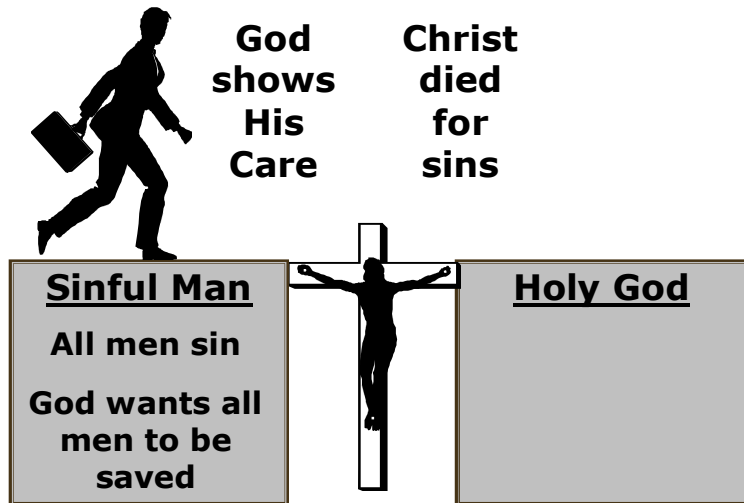
But there is a problem. Romans 3:23 says, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Draw the canyon.

Who does that include? As men, we either ignore or disobey God. This causes us to be separated from God.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 says, “God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

Unless something is done to change a man's situation, he is destined to spend eternity without God's forgiveness.

## God's Remedy for Man's Problem



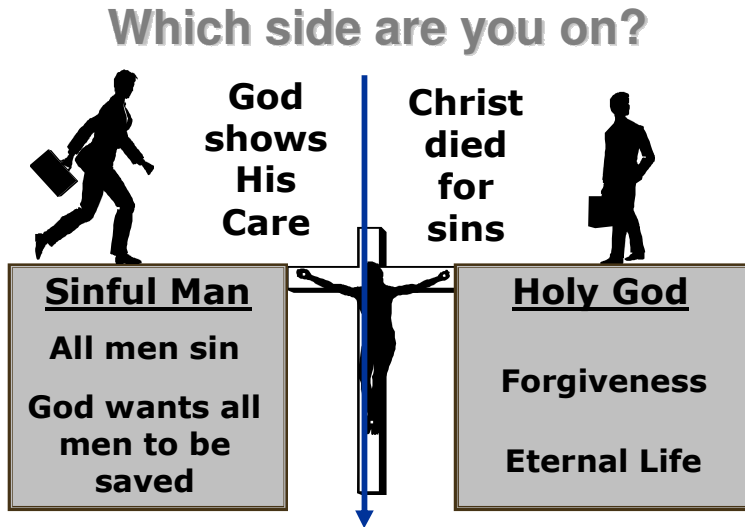
God provides a solution to man's problem. Draw the cross.

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the un-righteous, to bring you to God." (1 Peter 3:18).

Jesus Christ is the only answer to the problem of men separated from God. He paid the penalty and bridged the gap between sinful man and God the Father.

# Man's Response to God



Jesus came to the earth, lived a sinless life, and died so men can receive forgiveness and eternal life. Three days later He arose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God the Father. As Lord, He offers the gift of eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Him.

John 1:12 says, “Yet to all who received him to those who believed in his name he gave the right to become children of God”

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” (John 5:24).

Romans 10:9 “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Draw a line down the middle of the cross. State that believing means trust and commitment – a turning from our sinfulness, turning to Christ, and living in obedience to Him and His Word. Then ask “Which side of the illustration are you on?”

If the person points to God ask them how they know. If they point to man's side, ask them if they would like to pray and receive Jesus as Lord of their life. If he is ready, lead him in the following prayer “Lord, Jesus come into my life and be my Savior and Lord. Please forgive my sins.” He will forgive your sins and change your life for eternity.

Don't pressure them. The idea behind the illustration is to point out the truth of Christ and the good news of sins forgiveness. Men may need time to digest the content.

## **Appendix C: Men's Discipleship Ministry Profile**

Use this tool to evaluate what training your ministry should deliver to help men become mature reproducing disciples who know how to labor in the harvest fields of men's souls.

### **Standards for a New Disciple**

- He gives evidence of possessing new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- His attitude toward Jesus Christ is now favorable
- His attitude toward sin is unfavorable
- He hungers for the Word of God
- He has turned from idols to serving God (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

### **Standards for a Mature Disciple**

- He puts Christ first in the major areas of his life (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 1:18)
- He takes steps to separate himself from sin (Romans 12:1-2)
- He continues in the Word through such means as Bible study, Scripture memory, and listening to sermons (John 8:31)
- He regularly applies God's Word to his life (James 1:22-25)
- He maintains a consistent devotional life (Mark 1:35)
- He routinely prays for himself and others (Colossians 4:2-4)
- He meets with other disciples on a regular basis (Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- He shares in God's work through consistent giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
- He properly relates to people at home and at work (Ephesians 5:22-6:9)
- He provides sustenance for his wife and family (1 Timothy 5:8)
- He labors at work to the glory of God (Colossians 3:22-25)
- He demonstrates Christ's love to other members of the body (John 13:34-35)
- He serves others (Mark 10:45)
- He openly identifies with Jesus Christ where he lives, works, and plays (Matthew 5:16)
- He presents the gospel with increasing effectiveness (1 Peter 3:15; Romans 1:16)

### **Standards for a Disciple Maker**

- He evidences growth in the virtues of a mature disciple (1 Peter 3:18)
- He shows a growing compassion for the lost (Matthew 9:36-38)
- He demonstrates his ability to proclaim the gospel through cultivating relationships, sowing God's Word, and reaping the harvest (Romans 1:16; Mark 4:1-20; John 4:34-38)
- He is being used by God to establish converts and immature believers as mature disciples (Colossians 1:27-29; Matthew 28:18-20)
- He maintains a strong focus on the basics: the Lordship of Christ, the word, prayer, faith, fellowship, witnessing, stewardship, spiritual gifts, spiritual warfare, and obedience

Adapted from The Lost Art of Disciple Making.<sup>7</sup>



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## **Footnotes**

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