

The Warrior's Way

Discussion Guide



For Christ the King

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Equipping Men for Worship, Work, and War

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The Lord is a warrior (Exodus 15:3) who is fully equipped and trained to do expert warfare against His enemies in heaven and on earth. Consequently, His men are expected to be warriors equipped for similar warfare (Ephesians 6:11). If you are a Christian, you know there is a raging war for the souls of men and the welfare of their families.

Kingdom Warrior's primary purpose is to equip churches in ministry to men. We accomplish this mission by providing the church with men's ministry conferences, workshops, seminars, coaching, training services and ministry tools. After each ministry event, Kingdom Warrior supplies resources, consulting, coaching, and training to help churches implement an ongoing disciple making ministry to and through men.

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.

There are three sections in this series: *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 who face life as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

The Warriors Character focuses on the qualities of a man's walk with God. This section provides an examination of character issues like bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness.

The Warrior's Mission gives an overview of how the early church grew through evangelism and witnessing. It challenges men to find their ministry calling and continue in ministry throughout their life.

Developing depth in spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry service 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 as well as equip them as soldiers of the cross.

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The Warrior's Way

The Warrior's Way is not a program or a onetime course for you to complete. It is a set of tools designed to help you grow into a man of God who lives out his life as an intentional follower of Christ. Discipleship is not a program it is a life time process. As you learn the principles and put them into practice you will grow in your walk with God, serve in His kingdom, and defeat the enemy on the field of battle.

The Warrior's Way provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It is designed to help you start living as a true warrior for the King. The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). To become a new creation in Christ you need to understand the disciplines of a Kingdom Warrior. Someone who knows what God expects from His men and works with a band-of-brothers in a war torn world.

This study is organized by topics. Each topic contains a set of questions to facilitate examination of a Scripture text surrounding a biblical theme. Additionally, you 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 study you create an application from the lesson. Application is putting into effect the lessons God teaches you through His word.

The Warrior's Way covers twelve essential areas:

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 the King's Presence – 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 –John 19:17-42; Matthew 28:1-20

Included with several studies are supplemental materials. These materials are located in the back of the manual within an appendix. Use these tools to help drive home the topics. They are written to be a help to you as you grow in your walk with God.

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.

1. Enlist Your Service

Title of Lesson: Assess Enlist Your Service – 1 John 5:1-13
Objective: - Attendee will evaluate his salvation based on his relationship with Christ.
Open with prayer
Introduction: Becoming a Christian is the most significant decision you will make in your entire life. It begins a continuing relationship with God that is real and personal. God wants you to know He loves you and that you will be with Him for eternity. The purpose of this study is to show you who will spend eternity in the presence of the Lord and behold the glory of His power.
Part I – 5:1-5 – What did you learn in verses 1-5? – Why is it important to obey God’s commands? vs5 – How does 1 John 5:3 relate to John 3:16? – What can you do to make the truth in this section a day-to-day reality in your life?
Part II – 5:6-13 – What can you say to describe God’s testimony? – What does it mean to be a liar? – How does 1 John 5:10 relate to John 8:44 – How can you know you have eternal life?
Review memory verse: 1 John 5:11-12
Conclusion: We can know we have eternal life if we believe in the Son of God. Eternal life is available only through Jesus Christ because it is only God’s to give. If you do not know Jesus, you have no hope for eternal life.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

2. Pray to the Commander in Chief

Title of Lesson: Pray to the Commander in Chief – Matthew 6:5-15
Objective: - Attendee will learn to pray
Open with prayer
Introduction: Developing a consistent prayer life is foundational to growing as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. All God's children need to learn how to communicate with their heavenly Father so they can experience the power and presence of the Lord. This Bible study shows you a pattern to pray and a system to practice.
Part I – 6:5-8 – What are ways a godly man approaches prayer? – What do you think it means to babble like a pagan? vs7 – How does Christ's instruction relate to His own practice (Mark 1:35)? – Where do you go and pray?
Part II – 6:9-15 – From verses 9–15 describe what you learned regarding prayer. – What does it mean for God's Kingdom to come on the earth? vs 10 – How does verse 13 relate to Christ's experience in the dessert (Matthew 4:1-11)? – What are you going to do because of this bible study?
Review scripture memory: John 16:24
Conclusion: Through prayer, we have direct communication with our heavenly Father and receive provision for our needs. As we pray, we show our dependence and trust in Him. From His answers we learn who He is and what He wants us to do.
Close with Prayer

Create your own notes:

3. Ask God's Forgiveness

Title of Lesson: Seek God's Forgiveness – 1 John 1:1-10
Objective: - Attendee will repent of sin, confess it to God and receive His forgiveness.
Open with prayer
Introduction: Every person sins! It is an unfortunate part of our human nature which all mankind inherited from Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God in the garden of Eden. Men need to be faithful to confess to their sins. God is faithful to forgive men who repent and seek His forgiveness.
Part I – 1:1-4 – What did you learn about the word of life? – What does it mean to have fellowship? – How does fellowship relate to forgiveness? – How can this section help you in increase your joy (vs4)?
Part II – 1:5-10 – What did you learn about confessing sin? – What does it mean to confess your sins (vs 9-10)? – How does walking in light relate to walking in sin? – What should you say to God when you confess your sins?
Review memory verse: 1 John 1:9
Conclusion: God wants us to confess our sin. He promises to save us by forgiving our sin and letting us share in His righteousness. Confession of sin is essential to living a Christian life.
Close with Prayer

Create your own notes:

4. Achieve Spiritual Victory

Title of Lesson: Achieve Spiritual Victory – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Objective: - Attendee learns to have victory over temptation to sin.
Open with prayer
Introduction: 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 some warnings from Israel's history and a principle to remember when being tempted.
Part I – 10:1-5 – What happened to the Israelites who were with Moses? – Why did Paul write about Israel's sin (vs 1)? – How does the spiritual Rock relate to Christ (Exodus 17:6; Numbers 10:11)? – From this section, what could you apply to your everyday life?
Part II – 10:6-10 – What kind of sins did the Israelites commit? – Why should we study examples from Israel's sin (vs 6)? – How does idolatry relate to pagan revelry (vs 7)? – What are some practical ways to keep your heart from doing evil?
Part III – 10:11-13 – What did you learn about temptation? – Why did God ensure Israel's sin was recorded in the Scriptures (vs 11)? – What are sins today that relate to the sins of Israel? – How do you plan to react the next time you are tempted to sin (vs 13)?
Review memory verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13
Conclusion: We all face temptations. If we look to the wrong source of help we will succumb. If we look to God, He will help us through the temptation and lead us to victory.
Close with Prayer

Create your own notes:

5. Abide in the King's Presence

Title of Lesson: Abide in Christ – John 15:1-17
Objective: - Attendee grows in abiding and obeying Christ
Open with prayer
Introduction: Christ is the essential link to knowing God. Without Him as Lord, a person's life is like a dry and withered branch. With Him, the Christian grows and bears fruit. Without Christ we spiritually wither and die.
Part I – 15:1-8 – What did you learn regarding the vine and branches? – Why is it important to abide in Christ? – How does abiding in Christ relate to prayer? – What are the ways a godly man stays connected to Christ?
Part II – 15:9-17 – What are Christ's teachings on love? – Why is laying down your life the greatest love a man can demonstrate? – How does this section relate to '1 Corinthians 13:4-7'? – How do you demonstrate Christ's love to those in you sphere of influence?
Review memory verse: John 15:7-8
Conclusion: The more you learn to submit to Him, the greater you will experience His presence in your life.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

6. Fellowship with the King's Men

Title: Fellowship with the King's Men – Luke 22:7-30; Acts 2:42-46; 4:32-37
Objective: - Attendee participates in biblical fellowship with God's men on a regular basis
Open with prayer
Introduction: 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.
Part I – Luke 22:7-30 – What is the situation in which Christ gathers His men? – What is the kingdom of God? – How does eating and drinking relate to the kingdom of God? – In what ways can you apply these Scriptures the next time you take communion?
Part II – Acts 2:42-46 – In what ways did the early church devote themselves during their meetings? – What does it mean to be filled with awe? – In what way does the early church reflect godly living? – What are some ideas on how men can apply this in a masculine context?
Part II – Acts 4:32-37 – What are the ways the early church lived as a community of believers? – Is this possible in our world today? Yes/No Why or why not? – How does this scenario compare with our American society? – What can an individual or a group of individuals do to help one another?
Review memory verse: Acts 2:42
Conclusion: Who do you know that could use some help with living either with physical, emotional, or spiritual assistance? Make a plan to help that person during this next week.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

7. Seek God's Kingdom

Title of Lesson: Seek God's Kingdom – Matthew 6:19-34
Objective: - Attendee learns the importance of seeking God's kingdom.
Open with prayer
Introduction: God cares for each believer as a Father cares for his children. His provision allows Christ's followers to serve Him without anxiety. The world's influence seeks to mold us into a false sense of security through power, positions, and possessions. Only God provides true security. Seeking security through the world will cause enormous frustration in a man's life.
Part I –6:19-24 – What did you learn regarding treasures for men? – Why is it important to fill your mind with the right things (vs 22-23)? – How does devotion to God compare with devotion to money? – What can you do to keep your heart focused on the right kind of treasure?
Part II – 6:25-34 – What are some things you observed about worrying? – Why is worry such a problem? – What correlation is there between collecting treasures and how much you worry? – How does a man seek God's kingdom and His righteousness?
Review memory verse: Matthew 6:33
Conclusion: 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 center of our priorities. The more you learn to seek His Kingdom, the more you will sense His care and concern for you.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

8. Support the War

Title of Lesson: Support the War – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Objective: - Attendee learns the importance of giving to the work of God's church
Open with prayer
Introduction: One of the best ways you can glorify God with your life is to generously give your time, talents, and treasures. Giving in the Christian life is not to get something, but to receive God's blessing. It is an opportunity to give back to God what He has already given to you.
Part I – 9:6-9 – What are some things God says about giving? – What does it mean to give under compulsion (vs 7)? – How does our giving relate to the treasures of our heart (Matthew 6:19-21)? – How will a man of God sense God's abounding grace?
Part II – 9:10-11 – What happens to men who make giving a priority? – How will you personally benefit from this truth?
Part III – 9:12-15 – What did you learn from verses 12-15? – Why do you think Paul ends the section with a reference to God's indescribable gift (vs 15)? – How does giving relate to the expansion of the gospel of Christ (vs13)? – What are you going to do as a result from studying this Scripture text?
Review Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
Conclusion: God loves a cheerful giver. The world is a changed place when a Christian man cheerfully provides for the needs of others and lives their life under the generous grace of God.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

9. Share you War Story

Title of Lesson: Express Your Faith – Acts 26:1-29
Objective: - Attendee will develop and share a personal testimony
Open with prayer
Introduction: One of the most exciting things a Christian can do is give their personal testimony. We have an encounter with God! In Acts 26, Paul provides an excellent model that can be adapted to Christians worldwide. There are three distinct sections: his life before Christ, how he met Christ and what happened after becoming a Christian.
Part I – 26:1-11 – How would you describe Paul’s life before he became a Christian? – What do Pharisee’s believe in (vs 5)? – How does the hope of Israel relate to Christ’s resurrection from the dead (vs 7-8)? – What was your life like before you became a true believer?
Part II – 26:12-18 – How did Paul become a true believer in Christ? – What does it mean to be a witness of what you have seen and heard (vs 16)? – From this section, what do you think God wants from every Christian man? – How did you become a true believer in Christ?
Part III – 26:19-29 – Describe Paul’s life after becoming a Christian? – Why is it important to tell others about repentance (vs 20)? – How does repentance relate to deeds or works (vs 21)? – What is your life like since you became a Christian?
Review memory verse: 1 Peter 3:15
Conclusion: Paul faced a difficult situation and used it to witness by sharing what God had done in his life through Jesus Christ. His testimony is a great story of God's salvation. Anytime we share what Jesus means in our lives, it is a testimony of His love and grace.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

10. Count the Cost

Title of Lesson: Be Christ's Disciple – Luke 9:23-27, 57-62, 14:25-35
Objective: - Attendee evaluates the cost of becoming a disciple
Introduction: Every person who claims Jesus is Lord of their life is required to evaluate the cost involved in following Him. He paid the ultimate price for our salvation. Our obedience to Him is pale in comparison to His obedience to the Father. Learning to be obedient and putting Him first is not an option.
Part I – 9:23-27 – What are the attributes of a man who lives as a disciple of Christ? – What does it mean to deny yourself and take up a cross daily? – How does a man's personal life relate to being Christ's disciple? – What are some ways you are denying yourself and taking up a cross on a daily basis?
Part II – 9:57-62 – Describe the three types of men who Jesus confronts with discipleship? – Why did Jesus stress the cost of following Him? – How does a man's priorities relate to being a faithful Christian man? – Which man do you tend to identify with?
Part III – 14:25-35 – What are the illustrations Christ uses to emphasize the cost of being a disciple? – What does it mean to give up everything for Christ? – How do these illustrations relate to each other? – What importance do you place on counting the cost of being a disciple?
Review memory verse: Luke 9:23, 24
Conclusion: A disciple is more than a student who learns by hearing sermons and doing Bible studies. He is a man who learns by living and working with his 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.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

11. Obey God's Marching Orders

Title of Lesson: Apply God's Word – Psalm 19:1-14
Objective: - Attendee learns the importance of God's word for living life.
Open with prayer
Introduction: The word of God is one of the most significant gifts the Lord has given to man. David, a man after God's own heart knew the value of His words. In Psalms 19 he describes the glory of God, the Law of God and the grace of God.
Part I – 19:1-6 – How does God reveal His glory? – What does verse three mean? – How does the splendor of creation relate to witnessing (Romans 1:18-20)? – What can you do to better glorify God as part of His creation?
Part II – 19:7-11 – How does David describe the word of God? – What does it mean to keep God's word? – In what ways can a man's desire affect his opinion of God's word? – How can you become a man who obeys the word of God?
Part III – 19:12-14 – What does this section teach about God's forgiveness? – What are hidden sins (vs 13)? – How does forgiveness relate to blessing from God's word? – What should you do to make the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart pleasing in God's sight?
Review memory verse: Psalm 19:11
Conclusion: "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 pilgrims staff, the pilots compass, the soldiers sword, the Christians 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.
Close with prayer

Create your own notes:

12. Worship the Victorious King

Title of Lesson: Worship the Victorious King – Matthew 28:1-20; Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 24:14
Objective: - Attendee will seek to worship Christ daily and live-in obedience to the great commission.
Open with prayer
Introduction: 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.
Part I – Matthew 28:1-20 – What are the significant events that happen in this section of Scripture? – Why was it important to see where Christ was laid in death? – How does the story of the soldiers relate to sharing the resurrection story? - What are the two main parts of Christ’s great commission? – What are ways you as an individual can go make disciples of all nations?
Part II – Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 24:14 – What is the setting for this section of Christ’s teaching? – What is meant by the kingdom in verse six? – How does kingdom restoration relate to witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria? – When will Christ’s kingdom be fully established? – How can God’s men work together to reach the nations?
Review memory verse: Matthew 28:17
Conclusion: The church today does a great job of helping the people practice the Lords supper while neglecting the great commission. His final words should be our first concern. What are you doing to worship and live-in service to the great King?
Close with prayer

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Congratulations on completing The Warrior's Way

In completing this study, 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 lifetime 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.