

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON ONE

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

(No preparation is necessary prior to meeting for Lesson One with your discipler)

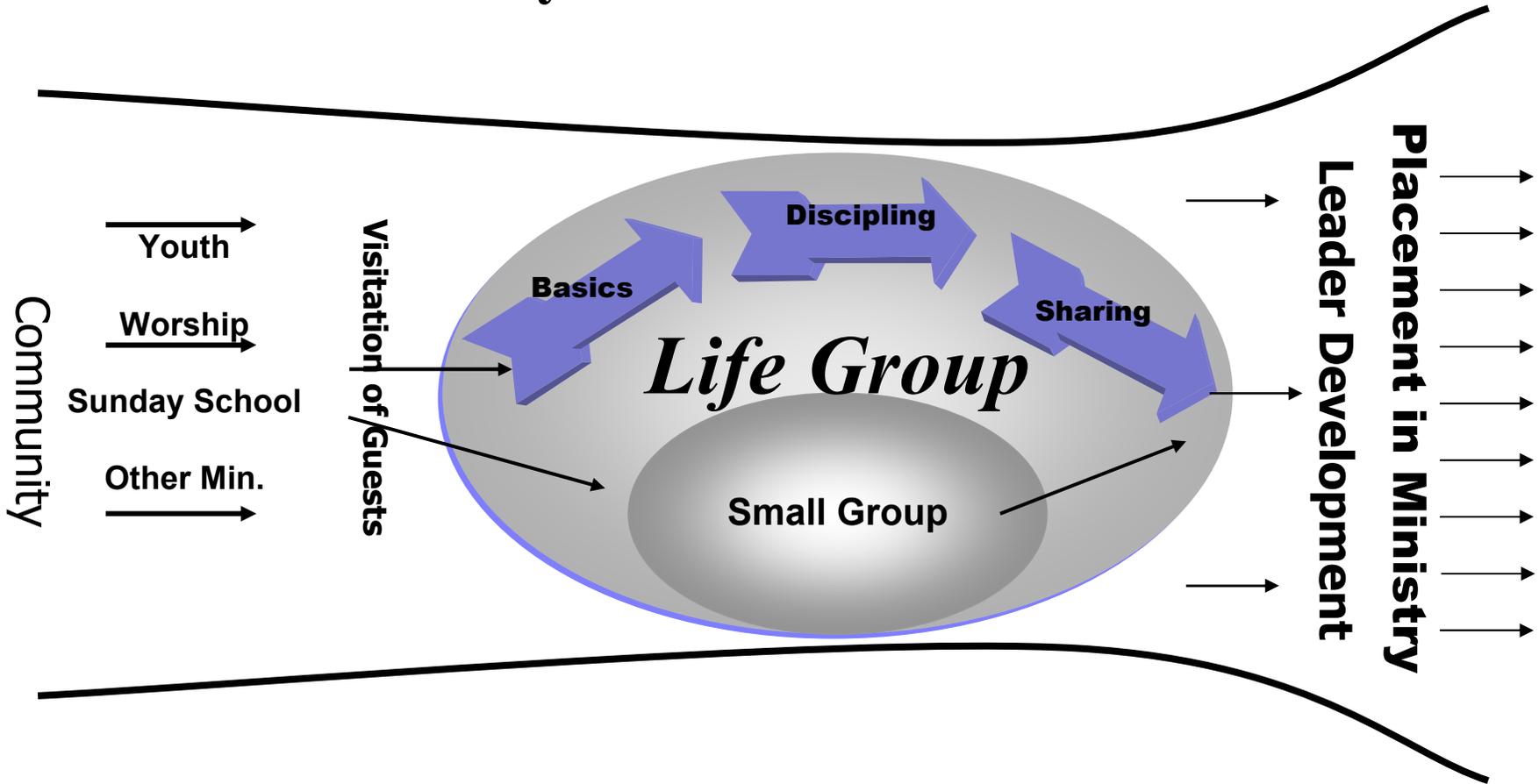
MEET WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Get acquainted. Each share how you came to know Christ personally.
- 2. Share the purpose and goals of Dynamic Discipling One-to-One. (See General Instructions for Disciplers)
- 3. Set the dates, times and locations of your appointments to go over all eight lessons. Mark these on your calendars.
- 4. Go over the table of contents and see how each lesson builds on the others.
- 5. Show how Dynamic Discipling fits into the Dynamic Life Process. Discipler explain the diagram on next page.
- 6. Together complete all material in Lesson One. (You may not complete this in one meeting; continue the next time you get together). Be sure you know that you have eternal life.
- 7. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Two". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed **before** we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- 8. Close in prayer.

Dynamic Life Process



Small Group + One-to-One = Life Group

DYNAMIC

--- *Discipling* ---

Lesson One

KNOWING JESUS AS MY SAVIOR

Knowing God is the most fulfilling experience known to man. Just think! The One who created heaven and earth has made it possible for us to actually get to know Him personally. Jesus Himself said, "*Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ.*" John 17:3. You may have just received Christ as your Savior or you may be learning to explain to others how they can know God personally.

This lesson will help you understand the facts about your relationship with God. God is so much greater than our minds can fully comprehend yet He chose to show Himself to us.

According to Mark 12:30 Jesus commanded us to love God with our total being.

Commitment of Your Mind	- Intellect
Commitment of Your Heart	- Emotions
Commitment of Your Soul	- Will
Commitment of Your Strength	- Physical Body

As a result of obeying His commandments, Jesus says He will "*show Himself to us*". John 14:21

Knowing Jesus Christ is the key to knowing God.

I. COMMITMENT OF YOUR MIND - INTELLECT

We need to understand the facts about Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary, almost 2,000 years ago. Hundreds of years before, the great prophets of Israel had foretold His coming. The Old Testament, which was written by many individuals over a period of 1,500 years, contains more than 300 references to His coming.

THE PROPHETS PREDICTED HIS LIFE:

Events of Christ's Life	Prophecy	Fulfillment
1. He was born of a _____	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1: 18-25
2. His place of birth was _____	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
3. His type of death was _____	Isaiah 53: 4, 5	Matthew 27: 26
	Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33

At age 30 Jesus began His public ministry. In 3 years He taught us the essence of a full and meaningful life. His words were pure truth about life, relationships, finances, death and more.

WHAT DID THOSE WHO KNEW HIM THINK ABOUT CHRIST?

His cousin John the Baptist. John 1:29-34 _____

John the apostle. John 1:1, 14 _____

Thomas. John 20:24-29 _____

What did Jesus mean when He made the following claims? John 14:8-11

How did Jesus' enemies interpret what Jesus was saying about Himself?

John 5:18 _____

There have been many religious leaders throughout history. Jesus was uniquely different.

- Mohammed was merely a prophet.
- Buddha (by his own admission) was an agnostic.
- Confucius was an ethical teacher.
- Jesus claimed to be “God”.

YOU BE THE JUDGE

What do you think Jesus meant?

John 10:30 _____

John 14: 9 _____

Luke 22:70-71 _____

What does His raising from the dead prove about Jesus Christ?

Romans 1:3, 4 _____

Who do you say Jesus Christ is? Why? _____

UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

Why was there a **need** for Jesus Christ to leave heaven and come down to earth to die on the cross?

Isaiah 59:2, John 17:3 _____

What motivated Him to come? John 3:16 _____

What payment do we deserve for our sin. Romans 6:23 _____

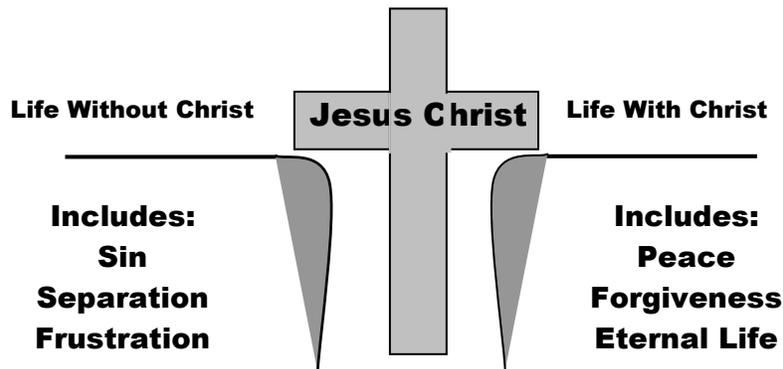
Because of His death, what gift does He now offer us instead of death (separation from God)? _____

What did Jesus accomplish for us? I Peter 1:3.4 _____
and _____

How did His resurrection affect our relationship with God? I Peter 3:18

Read Hebrews 9:22. If Christ had not died for your sins, would it be possible for you to be forgiven by God?

_____ Why? / Why not? _____



With your mind you must understand the facts about Jesus Christ and His claims and by faith, acknowledge them as true. He cannot be accepted only as a good man. He must be accepted as the God He said He was or be rejected as the world's greatest impostor.

2. COMMITMENT OF YOUR HEART - EMOTIONS

We are all created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26-27) Therefore we are "wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). Every person is created unique with a different emotional make up. Different personalities respond differently. One person may have high emotional energy, while another may be calm and reserved. Your emotions will vary greatly from time to time and they should not be depended upon. Some people lack the assurance of a vital relationship with God because they depend on their feelings rather than on what God says in His Word.

Consider two different people and how they responded to the experience of receiving Christ.

The Apostle Paul. Acts 22:6-10 How would you describe his experience?

How was Lydia's experience different from Paul's? Acts 16:14-15

Did they both have a vital relationship with God? _____

Was your experience in coming to know Christ more like Paul's or Lydia's?

Faith Not Feelings - The Key

Romans 1:17 - *"the just shall live by **faith**"*

Hebrews 11:6 - *"without **faith** it is impossible to please God"*

Romans 14:23 - *"whatever is not of **faith** is sin"*

Emotions may or may not accompany your salvation experience. Emotions vary with circumstances; they are not something to base our faith upon. The real issue is, can you **believe** what God has said? Faith in God means to trust or believe what He said.

3. COMMITMENT OF YOUR SOUL - WILL

To exercise your will is to make choices. Your choices will be right when they "line up" with God's Word.

Read John 3:36. What would be the right choice?

What would result? _____

What would be the wrong choice? _____

What would result? _____

What are we commanded to do? I John 3:23 _____

If we **choose not** to believe Christ, we will never know His will. (John 7:17)

Choose to believe these facts!

CHRIST CAME INTO YOUR LIFE

Read Revelation 3:20.

To what does the door refer? _____

What is Christ's promise? _____

What is our part? _____

What is His part? _____

According to this verse, if you, by faith, open the door of your life and invite Jesus Christ to come into your life to be your Savior and Lord, will He come in? _____

YOUR SINS WERE FORGIVEN.

Read Colossians 2:12-14.

How many of your sins were forgiven? _____

How to deal with guilt feelings after you have the assurance that God has forgiven you.

(a) Recognize the source. (Revelation 12:10) - Satan

(b) Claim the victory. (Romans 8:1) - No longer condemned.

(c) Live by faith. (I John 1:7) - Walk in the light.

When you sin, what should you do? I John 1:9 _____

Let's pause right now and silently confess and claim God's promise of forgiveness for any sins that we are aware of in our lives.

YOU BECAME A CHILD OF GOD.

Read John 1:12, 13.

What people are spiritually born into God's family?

When you received Christ, what did you become? _____

YOU RECEIVED ETERNAL LIFE.

Read I John 5:11-13.

According to this scripture, who has eternal life? (verses 11 & 12)

If a person does not have Christ in his life, what else does he not have? (verse 12)

According to verse 13, can you know that you have eternal life? _____

Do you know that you have eternal life? _____

On what basis? _____

4. COMMITMENT OF YOUR STRENGTH - PHYSICAL BODY

WHAT WE DO AS CHRISTIANS IS IMPORTANT.

Read Colossians 3:9, 10.

What are we now not to do? _____

What have we put off? _____

What have we put on? _____

We are being renewed in the knowledge of whose image _____

Just as a caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly with new appetites and lifestyle so we have been transferred out of the "kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son" (Colossians 1:13,14). Romans 12:2 says "*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*" We should live as God's children with new appetites and a new lifestyle (I John 4:17).

YOU CAN **NOT** BE SAVED BY GOOD WORKS!

Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

On what basis did you obtain salvation? (v.8) _____

How do good works relate to your salvation? (v.9, 10) _____

If you are not certain of your salvation, you can be certain by receiving Christ right now by a definite, deliberate act of your will.

Here is a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and cannot save myself. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I now invite you into my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. I now give you control of my life and trust you to live "Your Eternal Life" through me as You please.

If you have invited Christ into your life, now or earlier, where is He right now in relation to you?

Revelation 3:20 _____

By what authority do you know? _____

EVIDENCE OF KNOWING JESUS AS MY SAVIOUR

Mark 12:30 says: *"love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*

We have considered our part, which is the total commitment of our total being in response to His total commitment to us. As we step out in faith God confirms that we are born spiritually.

THE WITNESS OF GOD'S WORD

When you meet God's conditions as revealed in His Word, you can know that you are His child.

I John 5:13 says you can **know** that you have eternal life.

THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 8:16 says that the Holy Spirit tells us that we really are God's children.

THE WITNESS OF OUR LOVE

I John 4:7-8 and I John 3:14 say that we can know that we have passed from death into life when we love other Christians.

THE WITNESS OF A CHANGED LIFE

Read I John 2:3-6.

If we obey His commands, what does it prove? (verse 3)

If we obey His word what will result? (verse 5)

How can we know we are in Him? (verses 5-6)

APPLICATION

LIVE IN THE CONFIDENCE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST!

This week take note of evidences of knowing Jesus as your Savior. Note especially examples in the areas of:

1. Love for other Christians.

2. Changes in my life.

ADDITIONAL STUDY ON THIS TOPIC

IN CHRIST I AM:

1. God's child for I am born again. I Peter 1:23
2. Forgiven of all my sins. Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:14, Colossians 1:14, I John 1:9, 2:12
3. A New Creation. II Corinthians 5:17
4. The Temple of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 6:19
5. Redeemed from the curse of the law. I Peter 1:18,19, Galatians 3:13
6. Blessed. Deuteronomy 28:1-4, Galatians 3:9
7. A saint. Romans 1:7, I Corinthians 1:2, Philippians 1:1
8. Holy and without blame before Him. I Peter 1:16, Ephesians 1:4
9. Elect. Colossians 3:12, Romans 8:33
10. Kept strong to the end. I Corinthians 1:8
11. Brought near through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13
12. Heirs with Christ. Romans 8:17
13. Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13
14. In Christ Jesus by His doing. I Corinthians 1:30
15. Accepted in the beloved. Ephesians 1:6
16. Complete in Him. Colossians 2:10
17. Reconciled to God. II Corinthians 5:18
18. Called of God. II Timothy 1:9
19. The first fruits among His creation. James 1:18
20. Chosen. I Thessalonians 1:4. Ephesians 1:4, I Peter 2:9
21. Healed by the wounds of Jesus. I Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5
22. Loved by God. Colossians 3:12, Romans 1:7, I Thessalonians 1:4
23. Hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

IN CHRIST I HAVE:

24. Obtained an inheritance. Ephesians 1:11
25. Access by One Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:18

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON TWO

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- 1. Prepare to give from memory John 3:16.
- 2. Read Psalm 23.
- 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- 4. Complete all material in Lesson Two, "Knowing God's Character".

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson One. Discuss application.
- 2. Quote from memory John 3:16.
- 3. Check reading of Psalm 23.
- 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- 5. Review Lesson Two. Emphasize the greatness of our God.
- 6. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Three". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- 7. Close in prayer.