

8. Other Important Items

Eternal Life.

- Eternal life is an intimate, loving and obedient relationship with Jesus.
- Luke 10:25-28; John 17:3; 1 John 2:3-6; John 14:6

Following Jesus

- Following Jesus requires you to count the cost to love and obey him.
- Luke 9:57-62; Luke 14:25-33; Matthew 16:24-26

Disciple

- A disciple is someone who is loving and obeying Jesus while helping others to do the same. Emphasizing the first part.
- Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2

Leader

- A leader is someone who is loving and obeying Jesus while helping others to do the same. Emphasizing the second part.
- Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2

Jesus Community (Church)

- A Jesus community is a group of disciples and leaders who are loving and obeying Jesus together while helping other groups to do the same.
- Acts 2:37-47; 2 Timothy 2:2

Knowledge

- Knowledge is remembering what God says as recorded in the Bible.
- Luke 10:26

Understanding

- Understanding is comprehending what Knowledge means in your situation.
- Luke 10:26

Wisdom

- Wisdom is implementing in your life what you know and understand.
- Luke 10:28

Maturing in Jesus

- Maturing in Jesus is knowing and understanding more about him and continuing to love and obey him in harder and harder situations.

REMEMBER! Obedience is our opportunity to tell Jesus, "WE LOVE YOU"!

1. Seven General Commands of Jesus

We obey Jesus because we love him

We help others to love and obey him, also

1. Repent, Believe in Jesus the Good News, Receive the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:16; Jn 20:22)
2. Baptize (Mt 28:19)
3. Lord's Supper (Mt 26:26-28)
4. Love God, Love Neighbors, Love Enemies, Love Believers (Mt 22:37-40)
5. Pray in the Name of Jesus (Jn 16:24)
6. Give Generously (Lk 6:38; Mt 6:1-4)
7. Make Disciples (Mt 28:18-20; 2 Ti 2:2)

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## 2. Your Story

We tell our story about our journey with Jesus

Your story has three Parts: 1) Your life before Jesus. 2) How you met Jesus. 3) How Jesus continues to change your life.

Create two versions: A) One that's one minute long. B) One that's three minutes long.

1. Try to take out "Christianese". Words like salvation, praise, worship, etc.
2. Practice until it's memorized and flows well.

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3. Hold Spiritual Conversations

This is a step of faith for God to answer

1. Make a list of people you know.
2. Pray often for them to repent and believe in Jesus.
3. Make plans to visit them and share about Jesus.
4. When you visit, pray for the Lord to give you wisdom for what to say.
5. When you meet someone new, pray for boldness to share with them about Jesus.
6. Share with them your journey with Jesus. See #2.
7. Tell them a story about Jesus. See #4.
8. Invite them to follow Jesus. If yes, meet with them regularly. Give them this bookmark and help them to use it.
9. Give and get contact information to follow up.

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## Need Help?

Ask the person who gave you this bookmark

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#### 4. A Story that Jesus told in Luke 15:11-32

Like many of us when tempted, a young man was drawn to the world. He asked for his inheritance and left his father's home to pursue pleasure and material things. Soon, he found himself poor and hopeless.

Full of shame, he humbly returned to his father. He admitted that he was unworthy of forgiveness and love. But his father embraced him and celebrated his return with a big dinner party.

In the same way, when we turn away from the bad things we do, and we start to love and obey God, he is always ready to welcome us back with his arms open.

Are you feeling lost? Have you strayed from God's path? Know that God is eagerly waiting for you to return. He wants to forgive you and to guide you into the new life which He has planned for you.

So, turn away from your shameful deeds, and begin following Jesus. He is the true path to be saved from death. Jesus IS and gives eternal life!

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5. Every Time Disciples, Leaders, Jesus Communities Gather

We help make plans to love and obey Jesus

1. Pray. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom.
- 2*. Discover. Ask everyone how they loved and obeyed Jesus since the last meeting.
- 3*. Prepare. Plan and practice together how to love and obey Jesus this week.
4. Over-The-Top Encouragement. Be excited for each other for loving and obeying Jesus.
5. Matter-of-Fact Correction. Calmly correct mistakes.
6. Pray. Ask Jesus for strength to love and obey him this week.
7. Encourage. Bless each other.

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#### 6. Lead Obedience-Oriented Bible Studies

This is from 2\* and 3\* above in #5

1. Ask the group how they obeyed Jesus from the last meeting.
2. Choose a Bible passage.
3. Ask someone to read the verses out loud. Close the Bible. Ask the group to recall what was read. Repeat two times.
4. Discuss together these questions about the passage:
  - a. What was interesting? What do you like / not like? What do you not understand?
  - b. What did you learn about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?
  - c. What did you learn about people?
5. Discuss how you will love and obey Jesus from what you learned:
  - a. How can you apply this to your life?
  - b. What will you do to love and obey Jesus?
  - c. With whom will you share what you learned?

#### 7. Seven General Commands of Jesus Stories

Stories to use in Obedience-Oriented Bible Studies (See #6)

##### 1A. Repent, Believe in Jesus the Good News

- Woman Caught in Adultery - John 8:1-11
- Four Soils - Mark 4:1-20; Matt. 13:1-23

##### 1B. Receive the Holy Spirit

- Receive the Holy Spirit - John 20:22

##### 2. Baptize

- Great Commission - Matt. 28:18-20
- Ethiopian Eunuch - Acts 8:26-40

##### 3. Lord's Supper

- The Last Supper - Luke 22:14-20; Matt. 26:26-30; Mark 14:12-26
- Paul's Instruction - 1 Cor. 11:23-33

##### 4A. Love God

- Rich Young Ruler - Mark 10:17-27
- Woman anointing Jesus' Feet - Luke 7:36-50

##### 4B. Love Neighbors

- Lost Sheep - Luke 15:1-7

##### 4C. Love Enemies

- Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37
- Love Your Enemies Jesus Teaching - Matt. 5:38-48

##### 4D. Love Believers

- Paralytic Lowered through Roof - Mark 2:1-12
- Believers Share Possessions - Acts 4:32-37

##### 5. Pray in the Name of Jesus

- Pharisee and the Tax Collector - Luke 18:9-14
- The Lord's Prayer - Matt. 6:5-13

##### 6. Give Generously

- Widow's Mite - Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4
- Treasures in Heaven - Matt. 6:19-24

##### 7. Make Disciples

- Jesus Sends the 72 - Luke 10:1-11
- Woman at the Well - John 4:7-38

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