

Christian Discipleship: Jesus Christ's Followers

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DEDICATION

This book is lovingly dedicated:

To my Wife

MAY YUCHENKANG TANHUANCO,

Partner in life and ministry, to live and serve our Lord Jesus Christ together.

“Fear not, for I am with you;

Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you,

Yes, I will help you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you!” Philippians 1:3

To my Daughter

SARAH MAY Y. TANHUANCO,

and

To my Son

PATRICK ANDREW Y. TANHUANCO,

Co-inheritors of the grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord,

As heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

And heirs with me and May of the same (Heb.11:9) promises which God
has given us.

“The children of Your servants will continue,

And their descendants will be established before You.” Psalm 102:28

“May the Lord give you increase more and more,

You and your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 115:14-15

Acknowledgement

First of all, I thank and give all the glory and honor to God the Father, His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for His presence, wisdom, strength, and resources for me to complete this Book, and His grace to be able to experience His blessings as He promised. All His promises are true! Thanksgiving and glory be unto the Lord our God, who has called me to serve at St. Andrew's Theological Seminary as its President and Dean.

I give special thanks to St. Andrew's Theological Seminary (SATS), its Board of Trustees and Faculty, who in their joint high level planning meeting in April 21 and 22, 2008, came up with the SATS Vision and Mission 2018, as well as a New Curriculum, which is in tune with the needs of the people in the present age. In their God-given wisdom, the Trustees and Faculty has assigned me to teach the new course Christian Discipleship. I thank them all for their trust. From that exciting course, this Book comes out as a course specially adapted for the people of God= the "laity," equipping them for their part in the advance of God's kingdom on earth!

I appreciate the SATS Faculty for acknowledging the importance of what Ephesians 4:11-16 speaks of "Equipping the saints for work of ministry . . ." by reviving the Lay Theological Program, and recommending the Rev. Dr. Andrew Daunton-Fear as Program Coordinator. Yes, it is in the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ that we equip His people to do ministry, just as He equipped His disciples to do ministry. I thank Dr. Daunton-Fear for his encouragement to produce this Book so that SATS and all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines can train its people to be disciples and followers of Christ by offering this Course to them. Indeed, other churches can benefit from this Book as well.

I thank my Father, Mr. Martin Tanhuanco, and my Mother, Mrs. Kim Eng Yu Tanhuanco, for their life. They are examples of what Christian Discipleship is all about. They were also supporters of SATS seminarians, who went on to become faithful priests, and among them, a bishop! Both parents are now in heaven with the Lord! I thank my Brother Paul (a priest), his wife Janette, and daughter Irene Janette, and my Sister Grace (a physician-doctor), her husband Sims Kho, and children Terry Lyn and Shaun Gregory, for their lives in Christ, bringing glory to our Lord God! May

the Lord God bless them richly as they bless the lives of many people through their love and kindness!

I lovingly thank my Wife May, Daughter Sarah May, and Son Patrick Andrew, for their ever-present support. My appreciation for them knew no bounds!

How To Use This Book

I. Introduction:

This Book is primarily a book that guides a Christian by the hand on how to be a disciple or follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Book can be used by a person, going through it session by session, as the chapters are called. This Book can be used as a textbook in a “training” class. The trainer or teacher of the class will be someone mature in Christian life, who is practicing the lessons taught in this Book, and who is excited to share it to other Christians using this Book as a guide!

II. The Christian Discipleship Class:

This Book is divided into 12 Sessions of 1 hour per session. If the trainer or teacher will go in-depth to explain in detail the Bible verses and other items in the Session, it may take more than 1 hour per session. Therefore, be prepared for such time extensions!

To achieve the best results, it is better to schedule your classes for one session per week. For example: Have the class one and a half hour before worship time. If the worship service starts at 10:00 a.m., have the class start at 8:30 a.m. That gives the trainer or teacher and attendees about one-half hour to prepare for worship, so as not to be very rushed.

If a person is using this on his* own and not in a class setting, he must have at least one hour a week in studying the lessons every session. He has to schedule a set time every week to study. For example: He sets 12 Sunday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to study.

*the masculine pronoun used here and all the Sessions generically to mean both men and women, unless otherwise specified in the context.

III. Materials to Bring to the Class or Personal Study:

1. The Bible, the version of which you are most familiar with.
2. A notebook for taking notes every session.
3. An 80-page notebook (this is an average size notebook which is available in most stationery stores) for Sessions 4 and 5's lessons regarding reading and making notes on your Daily Bible Readings.
4. A black ballpen.

You could get the other things as the need arises. Example: Music CD player for use at home for the 25-Hymn Music CD which forms part of Session 6.

May the Holy Spirit guide you as you follow Jesus and be His disciple!

Christian Discipleship

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. Matt 28:18-20

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Tim 2:2

Here are 2 songs about following Jesus:

The first one is known as "Follow, I Will Follow Thee," by H.L. Brown & M.W. Brown, revised.

Jesus calls me, I must follow, follow Him alway;
Know the blessing of His presence, fullness of His power.
Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord,
Follow every passing day,
My tomorrows are all known to Thee,
Thou wilt lead me all the way.

The second song is entitled, "Follow, Follow," by W.O.Cushing.

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus!
Anywhere, ev'rywhere, I would follow on!
Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus!
Ev'rywhere He leads me I will follow on!

These 2 songs expressed in direct terms what Christian Discipleship is all about! We shall see what the words "Christian," "Disciple," and "Christian Discipleship" mean as we embark on this 12 Sessions of training us to be Christ's Disciples!

Christian

According to the data from the book Operation World, 2004 Edition, half of the 6 billion people of the whole world claim that their religion is the Christian religion. They are "Christian" in name because of their religion. However, in the Bible, true Christians are persons who believed and turned

to the Lord Jesus Christ, and continue in Him. They are Christ's disciples- - followers, and thus, they are called Christians! (See Acts 11: 21, 23, 26.)

Disciple

Who is a disciple of Jesus Christ? The New Bible Dictionary defines a disciple as the pupil of a teacher. In His time, Jesus was popularly known as a teacher, and His associates were known as disciples. The word can be used of all who responded to His message. Discipleship is based on a call by Jesus. It involves personal allegiance to Him, expressed in following Him and giving Him one's exclusive loyalty. In every case, discipleship means readiness to put the claims of Jesus first, whatever the cost, and this was demanded of Jesus' disciples. Such an attitude went well beyond the normal pupil-teacher relationship, and gave the word 'disciple' a new sense. Those who became Jesus' disciples were taught by Jesus and appointed as His representatives to preach His message. (Reference: New Bible Dictionary, pages 285-286.)

Christian Discipleship

Thus, Christian Discipleship means being the Lord Jesus Christ's followers and being closely involvement with Him in obedience and exclusive loyalty!

This course **Christian Discipleship: Jesus Christ's Followers** is for all persons who call themselves "Christians," and thus, are expected to follow Christ forever, knowing what is involved in doing so!

May all of us Christians joyfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ all the days of our lives, and forever!

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Session 1

Assurance of Salvation

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:11-13

I.Objective of this Session:

- 1.To go through the Gospel Picture Presentation so that there is a brief review and understanding what the Gospel of Jesus Christ's Salvation is about.
- 2.Give the person attending this session a chance to make a lifetime commitment to Christ, receiving Christ as Savior and Lord today, if they have not done so in the past.
- 3.To determine the reality of the believer's lifetime commitment to Christ.
- 4.To help the believer in Christ to have assurance of having Christ's Salvation in his* life based on the God's promises in the Bible.

*the masculine pronoun used here and all the Sessions generically to mean both men and women, unless other wise specified in the context.

Part 1-Gospel Picture Presentation

A.[Go to Session 9 for the Gospel Picture Presentation]

B.To determine the reality of the believer's lifetime commitment to Christ, ask him the following questions:

- 1) Do you believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for all your sins, and that He rose again from the dead on the third day?
- 2) Did you sincerely repent-turned away from all your sins, and receive Jesus Christ to come into your life as your Savior and the Lord?
- 3) Is He in your life right now?
- 4) How do you know that He is in your life?

Knowing the reality of the believer's lifetime commitment to Christ as Savior and Lord, he needs to know the important truths from God's Word to keep growing in this commitment. The most important truths he needs to know

are God's promises that will give him assurance of God's Salvation in his life forever!

Part 2-Assurance of Salvation

God's promises that will give him assurance of God's Salvation in his life forever are the following:

A.The believer has everlasting life now!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:11-13

B.The believer's position in God's Family==Sonship in Christ!

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become sons of God, to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:26

C.The believer has all his sins forgiven!

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

D.The believer is born again by the Holy Spirit into God's family, and calls God "Abba, Father!"

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:5-8

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. . . Romans 8:14-17

E. The believer has new life in Christ!
Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor 5:17

The Beginning!

⁴By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:4, 10-11

Therefore, with our new life in Christ, let us go forward in our life, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit!

Session 2

Daily Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Objectives of this Session:

- 1.To teach Jesus’ disciples (you) the importance of prayer every day using The Lord’s Prayer as our manner.
- 2.That the disciples (you) will use the principles of prayer as taught by Jesus as found in The Lord’s Prayer.
- 3.Learn to use The Lord’s Prayer as a basic outline for the disciple’s prayer list=persons and things to pray for=in preparation for Session 3.

LORD JESUS, TEACH US TO PRAY

Matthew 6: 9-13

Jesus said, “In this manner, therefore, pray.”

I.The Relationship required for prayer:

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

*The Father-son relationship in Christ

John 1:12, “But as many as received Him [Jesus Christ], to them gave He authority to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”

1 Peter 1:18-19, “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Galatians 4:4-6, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who

were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba, Father.”

II. God's Name, Kingdom, and Will
HALLOWED BY YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Matthew 6:31-33, “³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Psalms 2:7-9, “⁷ 'I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' ”

III. My Daily Needs:
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

A] Be in the will of God in your prayer life, church, work habits, study habits, obedience to God's will as revealed in His word the Bible, obedience in giving {10%=the Tithe, etc.}, in the use of money and things.

B] Believe it is God's will that we have abundant life in Christ, and all our needs met in Christ.

John 10:10B. Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”

Philippians 4:19, “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

C] Be specific in your prayers to God.

Mark 10:51A , “So Jesus answered and said to him, What do you want Me to do for you?”

D]Be persistent in your prayers. Do not give up!
1 Thessalonians 5:17, “Pray always.”

Luke 18:1. “Then Jesus . . .show them that they should always pray and not give up.”

IV.My Need For God’s Forgiveness; My Need To Forgive Others:
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

A]As God to forgive you.

B]Forgive and release others from your heart.

Matthew 6:14-15, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Mark 11:25-26, “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Psalms 66:18, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.”

C.Set your will to forgive all those who sin against you.

V.My Need for God’s Protection and Care:
AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

2 Timothy 2:22, “Flee also youthful lusts, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

James 1:13-16,21-22, “Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved

brethren. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Revelation 12:10-11, "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

VI. Praise God, for the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory Belongs To God!
FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY
FOREVER! AMEN!

Praise God from your heart, full of wonder, adoration, praise, and gratitude to Him!

You can use the words from Revelation to praise God! Open your Bible and use the following praises:

Revelation 5:12, "Saying with a loud voice: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 7:12, "Saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Promise of Blessings!

The LORD JESUS CHRIST said,
"When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut
your door, pray to your FATHER who is in the secret place, and

your FATHER who sees in secret will reward you openly.”
Matthew 6:6

Session 3

My Prayer List

Matthew 6: 9A, Jesus said, “In this manner, therefore, pray.”

Objectives of this Session:

1. Apply the lessons learned in Session 2 by using The Lord’s Prayer as a basic outline for the disciple’s prayer list=persons and things to pray for.
2. Write out the prayer list. This will form the disciple’s prayer list which he will use everyday.

LORD JESUS, TEACH US TO PRAY

Matthew 6: 9-13, Jesus said, “In this manner, therefore, pray . . . ”

I. The Relationship required for prayer:

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

*The Father-son relationship in Christ

1. Our Father in heaven, thank you very much for You have given me authority to become Your son, as you have promised in John 1:12, “But as many as received Him [Jesus Christ], to them gave He authority to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”

2. Thank you for redeeming me with the precious blood of your Son Jesus Christ, as Your word said in 1 Peter 1:18-19, “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

3. Thank You, Father, for You have sent forth the Spirit of Your Son into my heart, crying out Abba, Father, as mentioned in Galatians 4:4-6, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba, Father.”

II. God’s Name, Kingdom, and Will

1. HALLOWED BY YOUR NAME,

YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

2. Therefore, O Father, Your kingdom and the Gospel is my concern, as Your Son taught us in Matthew 6:31-33, “³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

3. Father, may my life hallow and bring respect to Your name! Your kingdom come, and Your will be done in my life, so that I (write your name here) _____ will live my life, particularly this day, pleasing in Your sight. (Add all the areas of your life where you would like to see the Father's will be followed=personal, family, work, leisure . . .)

4. God's will be done, I pray, in my family members (list down the names of your immediate family members, and extended family and relatives)

(Use a good notebook to list, and afterwards, type them neatly. This goes for all the items below!)

5. God's will be done, I pray, in my local church _____,
our priest Rev. _____,
Vestry/Leaders _____, _____, _____,
People _____, _____, _____, _____,
Mission outreaches _____, _____,
My Diocese _____ Bishop _____,
Prime Bishop _____,
St. Andrew's Theological Seminary:
President and Dean: The Very Rev. Doctor PATRICK TANHUANCO
Professors _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
Seminarians _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,

6. God's will be done, I pray, in my country the Philippines:
President _____,
Vice-President _____
Senators _____, _____,

Congressman_____,
Supreme Court_____,
Armed Forces_____,
Province: Governor____ Others_____,
Locality: Mayor____, Barangay_____.

III. My Daily Needs: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

A] Be in the will of God in your prayer life, church, work habits, study habits, obedience to God's will as revealed in His word the Bible, obedience in giving {10%=the Tithe, etc.}, in the use of money and things.

B] Believe it is God's will that we have abundant life in Christ, and all our needs met in Christ.

Thank you, O Father, for in John 10:10B. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly."

And You mentioned in Philippians 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

C] Be specific in your prayers to God.

Mark 10:51A, "So Jesus answered and said to him, What do you want Me to do for you?" O Father, these are my needs=(list down your needs=spiritual, material, money, friends, etc)____, ____, ____, ____, ____,

D] Be persistent in your prayers. Do not give up!

1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray always."

Luke 18:1. "Then Jesus . . . show them that they should always pray and not give up."

IV. My Need For God's Forgiveness; My Need To Forgive Others:
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

A] As God to forgive you = (Confess your sins specifically, and ask God for His forgiveness) ____, ____, ____,

B] Forgive and release others from your heart. (Name the persons before the Lord, and forgive them in Christ's power.) ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____,

O Father, I forgive those people in Christ, because Christ commanded us to forgive in Matthew 6:14-15, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Christ also commanded me in Mark 11:25-26, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

In Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear."

C. Set your will to forgive all those who sin against you.

O Father, thank You for forgiving me in Your Son Jesus Christ! Now, in obedience to Him always, I set my will to forgive all those who sin against me.

V. My Need for God's Protection and Care:
AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

1. O Father, Strengthen me to follow Your word in 2 Timothy 2:22, "Flee also youthful lusts, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

2. Father, thank you for helping me to understand about temptation, so that I can live a victorious life in Christ, as seen in James 1:13-16, 21-22, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then,

when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

3. Thank you, Father, for You make a way of escape for me when temptation comes, as seen in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

4. Father, thank you for giving us ultimate victory in Christ, as You have shown us in Revelation 12:10-11, "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.'"

VI. Praise God, for the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory Belongs To God!
FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY
FOREVER! AMEN!

Father, I praise you from my heart, which is full of wonder, adoration, praise, and gratitude to You!

Father, I praise You with all those who do the same with praises in Revelation 5:12, "Saying with a loud voice: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And also in Revelation 7:12, "Saying: 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.'"

In Jesus Christ I pray. Amen!

Promise of Blessings!

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST said,
“When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut
your door, pray to your FATHER who is in the secret place, and
your FATHER who sees in secret will reward you openly.”
Matthew 6:6**

Session 4

Daily Bible Reading

Objectives of this Session:

- 1.To let the disciple know the blessings and benefits of reading and applying the word of God- -the Bible - - everyday.
- 2.To teach the disciple an effective way of getting the most out of his Bible reading by using the Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide.
- 3.To demonstrate how the Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide is to be used with actual Bible passages which the disciple can learn by doing.

The Blessings and Benefits of Reading and Applying God's Word the Bible Everyday!

Part 1-The Blessings and Benefits of Reading the Bible Everyday!

What are the Blessings and Benefits?

1.We got to know our Lord God=Father, Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

A]We got to know our God the Father

Jesus said, "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*." Matt 11:27

For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other. Is.45:18

B]We got to know God the Son Jesus Christ

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Cor 15:3-4

C]We got to know God the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:17

2. We are guided by God's word on our Christian life and walk everyday as we read and meditate on His word

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:15-17

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalms 119:105

A] Commands for our Christian life

¹ "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Deut 28:1-2

¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:10,12

B] Promises for our Christian life

For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 2 Cor 1:20

C] Warnings for our Christian life

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ⁹ Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding . . . Psalms 32:8-9

7 . . . Today, if you will hear His voice: ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion. . . Psalms 95:7-8

3. The Bible gives us examples for us to follow

Jesus said, "Follow Me . . ." Matthew 4:19

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:1-2

4.The Bible shows us what sins to avoid in our Christian life

⁹ How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! Psalms 119:9-11

5.The Bible gives us our most important lesson for the day according to our needs which our Lord God knows and cares!

⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward. Psalms 19:8-11

Part 2-The Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide

Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide

Date: _____ Scripture to Read _____

1.What does it say about:--

A]God the Father?

B]God the Son?

C]God the Holy Spirit?

2.Any guidance for my Christian life?

A]Command?

B]Promise?

C]Warning?

3.Any example for me to follow?

4.Any sin for me to avoid?

5.Most important lesson:

Part 3- Actual Demonstration

Let us read a given passage and use the **Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide**, answering the questions on a notepad, then, discussing your answers.

1. Read: Mark 1: 9-11 silently and individually. (2 minutes)
2. Each person silently answer the questions in their own notepad, using the Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide. (7 minutes)
3. In this Session 5, the teacher shall now ask everyone to stop writing, read Mark 1: 9-11 together.
4. Let the class answer each of the questions in detail.
5. Discuss any item and clarify the questions of the class.

Part 4- Assignment

For today and the next 7 days, read the following Bible passages, and use the **Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide**, answering the questions on your notebook you specially bought for your Daily Bible Reading.

Day 1 (Today)=Matthew 1: 18-25

Day 2 =Matthew 4: 1-11

Day 3 =Matthew 6: 25-34

Day 4 =Mark 12: 28-34

Day 5 =Philippians 2: 5-11

Day 6 =1 Samuel 17: 40-52

Day 7 =Daniel 6: 10-24

Day 8 =Malachi 3: 8-12

Session 5

My Bible Reading Notes

Objectives for this Session:

1. To let the disciple know what the Lord God promised to all those who read, meditate, and apply God's word in their lives every day.
2. The teacher will lead the students in the discussion of the 8-day assignments so that the students will increase their skills in using the Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide in their reading, meditation, and application of God's word every day of their lives.

Part 1-The Lord God's Promises

1. God's Promises of "Whatever he does shall prosper!"

¹ Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. Psalms 1:1-3

2. God's Promises of being "prosperous, . . . have good success!"

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Josh 1:8

3. God's Promises of Multiple Blessings, including the Lord making you the head and not the tail!"

¹ "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: ³ Blessed *shall* you *be* in the city, and blessed *shall* you *be* in the country. ⁴ Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. ⁵ Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. ⁶ Blessed *shall* you *be* when you come in, and blessed *shall* you *be* when you go out. ⁷ "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. ⁸ The LORD will

command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

⁹ The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

¹⁰ Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. ¹¹ And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. ¹² The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. ¹³ And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them*. ¹⁴ So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, *to* the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them. Deut 28:1-14

Part 2-My Bible Reading Notes

For this section, the teacher will lead the students in the discussion of the 8-day assignments, going through each of the assignments and the questions from the Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide. This will help the students increase their skills in using the Daily Bible Reading Questions Guide in their reading, meditation, and application of God's word every day of their lives.

Notes:

Key Notes on the discussion on the following day's readings and answer to questions:

Day 1 =Matthew 1: 18-25

Day 2 =Matthew 4: 1-11

Day 3 =Matthew 6: 25-34

Day 4 =Mark 12: 28-34

Day 5 =Philippians 2: 5-11

Day 6 =1 Samuel 17: 40-52

Day 7 =Daniel 6: 10-24

Day 8 =Malachi 3: 8-12

Session 6

Sing Praises To God Everyday

Objectives of this Session:

- 1.To let the disciple learn the importance of singing songs of praise to God every day.
- 2.To introduce good sources of songs of praise for the disciples to use.
- 3.To sing praise!

Part 1-Sing to the Lord!

Psalm 96: 1-13 teaches us the importance of singing songs of praise to God every day! Let us see what are involved in singing praises daily:

1.The call to sing! Verse 1

¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

2.Bless His name! Verse 2a

^{2a} Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

3.Proclaim His salvation! Verse 2b

^{2b}Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

4.Declare God's glory! Verse 3a

^{3a} Declare His glory among the nations,

5.Declare God's wonders! Verse 3b

^{3b} His wonders among all peoples.

6.Sing of the Lord's greatness, honor, majesty, strength, and beauty!
Verses 4-6

⁴ For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; He *is* to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, But the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Honor and majesty *are* before Him; Strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.

7.Give the Lord glory and strength. Verses 7-8

⁷ Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

8. Worship the Lord! Verses 9-12

⁹ Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously." ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; ¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

9. Shout about the Lord's coming! Verse 13

¹³ For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

Part 2-Sources of Songs of Praise

Depending on the Christian tradition where the disciple comes from, that tradition usually have a compilation of songs of praise called a Hymnbook. The Anglican-Episcopal Church has many editions= The ECP Hymnal 2002 (Trial use: Philippines), The Hymnal 1982 (U.S.), The Hymn Book 1971 (Canada) and others.

Part 3-Sampler of Songs of Praise

See Appendix 1-The 25-Hymn Book, and the 25-Hymn Music CD

Session 7

Worship: Towards God!

Objectives of this Session:

- 1.To show the disciple the different aspects of worship.
- 2.To show the disciple what God expects of him when he worships God, and how worship affects his life.

I.Worship together with God's People!

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb 10:25

II.Who we worship=God!

Our God is=

- Savior! (Rock of our Salvation!) v.1
- The great God! Vs.3,7
- The Creator! Vs. 4-6
- Our Shepherd! V. 7

1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to **the Rock of our salvation.** ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with Psalms. ³ For the LORD *is* **the great God,** And the great King above all gods. ⁴ In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also. ⁵ The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, **let us worship** and bow down; Let us kneel before **the LORD our Maker.** ⁷ For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. ¹⁰ For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation, And said, 'It *is* a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.' ¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest.' "

Psalms 95:1-11 (NKJV)

III.Worship as seen in our lives:

[1]Obey God's commands!

11 And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which **I commanded you** that you should not eat? ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which **I commanded you**, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life. Gen 3:11,17

1 Now this *is* the **commandment**, and *these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has **commanded** to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His **commandments** which I **command** you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ⁶ "And these words which I **command** you today shall be in your heart. ¹⁷ You shall diligently keep the **commandments** of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has **commanded** you. ²⁰ "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What *is the meaning of* the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has **commanded** you?' ²⁴ And the LORD **commanded** us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as *it is* this day. ²⁵ Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these **commandments** before the LORD our God, as He has **commanded** us.' Deut 6:1,2,6,17,20,25

[2]Serve God only!

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, '**You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.**' "Matt 4:10

¹⁴ "Now therefore, fear the LORD, **serve Him** in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers **served** on the other side of the River and in Egypt. **Serve the LORD!** ¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to **serve the LORD**, choose for yourselves this day whom you will **serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**" ²³ "Now therefore," *he said*, "put away the foreign gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel." ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "**The LORD our God we will serve**, and His voice we will obey!" Josh 24:14,15,23,24

The 10 Commandments

Obey God, and serve Him!

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying: ² "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³ You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's." Ex 20:1-17

[3]Praise God! Psalm 95:2

[4]Thank God!

¹⁴ **Offer to God thanksgiving**, And pay your vows to the Most High. ¹⁵ Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." Psalms 50:14-15

⁷ **Give to the LORD**, O families of the peoples, **Give to the LORD** glory and strength. ⁸ **Give to the LORD** the glory *due* His name; **Bring an offering**, and come into His courts. ⁹ Oh, **worship the LORD** in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Psalms 96:7-9

[5]Offering to God=Give God the best!

⁶ "A son honors *his* father, And a servant *his* master. If then I am the Father, Where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a Master, Where *is* My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' ⁷ "You offer defiled food on My altar. But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.' ⁸ And

when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, *Is it not evil?* And when you offer the lame and sick, *Is it not evil?* Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ "But now entreat God's favor, That He may be gracious to us. *While this is being done by your hands, Will He accept you favorably?*" Says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁰ "Who *is there* even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire *on* My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you," Says the LORD of hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands. ¹¹ **For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations,**" Says the LORD of hosts. ¹² "But you profane it, In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled; And its fruit, its food, *is* contemptible.' ¹³ You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of hosts. "And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?" Says the LORD. ¹⁴ "But cursed *be* the deceiver Who has in his flock a male, And takes a vow, But sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished-- **For I am a great King,**" Says the LORD of hosts, "**And My name is to be feared among the nations.** Mal 1:6-14

[6]Give God the 10% of your total income to His house your local church.
⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In **tithes and offerings.** ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation. ¹⁰ **Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,** Says the LORD of hosts, "**If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.** ¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts; ¹² "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts. Mal 3:8-12

Session 8

Fellowship: Towards Fellow Christians

Objectives of this Session:

1. For the disciple to be aware what Christian fellowship is about: its activities, attitudes, and Biblical principles.
2. Gives the know-how to organize and sustain a fellowship group in a local church setting.

I. Activities:

³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:36-47

1. Commitment=Verses 36-41

Commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord after hearing the proclamation of the Gospel and being touched by the Holy Spirit, to repent and be baptized in His name.

2. Activities=Verses 42-47

Activities of those who were saved included:

A]Continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine;v.42
B]Fellowship;v.42
C]Breaking of bread;v.42
D]Prayers;v.42
E]Signs and wonders were done through the apostles.v.43
F]All who believed were together.v.44
G]They had all things in common. V.44
H]Continuing daily. V.46
I]They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart. V.46
J]Praising God. V.47
K]Having favour with all the people. V.47
3.Result=V.47

And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved! V. 47

II.Attitudes & Principles of Fellowship:

¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Col 3:12-17

The Attitudes and Principles:

- 1.Put on tender mercies,
2. kindness,
3. humility,
4. meekness,
- 5.longsuffering;
- 6.bearing with one another,
- 7.forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.
8. put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

- 9.let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body;
- 10.be thankful.
- 11.Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
- 12.teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
13. singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- 14.And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

III.Organizing Fellowship Groups in a Local Church:

A.Organize according to age groups:

- 1.Church Men (example: Brotherhood of St. Andrew's or BSA; Chruch Men's Fellowship in St. Stephen's Parish ProCathedral, Manila)45 years old up to 120 years old.
- 2.Church Women (example: Episcopal Church Women or ECW)45 years old, up to 120 years old.
- 3.Young Professionals=those newly graduates of college and working, or age 21 and above who are workers and non-college graduates, up to 45 years old.
- 4.Collegiate young people= includes those youths who are between 17 to 21 years old.
- 5.High School young people=includes those 13 to 16 years old.
6. Children's group=usually in the children's Sunday School, from 6 months old to 12 years old, in different year-level classes.

B.Length of fellowship time=

Usually one hour to one hour and 15 minutes. It depends on the fellowship group how often they will meet, whether weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly.

C.Contents of the Fellowship meeting:

- 1.Opening prayer=1 minute
- 2.Singing Christian songs and hymns=15 minutes.
- 3.Bible Reading for the day=3 minutes
- 4.Main Activity=40 minutes (Please see item E. below)
- 5.Closing song=5 minutes
- 6.Announcements=5 minutes
- 7.Closing Prayer=1 minute

Here may follow care group activities (30 minutes), or Bible study groups (30 minutes), or small group prayer (10-20 minutes).

D.Planning Activities for the whole year:

The priest or deacon is the adviser of the local Church's fellowship groups. The groups elect their officers such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Custodian (for Bibles, songbooks, etc.), and other positions that the group deems necessary.

The adviser and officers have to plan the whole year's activity, and not to drift week by week.

E.Main Activities:

Every time the fellowship group meets, one of the following format can be used as a main activity so that the group members can learn about the Bible. These activities are:

- 1.Lecture-type to study portions of the Bible or topics of interest, such as "Christian Growth."
- 2.Bible Study, small group style, with the group leaders trained in advance of the fellowship time.
- 3.Panel discussion=where there is a moderator, and 3 invited panel members who are knowledgeable about the topic being discussed.
- 4.Singspiration=where the main activity is singing a number of songs related to the topic, with the songleader giving comments and lessons on the songs being sung, giving life application to the members.
- 5.Group dynamics=using group activities such as games where all can participate, to bring home the lesson for the day or topic. At the end of the game, there will be the leader who will give a summary of the topic or lessons that could be applied to daily living.
- 6.Preaching the word of God=where a person is invited to preach on the topic being studied, using a Bible text presented as a sermon.

IV.Conclusion:

Fellowship is fellow Christians caring, learning, and growing together in Christ. This is faith in action among the local church members! Make the most of this, and see the local church grow!

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved!" Acts 2:47b

Session 9

Sharing Christ As Savior and Lord: Towards Non-Christians

Objectives of this Session:

- 1.To show the disciple what the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is about, the reason for preaching it, to whom do we preach it, and how to do it.
- 2.To prepare the understanding of the disciple for Session 10 in which a useful tool will be introduced to be used.

I.**What** is the Gospel? What is the Good News?

What is the Message of the Gospel? What is the Message of the Good News?

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Cor 15:3-4

II.**Who**

A.Who to preach and share the Gospel?

All Christians!

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Cor 5:17-21

B.Preach the Gospel to Who?

All people!

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:15-16

III. **Why** do we preach the Gospel?

A. Because it is the command of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:15-16

B. Because the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe (trust) the Gospel.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16

C. Because blessed (rewarded) are the persons who preach and share the Gospel=the Good News of God's Salvation; and woe to the persons who does not share the Gospel.

For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.

1 Cor 9:16-18

D. The Gospel must be preached so that people can hear the Gospel and call on the LORD JESUS CHRIST so that they can be saved.

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, *"Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."* ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For *"whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."* ¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: *"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

Romans 10:9-15

IV. **When** do we preach the Gospel?

Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Tim 4:2-5

V. **How** do we preach the Gospel?

A. In the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and of power.

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Cor 2:1-5

B. With the attitude that I might by all means save some, and that we may all be partakers of the Gospel.

For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; ²¹ to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law; ²² to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. ²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with *you*.

1 Cor 9:19-23

Session 10

I Share Using The Gospel Picture Presentation

Objective of this Session:

1.To train the disciple to share the Gospel using this useful tool known as the Gospel Picture Presentation.

Part 1-What is the Gospel Picture Presentation

The Gospel Picture Presentation is a set of pictures with the corresponding words to describe them that the disciple using it is enabled from start to finish, tells the Gospel simply and completely to his listener.

When the disciple has mastery of the pictures and the message that goes with them, he can flawlessly and with less effort present it. His preparation and the related principles of sharing the Gospel are presented already in Session 9. He must not rely on rote memory or skill to present the Gospel, but by the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, who only can touch the hearts of people to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.

The things necessarily to be said in the presentation are concise. The disciple using this presentation need not add any of his own words to the message. He need only to use the words provided, and it is enough to explain the pictures. Part 2 which follows, presents those words.

Note: The Pictures are in Appendix 2.

Part 2-The Gospel Picture Presentation

Picture 1=

- GOD BLESSES ALL PEOPLE!
- BUT PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS. WHY?

Picture 2=

- BECAUSE OF SIN.
- SIN IS PEOPLE INSISTING ON DOING THEIR OWN WAY INSTEAD OF OBEYING GOD.
- OUR SIN BLOCKS GOD'S BLESSINGS FROM REACHING US.
- THE BIBLE SAYS, "THE WAGES (PAYMENT) OF SIN IS DEATH," THAT IS, SEPARATION FROM GOD WHO IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE AND BLESSINGS.

Picture 3=

- GOD'S SOLUTION.
- GOD GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON JESUS CHRIST AS A GIFT ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS.
- FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON JESUS CHRIST.

Picture 4=

- CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY FOR ALL OUR SINS.
- WHEN CHRIST GREW UP, HE PAID THE PENALTY FOR ALL OUR SINS.
- THE BIBLE SAYS, "THE WAGES (PAYMENT) OF SIN IS DEATH."
- CHRIST DIED FOR ALL MY SINS.
- CHRIST DIED FOR ALL YOUR SINS.

Picture 5=

- CHRIST ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY!
- CHRIST HIMSELF HAS NO SIN. SO, ON THE THIRD DAY, HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD, VICTORIOUS OVER SIN AND DEATH.

Picture 6=

- CHRIST ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.

Picture 7=

- CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

Picture 8=

- PICTURES 6 AND 7 LOOKS THE SAME, FOR THE ANGELS SAID TO CHRIST'S DISCIPLES WHEN HE ASCENDED, "... THIS SAME JESUS, WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME BACK IN THE SAME WAY YOU HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN." ACTS 1:11

Picture 9=

- WHEN CHRIST COMES AGAIN, PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS WHO PLACED THEIR TRUST IN HIM AS SAVIOR AND LORD WILL BE THERE TO WELCOME HIM! THEY ARE WEARING WHITE, KNOWING ALL THEIR SINS ARE FORGIVEN!
- YOU CAN HAVE GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BE THERE TOO!

Picture 10=

- YOU CAN HAVE THIS BLESSING NOW BY RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT: JESUS CHRIST!
- THE BIBLE SAID, "THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD." ROMANS 6:23
- JUST TELL JESUS YOU WANT HIM. PRAY TO HIM:

Prayer Page=

- “LORD JESUS CHRIST, THANK YOU FOR DYING ON THE CROSS FOR ME FOR ALL MY SINS, AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY. I REJECT ALL MY SINS. I RECEIVE YOU NOW AS MY SAVIOR, AND AS THE LORD OF MY LIFE. MAKE ME THE KIND OF PERSON YOU WANT ME TO BE. THANK YOU FOR GOD’S GIFT! IN YOUR NAME I PRAY. AMEN.”

[Please continue to explain:]

- CHRIST SAID, “FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (ALL THE PEOPLE!), THAT GOD GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON {JESUS CHRIST=GOD’S GIFT!}, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES (TRUST) IN HIM, SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE!” JOHN 3:16
- WITH CHRIST’S PROMISE, WE KNOW WE HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE NOW! JESUS CHRIST=GOD’S GIFT IS WITH US NOW WHEN WE RECEIVE HIM INTO OUR LIFE!
- YOU HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. YOU HAVE TO EAT TO FEED THAT LIFE! YOU EAT BY READING GOD’S WORD THE BIBLE EVERYDAY! PRAY EVERYDAY! SING PRAISE SONGS TO GOD EVERYDAY! PUT TO PRACTICE GOD’S WORD EVERYDAY! WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SHARE THE GOSPEL!

Dear Christian Brother/Sister, as you use these pictures to share Christ to many people:

GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY IN CHRIST!

Session 11

Giving 10% of Your Total Income (Tithing) to the Lord=Recognizing the Lord God as Total Source of All Blessings!

I.Tithe:

A.In the beginning:

Abraham: Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." **And he gave him a tithe of all.**

Gen 14:18-20

Jacob: Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, ²¹ so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. ²² And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." Gen 28:20-22

B.In Leviticus:

And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD'S. It *is* holy to the LORD. ³¹ If a man wants at all to redeem *any* of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. ³² And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

Lev 27:30,32

C.In Numbers:

"Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting. ²⁶ "Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: 'When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe. Num 18:21, 26, 27

D.In Deuteronomy:

"You shall truly **tithe all** the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. ²³ And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. ²⁴ But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry *the tithe*, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, ²⁵ then you shall exchange *it* for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. ²⁶ And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. ²⁷ You shall not forsake the Levite who *is* within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you. ²⁸ "At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store *it* up within your gates. ²⁹ And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who *are* within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deut 14:22-29

As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly **the tithe of everything**. ⁶ And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought **the tithe** of oxen and sheep; also **the tithe** of holy things which were consecrated to the LORD their God they laid in heaps.

2 Chron 31:5-6

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In **tithes** and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation. ¹⁰ **Bring all the tithes** into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it*. ¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to

bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts; ¹² "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.
Malachi 3:8-12

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.
Matt 23:23

II.Firstfruits Offering:

You shall not delay *to offer* the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.
Ex 22:29

But the firstborn of the animals, which should be the LORD's firstborn, no man shall dedicate; whether *it is* an ox or sheep, *it is* the LORD'S. Lev 27:26

Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
Prov 3:9-10

III.How are the tithes and firstfruits be used?

Based on all the previous readings, determine the following:

1.The several uses of tithes:
(Please answer in another sheet of paper.)

2.The several uses of firstfruits:
(Please answer in another sheet of paper.)

IV.The Blessings of Giving!

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So *let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "*He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.*" ¹⁰ Now may He who

supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 2 Cor 9:6-11

V. Investing in Heaven! Treasures in Heaven!

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:19-21

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." Mark 10:21

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
Matt 6:33

Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."²⁹ So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's,³⁰ who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life. Mark 10:28-30

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

Session 12

Forgiving and Moving Forward: The Way To True Freedom!

Objectives of this Session:

- 1.To learn what the Lord our God requires of us regarding forgiving others and being forgiven.
- 2.To learn how and why to forgive all the people who sin against us.

I.You Must Forgive Yourself and All Others=In Jesus Name!

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

Matt 6:12

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matt 6:14-15

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Mark 11:25-26

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at

his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."
Matt 18:21-35

II. God Forgives Our Sins

For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.
Jer 31:34b

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³ Who forgives all your iniquities.
Psalms 103:2-3a

III. Ask For Forgiveness

O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive!
Dan 9:19a

"When Your people . . . have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You . . . ³⁴ then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people. . ."
1 Kings 8:33-34

IV. Have The Blessings Of Your Sins Forgiven!

Blessed *is he* whose transgression is forgiven, *Whose sin is covered.*
² Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.
Psalms 32:1-2

V. Confess Your Sins In Agreement With God.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 John 1:7-10

Application:

- Make a list of the people you need to forgive.
- Take the list, spend a few moments in silent prayer, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who died to forgive all your sins and rose again from the dead the third day to give you victory=in Jesus name=forgive all the people on your list one-by-one. Yes, only in His name you can forgive those who sin against you and hurt you deeply.
- After forgiving all these people from your heart, you can expect God to forgive you when you earnestly repent=turn away from your sins, and receive the joy and blessings of being forgiven! (See Psalm 32:1-5)

Notes:

Appendix 1

The 25-Hymn Book, and the 25-Hymn Music CD

This **25-Hymn Book, and the 25-Hymn Music CD** are for use as taught in Session 6, and are considered as Part 3's Sampler of Songs of Praise. The Book consists of a Title Page with the words from Psalm 96:1. Both Book and CD are for personal, family, classroom, groups, churches, educational and religious use.

Those who want to use this 25-Hymn Book and/or CD are free to make as many copies as they need for those usage as mentioned above, not for profit, as authorized by Republic Act 8293.

Appendix 2

The Gospel Picture Presentation

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The 25-Hymn Book

Oh sing to the Lord

a new song!

Sing to the Lord,

all the earth!

Psalms 96:1

The Gospel Picture Presentation

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

*“Go into all the world
and preach the Gospel
to every creature!*

*He who believes (trusts Christ)
and is baptized will be saved . . . !”*

Mark 16: 15-16

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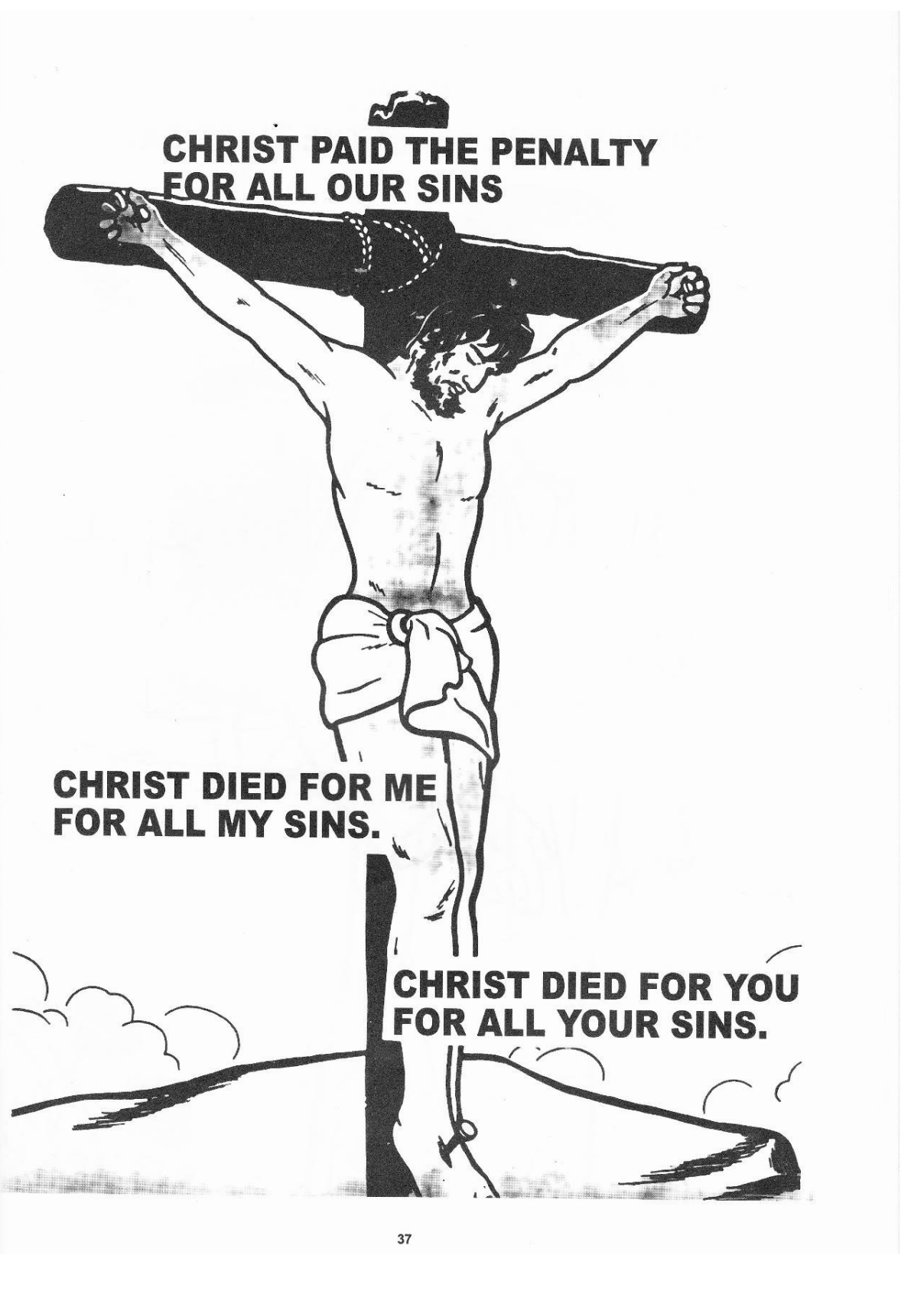
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The 25-Hymn Book

*And when Jesus and His disciples
had sung hymns, they went out
to the Mount of Olives. — Mark 14:26*

*Oh sing to the Lord
a new song!
Sing to the Lord,
all the earth! — Psalm 96:1*

1. HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art! Amen.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!
3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art!

2. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS:

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me! Amen.

2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

3. AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.
2. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

3. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

4. ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels
prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of
all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of
all.
2. Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of
all,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of
all.
3. O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may
fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord
of all,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord
of all.

5. 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS!

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at his word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

CHORUS:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

2. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior friend,
And I know that he is with me,
Will be with me to the end.

6. I HEARD THE OLD OLD STORY (VICTORY IN JESUS)

1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

CHORUS:

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

2. I heard about a mansion, He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

7. WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Amen.

8. HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky
and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity.
Amen.

9. FAIREST LORD JESUS

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

10. THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

1. On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

CHORUS:

- So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.
2. To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday
To my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

22. PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY!

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Thee. Amen.

23. TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

CHORUS:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace!

24. JUST AS I AM

1. Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
3. Just as I am Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come! Amen.

25. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.
Amen.

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Psalms 96

' Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth! ' Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ' Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. ' For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. ' For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. ' Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. ' Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. ' Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. ' Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. ' Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously." " Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; " Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. " For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

Psalms 96:1-13 (NKJV)