

BASIC TRAINING FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TIER 2



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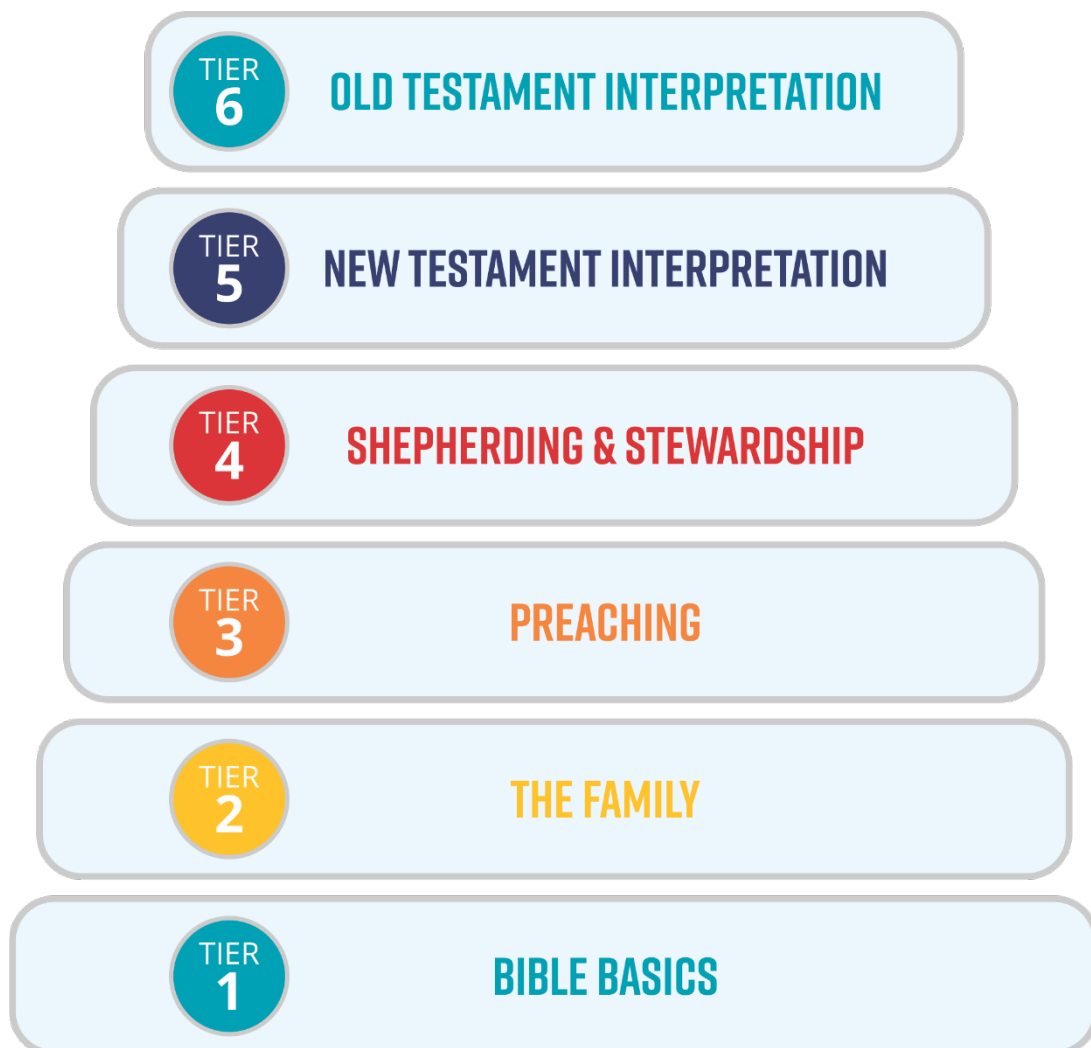
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OUR TIERED MULTI-WORKSHOP STRATEGY FOR EQUIPPING PASTORS

To adequately equip serving pastors, we have developed a series of intensive training workshops. In the limited sense, each one stands alone, so that “pre-requisites” are not an issue.

But in the larger sense, the workshops give attendees a systematic exposure to and experience in a widening range of biblical instruction, beginning with an introduction to the basic Christian doctrines and concluding with workshops on preaching and teaching the whole Word of God.



THE TEN DEFINING PRINCIPLES OF OUR PROGRAM

The following ten principles define our approach to the work of training pastors.

1. **Biblical and Catechetical.** GPT is committed to the authority of the Bible as the Word of God. Catechesis is “oral religious instruction,” particularly in the basic doctrinal themes of the Christian faith.
2. **Iterative.** Repetitive for the purpose of refining the outcome – derived from mathematics. Both Paul and Peter make it clear that repetition of (esp.) the basics of Christian doctrine is an essential element in Christian learning.
3. **Modular.** Each intensive training workshop is a self-contained entity. One can attend and benefit from any of the first 4 levels, whether one has participated in the previous workshops or not.
4. **Incremental.** Each workshop level in the model (see previous page) builds on its predecessor.
5. **Comprehensive.** Taken as a whole, the ministry model is intended to expose faithful participants to a range of biblical, doctrinal and practical concepts.
6. **Local.** “We Go to Them”. We take pastoral training to pastors. We don’t wait for pastors to come to us.
7. **Reproducible.** Every participant is encouraged to take his workbook to his church and start preaching from it.
8. **Scalable.** We plan, as the Lord enables us, to begin to train, authorize and send out additional Regional Teachers to lead more workshops in more areas.
9. **Affordable.** We are committed to making effective training for pastoral ministry affordable for pastors serving the global church.
10. **Missional/sustainable.** As the Lord enables, we are committed to raising the necessary funds for the work to continue and to go forward.

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RESOURCES FOR THE WORKSHOP

ENGLISH

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He causes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

John 3:16

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.

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SWAHILI

Ombi la Bwana

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni jina lako litukuzwe. Ufalme wako uje, mapenzi yako yafanyike hapa duniani kama huko mbinguni. Utupe leo riziki yetu ya kila siku. Na utusamehe makosa yetu kama sisi tulivyokwisha kuwa samehe waliotukosea. Na usitutie majaribuni, bali utuokoe kutokana na yule mwovu, Kwa kuwa Ufalme na nguvu na utukufu ni vyako milele. Amina.

Zaburi Ishirini na tatu

Bwana ndiye Mchungaji wangu; sitapungukiwa na kitu. Hunilaza katika malisho ya majani mabichi; Huniongoza kando ya maji matulivu. Huuisha nafsi yangu; huniongoza katika njia za haki kwa ajili ya jina lake. Ndiyo, hata nikipita kati ya bonde la kivuli cha mauti, sitaogopa mabaya; kwa maana wewe u pamoja nami; gongo lako na fimbo yako zinanifariji. Unani andalia meza mbele ya adui zangu; umenipaka mafuta kichwani; kikombe changu kinafurika. Hakika wema na fadhili zitanifuata siku zote za maisha yangu; na nitakaa nyumbani mwa Bwana milele.

Yohana 3:16

Kwa maana jinsi hii, Mungu aliupenda ulimwengu hata akamtoa Mwanae wa pekee, ili kila mtu amwaminiye asipotee, bali awe na uzima wa milele

Waraka wa Kwanza wa Yohana 1:9

Tukiziungama dhambi zetu, yeye ni mwaminifu na wa haki na atatusamehe dhambi zetu na kututakasa na uovu wote.

A Pastor's Pledge of Office

1. I am an officer in the army of Christ.
2. I am filled with God's Spirit and armed with God's sword.
3. I have put on the whole armor of God and am a veteran of spiritual battle.
4. I am commissioned to seek the lost, to share my faith, to shepherd God's flock, to show God's love.
5. My Lord comes first, my family second, my mission third.
6. My mission is to spread the Good News. My strategy is living love toward God and neighbor.
7. My orders are to love, not hate; to help, not hurt; to heal, not harm.
8. I am a leader in the largest army the world has ever known.
9. I am an officer in the army of Christ.

Nadhiri Ya Ofisi Ya Uchungaji

1. Mimi ni ofisa katika jeshi la Kristo.
2. Nime jazwa na roho wa Mungu na kujiami na neno la Mungu.
3. Nime vaa silaha nzima ya Mungu na mimi ni muhusika wa vita ya kiroho.
4. Nimetumwa katafuta walio potea, kushiriki imani yangu, kuchunga kondoo wa Mungu, kuonesha upendo wa Mungu.
5. Bwana wangu nampa nafasi ya kwanza, jamii yangu nafasi ya pili, huduma yangu nafasi ya tatu.
6. Huduma yangu ni kueneza habari njema. Mbinu yangu ni kumpenda Mungu na jirani yangu.
7. Amrishi kwangu ni kupenda, sio kuchukia, kusaidia, sio ku umiza, kuonya, sio kudhuru.
8. Mimi ni kiongozi katika jeshi kubwa sana ambayo ulimwengu haijawai tambua.
9. Mimi ni ofisa katika jeshi la Kristo.

THE THREE GOALS OF EVERY WORKSHOP

- To be _____ (II Peter 1:12, 13)
- To be _____ (Romans 12:1, 2)
- To _____ further instruction (Ephesians 1:17, 18)

THE PARTICULAR GOAL OF THIS WORKSHOP

To ensure that each participant (_____) the biblical standards for Christian family life; to call each participant to a renewed (_____) to live as an example of biblical family obedience, and to prepare faithful participants to (_____) God's biblical standard for family living to their congregations.

BIBLE VERSES FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE FOR YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE

THE BASICS

Life in Christ	II Corinthians 5:17
Christ in Life	Philippians 1:6
The Word	I Peter 2:2, 3
Prayer	John 16:24
Obedience	John 14:21
Witnessing	I John 1:3

THE GOSPEL

Fact of Sin	Romans 3:23
Penalty of Sin	Romans 6:23
Must Be Paid	Hebrews 9:27
Paid by Christ	Romans 5:8
A Free Gift	Ephesians 2:8, 9
Just Accept	John 1:12

PROMISED BLESSINGS

Forgiveness	I John 1:9
Comfort	I Peter 5:7
Peace	John 14:27
Reward	I Corinthians 15:58
Inheritance	Romans 8:16, 17
Second Coming	John 14:2, 3

CHALLENGE

Follow Christ	Luke 9:23
Separation	II Corinthians 6:17,18
To Overcome	James 1:12
Endure Hardship	Philippians 1:29
To Warfare	Ephesians 6:10, 11
To Go	John 20:21

RESOURCES

Holy Spirit	Romans 8:14
New Nature	II Peter 1:4
Power	II Timothy 1:7
Wisdom	John 8:32
His Guidance	Acts 2:25
Grace	I Corinthians 1:4, 5

EXPECTED FRUIT

Love	Galatians 5:22, 23
Faith	Acts 27:25
Joy	John 15:11
Victory	I Corinthians 10:13
Patience	Hebrews 10:36
Humility	Philippians 2:3, 4

LESSON I THE CHRISTIAN LEADER'S LIFE

- I. The leader's life has an _____ dimension. This is the _____ person that no one else sees. It consists of his thoughts and desires, his hopes and his dreams. These things form a leader's _____.

Character is being formed all the time. Character is formed either by contact with the world and its values or by contact with God and his values.

David shows the way – Psalm 1

Jesus is our example – Mark 1:35; 6:32; 6:46; 14:32-36

The goal of Christian character is to be _____.

Note:

- A. This is not the same as being sinless – 1 John 1:7-8a
- B. It means that we have pure motives and are living a clean life in God's sight.

Some questions to ask yourself:

- Why are you a pastor?
- How are you spending your time?

- C. It also means that we are upright; that we have integrity in our own hearts; that we are worthy of respect. (See Matthew 5:37)

- II. The leader's life has an _____ dimension. This is the _____ person that everyone sees. It consists of the leader's actions, statements, and reactions. These things form a leader's _____ and the basis of his _____.

Reputation is the opinion of those around us developed over time and through repeated exposure.

Paul talks at length about the Christian leader's character, conduct, and reputation in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

The focus of the leader's conduct is self-control

- A. Control of the inner man – temperate
- What do we call someone completely out of control?
 - The ideal Christian leader is to be temperate. His emotions are under the control and guidance of the Holy Spirit, bringing inner peace.
- B. Control of the outer man – five key areas
1. Not _____ - not given to acts of _____ violence, a gentle man, a peace-maker
 2. Not _____ - not given to acts of _____ violence. One who settles disputes, not one who makes them.
 3. Not a _____ - not given to substance abuse
 4. Not _____ - not given to money abuse (stealing, cheating, etc.)
 - not scheming to get rich
 - not involved in illegal activities for money
 5. Not _____ - not given to acts of sexual indulgence.

Who decides what is sexually right and sexually wrong? _____

Where is it written? Exodus 20:14, Deuteronomy 5:18

Some thoughts on the 7th Commandment:

- The 7th Commandment presumes marriage as the context of a _____ sexual relationship.
- It teaches that any other sexual relationship is _____.
- It affirms in particular that sex with a woman other than one's own _____ is a sin.
- It teaches that homosexual relations are sin. Romans 1: 26, 27; Leviticus 18:22
- _____ is a sin. Matthew 5:27-29
- Use of prostitutes is a sin. I Corinthians 6:15

LESSON 2 THE CHRISTIAN LEADER'S FAMILY

- I. Christ's Leader is to be a _____ husband.
 - A. He has _____ wife. – 1 Timothy 3:2
 - B. She is his only _____ partner. – Matthew 5:27, 28
 - C. He _____ for her well-being. – 1 Timothy 3:4
 - D. He and his wife should be growing _____, not apart. – Genesis 2:24; Malachi 2:13-16
 - E. He is patient with his wife. – 1 Peter 3:7
 - F. He strives to see her point of view. – Ephesians 5:25
 - G. He _____ his wife at home. – 1 Peter 3:7
 - H. He has her _____. – Ephesians 5:33; 1 Peter 3:6
- II. Christ's Leader is to be a _____ father. – Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 20-25
 - A. He _____ with his children.
 - B. He _____ the Bible with his children.
 - C. He helps his children _____ God's Word. (Ten Commandments; Joshua 1:8; Proverbs 3:5, 6; John 3:16; see list of scriptures)
 - D. He provides a _____ home life: worship, learning, work, play
 - E. He demonstrates his love with _____ affection and _____ correction. – Ephesians 6:4
- III. Christ's Leader is to be a careful manager of his home. – 1 Timothy 3:4, 5
 - A. For Paul, good leadership in the home equals good leadership in the church.
 - B. Good stewardship at home is the basis for the greater trust of stewardship in the church.
 - C. Learning to survive lean times at home teaches lessons in trusting God that will bless the whole church later.

FROM YOUR FAMILY TO THE CHURCH'S FAMILIES

Out of your own Spirit-led home leadership, pastors must help the families in their church also move toward spiritual maturity.

How to build a fellowship of faithful families. Establishing some ministry priorities:

Each family a family in prayer together. I Tim. 2:8

Each family led by a faithful and loving husband/father. Critical discipleship needs for men in your church. Sincere devotion to Jesus. Commitment to Christ-like headship in his home. Living with God's priorities on the use of time, talents and treasure.

Each family cared for and comforted by a loving wife and mother. Serving Christ and her family are her highest priorities.

Each family with a father and mother raising their children "in the nurture and discipline of the Lord." (Eph. 6:1-4)

A church full of happy, healthy families serving the Lord together through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of God's indwelling Holy Spirit.

A church family using all of its gifts together to worship, witness and serve the Lord and His people.

A discussion on contextual challenges and responses:

THE CHALLENGE	THE RESPONSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half my church has no work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Call a prayer meeting and day of fasting. Ask God for special favor – be a difference maker. Pray for one another until jobs come. Take honest work when it comes. Keep a prayer list and record answers.</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of our women have unbelieving husbands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Get out and meet every unbelieving husband; begin a witness to them. Have the women form prayer circles for unbelieving husbands. Keep a prayer list and record answers. Have your wife instruct the women from Ephesians 5 and 1 Peter 3:1 ff.</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many women and children attend church, but many of the men (who profess to be Christians) must work on the Lord's Day or lose their jobs. Others, who may have the day off, sleep in on Sunday because it is the only day they have to rest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Get out and meet every believing husband; begin a witness to them. Have the women form prayer circles for unbelieving husbands. Keep a prayer list and record answers. For men in jobs where the Lord's Day is not observed (they must work or lose their jobs), establish men's fellowships on other weekday evenings when the bulk of the men may come. Emphasize the importance God places on their role in the home. Disciple the men to become the spiritual leaders in their own homes.</u>

Finish the work of the East African Revival for the men of your church and community. As they are disciplined, move them toward obedience in Christ.

Lesson 2 The Christian Leader's Family

Questions for Discussion:

1. As a small group of pastors discuss together what your church currently looks like on a typical Sunday morning. Are husbands and wives present in equal numbers? If not, how can the church fulfill its mission to its families as described above?
2. We see quite often that pastors are not focused on discipling the men and husbands in their churches, especially when the men are not present in the worship service. What steps does GPT recommend to pastors to disciple their men? As a pastor, what do you think is attainable in your church? What does the Lord think is attainable in your church?

LESSON 3 HOW TO LEAD CHRIST'S CHURCH

I. God's Leaders _____ Vision

- A. A vision _____ God (Isaiah 6:1-3),
- B. That leads to a vision _____ God (Exodus 3:7-1) that _____ the leader and _____ the course of his life.
- C. The vision from God is _____ his people – Exodus 3:7 ff
 - to establish them, call them out – Matthew 28:16-20
 - to strengthen them – Revelation 3:2
 - to renew them – Nehemiah 1:3,4

II. God's Leaders _____ Vision

- A. By sharing their vision with the faith community
- B. By setting goals that move the people toward God's vision in _____
_____.

Make your goals S.M.A.R.T.

III. God's Leaders _____ Vision

- A. By keeping in touch with God
- B. By keeping in touch with the people

LESSON 3 WORKSHEET

I. God's Vision for Your Church

A. A vision statement for our church:

God is calling our church _____

B. Key goals for our church at this time (keep them SMART)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

C. How I plan to get the first goal accomplished:

LESSON 4 THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

I. The Nature of God

A. _____ God

Deuteronomy 6:4; 5:6, 7

Exodus 20:1-3

B. God's _____ Attributes

(Those traits God has which none of His human creatures share)

1. Infinite – no limitations as to where He can be.

I Kings 8:27

Jeremiah 23:24

2. Eternal – without beginning or end

Psalms 90:2

John 8:58

3. Immutable – unchangeable

Malachi 3:6

Numbers 23:19

C. God's _____ Attributes

(Those traits which God shares with his creatures)

God possesses these in much higher degree than we do. For instance, His wisdom is infinite, eternal and unchangeable. Our wisdom is limited, subject to error, but has potential to grow.

1. Being/existence

Infinite in His being

Psalms 139:7-10

Acts 17:27-28

2. Wisdom (this includes knowledge by inference)

He knows the future because He has decreed the future

I Samuel 2:3

Psalms 147:4, 5

3. Holiness – Revelation 15:4

Separateness from sin – Isaiah 6:1-3

4. Justice – His judgments are always right

Retribution (punishment) and remuneration (reward)

Ezra 9:15

Psalms 119:137

5. Relational – See particularly the Trinity below. Because God is a relational being, we also have the capacity of entering into and sustaining relationships. A _____ human relationship is the _____ of marriage. Genesis 1:26; Genesis 2:18

II. God Revealed as a _____

Apostles' Creed

(The Apostles' Creed is an ancient statement of essential Christian belief that clearly sets forth the basics of the Christian concept of God.)

Namu amini Mungu Baba Mwenyezi, muumba mbingu na nchi; Na Mwanee Yesu Kristo Bwana wetu; akachukuliwa mimba kupitia Roho Mtakatifu, akazaliwa na bikira Mariamu, aka tseka chini ya Pontio Pilato, ali sulubishwa, akafa, na akazikwa; Akashuka kuzimu; siku ya tatu akafufuka kutoka kwa wafu; Akapaa mbinguni, na ameketi upande wa kuume wa Mungu Baba Mwenyezi; Atarudi kuhukumu upesi wafu. Naamini katika Roho Mtakatifu; kanisa takatifu ya Kristi, ushirika ya watakatifu; msamaha wa dhambi; kufufuka kwa mwili; na uzima wa milele. Amina.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy christian church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Trinity means Three in One – three persons in one God.

- A. The Trinity is _____ in the Old Testament.

Genesis 1:26

Genesis 11:1

Psalm 51:11

Isaiah 7:14

- B. The Trinity is _____ in the New Testament.

1. The _____ is God

Luke 2:49

Matthew 6:6-8

Matthew 10:20; 32, 33

2. The _____ is God
Matthew 3:17
John 1:1
John 8:58
John 10:24-33

3. The _____ _____ is God
Acts 5:3, 4
John 14:16, 17

Lesson 4 Doctrine of God

Questions for Discussion:

1. Who is God and what is He like? Where is it written?

2. At least 3 major world religions claim to believe in the one true God. Only Christianity teaches that God is a Trinity. How do we know that the traditional Christian view that God is a Trinity is correct? Where is it written?

LESSON 5 THE DOCTRINE OF HUMANITY

(What the Bible Says About the Human Race)

- I. Humanity in Our Original State
- A. Made in the _____ of God. Humans are the _____ of God's handiwork. Genesis 1:26, 27
- B. Humanity created _____ and _____. Gen. 1:27
- C. What does "Image of God" mean?
- Humans are _____ beings (we have a _____).
 - Humans are rational beings (capable of thinking out _____ to problems).
 - Humans are moral beings. We are capable of understanding the difference between _____ _____ _____.
 - Humans are called to exercise _____ over lower creation.
 - Humans are _____ beings.
- D. Essential elements of human nature
Humans consist of a _____ and a _____.
Matthew 10:28
- II. Humanity Before the Fall
- A. Adam and Eve lived in perfect harmony with _____ and with _____.
Genesis 1:27-31; 2:25; 3:8
- B. Adam and Eve lived _____ in a _____ relationship.
Gen. 2:24, 25 and Mt. 19:1-6.
- C. God gave Adam and Eve a _____ which they were to obey.
Genesis 2:16, 17
- III. The Fall
Genesis 3:1-13
- A. Adam and Eve _____ God's command.
- B. The serpent (Satan) _____ Eve, but does not _____ Eve.
- C. Eve is _____ by the serpent, and she urges Adam.
- D. Adam eats in _____ knowledge of his violation.

IV. Consequences of the Fall

- A. Each party blames someone else. Guilt and shame enter human experience.
Genesis 3:10-13
- B. The serpent is judged and doomed to _____. Satan's ultimate destruction is assured.
Genesis 3:14, 15
- C. Eve is judged and doomed to _____ in childbirth.
Genesis 3:16
- D. Adam is judged and doomed to _____ and to _____.
Genesis 3:17-19
- E. God provides an atoning cover for Adam and Eve.
Genesis 3:21
- F. In Adam all die.
I Corinthians 15:21, 22

V. Essential Character of Sin

- A. It is a specific kind of evil
A _____ evil for which a person is responsible
Not simply something bad that happens to you
- B. Sin has an _____ character
Not morally neutral
With sin something is either right or wrong; righteous or unrighteous
No middle ground
- C. Sin is an _____ or _____ violation of
God's _____.
Romans 3:23
- D. Sin includes _____ (legal failure) and pollution (personal after-effects)
Transgression
Leaves weakness
- E. Sin has its seat in the heart, the _____ person
Jeremiah 17:9
John 2:24, 25
- F. Sin is not only outward; it is also inward acts, thoughts
Romans 2:15

Lesson 5 The Doctrine of Humanity

Questions for Discussion

1. What does it mean to be created in the image of God? Review I.B. from the lesson together. Which of these ideas seem most important to you? Why?

2. As a group, briefly review the story of the fall. Who are the major characters? What is their role?
Review the three judgements of God in Gen. 3:14 – 19, which judgement is the worst? Why is this so?

3. In Part V of the lesson we attempt to understand what sin is. Which aspects of this section did you find most helpful. Why? Which least helpful? Why

LESSON 6 CHRIST AND REDEMPTION

- I. The Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - A. Fully _____
John 1:1
 - B. Fully _____
John 1:14

- II. The Offices of Christ
 - A. _____
Luke 4:18-21
Matthew 24:1-28
 - B. _____
Hebrews 6:19-7:3
Hebrews 9:23-28
John 17
 - C. _____
John 18:36
Matthew 21:5
Matthew 27:29, 37

- III. Christ's Mediating Work
 - A. God's _____ to His eternal plan
(In eternity past)
Ephesians 1:3-6
 - B. God's _____ for man's sin
(At the cross)
II Corinthians 5:17-21
Romans 6:23
I Peter 3:15
 - C. God's _____ of grace
 - D. We receive the benefits of Christ's work by _____.
Acts 16:31
Ephesians 2:8, 9
Romans 3:8

IV. How to Announce Christ's Mediating Work

- A. We are commanded to tell others – the Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20
Acts 1:8
 - 1. We do this in public gatherings.
Acts 2
Acts 17:1-22ff
 - 2. We do this one-on-one.
Acts 16:13ff

- B. We share His message _____.
Acts 16:22-25

- C. We share His message _____.
Ephesians 6:19, 20
Colossians 4:2
I Thessalonians 5:25

- D. We remember that the call to faith is a call to _____.
Acts 2:37, 38
Acts 3:19

- E. We _____ every soul that comes to Jesus.
Luke 15:1-7

V. A Basic Gospel Presentation

- A. We need to face the truth about _____. God is holy. He is perfect. There is nothing _____ in God. He resides in a perfect heaven where there is no sin. Nothing imperfect or dirty can be where God is.
- B. We need to face the truth about _____. We are sinful. It is not just that we do things we know are wrong, but we are actually born into the world with unclean hearts. Wherever we are born, because we all descend from Adam, we come into the world with a fallen nature. Our hearts are dirty with sin. As David says, "in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps. 51:5)
- C. We need to face the truth about _____. Jesus is our perfect mediator. He lived the life that we and Adam failed to live. He died on the cross in our place as God's acceptable sacrifice for sin. Now God calls on everyone to come to Jesus by faith.

We need to take 3 simple steps:

1. Admit we are sinners. Agree with God about the condition of our souls and our need.
2. Believe in Jesus. Agree with the Bible that Jesus is God's Son. That He came to live a perfect, sinless life and then to die an unnecessary but acceptable death as our substitute.
3. Call on His Name. We do this in prayer. Prayer is simply talking to God. You pray something like this: "Dear heavenly Father, Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. I admit I am a sinner. I need a savior. I open the door of my heart and ask you to come in. Amen."

Lesson 6 Christ and Redemption

Questions for Discussion

1. Throughout history even the Church has found it challenging to understand clearly who Jesus is. In the lesson we use John 1:1 to help us understand the unique nature of Jesus. In John 1:1 what did we learn about Jesus (the Word). Why is this important?
2. We also use John 1:14 to help us understand that Jesus is a human being. Why is this important?
3. How does Jesus become our sin bearer? Where is it written?
4. Please evaluate our gospel presentation. What did you like about it? What method do you use to explain the gospel? Practice our method together.

LESSON 7 JESUS AND PAUL ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Two initial observations:

1. The family unit is the basic building block of any and every _____.
2. The husband/wife relationship is the essential _____ element in every family.

I. Jesus' Perspective on Marriage

- A. The key to understanding Jesus' teaching on marriage is to understand God's _____ purpose for marriage.
- B. Matthew 19 contains Jesus' primary commentary on marriage. In this passage He affirms:
 1. Marriage is a _____ relationship. Vs. 4
 2. Marriage requires _____ and a readiness for _____. Vs. 5
 3. Marriage is consummated in _____. Vs. 5
 4. Sex between husband and wife produces physical and emotional _____. Vs. 6
 5. God intends the "one flesh" relationship to last as long as both parties live physically.
 6. Jesus treats divorce as either a tragic violation of God's design or a tragic exception to His design. Vs. 8, 9. Jesus agrees with Malachi's summation of the divine mind on the subject of divorce, "I hate divorce..." Malachi 2:16

II. Paul's Perspective on Marriage – Notes on Ephesians 5:21-33

- A. All of Paul's teaching on marriage in this passage falls under his over-arching perspective of _____ submission. Vs. 21
- B. God's call to wives as given through Paul. Vs. 22-24, 33b.
 1. _____ to your husband's leadership. Vs. 22
 - a. In the case of the over-bearing husband:
 - i. Bear with his imperfections patiently.
 - ii. Love him in spite of his unlovliness.
 - iii. Pray for him daily, asking the Lord to soften his heart toward you.
 - iv. Let him love you.
 - v. If you must leave, do so, but remain entirely chaste and above reproach during the separation.

- b. In the case of the passive husband (who is lacking leadership initiative):
 - i. Bear with his imperfections patiently.
 - ii. Encourage those signs of leadership that you do see.
 - iii. Resist the temptation to “take over”.
 - iv. Honor him before the children, church and community.
 - v. Pray for him daily, asking the Lord to strengthen him as a spiritual leader in the home.

2. Let the _____ be your model. Vs. 23, 24

- a. As Christ is the head of the church, so the husband is to be the head of the wife.
- b. As the Church submits to Christ (because the Church trusts Christ), so the wife is to submit to her husband.

C. God’s call to husbands as given through Paul. Vs. 25-33a.

1. _____ your wife. Vs 25a.

The _____ of agape’ – John 3:16

2. Let _____ be your model. Vs. 25, 28

- a. As Christ “gave Himself up” for the Church, so the husband is to “give himself up” for his wife.
What does that look like in your home?

- b. Husbands should “love their own wives as their own bodies.”
What does that look like in your home?