

Salvation to

New Living

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Purpose

Giving your life to Jesus is without doubt the most exciting experience anyone can have. However, as new believers you will have lots of questions. This beginner guide will help you, teach you on your new journey of faith. We congratulate you, and you are now welcomed into the family of God. In our time together we want to encourage you, to impart and teach, we will and share testimonies. There are also practical teachings in group times.

By explaining:

- what their new life is like
- how their life will change
- what's expected of a new Christian.

As they follow Jesus, leaving their old life behind and go into their new life, we can give them some truths on their walk with Jesus.





Session 1

Salvation





Ice Breaker



Let's talk about Faith.

Ask the groups about Faith.

What are some other words we can use instead of:

Faith

Confidence

Trust

Reliance

Conviction

Belief

Assurance

The Christian Life:

The Christian life is a life of faith, of building complete confidence in God, and His word, the bible. When God's word says something, we can be sure that it is true!



Faith

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6



NOT ONLY ABOUT FEELINGS

When we come into a relationship with Jesus our Lord and Saviour, you may have felt happy.

Do you have an experience that you've never had before? An overwhelming sense of joy?

However, it's important to not base your Christian life on feelings alone. Feelings can be unreliable, and they change day to day through situations and circumstances.

Our faith must be firmly founded on the word of God which never changes.

TESTIMONY

Born Again – Share Your story of Salvation

Our first decision is to give our hearts and our lives to Jesus. The gift of salvation, which we believe by faith and without doubt is the greatest gift we can ever receive, brings us into a relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and we will have eternal life in heaven.





Salvation

For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Speak it out aloud together!

It gives confidence to say this prayer together in your group.

This builds faith and removes doubt – it highlights God's truth, and uncovers the devil as the liar he is.

SINNER'S PRAYER

"Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. Please forgive me. I now turn from what I know is wrong. Thank you that you died on the cross for me, so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you for offering me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. Jesus, please come into my life by the power of Holy Spirit to be with me forever. Thank you, Lord Jesus, Amen."





Session 2

Water Baptism



We believe in Water Baptism by full immersion

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:4-6

The Bible makes it very clear that baptism is not optional. Jesus himself was baptized. He did not need to repent of sin, because he was without sin. However, he set an example for us to follow.



HOW DO WE DO IT?

Water baptism or baptism by immersion is also called the believer's baptism. Before a person is baptized he must first have repented of his sins and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is very clear.

Baptism speaks of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we follow the Lord's command to be baptised we identify with Him in this way. When you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior your sins are forgiven. He became dead to your past life. Baptism signifies death. The water in which you are immersed is like a grave and indicates that you are buried with Christ. As you rise from the water you testify that you are a new creation, rising into newness of life in Jesus Christ. And we now publicly declare our allegiance to Jesus Christ, His body the church, and all spiritual beings by this act of being placed underwater. And as a new creation you are now saying "I am a follower of Jesus Christ," telling the world.

**ACTION STEP: SET A DATE FOR A
WATER BAPTISM**



Session 3

Baptised in the Holy Spirit





TESTIMONY: SHARE HOW YOU WERE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:4-5

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

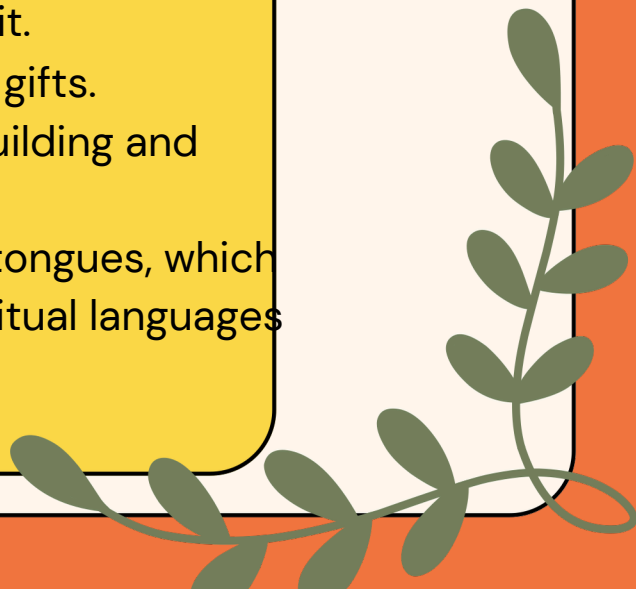
Acts 1:8

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience that occurs following conversion. Jesus "baptizes" us in the Holy Spirit so that we are saturated, soaked, filled, and overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

When this happens, we are given gifts.

The gifts are not for us; they are for building and equipping the church.

We are also given the gift of speaking in tongues, which allows us to speak directly to God in spiritual languages unknown to us.





Gifts of the Holy Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such, there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

TALK THROUGH

Love

Joy

Peace

Longsuffering

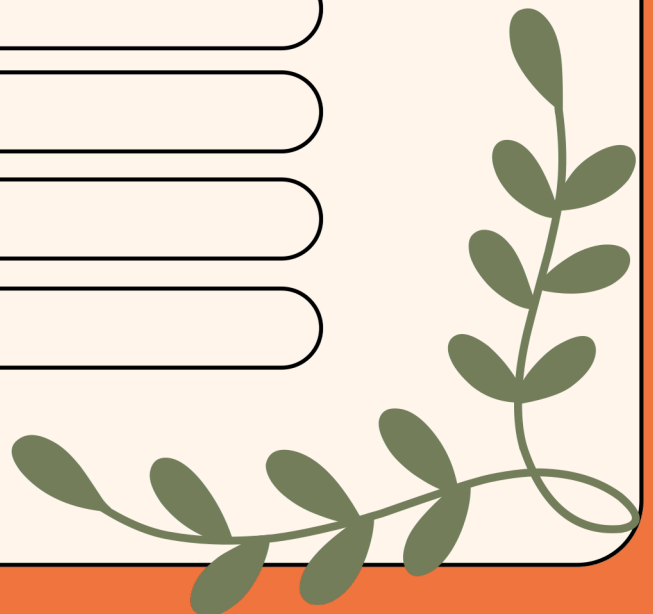
Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control





Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-18

TALK THROUGH

Apostles

Prophets

Evangelist

Pastors

Teachers

Group Time:
Pray for the
baptism of the
Holy Spirit





Session 4

Bible



For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

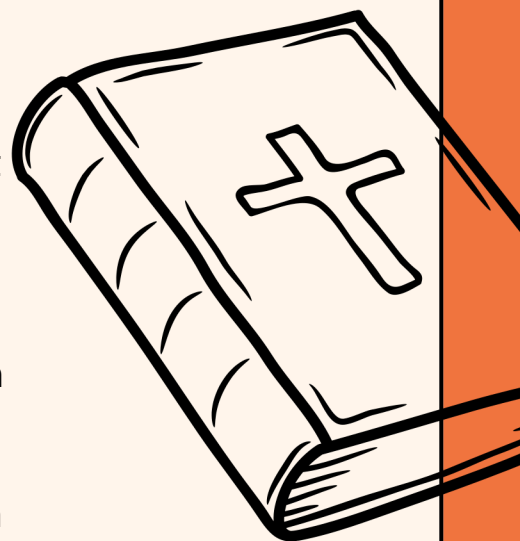
Hebrews 4:12

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:16

God's Words

The Bible is the truth of God's words. God's word is alive and powerful. God talks to us through the Bible and without a doubt it's our road map for our lives. It will guide us and encourage us and every account story is true. It's full of testimonies of God's faithfulness to those who love Him. It shows us when the Almighty God chooses a man or a woman and they listen and walk with the Almighty God what can be accomplished.



THE BIBLE HAS TWO PARTS: THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE NEW TESTAMENT. THE BIBLE IS 66 BOOKS, 39 IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND 27 IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO FIND A BIBLE THAT YOU ENJOY READING AND THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND.

How do I read the bible?

Start in the gospels.

Start with the Book of Mark. It is impactful, it is short, and it gets into the accounts of what Jesus was doing. Read the Book of Mark twice.

Then read John, Luke, and Matthew.

1 John is really good because it is for new Christians. It helps them understand what Christ did and their new family relationship.

SOAP Devotion

S O A P

Scripture

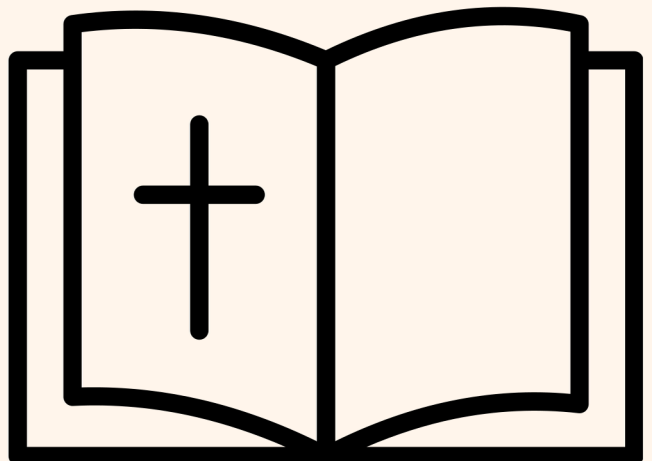
Observation

Application

Prayer

Group Time:

Do a SOAP devotion together





Session 5

Communion



For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

When we take communion, we are remembering Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Where He was brutally beaten for us, His blood was shed, so we can live right and be healed.

The bread and wine are tangible, visible reminders of Christ's love. Rather than simply saying "remember," Jesus gave us a reminder. Just as we depend on food and drink to live physically, we can only live spiritually through Christ.

Communion is a time of just that: communing.

Group Time

Have communion with the group!





Session 6

Prayer



Talking to God

Prayer is talking with God. Just as we cannot get to know people unless we talk with them, it's the same with God. God is interested in every part of our lives, and when we talk to Him, and listen to Him, we get to know Him better. In our prayers, we can praise Him, worship Him, and thank Him for His goodness and graciousness. We can also bring our needs to Him, talk to Him about our failures and the challenges we face, and pray for our friends and families.

Some people hesitate to come to God when they have problems because they feel that the only time they think of Him is when we are in trouble. However, turning to God in a time of need is often the start of a new relationship with God, one in which we come to Him in praise, adoration and worship for all He has done and all that He is. In fact, God encourages us to pray and spend time with Him.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

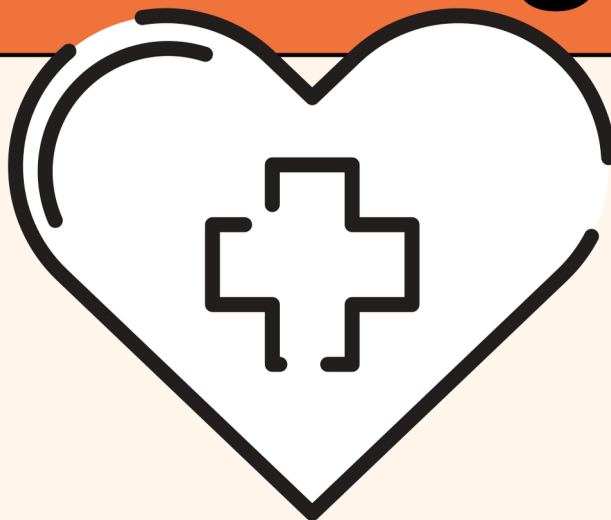
Group Time

Encourage the group to pray for one another.



Session 7

Healing





Healing

SHARE A HEALING TESTIMONY

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. 1 Peter 2:24

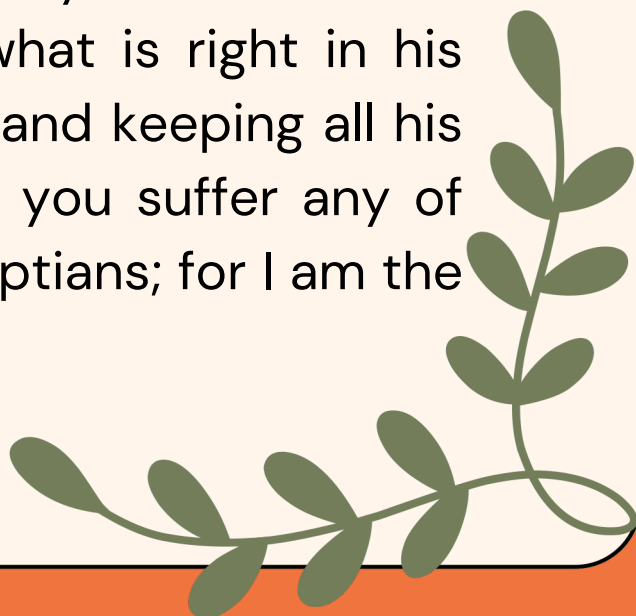
Jesus personally carried your sins on the cross where Jesus was beaten and crucified, so we could live free from sin, and be healed by His wounds. Approximately 2/3 of Jesus' ministry was a healing ministry.

Over and over again in the New Testament we read of accounts in which Jesus healed people and restored them to wholeness and full health.

God wants his people to be well. He made a Covenant with his chosen people in Exodus and this covenant is for you too.

He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.

Exodus 15:26



How do we do it?

- Pray for them
- Place your hands on people and pray
- Using the word of God
- Speak healing scriptures

"Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Acts 4:30

Group Time

Have each group pray for one another's healing.

Teach and encourage others to pray in this time.





Session 8

Church





Church

The Bible clearly states that believers should meet together regularly for prayer, worship, teaching, fellowship, and mutual encouragement. God never intended that we walk alone in our faith.

Involvement in our local church is vital to our growth in Christ. We cannot do this journey by ourselves.

Unfortunately, many Christians think "I can do it by myself," and are deceived because we all need friends, like-minded people around you to encourage you in your walk with Jesus.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

YOUR CHURCH

Explain who you are.

And what you do as a family gathering together.

Invite them to come to church!

