

# Finishing the Great Commission

**A Conference on How You and Your Church  
Can Help Complete the Great Commission  
and Impact the World in the Process**

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# **BUILDING A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH**

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## **WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE:**

- **"This is the best conference that has ever come to Delhi." (Delhi Pastor)**
- **"This conference changed my life." (Mumbai Pastor)**
- **"I am more than seventy years of age and have attended conferences my entire life, but I have never seen a conference which impacted me like this." (Assam Pastor)**
- **"I have never been to a conference where I learned so much about my own country." (Pondicherry Pastor)**
- **"This conference gave me a new vision for my life and ministry." (Chennai Pastor)**
- **"In this conference I learned for the first time what a true evangelist is supposed to be and do." (Bhubaneshwar Pastor)**
- **"My church will never be the same after this conference. I learned here how to build dynamic churches." (Dehradun Pastor)**

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## WHY WE ARE HERE AT THIS GREAT COMMISSION CONFERENCE

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### I. Introduction

- The truths that will be taught in this conference have been taught in numerous parts of the world, including – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia. It has made a powerful impact on leaders wherever it has been shared.
- Be prepared for God to speak to you and to impact your life at a deep level during this conference.

### II. Five Reasons Why Are Here:

- First, we are here because of \_\_\_\_\_ to call worshipers to Himself from every tribe, language and people on earth.

“And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” (Revelation 5:9)

God’s objective in the world is to have representatives from each \_\_\_\_\_ on earth with him in eternity.

- Second, we are here because of \_\_\_\_\_ for the world - to fill the earth with the glory of His name. That vision is seen in the scripture passage below:

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” (Habbakuk 2:14)

God’s dream is for the entire earth to (including your country) to be filled with His glory.

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- Third, we are here because of \_\_\_\_\_ to impact the world with His message by bringing the Gospel to each individual people group on earth.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all *nations*, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14).

God’s strategy is to reach the world by reaching every \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.

- Fourth, we are here because of \_\_\_\_\_ of carrying out His strategy in the world. That method is to train tens of thousands of leaders around the world who will, in turn, train other leaders to build His Kingdom. This methodology is shown in the following verse:

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

God’s method for reaching the world focuses on training leaders who will, in turn, train other leaders.

- Fifth, we are here because \_\_\_\_\_ to His Church (*The Great Commission*) can, if we will be deeply serious about it, be completed in this generation. (Matt 28:16-20)

We are here to partner with Jesus and with each other in order to help reach those who have not heard and to \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Commission in this generation.

### III. The Goals of This Conference: To help you, God’s people, gain ...

- New \_\_\_\_\_
- More \_\_\_\_\_
- Greater determination and commitment
- Clearer \_\_\_\_\_

... for finishing *The Great Commission* in this generation ... and to impact the world around us in the process!

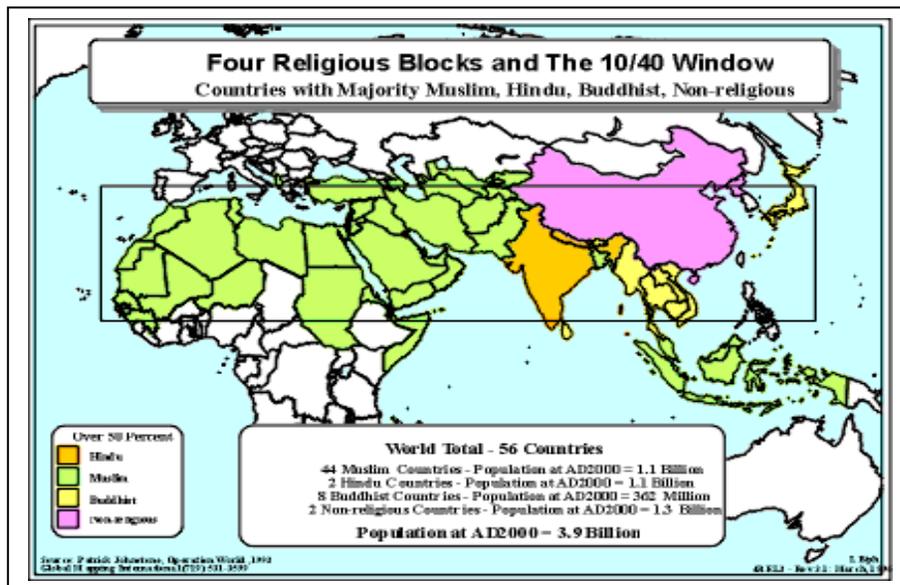
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## IV. The Challenge Before Us

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- There are nearly than two billion \_\_\_\_\_ (or least-reached) people in the world. Most have never heard the Gospel and presently have no way to hear.
  - More than \_\_\_\_\_ people in the UK are with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - There are \_\_\_\_\_ official *Unreached Peoples* living in the UK which must be reached for Jesus Christ.
- Almost every second someone dies somewhere in the world who has never heard of Jesus Christ and His love. That is 43 people per minute, 2,500 people per hour, and \_\_\_\_\_ people per day.
- Where do these unreached people live?



The “10/40 Window” is an area of the world located between 10 degrees latitude north of the equator and 40 degrees latitude north and which covers North Africa, the Middle-East, and most of western, central, eastern, and southeastern Asia.

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Within the 10/40 Window resides ...

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- ✓ 60% of the world's population
- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ least-reached nations of the world
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ of those who have never heard the Gospel.
- ✓ Only \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's missionary work force

V. What we expect to result from this conference:

- ◆ God's Objective in the world will be met. More worshippers will be gathered from every tribe, language, and people.
- ◆ God's Vision will be realized. We will help fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.
- ◆ God's Strategy will be activated. More people groups in your country and surrounding nations will be reached for God's glory.
- ◆ God's Method for reaching the world will be followed. The Gospel will be entrusted to qualified men and women who will be able to teach others.
- ◆ We will help to \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Commission in this generation.
  - According to Dr. C. Peter Wagner, *for the first time in history* the Church of Jesus Christ has a realistic opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Commission (in our lifetime).
  - "I believe we need to begin to plan in terms of the end of history." (Dr. Ralph Winter)

**YOUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD WILL BE BLESSED!**

**"That the Lamb who was slain might receive the reward of His sufferings!"**

**(The heart cry of the Moravians)**

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## FINISHING *THE GREAT COMMISSION* (Phase One)

### I. Introduction

- ◆ This is a conference about how you and your church can help finish *The Great Commission* in this generation – and impact the world around you in the process.
- ◆ We desire to further connect you and your church with God’s End-time Harvest in your country and around the world.
- ◆ A Question: If you had only five minutes left to live on earth, what would your final words be to your family and friends?
- ◆ When Jesus had five minutes left on earth, He gave us the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 28:16-20).
- ◆ The Great Commission is repeated \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament – once at the close of each of the four Gospels (Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21) and once in Acts 1:8. It is also referenced in Matthew 24:14.
- ◆ In *The Great Commission*, Christ has given us a \_\_\_\_\_
  - A mandate is not a *suggestion*
  - A mandate is more than a command:
    - ✓ A mandate releases authority and \_\_\_\_\_
    - ✓ A mandate deals with matters of major (historic) importance
    - ✓ Our mandate is to help fulfill God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for all of history: to disciple every people group on earth.

### II. Conference Outline:

- ◆ Learn important \_\_\_\_\_ of key words used in the conference.

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- ◆ See how to focus our lives and our churches on finishing *The Great Commission* in this generation – and how to impact the world around us in the process.
- ◆ Discover what the world (and your country) really looks like through \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.
- ◆ Understand the 10 characteristics of churches which \_\_\_\_\_ the world (Great Commission Churches).
- ◆ Come to see your country more clearly and understand better how to disciple her unreached millions.
- ◆ Discover how to \_\_\_\_\_ your church for evangelism and missionary church planting in your country.
- ◆ Develop better \_\_\_\_\_ for helping to complete *The Great Commission* in this generation.

III. Important Definitions of Key Words: In order to fully understand the teaching of this conference, you will need to become familiar with the following definitions. Please study these carefully:

- ◆ “The Great Commission”: “The work of the church in discipling believers in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.”
- ◆ “\_\_\_\_\_” – “the cross-cultural work of the Great Commission.”
- ◆ “\_\_\_\_\_” – “a person who enters another culture in order to make disciples.”
- ◆ “People-group” – “a group of people who share common ethnic, cultural and linguistic traits: the strategic target of missions.”
- ◆ “\_\_\_\_\_ people group” – a people-group where most of the adherents live their whole lives without ever hearing an understandable presentation of the Gospel (less than 2% evangelical Christian and less than 5% total adherents).





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- It comes from devoting ourselves to a \_\_\_\_\_ that is larger than our own lives.
- It comes from preaching and teaching about this to your people with regularity and passion.

John Wesley referred to himself “a brand plucked from the burning” (a special messenger of God)

◆ Examples of Sense of Destiny:

- Saddleback Church (Pastor Rick Warren, USA). Following is the vision Pastor Warren cast for his congregation. This helped to build a “sense of destiny” in the hearts of his church members:
  - A place where hurting people can find love and acceptance
  - Evangelizing tens of thousands of people
  - A congregation of 20,000 people
  - Discipling thousands of people in small groups and a Bible College
  - Equipping and releasing believers in ministry
  - Sending out hundreds of missionaries
  - Large church building which can accommodate 20,000 people
- Congregacao Crista no Brasil
  - ✓ 18,000 congregations
  - ✓ 26,00,000 members
  - ✓ 1,00,000 baptisms/years

“A certain mentality has grown up around the prophecy of their founder that the Church has a divinely inspired *particular* mission to fulfill. Members think of the church as an agency of the Lord at a particular time and place in the work of the end-time harvest. This has a psychological effect upon the whole Church. It creates an atmosphere of expectancy. It aids growth and progress.”

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- ◆ People who change the world have a vision they are willing to die for – and they communicate that vision to their church members!

- “The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire.” (Ferdinand Foch)
- “Life will eventually come down to the question of how much fire you have in your belly.”(Oliver Wendell Holmes)

- ◆ “As My Father has sent Me, so I am sending you.”  
... (Jesus Christ of Nazareth)

- ◆ What is it that sets your soul on fire?

## 2. Great Commission Churches are committed to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (The second characteristic of churches which impact the world)

- ◆ They intercede for unsaved people ...

- In their regular church worship gatherings
- In prayer services
- In leadership meetings
- In special meetings (women, youth, children, etc.)
- In special seasons of prayer

- ◆ They intercede for the unreached people groups which they have \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer and church planting.

- ◆ They intercede for more \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the harvest. (Matthew 9:37-38)

- “Missions work has been least fruitful when the church has prayed the least. The evangelization of the world in this generation depends on a revival of prayer.” (Missionary Robert E. Speer)

- ◆ Illustrations of the amazing power of prayer:

- Psalm 2:8 – “Ask of Me and I will give you the nations (people groups) for your inheritance!”





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- Teach your people to pray \_\_\_\_\_(Mark 10:46-52)

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- ✓ To “shift the powers” that control your region, state or country
- ✓ For unsaved family & friends
- ✓ For your church’s \_\_\_\_\_ (daughter churches, finances, missionaries, obstacles, etc.)
- ✓ For a Church Planting Movement among the people group you have adopted

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- Teach your people to pray \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ James 5:16-18
- ✓ Matthew 11:12
- ✓ Hebrews 5:7

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- ✓ Luke 18:1
- ✓ Luke 11:5-13
- ✓ Jacob’s example
- ✓ Elijah’s example
- ✓ The story of Vernie Morgan

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- How to do a corporate prayer meeting: crying out to God in unity about \_\_\_\_\_ matters:

- ✓ Unsaved family, friends and neighbors
- ✓ New church plants
- ✓ The church’s adopted *Unreached Peoples*
- ✓ Financial needs
- ✓ Problems you are facing as a church
- ✓ Ruling principalities and powers over your country or the people group you are ministering to.

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✓ \_\_\_\_\_ them to church and to Gospel meetings

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✓ This is the most effective form of evangelism in the entire world.

2) Look for people in \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary Magdalene

Bartimaeus

Legion

The Leper

The Woman of Samaria

The Roman Centurion

People Jesus ministered to were often in a crisis.

People are more open to Christ during a \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives than at any other time.

3) Focus on ministry to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Statistics on people who follow Christ (USA)

43% of all Christians began to follow Christ before age 13

64% became followers before 18

4) *The Jesus Film*

200,000,000 decisions for Christ

Available in more than 1,000 languages

40,000,000 videocassettes, DVD's and VCD's in circulation

The most effective evangelistic tool in history









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## ◆ Six Stages of Church Planting:

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- The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage: Choose your town or village, find a co-worker, intercessory prayer
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage: Enter the new area, find the *Person of Peace*, heal the sick, network, disciple
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage: Begin house church – regular public services
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage: evangelism (Evangelistic Prayer List); disciple new believers, training leaders
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage: powerful evangelism, discipleship, many members, emerging leaders, permanent building
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage: birthing daughter congregations in neighboring areas

## ◆ Paul's ministry in Ephesus:

- The Seven Churches of Asia Minor were all planted out of this endeavor (Rev 2 & 3).
- God's plan is for each church to evangelize it's community by \_\_\_\_\_
- Each church should be planting *multiple* new churches.
- The slogan of the Kekchi believers in Guatemala: "A church without a daughter church is a dead church"

## ◆ EVERYTHING THAT IS LIVING AND HEALTHY REPRODUCES ITSELF, INCLUDING CHURCHES!

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## **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST CAMBODIA STRATEGY**

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**Their Success:**

- Are training 30 new church planters/year in Cambodia
- Trained 342 church planters
- 1,000 churches planted in six years
- 30,000 people converted to Christ
- 25% of his church planters are women

**Their Strategy:**

- Conduct annual *Institute of Church Planting* – 30 key people selected
- Train church planters for two months – use some guest lecturers
- Train for two months – then one week/month for four months
- Each one plants church while they are training
- Meet once/month for fasting & prayer
- Church Planters are mentored by their sending pastors and by the staff of AFCC

## **DELIVERANCE CHURCH STRATEGY**

(Delhi, India)

**Their Success:**

- 4,500 House Churches planted in 5 states of North India in 15 years
- 50,078 baptized believers
- 306 prayer groups with 1,400 baptized believers among Muslims
- Planting three new House Churches/day with 30 baptisms
- One new prayer group among Muslims/week
- Working among 30 people groups

**Their Strategy:**

- Saturation church planting movements
- Researching targeted areas followed by Prayer Walks

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- Identifying the “man of peace” – networking of relationships
- Spiritual warfare and deliverance
- Intense Discipling of new believers
- Baptism, training and sending workers into the harvest
- Interactive & participatory learning in small groups
- Multiplication of House Churches in rural areas
- Unpaid House Church leaders
- Goal: a church in every village and among every people group

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## A STRATEGY FOR REACHING MUSLIMS:

### Their Success:

- “Love Your Neighbor” Program – targeting a Muslim belt in North India
- 306 Muslim *Prayer Groups* in six years
- 1,400 baptized believers
- Planting one new *Prayer Group* each week
- Goal: Saturation of Muslim communities – one group/1,000 people

### Their Strategy:

- Researching & profiling targeted areas
- Prayer walks – intercession (“binding the strong man” of the area)
- Identify one “man of peace” – befriend him -- intense prayer and deliverance for him
- Discipling the “man of peace” and networking his personal relationships
- Establishing a *Prayer Group* in his home – discipling & training
- Multiplication of *Prayer Groups* in the area
- Keeping a “low profile” in the community – help them maintain their Muslim heritage

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## **CONCLUSION:**

### **❖ A Suggested Strategy for the coming six months:**

- ◆ **Get alone with God for an \_\_\_\_\_ time (Sense of Destiny). Get a vision worth dying for and begin preaching your vision to your people (Get pregnant with a vision from God)**
- ◆ **Teach the \_\_\_\_\_ (teach members to invite those they are praying for to a Gospel Meeting)**
- ◆ **Prepare now to \_\_\_\_\_ new believers**
- ◆ **Train your believers to win the battles of life through prayer and intercession.**
- ◆ **Plan quarterly “Prayer Revivals”**
- ◆ **Plant many \_\_\_\_\_ and daughter churches**

### **❖ Final Challenges:**

- ◆ **How are you going to live the remainder of your life? Why not invest it in something that will make a genuine difference in the world?**
- ◆ **How many churches will you during the next 5 years?**
- ◆ **Get a vision that is worth dying for!**

### **❖ Two Closing Thoughts:**

- ◆ **“In view of the constraining memories of the Cross of Christ and the love wherewith He hath loved us, let us rise and resolve, at whatever the cost of self-denial, that, live or die, we shall live or die for the evangelization of the world in our day.”**

**(Missionary Statesman John R. Mott)**

- ◆ **“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” (Missionary Martyr Jim Elliott)**

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## CHURCH PLANTING/UPG COMMITMENT FORM

By God's grace, I commit myself today to help finish *The Great Commission* in my country by planting a total of at least \_\_\_\_\_ new churches in the next five years.

I will also take the responsibility for training new workers in my church to help carry out this task.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOW TO DISCIPLE NEW BELIEVERS

**Instructions for the Disciplex:** Helping transform new believers into powerful disciples of Jesus Christ is not primarily a matter of getting information into their heads. Rather it is a matter of helping them have their hearts captured and transformed by Jesus. True disciples of Jesus have hearts that have been set free from the chains of sin and self-centeredness and which now belong fully to Him as they walk in obedience. As you prepare to disciple new believers, here are two important truths to remember:

1. The most effective form of discipling new believers is to model in your own life the truths you want to teach them. That is what made Jesus such an effective discipler of men. As you teach the following lessons, you must make sure that each of these characteristics are part of your own life before teaching them to others.
- 2) As you teach these lessons, ask God to fill you with love and compassion for the person or persons you are discipling. Don't ever humiliate a new believer or embarrass him in any way. Be excited about the answers he gives to your questions and encourage and affirm him in every way possible.

**Teach one of the following lessons to the new believers each week for eight weeks.**

1. Lesson #1: A Disciple of Jesus Has a Surrendered Heart (Part A)
  - **Purpose of today's lesson:** To help the new believer make sure his heart is fully surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
  - **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
    - **Read Acts 2:38** – Explain to the new believer that repentance means to turn around in every aspect of one's life and to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. It involves turning away from sin and from worshiping all other gods. Baptism is the sign that we have genuinely repented and begun a new life in Jesus.
    - **Read Psalm 119:33-36** – Explain that a true believer has made a life-commitment to obey Jesus. His primary purpose in life is to hear from God daily and obey what He says.
    - **Read John 14:23-24** – Explain that the way a believer affirms his love for Jesus is by obeying what Jesus says to him each day.
    - **Read Psalm 119:11** – Explain that a true believer is someone who endeavors to keep God's word in his heart so that he will not sin against Him.

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- **A Story to Tell the New Believer:** Mohan was from a Hindu family. He was afraid of the Hindu gods. His family was always trying to appease the gods to keep them from being angry. He could hardly believe what he was hearing when a friend told him that Jesus loved him deeply and wanted to be his friend – to talk to him and give him daily direction his life. He was so happy to hear this good news. Before long Mohan decided to obey Jesus and to be baptized to let others know that he was now a follower of Jesus. He forsook all other gods in his life, rejected his self-centered way of living and made Jesus his only Lord and Savior. Now Mohan listens daily for Jesus' instructions to him and obeys what he hears. As a result, his life is greatly blessed by God and he has a peace and joy in life that he never knew before.
- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** The new believer should be encouraged to be baptized quickly as a sign that he has become Jesus' follower. Have the person mark the Scripture verses in his Bible that you have read and discussed today and ask him to read them over each day during the next week. Instruct him to memorize Psalm 119:11.
- Before the new believer leaves, pray for him, asking God to bless him and to work in his life. Take time to answer any questions he has.

## 2. Lesson #2: A Disciple of Jesus Has a Surrendered Heart (Part B)

- **Begin by reviewing lesson one.** Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today's lesson:
  - Have you been baptized? If not, when will you be baptized?
  - Have you turned away from worshiping idols and all other gods?
  - Is there any area of life where you that you have not surrendered fully to Jesus – any relationships, interests or possessions?
  - Did you review the Scriptures from last week's lesson each day?
  - Ask the person to repeat from memory the Scripture you gave him to memorize (Psalm 119:11).
- **Purpose of today's lesson:** To help the new believer understand spiritual warfare and that he may experience persecution from family and friends because of the decision he made to follow Jesus.
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read 1 Peter 5:8-9** – Explain to the new believer that all Christians have a spiritual enemy called "Satan" or "the devil" who tries to defeat them in every way possible. Christ who lives in us, however, is far stronger than the devil and through Him we can resist and defeat the enemy at every point.

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- **Read Luke 10:19** – Explain that a believer has been given authority by Jesus over the enemy and does not need to fear him. (see also 1 John 4:4)
- **Read Matthew 5:11-12** – Explain that when a believer is persecuted he is to rejoice because he is identifying with many others of God's people who have been persecuted and that he will be rewarded by God in heaven for remaining true to Him during these times of hardship and difficulty.
- **Read Matthew 5:44** – Explain that when a believer is persecuted, he is to respond by loving those who are persecuting him. He is to do good to them and pray for them, and is not to respond in anger or with a desire to get even.
- **A Story to Tell the New Believer:** Khaleed had recently surrendered his life to Jesus. He came from a Muslim family. Not long after his conversion Khaleed's father and mother became angry and told him to stop following Jesus because he was bringing dishonor and humiliation to his family. At first, Khaleed wanted to speak back angrily to them in the same way they had spoken to him. However, he had just read Matthew 5:44 a few days earlier. He decided to obey Jesus instead of giving in to his anger. He continued to love and honor his parents and prayed for them daily. He told them, however, that he could not ever stop following Jesus for any reason. Jesus was now his Savior and Lord. Khaleed's father and mother became even angrier, but as he continued to be a faithful and devoted son and to pray for them daily, in a few years both his parents also surrendered their lives to Jesus.
- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** The new believer should be encouraged to read each of the above Scripture verses again each day for the next week and pray for Jesus to give him strength to respond to anyone who persecuted him with gentleness and love. Instruct the new believer to memorize Matthew 5:44.
- Before the new believer leaves, pray for him, asking God to bless him and to work in his life. Take time to answer any questions he has.

### 3. Lesson #3: A Disciple of Jesus Has a Growing Heart (Part A)

- Begin by reviewing lesson one. Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today's lesson:
  - Have you experienced any persecution this week from your family or from anyone else? If so, how did you respond to them? Did you rejoice? Did you respond angrily or in gentleness and love?
  - Did you read the verses over each day that were assigned last week?
  - Were you aware of being attacked by the devil in any other ways last week? If so, how did you respond?
  - Ask the person to repeat from memory the Scripture you gave him to memorize (Matthew 5:44).

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- **Purpose of today's lesson:** to help the new believer begin to develop a growing and intimate relationship with Jesus.
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read John 17:3** – Explain to the new believer that to have eternal life is to build a personal relationship with Jesus. This is the reason we were created.
  - **Read Matthew 22:34-40** – Explain that God's greatest command is for us to love Him with all our hearts and to love others as we love ourselves.
  - **Read Psalm 48:14** – Explain that God has promised to guide us each day throughout our entire lives if we will follow His guidance.
  - **Read John 10:3-5** – Explain that we must learn to listen to Jesus for His instructions on a daily basis. Teach the new believer the following things:
    - ✓ Jesus wants to speak to His people.
    - ✓ Believers can hear and understand what Jesus says.
    - ✓ Jesus will guide us daily and teach us how to live, if we will obey what He says.
    - ✓ Jesus normally speaks to us through the inner voice in our minds.
- **A Story to Tell:** Bora was a Buddhist. His entire family was Buddhist. In fact almost everyone Bora knew was a Buddhist. He had never been taught that God was a kind and loving Father and that he could have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. When a friend showed Bora that God was merciful, gracious, kind, and loving – and that He wanted to be his Friend and his Guide in life, Bora was fascinated. The more he learned about Jesus, the more he liked Him. Before long Bora began to talk to Jesus and to listen to Jesus talk to him. He liked what he heard. He knew now that Jesus loved him and that He would guide him each day how to live his life. This made Bora very happy. Each day now Bora talks to Jesus, listens for Jesus' direction for the day and writes down what he hears Jesus say.
- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** Tell the new believer to spend 30 minutes alone with Jesus each day in a quiet place. Tell him to talk to God about all of his burdens and to tell Jesus all of his needs. Tell him to ask for Jesus' help in everything. Tell him also to spend some of his quiet time each day listening to Jesus talk to him. Tell him to ask Jesus what He wants him to do each day and to write down what he hears Jesus saying. Instruct the new believer to memorize Psalm 48:14.
- **Before the new believer leaves, take time to pray for him and to answer any questions he may have.**

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## 4. Lesson #4: A Disciple of Jesus Has a Growing Heart (Part B)

- **Begin by reviewing lesson two (Part A). Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today's lesson:**
  - Did you do your assignment of spending 30 minutes with Jesus each day talking to Him and listening to what He said?
  - Did you write down each day what Jesus said to you?
  - Tell me two things Jesus said to you this week. Have you obeyed?
  - Has Jesus said anything to you that you have not obeyed?
  - Ask the person to repeat from memory the Scripture you gave him to memorize (Psalm 48:14).
  
- **Purpose of today's lesson: to help the new believer understand the importance of making restitution for his past sins (asking others to forgive him for what he did to them and offer to repay anything he has stolen). Without making restitution, it is difficult to get rightly connected to God. Voluntary confession and restitution bring home to us the seriousness of our past sins more effectively than anything.**
  
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read Numbers 5:6-7** – Explain that in the Old Testament God told people to confess the sins they had done against others and to pay back anything they had stolen.
  - **Read Matthew 5:23-24** – Explain to the new believer that Jesus tells us if we remember that someone has something against us, we should go quickly and make right that wrong that we have done to the person.
  
  - **Read Luke 19:1-10** – Explain that Zacchaeus is a good example of someone, when he came to know Christ, offered to make restitution to everyone that he had cheated or wronged in the past.
  
  - **Read Exodus 22:1-4** – Explain that in the Old Testament, a thief was required to make restitution to those he had stolen from.
  
- **A Story to Tell: Joslin was 24 years old when she came to Christ. A few years earlier she had stolen a shawl from a neighborhood shop. She had also stolen a jacket from one of her classmates while in secondary school. After she became a believer, Joslin was deeply convicted of those past sins. She was also convicted because she had been very hateful to her mother on numerous occasions. Her pastor talked to her about the importance of making restitution for past offenses. It took much courage for Joslin to go to these people and ask for their forgiveness for her past actions. She offered to pay back the proprietor of the shop where she had stolen the shawl, but he forgave her and would not take her money. When she found her former classmate from whom she had taken the jacket, she also offered to pay for the jacket. The classmate**

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was furious with her and took her money but would not forgive her. Joslin's mother not only forgave her, but was so moved by Joslin's deep sorrow for the way she had treated her, that she also gave her life to Jesus. Joslin was so happy that she had obeyed Jesus by making these things right. Because of her restitution, Joslin's spirit was set free and she entered into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** Tell the new believer to continue to spend 30 minutes alone with Jesus each day in a quiet place. Tell him to ask God to bring to his mind the people God wants him to make restitution to for past offenses. He should write down the name of each person God brings to his mind and go to each of them, one by one, to ask for their forgiveness and offer to repay anything he has taken from that person. Instruct them to memorize Matthew 5:23-24.
- Before the new believer leaves, take time to pray for him and to answer any questions he may have about how to make restitution.

## 5. Lesson #5: A Disciple of Jesus Has a Servant Heart

- Begin by reviewing lesson three (Part B). Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today's lesson:
  - Did you do your assignment of spending 30 minutes with Jesus each day talking to Him and listening to what He said to you?
  - Tell me two things Jesus said to you this week? Did you obey?
  - Did you write down the name of each person God brought to your mind that you have wronged in the past and to whom you should make restitution?
  - Did you go to each person to ask for his forgiveness and did you offer to pay the person back for anything you had stolen? What was the result of these experiences?
  - Ask the person to repeat from memory the Scripture you gave him to memorize (Matthew 5:23-24).
- **Purpose of today's lesson:** to help the new believer understand that his purpose in life is to live unselfishly and to serve God by helping others.
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read Matthew 20:25-28** – Explain to the new believer that Jesus' followers are to follow His example by living an unselfish life that is dedicated to serving others.
  - **Read Philippians 2:5-11** – Explain that the attitude with which believers live should be the same as Jesus' had – as an obedient servant of God.
  - **Read 2 Timothy 2:24-26** – Explain that followers of Jesus are not to quarrel or be resentful of others. Rather they are to be kind and gentle with everyone.

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- **Read Acts 9:36** – Tabitha (Dorcas) was a good example of how believers are to do good deeds for others and help the poor.
- **A Story to Tell:** Sothi had always been a selfish person. She had no interest in helping other people. Life was only about her. Even her family resented the fact that she would never help with any of the family chores unless forced to do so. But one day a friend told Sothi about Jesus. Her heart was deeply touched and she decided to surrender her life to Jesus. Soon Jesus began to deal with Sothi about her selfishness and to show her that she needed to help someone in some way every day. As she obeyed Jesus, her life began to change dramatically. Now she was no longer focused on her own needs but on the needs of others. Her family quickly noticed that something wonderful and life-changing had happened to Sothi.
- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** Tell the new believer to continue spending 30 minutes each day alone with Jesus, talking to Him and listening for His guidance. Tell him to ask Jesus to show him how he can help at least one person each day. Also tell him to ask Jesus to show him some ways he can help poor people. Tell him to be sure to write down what Jesus says to him. Instruct the new believer to memorize 2 Timothy 2:24-26.
- Before the new believer leaves, take time to pray for him and to answer any questions he may have.

## 6. Lesson #6: A Disciple of Jesus Has an Evangelistic Heart

- Begin by reviewing lesson four. Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today's lesson:
  - Did you do your assignment of spending 30 minutes with Jesus each day talking to Him and listening to what He says?
  - Did you write down each day what Jesus said for you to do to help others? Tell me two specific things Jesus said to you this week. Did you obey? What was the result of your obedience?
  - Did Jesus tell you to do anything that you did not obey?
  - Ask the person to repeat from memory 2 Timothy 2:24-26.
- **Purpose of today's lesson:** to help the new believer understand that he is to always try to help other people come to know Jesus just as he has.
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read Luke 19:10** – Explain to the new believer that the reason for Jesus coming into the world was to seek and save lost people. That must be our purpose in life as well.

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- **Read John 3:16-17** – Explain that God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son to die in our place so that we could come to know Him.
- **Read James 5:19-20** – Explain that whenever we help someone else come to Jesus, we are helping to save them from many of life’s tragedies.
- **Read John 14:13-14** – Explain that Jesus has promised that as we ask for others to be saved, He will answer us.
- **A Story to Tell:** Lian had been following Jesus for several months but he had never asked God to save his lost family and friends. Then someone showed Lian how to make an “Evangelistic Prayer List.” He wrote down the names of 10 relatives and friends he wanted to come to know Jesus. Each day when Lian read his Bible, he asked Jesus to open the eyes of those he was praying for and to show each of them who He was. Whenever his church had evangelistic meetings, Lian would invite those on his prayer list to the service. One by one the people Lian prayed for gave their lives to Jesus. He was so happy. Each time a person on Lian’s prayer list became a believer, he would remove that person’s name and add the name of another unsaved person so that he was always praying for 10 people to come to know Christ.
- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** Instruct the new believer to continue spending 30 minutes each day alone with Jesus, talking to Him and listening to Jesus talk to him. Remind them to write down what Jesus says and obey it. Instruct the new believer to form his own “Evangelistic Prayer List” this week – to write down on a piece of paper the names of 10 family and friends he wants to become believers. Tell him to pray for them each day and to ask God to give him opportunities to talk to them about Jesus. Tell him when his church has evangelistic meetings, to invite those on his prayer list to the meetings. Instruct the new believer to memorize John 3:16-17.
- Before the new believer leaves, take time to pray for him and to answer any questions he may have.

## 7. Lesson #7: A Disciple of Jesus Has a Generous Heart

- Begin by reviewing lesson five. Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today’s lesson:
  - Did you do your assignment of spending 30 minutes with Jesus each day talking to Him and listening to what He says to you?
  - What did Jesus tell you to do this week? Did you write it down? Did you obey? Is there anything He said that you did not obey?
  - Did you make your “Evangelistic Prayer List?” (Take time to pray now for the people on the new believer’s list and on your list.)

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- Ask the person to repeat from memory John 3:16-17.
- **Purpose of today's lesson:** to help the new believer understand that he is to be a giving person rather than a selfish one. He is to give generously of his time, his money and his abilities in order to help build God's Kingdom and to reach those who have yet to hear about Jesus.
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read Acts 20:35** – Explain to the new believer that Paul showed by his life that believers are to be generous and that it is more blessed to give than to receive.
  - **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7** – Explain that every person reaps from God according to what he gives. If he gives little, he receives little; if he gives much, he receives much. God wants us to give liberally and cheerfully.
  - **Read Mathew 6:1-4** – Explain that believers are not to make a show of their giving. They are to give in secret and God will reward them openly.
  - **Read Malachi 3:8-10** – Explain that believers should give the first 10% (tithe) of their income, whatever it is (money, crops, livestock, etc.) to help support God's work in the world. If they will give God the first 10% of whatever He blesses them with, they will not be tempted to spend it on themselves.
- **A Story to Tell:** Jyoti became a believer because of a miracle of healing. She was so thankful that Jesus healed her mother of an incurable heart condition. Following her conversion, someone taught Jyoti that she was supposed to live a life of generosity – to give to God her time, her abilities and her money. Jyoti quickly obeyed. She began to give the first tenth of all her income to help the church. Her church helped to feed poor people in the neighborhood, so she volunteered to help distribute food twice each week. She also volunteered to help teach the young children during the Sunday meetings. Jyoti was learning what it means to have a generous heart.
- **Assignment to be given at the close of the lesson:** Instruct the new believer to continue spending 30 minutes each day alone with Jesus, talking to Him and listening to Jesus talk to him. Remind him to write down what Jesus says each day and to obey quickly. Tell him to begin immediately to give God the first 10% of his income (whatever God blesses him with). Tell him to ask the Pastor this week in what way the church needs help and volunteer his services. Instruct the new believer to memorize 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
- Before the new believer leaves, take time to pray for him and to answer any questions he may have.

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## 8. Lesson #8: Review

- **Begin by reviewing lesson six. Here is a list of questions to ask the new believer before you begin today's lesson:**
  - Did you do your assignment of spending 30 minutes with Jesus each day talking to Him and listening to what He says? What did Jesus tell you to do? Did you write it down? Did you obey?
  - Did you pray daily for those on your "Evangelistic Prayer List?"
  - Have you started giving Jesus the first 10% of your income? If not, when will you begin?
  - Did you ask the Pastor in what way your church needs help right now? Did you volunteer your services to help?
  - Ask the person to repeat from memory 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
- **Purpose of today's lesson: to prepare the believer for following through with all he has been taught during the past six weeks.**
- **Scriptures to use in this lesson:**
  - **Read James 1:2-3** – Explain to the new believer that Jesus never promised us that living for Him would always be easy. God uses trials to help us develop perseverance. Find out if the new believer is experiencing any major trials or difficulties. Talk to him about those things.
  - **Read Ephesians 6:10-18** – Explain that believers have an enemy. His name is Satan and he tries to hinder our walk with God in many ways. God has, however, given us everything we need to defeat Satan.
  - **Read Philippians 3:10-13** – Explain that, like every believer, Paul experienced times of victory and times of difficulty. He learned to be content in every situation and discovered that God would always help him to be victorious in every situation, both good and bad.
- **A Story to Tell: Amir and Afsar were brothers. Their family was Muslim. Both Amir and Afsar had recently become believers and both met with major challenges from their family and friends who persecuted them. Amir did not build a proper relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him daily and learning to be guided by Him. Before long he turned back to the life he lived before he met Jesus. Afsar, however, faithfully put into practice all he was taught. Though things were not easy, he was determined to follow Jesus with his whole heart. He discovered that he could trust Jesus to help him be victorious in every situation in life. He was so happy as he developed a deep and satisfying relationship with Jesus. Afsar became a strong follower of Jesus and eventually became a missionary to another Muslim group in his state. Because of his**

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example of being a loving, considerate son, both his mother and father eventually became believers. Amir never found the peace and joy that Afsar experienced.

- **Assignments to be given at the close of the lesson:**
  - Instruct the new believer to continue spending 30 minutes each day alone with Jesus, talking to Him and listening to Jesus talk to him. He should write down what Jesus says each day and obey quickly. At the close of each day, the believer should check up on himself to see if he obeyed what Jesus said.
  - Ask the believer once again if there is any area of his life where Jesus has dealt with him about something and he has not obeyed? If so, discuss the matter and ask the new believer to surrender that area of his life now.
  - Remind the new believer to continue to pray for those on his “Evangelistic Prayer List” each day, to daily help other people, and to continue to give God the first tenth of his income. Remind him also to invite these people to the church’s evangelistic meetings.
  - Review each of the memory verses you have assigned. Ask the person to repeat the verses aloud: Psalm 119:11; Psalm 48:14; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
- Before the new believer leaves, take time to pray for him and to answer any questions he may have. This is your last session with the new believer. Release them now to go and disciple someone else in the same way you have disciplined him.