



Doing What Jesus Did
SEMINAR NOTES

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OUTLINE: PREPARATION IN PRAYER

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this ministry skill is to learn how to converse with God so we can participate in what He is doing. Jesus modeled a life of humble submission to the Father. For us to do what Jesus did, we must first discover and then respond to God's will. Practically, this happens as we hear and then obediently respond to the inspiration and direction of the Holy Spirit. This process of learning how to be led by the Holy Spirit is our goal as we complete the following ministry skills. This process of being led by the Holy Spirit starts with and is sustained through prayer and the Word of God.

2. Preparation of the Heart

Connect with God:

We connect with God as we focus upon Him; thanking Him for what He has done and praising Him for who He is.

Psalm 100:4-5 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

Confess our sin:

We respond to God and confess our sins so we can be forgiven and cleansed.

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

1 John 1:8-9 "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Put on Christ:

We cast off the works of darkness so we can be conformed in the image of Christ.

Romans 13:12-14 "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in

the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 “to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Put on God’s Armor:

We experience Jesus’ victory against the enemy when we put on God’s armor and take up His weapons.

Ephesians 6:10-18 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”

3. Establish God’s Kingdom Authority:

In Jesus’ name, take spiritual authority over the room and silence any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, and then yield to the control of the Holy Spirit over your life, the atmosphere and your time together.

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”

John 16:13-14 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Matthew 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

4. Respond to God:

Take a moment to listen to what God is saying to you now in the quietness of your heart. Write it down; respond in obedience.

1 Samuel 3:10b-11 "And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle."

Isaiah 6:8 "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

PRACTICUM: PREPARATION IN PRAYER

Set aside 10-15 minutes now to pray through each item below. Begin each ministry skill with this practicum. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead and resist making this routine or ritualistic. The intent is to create an atmosphere of humility, submission, and obedience to the Holy Spirit.

Involve as many people from your group as possible during this prayer time. Everyone is encouraged to pray out loud together. As the person leading prays, everyone present is encouraged to simultaneously pray each section and apply it to themselves. This practicum works well with a different person leading each prayer item and everyone else praying in agreement.

1. **Connect with God:** start by thanking God for what He has done and praise Him for who He is.
2. **Confess our sin:** respond to any sin the Holy Spirit reveals (this can be done privately by each individual or shared corporately to the group, as the Holy Spirit leads).
3. **Put on Christ:** cast off specific deeds of the flesh and replace them with the corresponding Godly attribute (ie. love replaces fear; peace replaces anxiety; purity replaces perversion; humility replaces pride; compassion replaces judgment; etc.)
4. **Put on God's Armor:**
 - Belt of Truth
 - Breastplate of Righteousness
 - Shoes of preparation by the Gospel of Peace
 - Shield of Faith
 - Helmet of Salvation
 - Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God
 - Praying in the Spirit, with all kinds of prayer and supplication
5. **Establish God's Kingdom authority:** take spiritual authority over the room and silence any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, and then yield to the control of the Holy Spirit over your life, the atmosphere and your time together.
6. **Respond to God:** take a moment to quiet yourself and listen to what God is saying to you right now. Write it down for later study and reflection.

Once you have completed this section of preparation, proceed to the next uncompleted lesson in these notes.

OUTLINE: LEADING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this ministry skill is threefold: to learn and practice how to share what Jesus has done in our lives; to learn some practical ways to invite other people to receive His gift of salvation; and then how to train the new believer to lead others into this same experience. Jesus was motivated by love and moved by compassion. His command to go into all the world to preach the gospel and make disciples (the Great Commission) is not to be viewed simply as a duty or obligation. Rather, it is to be seen as the privilege of every believer to participate with God in sharing His love and power that lead people into salvation through Jesus Christ.

2. The Gospel is Good News

God sent Jesus to die for our sins:

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Isaiah 53:5-6 "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

God raised Him from the dead:

Romans 10:9 "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 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

God has given us new life in Him:

Romans 6:4 "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

Ephesians 2:4-5 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—"

God has reconciled us to Himself:

2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 20 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

3. The Great Commission is to Preach the Good News and Make Disciples:

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

4. We share the Gospel with Others Out of Love and Compassion:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Matthew 9:36-38 "When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

5. The Holy Spirit Empowers us to Share What Jesus has Done:

Acts 1:8 "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."

John 3:11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen,"

6. The Holy Spirit Uses us to Help Others Believe in Christ and be Saved:

Acts 16:30-31 ". . . Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household."

Acts 8:29-30, 35-38 "And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water!"

What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

7. Water Baptism is the "Next Step" in the Life of a New Believer:

Mark 16:15-16 "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

PRACTICUM: LEADING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Practice sharing your story of how you came to Christ (write it down).

Acquire a copy of "Doing What Jesus Did" online at www.MinistryTraining.org. Use the recommendations in Chapter One in preparing your testimony.

Prepare a five-minute story. Your story of how you came to personally know Jesus Christ and the wonderful changes that have taken place in your life since. Use the discussion points below to build your story. Remember to keep it simple by just telling what happened to you.

Do a role-play with one person from your group. Begin by telling them that you are in a course and in order to graduate you need to share your five-minute story with someone. Ask them if you can share your story with them now. Make sure you include these critical elements of your story:

1. "Before believing in Christ I was ..."

2. "What caused me to look to Jesus Christ and repent of my sins was ..."

3. "When I repented, my confession of who Jesus Christ was..."

4. "Since surrendering my life to Christ, my life has been..."

5. "Jesus did all this for me, and He will do it for you, too. Do you believe this?" (Yes)

6. "Let's pray this prayer together: "Jesus Christ, I believe You are the Son of God who died for my sins and was raised from the dead to give me new life. Forgive me for my sins and now guide me in this new life with You. Amen."

Next steps after confessing their belief in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.

- Schedule a time with the new believer to be **water baptized**. (If possible, do it now).
- Invite them to join you at your **church's next service**.
- Invite them to attend the **discipleship group** of which you are a member.

Next steps after completing the role-play.

Make the call: (use your phone)

Pray right now and ask the Holy Spirit to tell you the name of a person that you have relationship with that He is leading to salvation. As soon as their name comes to your mind, call them and ask them if you can share your story with them. Using your story from the practicum, briefly share your story with them and invite them to give their life to Christ.

Share your story with the world: (send a video)

Using your phone, make a quick video of your testimony and upload it to social media or send it to someone with whom you feel led to share your story. (Note: in some locations it is unsafe for followers of Christ to post overtly Christian material to their social media accounts. Be led by the Holy Spirit and use wisdom when sharing your story publicly).

Testify:

Share with the group how God used your simple obedience to share your story to lead someone to Christ. Share your story of leading someone to Christ from this practicum (in your group, on the phone, or in person).

OUTLINE: BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this ministry skill is to learn and practice how to lead believers into the baptism of the Holy Spirit and then train them to lead others into this same experience. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is God's promise available to every believer. It is intended to empower believers to live a life that exalts Jesus Christ.

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the Fulfillment of God's Promise:

Joel 2:28-29 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit." (Re-quoted in Acts 2:15-17)

Mark 1:8 "And this was his message: 'After me will come one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'"

Luke 24:49 "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

3. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is Promised to All Who Ask:

Luke 11:10-13 "For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Acts 1:4-5 "And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Holy Spirit interacts with us in 3 ways: With, Within, and Upon.

With us drawing us to Jesus:

John 14:16-17 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

Within upon receiving Jesus:

John 16: 7-14 "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

John 14:17 "...You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

Upon us in power when we ask for the Baptism:

Acts 8:15-17 "who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 10:44-47 "While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Acts 19:5-6 "On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying."

4. Is Speaking in Tongues for Me?

1 Corinthians 14:5 "I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified."

5. Benefits of Praying in Tongues:

1 Corinthians 14:4 "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church."

Jude 20 "But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."

Romans 8:26-27 ". . . the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. . . . the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind."

6. Clarification Regarding Tongues:

- It is not necessarily a sign of spirituality.
- Many people equate the entire experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit to just "speaking in tongues." Tongues is one of many gifts of the Holy Spirit available.
- People confuse the gift of praying in tongues, which is for all believers, with the gifts of "speaking in different kinds of tongues" and "interpretation of tongues." Praying in tongues is the Holy Spirit praying privately through us to the Father; a prayer going up before the Father in heaven. Conversely, "speaking in different kinds of tongues" is the Father releasing revelation from heaven through the Holy Spirit in us as we speak it out. This is a form of prophecy that needs interpretation to be in order.

7. The Holy Spirit Immediately Empowers us to Exalt Jesus

To be a witness of Jesus' life:

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

John 16:13-14 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

To operate in spiritual gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the

Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Note: Scripture lists at least 24 different gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1. Personal Tongues (Rom 6:26-27; Jude 20)
2. Word of Wisdom (1 Cor 12:8; Luke 6:9)
3. Word of Knowledge (1 Cor 12:8; Luke 18:22)
4. Faith (1 Cor 12:9; Acts 3:6)
5. Healing (1 Cor 12:9, 28; Acts 28:1-10)
6. Working of Miracles (1 Cor 12:10; Acts 6:8)
7. Prophecy (1 Cor 12:10; 1 Thess 5:20-21; Eph 4:11)
8. Discerning of Spirits (1 Cor 12:10; Luke 8:29)
9. Prophetic Tongues (1 Cor 12:10; 14:13-33)
10. Different Kinds of Tongues (1 Cor 12:10; Acts 2:6-12)
11. Interpretation of Tongues (1 Cor 12:10; 14:13-33)
12. Helping (1 Cor 12:28)
13. Administration (1 Cor 12:28; Acts 6:2-3)
14. Ministry/Service (Rom 12:7; 2 Tim 1:16-18)
15. Teaching (Rom 12:7; Eph 4:11-14)
16. Encouragement (Rom 12:8; Heb 10:24-25)
17. Giving (Rom 12:8; 1 Cor 13:3; Acts 4:32-35)
18. Leadership (Rom 12:8; Acts 13:12)
19. Mercy (Rom 12:8; Luke 5:12-13)
20. Apostleship (Eph 4:11)
21. Evangelism (Eph 4:11; 2 Tim 4:5)
22. Pastoral Guidance (Eph 4:11)
23. Grace (Rom 12:6; Eph 3:7; 4:7; 1 Pet 4:10-11)
24. Hospitality (1 Pet 4:9)

To live victoriously over the flesh:

Galatians 5:24-25 "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:16-17 "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

To exhibit the fruit of the Spirit:

Galatians 5:22-24 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

To endure suffering for Jesus' sake:

Philippians 3:10 "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,"

Romans 8:16-17 "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

Psalms 34:19. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."

PRACTICUM: BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Practice sharing your story of being transformed since being baptized in the Holy Spirit (write it down).

Read chapter two of "Doing What Jesus Did."

Prepare a five-minute story. Your story of how your life has been transformed since being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Use the discussion points below to build your story. Remember to keep it simple by just telling what happened to you. Your story can include elements such as being empowered to be a witness for Jesus, praying in tongues that resulted in a word of knowledge or encouragement (to yourself or someone else), victory over an area of sin in your life that previously defeated you, a healing, or new found confidence in hearing God's voice.

Do a role-play with one person from your group. Begin by telling them that you are in a weekend course and in order to graduate you need to share your five-minute story with someone. Ask them if you can share your story with them now. Make sure you include these critical elements of your story:

1. "Before I was baptized in the Holy Spirit I was ..."

2. "What caused me to ask to be baptized in the Holy Spirit was ..."

3. "When I was baptized in the Holy Spirit this happened ..."

4. "Since then, my life has been transformed. For instance ..."

5. Invite them to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Ask them:

"I would like to pray with you to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Would you like to ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" (Yes)

"You are born again, right?" (Yes)

"Are there specific gifts given by the Holy Spirit you want to ask God to release through you? Do you want to release the gift of praying in tongues?" (Yes)

"Pray this prayer with me: Father, I ask to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with Your Spirit so I can be a better witness for Jesus. Thank You Lord; I have received. Help me now to release all the gifts, and specifically the gift of praying in tongues. Amen."

"I will begin praying in tongues. When you are ready, take a deep breath and begin praying with me in your new language. Ok?" (Yes)

Minister with sensitivity. Ask if you can place your hand on the person's shoulder and then begin to softly pray in tongues. Continue softly praying in tongues until the person begins releasing his or her new tongues. Be quick to encourage the person when he or she prays the first few words. Encourage the person to continue praying in their new tongues until it begins to simply flow out of his or her mouth. Congratulate the person for obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and ask if he or she is now an empowered witness for the Lord Jesus Christ? (Yes)

Next steps after completing the role-play.

Make the call: (use your phone)

Pray right now and ask the Holy Spirit to tell you the name of a person that you have relationship with that He has already prepared to be filled and empowered by His Spirit. As soon as their name comes to your mind, call them and ask them if you can share your story with them. Briefly share your story with them and be prepared to lead them in the baptism and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Share your story with the world: (send a video)

Using your phone, make a quick video of your testimony and upload it to social media or send it to someone with whom you feel led to share your story. (Note: in some locations it is unsafe for followers of Christ to post overtly Christian material to their

social media accounts. Be led by the Holy Spirit and use wisdom when sharing your story publicly).

Testify:

Share with the group how God used your simple obedience to share your story to lead someone into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Share your story of leading someone into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit from this practicum (in your group, on the phone, or in person).

OUTLINE: HEARING FROM GOD

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this ministry skill is to learn and practice recognizing God's voice to gain confidence in obeying what He says. This will include God speaking into our own personal lives as well as God speaking to others through us.

2. The Lord is Speaking to Us Today

John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...."

John 18:37 " I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

3. God Speaks to Us in Various Ways

Through His Word:

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Joshua 1:8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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."

2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

Through the Holy Spirit:

John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

Acts 8:29-31 "Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading? And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

Acts 11:12 "And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house."

Note: Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm what you believe He has spoken to you, knowing that to be from God, it must align with His heart and His Word.

Through angels:

Acts 8:26 "Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went."

Acts 10:3-8 "About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa."

Note: Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm what you believe to have been an encounter with an angel, knowing that to be from God, it must align with His heart and His Word.

Through dreams and visions:

Acts 18:9-10 "Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."

Acts 9:10-12 "Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

Note: Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm what you believe to have been a dream or vision from God, knowing that to be from Him, it must align with His heart and His Word.

Through the revelation gifts:

The word of wisdom.

1 Corinthians 12:8. "For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit,"

Note: The word of wisdom is a divine revelation from God revealing to man His plan and best course of action for a given situation. This wisdom is communicated spontaneously from God to man, through the Holy Spirit, revealing how to proceed in His will.

Acts 13:2-3 "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off."

The word of knowledge.

1 Corinthians 12:8 "... to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,"

Note: The word of knowledge is a divine revelation originating with God about situations either past or present of which He makes us aware. This knowledge is communicated spontaneously from God to man, through the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:1-4 "But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

The discerning of spirits.

1 Corinthians 12:10. "... to another discerning of spirits,"

Note: The discerning of spirits is the supernatural perception to distinguish the source of spiritual activity. It clearly reveals whether the activity is divine, human, or demonic in origin.

Acts 16:17-18 "She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour."

Note: Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm what you believe to have been a revelation gift, knowing that to be from God, it must align with His heart and His Word.

4. Record What God is Revealing

Habakkuk 2:2-3 "And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."

Revelation 1:19 "Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this."

5. We Learn by Obeying His Voice

1 Samuel 15:22 "And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."

Note: This is especially important when we don't understand. Remember, we don't guess or make anything up, but wait for God to speak and then share what we believe He said. It takes practice to confidently hear God's voice and this involves exercising our faith: sharing what we believe He said, even when it does not make sense to us. Read Acts 10:9-23. Notice Peter's responses; perplexed, pondering, but obedient without full understanding.

6. Ask God, Fully Expecting to Hear

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Mark 14:13 "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

7. Guidelines-Sharing Words for Others

Red light word (STOP):

These words can be considered negative and include judgement, destruction, or chastisement. This type of word always needs to be confirmed through a leader before being shared with the person.

1 Corinthians 13:2 "And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

Proverbs 11:14 "in the multitude of counselors there is safety"

Yellow light word (CAUTION):

These are words of caution which include warning, correction or rebuke. Also, included are words involving life change and/or direction. Deliver the word to the person only after you have received confirmation from leadership and then, cautiously.

Ephesians 4:1-3 "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Green light word (GO):

These are words of encouragement, exhortation, affirmation and blessings. Deliver them joyfully.

1 Corinthians 14:3 "But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men."

Humbly submit the Word for judging:

1 Corinthians 14:29 "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said."

Note: The one speaking is always to submit the word to the judging of others. This involves others confirming the authenticity of the word regarding its content and alignment with God's Word.

PRACTICUM: HEARING FROM GOD

Practice hearing from God for others.

Read chapter four of “Doing What Jesus Did.”

Overview of the ministry. The ministry will focus on hearing from God for others. This involves ministering to two people with critical personal needs. The needs can be physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, employment/financial. The things shared must remain confidential within the group.

The person with the critical personal need sits in a chair, and everyone else gathers around them. Have the person share, very briefly, his or her personal prayer need. Inform the person not to go into detail. This is very important. From this time forward, it is important that the person remains silent until everyone has had an opportunity to hear from God.

Each person should participate, allowing the Holy Spirit to spontaneously give answers to the critical need. Remember, don't guess, wait on the Holy Spirit with an eager expectation that He will speak.

Take spiritual authority. Open in prayer, take spiritual authority over the room, silence any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, and then yield control of the atmosphere and the ministry time to the Holy Spirit.

Begin by everyone praying over the person. Ask permission and then lay your hand on his or her shoulder. Begin praying in tongues. When each person begins hearing from God, he or she should sit down and briefly record on paper any impressions given and supporting Scriptures.

Everyone shares what he or she believes God said. When everyone has something recorded, each person, one-by-one, should begin sharing what he or she perceived the Lord may be saying about the need including supporting Scripture. The person with the critical need must not respond until everyone has shared.

Have the person confirm if the group is hearing from God. After everyone has shared, ask the person if what was shared confirmed anything he or she already knew. Remind the person to speak to the specific impressions that really resonated with him or her when they heard it and why it resonated.

Have the group pray for the person. After the person gives feedback, finish by having the group get up and pray over him or her according to the specific impressions and supporting Scripture which were confirmed by the person.

Pray for the next person with a critical personal need. Have the next person with a critical need sit in the chair and begin the same process of ministry.

Next step after completing the ministry.

Make the call: (use your phone)

Pray right now and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about someone with whom you already have relationship. Remember to ask God for a supporting Scripture to validate what He has spoken. Make sure that any prophetic words or words of encouragement that you hear from the Spirit are accompanied with Scripture.

After you hear from God, record what was spoken (including the associated Bible verses) and then call the person. Explain to them that you are learning how to hear God's voice. And that you were praying for them and you believe God spoke something to you that He wants to share with them. Read to them what you wrote down, then ask them if the word aligns with what God has been speaking to them.

When they are done giving you their feedback, ask to pray with them to finalize what God has spoken. After your prayer, ask them what is happening. Based on their response, pray again or reassure them of the promises of God and leave them encouraged.

Share your story with the world: (send a video)

Using your phone, make a quick video of your testimony and upload it to social media or send it to someone with whom you feel led to share your story. (Note: in some locations it is unsafe for followers of Christ to post overtly Christian material to their social media accounts. Be led by the Holy Spirit and use wisdom when sharing your story publicly).

Testify:

Share with the group how God used your simple obedience in listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and then praying appropriately for His will to be done. Share your story of hearing from God from this practicum (in your group, on the phone, or in person).

OUTLINE: HEALING THE SICK

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this ministry skill is to learn and practice expressing the love and power of God to those in need of spiritual, physical and emotional healing.

2. Jesus' Sacrifice is Our Assurance

Isaiah 53:4-5 "Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Matthew 8:16-17 "That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

3. The Lord is Willing and Able to Heal

Mark 1:39-42 "Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured."

Acts 10:38 "...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

4. Jesus Healed the Sick

Matthew 9:35 "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction."

Matthew 14:14 "When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

5. Healing Manifests Through Faith

The faith of others:

Mark 2:4-5 "And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

John 4:49-50 "The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way."

James 5:14-16 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

The faith of the one needing healing:

Mark 5:27-29,34 "She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease....And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Matthew 9:28-30 "When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. . . . "

6. Jesus Healed Out of Compassion

Matthew 14:14 "When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

Matthew 20:34 "And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him."

Luke 7:13-15 "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still.

And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother."

Note: The compassion of Jesus never diminishes or is absent from healing the sick.

7. We are Authorized to Heal the Sick

Luke 9:1-2 "And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal."

Matthew 10:1 "And when he had called his twelve disciples to him, he gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; . . . they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

8. God Chooses How Healing Happens

Looking or gazing at the sick person:

Acts 14:8-10 "In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk."

Acts 3:2-7 "And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong."

Anointing with oil:

Mark 6:12-13 "So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them."

James 5:14-15 "Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up."

Healing by Revelation:

Acts 9:10-12 "Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

Note: God sometimes chooses to heal the sick by revelation. This is intimately connected with the teaching of "Hearing from God" and the gift of the Word of Knowledge.

9. Why healing doesn't always happen

John 5:19-20 "So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel."

Note: Many believers today want to know why healing doesn't happen with the same effectiveness that Jesus experienced. The answer is simple: Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing. Jesus' life of prayer and relationship with the Father gave Him a sensitivity to hear and see what the Father was doing at any time during the day. As he came across people in need, He ministered to them out of this revelation.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

10. Guidelines for Healing the Sick

- Memorize some Scriptures promising healing and use them in healing the sick.
- Ask what they believe God will do for them. (*Answer: Complete healing. If they answer differently, bring encouragement through Scripture that God's will is for them to be completely healed.*)
- Ask them when they believe God will do it. (*Answer: Right now! If they answer differently, bring encouragement through Scripture that God's healing is available right now.*)

- Before you begin, silently ask the Holy Spirit what He is going to do and how you should proceed.
- If He says He will heal right now (word of knowledge), speak directly to the pain or sickness: "I come in the name of Jesus Christ and I command the pain (or sickness) to leave this body now! Amen."
- If you don't receive specific direction from the Holy Spirit, proceed with the faith that you have authority over the sickness, in Jesus' name. Speak directly to the pain or sickness: "I come in the name of Jesus Christ and I command the pain (or sickness) to leave this body now! Amen."
- Remember, we don't pray to God to heal the person, we command sickness (and pain) to go in the name and authority of Jesus Christ.
- Ask: "What is happening?" Avoid asking, "How do you feel?" This gives voice to feelings that are subjective and not the objective truth of the Word of God.

11. What if They Are Not Healed?

Hebrews 10:35-36 "Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised."

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Note: If healing does not manifest immediately, ask permission to pray again. Wait in thanksgiving for the healing to manifest. We may never know why someone is not healed. Our mission is to declare with the best knowledge of what the Word promises and leave the results up to God.

PRACTICUM: HEALING THE SICK

Practice healing the sick.

Read chapters three and five of “Doing What Jesus Did.”

Prepare a three-minute story. Your story of sharing your beliefs and experiences of God healing sickness. Include a proclamation, testimony and invitation for ministry. Use the discussion points below to build your story to lead a sick person to receive healing.

Do a role-play with one person from your group. Include these critical elements listed below to use when you encounter someone who is sick or has pain in their body.

1. *“I would like to pray for you because the Bible says . . .”* Now quote two or three memorized Scriptures confirming God’s desire to heal. List the two or three memorized Scriptures:

2. *“Also I’ve seen God heal the sick.”* Testify of God healing you or someone else. Identify the testimony to share:

3. *“God is willing to heal you now! Do you agree?”* (Yes). *“May I lay my hands on you?”* (Yes). Lay your hands on the person and quietly pray in tongues seeking revelation from the Holy Spirit.

4. Minister healing. Minister in the revelation of the Holy Spirit. If no clear revelation is received, command the pain or sickness to be gone by declaring: *“I come in the name of Jesus and command the sickness (or pain) to leave this body now! Amen!”*

Next steps after completing the role-play.

The group reassembles. The leader will call the group back together to continue with the next part of the practicum.

Overview of the ministry. The group will now focus on healing two people who are currently suffering from sickness or pain in their bodies, seeking for revelation from the Holy Spirit. The things shared must remain confidential within the group.

The first person desiring healing sits in a chair and everyone else gathers around them. Have the person share briefly what is the nature of the sickness or pain. Inform the person not to go into detail. This is very important. From this time forward, it is important that the person remains silent until everyone has had an opportunity to hear from God.

Each person should participate, allowing the Holy Spirit to spontaneously give revelation regarding how to heal the person. Remember, don't guess, wait on the Holy Spirit with an eager expectation that He will speak.

Take spiritual authority. Open in prayer, take spiritual authority over the room, silence any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, and then yield control of the atmosphere and the ministry time to the Holy Spirit.

Begin by everyone praying over the person. Have a member of the group share their story with the person including proclamation, testimony and invitation for ministry. When the person answers "Yes" to the question "May I lay my hands on you," the entire group gathers around the person receiving ministry. Everyone begins by laying hands on the person and praying in tongues. When each person begins hearing from God, he or she should sit down and briefly record on paper any impressions received and supporting Scripture.

Everyone shares what he or she believes God said. When everyone has something recorded, each group member, one-by-one, should begin sharing what he or she perceived the Lord may be saying about the healing and supporting Scripture. The person receiving ministry must not respond until everyone has shared.

Have the person confirm if the group is hearing from God. After everyone has shared, ask the person if what was shared resonated with them or confirmed anything he or she already knew. Remind the person to speak to the specific impressions that really resonated with him or her when they heard it and why it resonated.

Have the group minister healing to the person. After the person gives feedback, finish by having the group get up and pray over the person according to the specific impressions and supporting Scripture confirmed by the person. When the group has finished praying, ask the person "What is happening?" Based on the person's response, pray again or reassure them of God's healing promises and leave them encouraged.

Ministry healing to the next person. Have the next person in need of healing, sit in the chair and begin the same process of ministry with a different group member sharing their story.

Next steps after completing the ministry.

Make the call: (use your phone)

Pray right now and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about someone with whom you already have relationship. Remember to ask God for a supporting Scripture to validate what He has spoken.

After you hear from God, record what was spoken (including the associated Bible verses) and then call the person. Explain to them that you were praying for them and you believe God spoke to you that He wants to heal them. Ask their permission to minister healing to them. When you're done ministering, ask them what's happening?

When they are done giving you feedback, based on their response, pray again or reassure them of God's healing promises and leave them encouraged.

Share your story with the world: (send a video)

Using your phone, make a quick video of your testimony and upload it to social media or send it to someone with whom you feel led to share your story. (Note: in some locations it is unsafe for followers of Christ to post overtly Christian material to their social media accounts. Be led by the Holy Spirit and use wisdom when sharing your story publicly).

Testify:

Share with others how God used your simple obedience to the word of God in declaring healing and the miracle that God performed. Share the miracle God performed from this practicum (in your group, on the phone, or in person).

OUTLINE: DEALING WITH DEMONS

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this ministry skill is to learn and practice setting people free by taking authority over demonic spirits. We will learn how to differentiate between demon possession and demon oppression and the appropriate way to handle each one. It is our responsibility, as disciples of Jesus, to subdue demonic forces, retake lost territory, and proclaim liberty for the captives. Truly, the spirit-empowered Christian is the world's only hope of freedom from demonic spirits.

2. Definitions

Demon spirits: An inferior, wicked, evil spirit that disseminates error among men; seduces humans into idolatry; tempts humans with unclean, disobedient, and ungodly thoughts; can inflict humans with disease and pain, and ultimately can take complete control of a person.

Luke 4:33-36 "And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!"

Luke 11:14-15 "Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled."

Demon oppression: One or more demons have significant influence in certain categories of a person's mind and thinking through temptation and/or warfare. The demonic influence always comes externally, never from within, and causes the person to become compulsive in the affected areas of their life. The person can function normally in all other areas and often are socially acceptable to friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Luke 13:10-13 "Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God."

Demon possession: Demons have total influence in most areas of a person's life. The person is unable to function in society and may be considered insane by medical professionals. Demon-possessed people have little or no control over their minds or bodies. They are controlled by evil spirits from within.

Mark 9:25-27 "And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose."

Casting out demons: A spiritual confrontation with evil spirits dominating the life of an individual; commanding the demons in the name of Jesus to leave the person's life and setting the person free to experience God.

Note: All believers are authorized to cast out demons from people who are possessed. This deliverance is led by a believer in Christ using the revelation, authority, and power given through the Holy Spirit. When Scripture records demon possessed people having a demon cast out of them (being delivered), it refers to people without the knowledge of God or Christ. A Christian cannot be possessed by demons because the Holy Spirit dwells in them.

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;"

1 John 4:4 "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

3. Guidelines for Casting Out Demons

Use the power and authority of Jesus:

Luke 9:1-2 "And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal."

Matthew 10:1 "And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction."

Respond to God's revelation:

Mark 9:26-29 "And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by

the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Acts 16:16-18 "As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour."

Don't be frightened or distracted:

Mark 1:26 "And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him."

Mark 9:20 "And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth."

Command the spirit to come out:

Mark 9:25 "And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

Acts 16:18 "And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour."

Repentance is vital:

Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

Be filled with the Holy Spirit to remain free:

Matthew 12:43-45 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

Galatians 5:16-21 "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Galatians 5:22-25 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

4. Demonic Oppression or the Flesh?

James 1:13-15 "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."

Note: We must differentiate what is at work in the person's life: is this demon oppression or the work of the flesh? The *work of the flesh* is when I am enjoying the sin and have no desire to change. *Demon oppression* is when I want to change but I can't, evidenced by compulsion, addiction, or torment.

5. Reasons for Demonic Oppression

Living a fleshly life: (Examples: media that celebrates violence and perversion, justify and permitting sin like gossip, slander, coarse joking, mockery, and self satisfaction manifesting in fantasy, perversion, and selfishness).

Galatians 6:7-8 "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

Ephesians 4:22-24 "...to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do

not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.”

Devotion to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons: (Examples: attributing demonic activity to the Holy Spirit, any doctrine that rejects the completed work of Christ, participating in self-centered ideologies such as humanism, religious legalism, self help propaganda).

1 Timothy 4:1 “Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,”

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 “But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.”

Participating in Satanic practices: (Examples: séances, tarot cards, horoscopes, astrology, yoga, witchcraft, worship of Satan, human sacrifices).

Deuteronomy 18:10-13 “There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God,…”

Isaiah 8:19-22 “And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?”

Controlled by fear: (Examples: fear of the unknown; fear of people, places, and things, including paranoia and panic attacks).

2 Timothy 1:7 “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Wounded by trauma: (Examples: severe or repeated physical abuse, mental abuse, anger and rage, victimization of rape, repeated sexual abuse, and witnessing a death, murder, or suicide).

6. Keys for Setting People Free

- Minister as a team: rely on the collective spiritual discernment, wisdom and anointing of a deliverance team.
- Provide after care: commit to helping the person stay free. However, the ultimate responsibility is on the person that has been freed from bondage.
- Lifestyle changes must be made: the person cannot return to the same lifestyle and destructive habits he or she had before. If so, their condition will be even worse than before.
- Connect with a Biblical community: the person needs to submit to a group of mature Christians in their local church who will keep the person accountable to live a life free of bondage.

Keys specific to demon oppression:

- Be led by the Holy Spirit: Uncover secret sin and any hidden disobedience by revelation from the Holy Spirit.
- The person needs to submit to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Keys specific to demon possession:

- Be watchful: watch for any unusual or abnormal reactions to very specific and personal questions such as; crying out, screaming, self-mutilations, sudden coma-like sleeping, foaming at the mouth, throwing themselves on the floor.
- Believe in Christ: the person needs to dedicate themselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and be water baptized.

7. The Flesh Must be Put to Death

Romans 8:5-8 "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ..."

Note: As Christians, we are at war with evil spirits that try to influence us through the works of the flesh. We have the power to put to death the works of the flesh. The fleshly desires will not and cannot submit to God, they must be put to death. Even after

a Christian is helped by breaking the bondage, he or she will still be tempted and needs to learn how to put to death the fleshly desires and habits. God has given us the power to do so through the Holy Spirit.

PRACTICUM: DEALING WITH DEMONS

Practice setting people free by taking authority over demonic spirits.

Read chapter six of "Doing What Jesus Did."

Overview of ministry. The ministry will focus on bringing freedom to others by relying on the revelation, authority, and power given through the Holy Spirit.

In this practicum, men and women will divide into separate groups and locations where the ministry can remain confidential. The each group will be led by a facilitating team and each person will have the opportunity to receive ministry and then minister to another person desiring freedom.

Take spiritual authority. Open in prayer, take spiritual authority over the room, silence any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, and then yield control of the atmosphere and the ministry time to the Holy Spirit.

One person volunteers to be first. One person will volunteer to be the first one to receive ministry. Place that person in a chair in the middle of the group. Have the person share any spiritual issues that may be limiting his or her walk with the Lord.

Determine if issue is the flesh or demonic. Determine if the issue is a work of the flesh or demonic in nature. If it is a work of the flesh, lead the person in a prayer of repentance. If you determine that the issue is demonic, the minister will lead the person receiving ministry through a process of repenting, renouncing, breaking and filling.

Minister deliverance. The minister (who will be the facilitator for the first person) will sit directly in front of the person receiving ministry and read directly from the instructions below. Fill in the blanks with the revelation given by the Holy Spirit based on what was shared by the person receiving ministry.

Pray this prayer with the person seeking deliverance (they repeat after you):

"You mentioned you participated with (the spirit of) _____. Would you like to be free? When?"

[Repent] Have them repeat after you: "Lord forgive me for participating with the spirit of _____."

[Renounce] "In the name of Jesus, I renounce you, you spirit of _____. You have no part of my life."

[Break] "In the name of Jesus, I break your hold and authority on my life, you spirit of _____. I cancel your assignment on my life. Be gone now in the name of Jesus."

[Fill] with the opposite spirit/ the Holy Spirit and His fruit) "Holy Spirit I ask you to fill me with _____, cleanse me and renew me in the name of Jesus."

Group discerns if the person is free. The minister closes the ministry in prayer and then asks the person receiving ministry, "What happened?" Have the person share what he or she experienced during the ministry. Encourage testimonies of what really happened. Did they experience a new freedom? What emotions were experienced? Critique the session. The group should listen intently, quietly praying in the Spirit, discerning if the person is free. Repeat this entire process until the person confidently confirms that they are truly and completely free.

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving. Now pray a prayer of thanksgiving and praise for what the Lord has done in setting the person free.

The person who received ministry now becomes the minister. The person who has just experienced being set free will now become the minister. They will lead the next person desiring ministry into freedom. This process will continue until all who desire to receive ministry and to minister freedom have had their opportunity to do so.

The facilitating team oversight. The facilitating team will continue to oversee and coach the ministry time ensuring that each person desiring freedom experiences both freedom and the opportunity to learn to lead others into freedom. The facilitating team should also instruct group members displaying odd or ill-timed "ministry styles" to stop what they are doing. This may include emotional outbursts, yelling at spirits, or becoming physical with the person.

Additional help.

In some situations it will be appropriate to refer the person who received ministry to an experienced deliverance team in the church to complete the deliverance and set-up accountability parameters to be sure the person stays free. The facilitator will give the person the name and number of the pastor to contact for ministry.

OUTLINE: PREACHING THE FULL GOSPEL

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose

This ministry skill is to preach the full Gospel as a sermon to a group in a clear, compelling, accurate way. Preaching the full Gospel includes sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, how your life has been transformed by Him and inviting others to experience His love in their lives.

2. What is Preaching

Preaching is defined as "to herald divine truth (the gospel): proclaim, publish." For purposes of this ministry skill we are defining "preaching" as standing in front of a group and sharing the full Gospel. Other means of preaching include proclaiming the goodness of Jesus by sharing our testimony either verbally or through social media.

3. Jesus Preached the Gospel

Matthew 4:23-24 "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

Matthew 11:1 "When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities."

4. Jesus Sends us to Preach the Gospel

John 20:21 "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Mark 16:15 "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Acts 10:42-43 "And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Romans 10:13-15 "For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!..."

5. Love is the Message of the Gospel

1 John 4:9-10 "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Isaiah 53:5-6 "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Note: The message of the Gospel is that Jesus willingly gave His life for ours so we could be reconciled back to God the Father. This is the greatest expression of love; that one would lay down their life for another.

5. The Holy Spirit Anoints us to Preach

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,..."

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 "And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

6. God's Power Confirms the Gospel

Mark 16:20 "And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs."

1 Thessalonians 1:5 "because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. ..."

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

Note: The full Gospel is the preaching of the gospel of reconciliation and the Great Commission, including the power of God through signs and wonders.

7. Outline of the Full Gospel

- Jesus died for our sins. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Isaiah 53:5-6, Romans 4:25)
- Our confession and belief that Jesus Christ is Lord is necessary to receive the gift of salvation. (Romans 10:9, Acts 4:12)
- We must repent of our sins. (Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19-20, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)
- As an act of obedience, we are water baptized. (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38)
- We receive supernatural empowerment through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, to live a new life. (Acts 1:8, Mark 16:17-18, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Luke 11:10-13)
- We go and make disciples who do all that Jesus commanded: including preaching; baptizing; healing the sick; casting out demons; speaking in tongues; and teaching people to do the same. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 10:38, Matthew 10:1, Luke 9:1-2)

Note: Preaching is based on the Word of God. We encourage you to look up each Scripture in the “Outline of the Full Gospel” section to become increasingly more familiar with the Word of God and using your Bible.

PRACTICUM: PREACHING THE FULL GOSPEL

Practice preaching the full Gospel

Overview of the ministry. This ministry skill of preaching the full Gospel is in preparation to fulfill the Great Commission. Student ministers are given an opportunity to prepare and deliver a seven-to-ten-minute sermon on one of three sermon subjects listed below.

- God's gift of salvation with an invitation to receive Jesus Christ as Savior.
- God's gift of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit with an invitation to receive the Holy Spirit baptism.
- God's gift of healing with an invitation to pray for those needing healing.

Each student is encouraged to deliver the sermon with as much enthusiasm and conviction as he or she can. Each of them will be speaking to the practicum group as if they were a mixed audience of believers and pre-Christians. Here are some guidelines that may help:

Personal preparation.

- Prepare an outline of the sermon topic. Use language that would appeal to both pre-Christians and Christians.
- Use Scripture. Include the best three or four Scriptures relating to the sermon topic. Focus on one Scripture for the main points of the sermon and use the other Scriptures to support your points.
- Practice the sermon. Share multiple times with friends, in front of a mirror, or record yourself on video. Work at making your sermon clear, easy to understand, and accurate according to Scripture.
- Time yourself. Don't exceed the ten-minute limit. The practicum group leader will signal you as you approach the ten-minute mark.
- Prepare a strong invitation. Give an invitation at the end of the sermon that requires a response from your audience.

Other suggestions for preaching.

- Pray. Invite the Holy Spirit to anoint you and yield to His inspiration and guidance.
- Share from your heart. Try to avoid reading the bulk of the message.
- Use stories and illustrations. Use as many as you can from memory.
- Give a strong invitation. At the end of the sermon, ask your "audience" to physically respond to what you preach. They can do this by lifting their hands, standing, and/or coming forward for prayer.

- Have fun. Enjoy preaching the full Gospel!

Critique.

- Feedback is necessary for us to grow in preaching the Gospel.
- We improve by asking our leaders and fellow Christians what we can do specifically to communicate clearer and more effectively.

Potential critique questions: (audience members give the preacher feedback after they are done preaching).

1. Was the Gospel message clearly explained?
2. How was the use of Scripture?
3. How was the use of illustrations?
4. How well did they stay on topic?
5. Was the invitation clear and compelling?
6. Was Jesus glorified?
7. Was God's power demonstrated?

Close in prayer.

Pray for the preacher. Gather around the preacher and prayerfully encourage them.

OUTLINE MAKING DISCIPLES

Begin this ministry skill by praying together as a group using the "Practicum Preparation in Prayer" found on Page 6 before proceeding further.

1. Purpose

This ministry skill is to help every Christ follower respond to the Great Commission to "go and make disciples." Through this course you have practiced experiencing the presence of God, learning to hear His voice and yielding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. You have participated in preaching the gospel, operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and growing as a disciple of Christ.

It is now time to take the next step in making disciples. This involves partnering with the Holy Spirit to reproduce what God has done and is doing in your life in the lives of others; specifically, training others in what you have learned and practiced through this course.

Note: The power of the early church in reaching the known world was this element of training the believers. It is the continuing process of reproducing discipleship... disciples who would make disciples, who would make disciples. The world was not evangelized by a few apostles, but by disciples who were trained to preach the gospel and make disciples who would do the same. This represents a process of inviting people into community to learn and practice how to participate in extending the love and power of God to the world around us.

2. Discipleship is Jesus' Command

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, . . ."

3. Discipleship is about reproduction

2 Timothy 2:2 "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

Acts 19:9-10 "But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks."

Note: Training believers how to become reproducing disciples, is how we partner with the mission of God. It is our privilege and assignment to reproduce what He has done and is doing in our lives into the lives of others. This is how we witness the power of

multiplication through reproduction, resulting in the rapid advancement of the Kingdom and the saving of many souls. Within two years of Paul training reproducing disciples in Ephesus, “all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.” Acts 16:10

4. Discipleship begins with prayer:

Ask the Holy Spirit about who you are to invite into this group with whom you already have relationship.

Invite them to a set location where you can consistently meet (i.e., home, church, coffee shop, cafe, etc).

Gather together as a group to explore growing as a disciple of Jesus.

5. Discipleship through equipping

When Ephesians speaks of “equipping” the saints for the work of the ministry, that word had a medical connotation. It described a member of the body that was dislocated. In context, “equipping” meant to put the dislocated member in its place so it could properly function, benefiting the whole body. In the discipleship process, this is what we are intentional in doing.

Ephesians 4:11-16 “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

6. Discipleship leads to victory

1 Corinthians 15:57 “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

2 Peter 1:3-8 "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

PRACTICUM: MAKING DISCIPLES

Lead a Doing What Jesus Did discipleship group.

Preparation.

- **Pray** regarding “who”. Seek the Holy Spirit who you are to invite. These typically would be people with whom you are in relationship, and the Holy Spirit is drawing. This could include family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.
- **Notify** your current leader. Let your current leader know your desire to lead a Doing What Jesus Did discipleship group and seek their counsel and guidance.
- **Pray** regarding leadership. Ask the Holy Spirit who is to join you as a co-leader or an apprentice leader.
- **Ask** your pastor. Seek your pastor’s counsel regarding your desire to lead the Doing What Jesus Did discipleship group. Seek their blessings and covering.
- **Pray** regarding “when and where.” Determine the time and place for the group meetings.

Invitation.

- Invite. Reach out to those who the Holy Spirit reveals. Share your excitement and the testimonies of what God has been doing in your life.

Getting Started.

- Website. Direct group members to go to www.ministrytraining.org and sign up for the 7-part online course.
- Download ebook. Have each group member download “Doing What Jesus Did” from the website and start reading the Introduction and Chapter One.
- Pray. Start to pray now for the group and invite the Holy Spirit to inspire and direct you. Invite the group members to join you in prayer.

Support.

- Meet with your current leader. Schedule a time with your current group leader for prayer, support, and counsel.

Testify.

Share with others how God used your simple obedience in responding to His command “to make disciples” to start gathering people for the discipleship group.

Close in prayer.

Pray for each group member regarding this next season of making disciples.



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