

Foundations of Faith

Discipleship Lessons ~ Trainer's Guide

Vision:

These **7 Discipleship Lessons** are a tool or “wine skin” for disciple-makers in order to lay a Biblical and reproducible foundation of faith in a new or ungrounded disciple.

Purpose:

Lesson #1: To review the gospel message, to find *Assurance of Salvation*, and to equip the disciple in knowing and sharing the *Steps to Peace with God* including 6 memorized scriptures, the bridge illustration, and their testimony.

Lesson #2: To equip the disciple to pray, to read and obey the Bible, and to begin a *Devotional life*.

Lesson #3: To explain God's purpose for *The Church* and to encourage active participation.

Lesson #4: To encounter and embrace the perfect, *Father Heart of God*.

Lesson #5: To introduce the disciple to the person, work and *Baptism of the Holy Spirit*.

Lesson #6: To lay a foundation for ongoing *Christ-like Growth* through victory over sin, obedience and love.

Lesson #7: To motivate the disciple to life-long participation in the *Great Commission*.

Process:

Life on Life:

- These lessons are designed to be used in one on one or small group conversation. Don't look at it as a workbook.

Self-discovery:

- The lessons are designed to let the scriptures teach the disciple. Let them seek on their own to understand and communicate what the scripture says. The trainer's role is to clarify and teach as needed to ensure an accurate understanding.

Reproducing:

- Cast vision from the very beginning that you expect them to be able to train someone else in the lesson when they are finished. They will need to take notes in a way that will help them to remember and reproduce the lesson.

Practice:

- As time allows, let them repeat a story or explain a section to ensure that they have caught it.

Obedience:

- At the end of each lesson is a box entitled, “Your Response This Week”. Review these with the disciple at the end of the lesson and encourage them to follow them. Our goal here is not just to retain information but to obey all we hear.

Accountability:

- At the beginning of each lesson, ask them if they followed through with the assignments for the week. If they did not, encourage them with the importance of obedience and follow through. Set realistic but challenging goals with one another and agree to be accountable.

Keep in Mind:

- Some lessons have several sentences of written text. A trainer can either have the disciple read it to themselves or they can read it aloud together. Have them explain it in their own words. Instruct as needed and give them an opportunity to ask questions. Note: This will be particularly important on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on (Lesson 5) because this topic is very difficult to capture in just 2-3 verses.
- The trainer should be familiar with the stories in a lesson before beginning. Recommended stories are provided, but a trainer may substitute their own story as long as it is reproducible.
- Scriptures in *italics* are optional during the lesson. The disciple can look them up on their own or if they have a question.