

Believers

School of Ministry

Training Ordinary People to Do Extraordinary Things



Introduction to Ministry

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About the Believers School of Ministry

Find strength and fulfillment in your Christian life!

Help your local church to grow!

Reach others with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

The purpose of the Believers School of Ministry is to prepare faithful believers in Jesus Christ to reach their world for Him by teaching foundational Bible principles and training believers to do the works of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Classes include practical hands-on training in ministry skills—such as witnessing, praying for the needs of others, and moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

God has a purpose of each of our lives, and that is to glorify Him and reach others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. As the Scripture says, “*And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church),” Ephesians 4:11, 12, Amplified.* There are five ministry gifts in the Body of Christ. Their purpose is to build each of us up, so that we can DO the work of building up Christ’s body, the Church. Each of us has a part! Each of us is needed!

These classes are designed to be reproducible. Use these notes and take what you have learned to teach others. As Paul wrote to Timothy, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2, KJV. You can do this through one-on-one discipleship, home Bible studies, church youth groups, Sunday schools, or by starting a Believers School of Ministry in your area.

To prepare to teach these classes, go through each lesson and look up the Scripture references. Make notes on the side of each page and in the white spaces. As you pray, meditate and ponder the various Scriptures presented in these teachings, think of illustrations and examples from your own Christian experience that you can use to illuminate these truths. You will then find that as you share, the Word of God will come out of your heart and minister life to those who hear.

May these teachings help you to launch out into the deep to reach this world with the only message that can give eternal life and set the captives free, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Discovering New Life in Christ

INTRODUCTION TO BELIEVERS SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.” Mark 1:14-20, KJV.

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom (where the King rules and the devil is defeated). He calls us to repent (turn from our sin) and believe the Gospel. He calls us to follow Him. When we follow Him, He “makes us to become” fishers of men. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-49, John 20:21, Acts 1:8

WHO IS JESUS?

The Promised Messiah. Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:3, Psalm 22, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:10, Isaiah 52:13-15, Isaiah 53, Isaiah 62:11, Jeremiah 23:5, Daniel 2:34,44, Daniel 7:13-14, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9-11

The Savior of the world. Luke 2:11

God in the flesh. John 1:1-14

The son of God who rose from the dead. Romans 1:4, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

To save us from our sin. Matthew 1:21

To put away sin. Hebrews 9:26-28

To seek and save the lost Luke 19:10

To give life and life more abundantly John 10:10

To destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

To deliver us from the fear of death. Hebrews 2:14-15

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The power of God unto salvation. Romans 1:16

Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

God gave His Son that we might have eternal life. John 3:16

WHY DO WE NEED THE GOSPEL?

In the beginning God created everything Gen. 1:1

He created man and woman and blessed them. Gen. 1:26-28

When God created mankind, He said they were "very good." Genesis 1:31

Adam and Eve obeyed Satan and became separated from God. Genesis 3:1-8

Sin passed on the human race. Romans 5:12, Romans 3:10,23

HOW DOES THE BIBLE DESCRIBE A NON-BELIEVER?

Alienated from the life of God. Ephesians 4:18

Dead in their trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1

An enemy of God. Romans 5:10

Strangers from the covenant, without hope and without God. Ephesians 2:12

Blinded by Satan. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Sinners and unrighteous. Rom 5:8, 2 Corinthians 6:14

Desperately wicked. Jeremiah 17:9

Under condemnation and the wrath of God. John 3:18, 36, Romans 1:18-19

Destined for the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

Loved by God. (John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:19, Matthew 9:36, Luke 15:20, Psalm 118:1)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT A BELIEVER?

Born again. John 3:3, 7

A child of God. John 1:12,13

A new creature. 2 Corinthians 5:17

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The righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Converted. Acts 11:21 Acts 3:19

Saved. Rom 10:9-10

Cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7-9, Hebrews 10:19

Has a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ. John 17:3

Heaven bound. John 14:1-6

A Christian (follower of Christ) Acts 11:26

HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

A. Admit—By admitting your sin. Rom 3:10,23

B. Believe—By believing the Good News that Jesus died for your sins and rose again. John 3:16, Romans 1:16

C. Confess—By repenting (turning away from sin) and confessing Jesus as ruler of your life. Romans 10:9-10

CAN YOU BE SURE YOU ARE SAVED?

Through the Word of God. 1 John 5:13, 2 Timothy 3:15, Romans 10:17

By the witness of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:16, Galatians 4:6

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR TODAY?

Today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Pray this prayer from your heart:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die for my sins. I believe you raised Him from the dead. Forgive me of my sin. From this day, I declare that Jesus is the Lord and ruler of my life. Thank you for accepting me into your family and becoming my heavenly Father, in Jesus name. Amen

PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Be ready to give an answer of the hope that is in you. 1 Pet 3:15, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Prepare to share a brief testimony of your salvation experience to share with another person.

YOUR TESTIMONY

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Use this page to write out your testimony. Use adjectives to describe each part. This will help you to prepare to share your testimony with others. Include the Gospel message.

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:” 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4, KJV.

1. What your life was like before you came to Christ.

2. How you came to Christ.

3. What your life has been like since your came to Christ.

Discovering New Life in Christ Quiz

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1. Jesus said, the Kingdom of God is at hand, _____ therefore and _____ the Gospel.
2. Jesus is called Savior because He _____ us from our _____.
3. Jesus came to destroy the works of the _____.
4. The Gospel is the _____ of God unto salvation to everyone that _____.
5. The Gospel message is that Jesus _____ for our sins, was _____, and _____ again.
6. The Bible says that _____ have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
7. Sin came into the human race through a person. Who? _____
8. The Bible says an unbeliever is:
 - a. alienated from the life of God.
 - b. dead in their trespasses and sin.
 - c. desperately wicked
 - d. loved by God
 - e. all of the above
9. The Bible says a believer in Christ is:
 - a. A good guy
 - b. Is very religious
 - c. A new creature
 - d. Has earned salvation
 - e. All of the above
10. Please give the ABCs of salvation:
_____ you are a sinner.
_____ Jesus died and rose again.
_____ Jesus as Lord of your life.
11. Can a person be sure that they are saved? _____
12. When is a good day to get saved? _____