

SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ If a cashier gave you too much change back would you tell them or keep it? Why?
- **Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?**
- **WOF's Purpose:**
 - 1) We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
 - 2) We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
 - 3) We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international
- **Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday**
- **Facilitation of Lesson**

(Facilitator Notes)

PATIENCE and FAITH A Match Made in Heaven- Book by Bishop Keith A. Butler

The Characteristics of Faith-

It is important to God that we make walking by faith our lifestyle; not just a "side dish" or second thought. Living by Faith (confidence, reliance and trust in what God's Word says He will do) is a key ingredient to winning and having victory in life. In this lesson we will explore the characteristics of faith that will help us to achieve success in life. They include **daily worship** (reading the Bible, prayer, meditation) **hearing** what He says, **believing** that God keeps his promises, **receiving** His Word as true and final authority, **speaking** or making declarations of faith in His promises and **acting** on what His Word says for us to do. God wants faith to dictate every area of our lives.

Read Galatians 3: 9-14 NLT, Hebrews 10:32-39 NLT-Worship - God wants us to let faith dictate every area of our lives, whether in good times or in times of trouble (tests and trials).

1. Give an example of your faith being put to the test in good times or bad.
2. What routine practices help you to build your faith (confidence) in God.

Read Hebrews 11:1-4 - Hearing & Believing God wants us to fellowship with him daily, being fully convinced that we can trust what His Word says to us.

3. Describe the "faith" action steps you took as a result of following God's direction.
4. Was it challenging? What was the outcome?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-15 NLT, Colossians 3:23-25 NLT-Speaking & Acting "I live by faith, not by sight"; "God is with me always" are faith affirmations.

5. Share a faith affirmation you speak that helps to boost your confidence.
6. Tell how you plan to increase your faith (using a characteristic from this lesson).

- **Time of Decision** (Everyone Bow Your Heads)

1) Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior: *Some may have never received Jesus. *You may be a good person, give to the poor, and serve in the community. *Has there been a day where you confessed Jesus and Lord?

(Read Romans 10:9) If need to make this decision, raise your hand:

What to do next: Have them repeat after you: "I believe that Jesus is the son of God. I believe he died for me bearing my sins for me. I believe he rose from the dead and is alive right now. Dear Lord Jesus, come into my life now! Come into my heart now! I believe in my heart, and say with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord as Savior. And I am, right now, born again."

2) Rededicate your life: *Is your life a mess? *Are you struggling right now? *You know something is just off in life? **{Read 1 John 1:9}** If you want to be restored with God, raise your hand:

What to do next: Lead the person in the following prayer, allowing them to repent before God for the area they have sinned: "Father, I come before you in the Name of Jesus asking for forgiveness ... (allow the person to personally speak to God about the specific thing they are repenting for). After they are finished, close out the prayer with them, thanking God for forgiveness and restoration."

- **Time of Prayer**
- **Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?**
- **Announcements-Next WOF service and any additional announcements**
- **Dismissal**

Prayer focus: 1) Your Circle (friends and family) 2) Small Group members 3) Word of Faith Leadership
Have you reached out to your circle today?