

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** *What was the strangest holiday present you ever received, did you re-gift it?*
- **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)

"FIVE ELEMENTS OF FAITH"-Book by Bishop Keith A. Butler

### RECEIVING

*Faith has five elements* that we must understand and practice (doing), in order to live successful Christian lives; and successfully achieve and complete the assignment God has chosen for our lives. They are: **hearing, receiving, believing, speaking, and acting** on God's Word. In this lesson we will discuss the importance of **RECEIVING**. **Receiving** God's Word means that you accept it or take hold of it; as being legitimate. Receiving the Word into your hearts also requires meditation on the Word; studying and giving attention to what the Word of God is saying and being willing to submit to the truths that are revealed to you. For this to occur, we must allow Jesus (The Word) to control and guide our lives.

**READ: James 1:21-25 AMPC, 1 Thessalonians 2:13 AMPC**

1. Discuss various ways you receive (welcome) God's Word into your heart.
2. Share a personal testimony of how you **adhered to** God's Word, by doing what it said.
3. What was the outcome?

**READ: Mark 4:24-25, James 1:21-25 AMPC** Many heard God's word but chose not to receive it, therefore did not benefit or gain wisdom from what they heard. However, receiving God's Word provides promise and purpose.

4. Identify barriers that are keeping you from receiving God's word.
5. Discuss how to overcome these barriers.
6. Share the benefits, you've discovered, of receiving God's word.

- **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?**