

SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What was the best game-winning victory in sports that you can think of?
- **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)

THE NAMES OF GOD - Book by Marilyn Hickey

JEHOVAH NISSI -The Lord is my banner

Today we will discuss another compound name of God: **Jehovah Nissi**, which means "*The Lord is our banner*" in Hebrew. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines **Banner**: a square flag, a military ensign, the principal standard of a prince or state, a streamer borne at the end of a lance or pole. God helped the Israelites win a monumental battle of defeat over a powerful military group as long as Moses was able to hold up the Banner, or the "rod of God" assuring them of His presence. Realizing the rod of God's banner assured the people of God's presence to assist them to gain victory, helpers came alongside of Moses to make sure his arms never got tired or lowered the banner. We must realize also, that under the banner and with the aid of God, we are more than conquerors over any enemy that comes against us. We must realize the battle is not ours, but JEHOVAH NISSI..Our Banner of Victory.

READ: Exodus 17:8-14; Deuteronomy 20:1-4 – The presence of the Lord is always with us. We must stand in full confidence of Victory!

1. Share about a time when you were faced with a difficult battle.
2. Describe the "banner of victory" that God used to pull you out and help you to claim your WIN?

READ: Mark 14:32-38. Jesus "lifts up" the standard of Corporate **Praying** as a banner of winning over tests.

3. How has prayer helped you when you were weary and ready to quit when facing trials.
4. Share how corporate (2 or more) praying about a matter was or could be beneficial.

READ: Psalm 20:1-7; Psalm 60: 4-5 ESV. We are rescued by our trust in the Lord. He is the one who unites us and assures of His presence. We are identified in Him and are rescued by Him.

5. What motives you to trust in the Lord?
6. What are the opposite affects of not looking to God's banner, because of fear?

- **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?