

SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ Whose voice would you recognize without seeing their face?
- **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

HEARING

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. This lesson will cover the first element of faith: ***Hearing***. In order to grow in faith, believers must submit to **HEARING (perceive, get to know)** God's Word. Faith can only be exercised where the will of God is known. He leads us through life by way of "the voice" of the Word of God. We must sensitize ourselves to hearing and following God's voice and not the voice of a stranger. The words we hear are the power of God for our rescue, safety, deliverance, and healing.

READ: Romans 10:8, 14-15, 17, Proverbs 4:20-22 Faith comes by hearing God's Word. Give attention to what you hear; be careful what you are listening to!

1. Share a time you experienced hearing and receiving guidance from God's word when you were faced with a challenging situation.
2. What gave you confident assurance that it was God's leading you, not yourself?

READ: John 10:27, 12: 44-50 We must position ourselves to hear God's word.

3. How have you been able to keep out the "noises" of life so that you can hear God's voice better?
4. What are some of the hindrances/roadblocks you've had to avoid?

READ: John 10: 2-5; 14-16 Jesus is our Good Shepherd; leading us through His Word and the Holy Spirit. We must sensitize ourselves to submit to follow Him, not the voice of a stranger.

5. When you know you've heard God speaking, what has been your 1st reaction/response?
6. Explain what you've done to walk in obedience to God's direction. Outcomes?

- **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?