

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What's your favorite variety of apple & 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)

### SHARING FROM YOUR FRUIT BASKET (Part 1)

A life submitted to Christ and the principles of God's Word should be the reflection of who God IS in us and who we represent to others. Yet the "everyday" world around is full of so much rudeness, hate, and negativity. God knew that in order for us to achieve a successful life in Christ and do His will in earth, we need both the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit & the fruit of the Spirit to help us to walk in His ways. The fruit of His Spirit produces the character of God in us; much the same way that apple tree produces apples. What we'll discuss in this lesson are three of the nine fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, and peace and the necessity of allowing them to grow up in you to nourish a healthy lifestyle that pleases God and others.

**Read Galatians 5:16-21; 22-25 NLT** We must let Holy Spirit be the guide of our lives. The sinful nature will lead us into destruction and ruin. Following the Spirit in every part of our lives produces success and victory.

1. Describe what it means to you to have a "tug of war" between the flesh and the Spirit inside you.
2. How have you been able to manage these battles?

**Mark 12:30-31**, -*Love* is especially important to God. It is the first fruit of the Spirit. God loved us so much that he sent his son Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus said that we should "love our neighbors as (in the same manner) ourselves".

3. Who is your neighbor and how do you show love towards them?
4. Share about a time when you could have chosen to be in strife with your neighbor, but chose to walk in love instead.

**Read James 1:2-4 NLT** -We can always experience God's joy during good or bad times. God wants us to share His joy with others.

5. What can you do to experience joy while going through trials and tribulations?

**Read Isaiah 26:3, Romans 12:17-18NLT** -We can experience the peace of God daily.

6. What type of things can be done to live in peace with others?

- **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?**