

SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ If you could ask Jesus to change one problem in the world today, what would that be?
- **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)

CLOSED DOORS, OPEN HEAVEN

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Life is full of opportunities and challenges. We are tested every day: faced with circumstances, problems in life and closed doors that may be unexpected and that seem to have "no way out". There may be trials, stumbling blocks; many things that can cause doors to close and lead to discouragement. Yet...God delivers!. It is His opportunity for an Open Heaven! He always sends His presence while you're in the place of a closed door. God will promote us for good. He will clean us up and exalt us to higher levels. You can overcome this! We are not "A Survivor", but "An Overcomer!"
Closed Door=Opportunity.

READ: Isaiah 40:28-31 NLT, Isaiah 43:1-3 NLT - We must encourage ourselves!.

1. Thinking back, has God ever gotten you out of a tough spot? Please share.

READ: 2 Corinthians 1: 2-5 NLT, Joshua 1:8-9 NLT– Victory, promotion and prosperity.

2. What can we do to train our thoughts to stay in balance and not to focus on the negative?

READ: Mark 4:35-40 NLT, Romans 8: 1-5 NLT – Jesus is our role model. What we think on most is what affects us.

3. Have you ever started out going in one direction, but ended up changing course because you sought the Lord for guidance? Share that experience.
4. Do you consider yourself a Survivor or an Overcomer? Explain why.

READ: 2 Corinthians 4:6-10 NLT – Rely on God's power, trust God's timing and He will give you rest. Let Jesus take the wheel!

5. In your life, when you made the decision to trust Christ to have full control, what was the outcome?
6. Describe what it means to rest in the Lord.

- **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?