

SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What's your favorite season of the year?
- **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 2)

In part one we learned how the fruit of His Spirit produces the character of God in us. In this lesson we'll learn of three more of the nine fruit of the Spirit: longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness. According to the Oxford dictionary, the definition of **longsuffering** is, "having or showing patience in spite of troubles (a long fuse), especially those caused by other people; **gentleness**: the quality of being calm and kind (showing genuine concern for the needs of others); and **goodness**: the quality of being good (actions reflecting virtue and holiness). The Christian life is a journey. We must allow Holy Spirit to lead our lives so that we are producing good fruit that remains in us to help ourselves and others grow.

Read Psalms 40:1-3 NLT, James 1:19-20 NLT- Developing and practicing patience, and longsuffering in service to others demonstrates God's love in the earth.

1. On a scale 1-10, how difficult is practicing patience and longsuffering? Explain.
2. What helps/hinders your growth or development in these areas?

Read Proverbs 15:1-4 AMP, Matthew 11:28-30 AMP, James 3:17-18 MSG-Gentleness in our lives is characterized by humility, grace and thankfulness.

3. What steps can you take to ensure that you always respond gently to others?
4. Share some soothing words that you can use in place of harsh ones.

Read Galatians 6:10 NLT, Psalm 23:6-7 NLT-People often use the phrase, "God is good all the time!" Goodness is when our actions reflect virtue and holiness.

5. Share some ways that you can show goodness to others, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- **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?