

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship
- Icebreaker ~ Sing a favorite “Joy” song?
- 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)

### JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

Joy is the gladness of heart that comes from knowing God, abiding in Christ and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Joy is also a part of the fruit of the Spirit and is always available to the children of God, even when we're experiencing natural suffering (in the flesh). God provides His children with the fruit of Joy to help us when we are experiencing weakness of any sort! There is nothing unusual about tests and trials coming your way. We are admonished to rejoice with exceeding joy. Joy is expressed by: jumping, dancing, singing, or playing music, etc. Rejoicing makes us strong and keeps us from being knocked down. Therefore, in the midst of tests, trials, sorrows and any other circumstance we are assured that *the joy of the Lord is our strength!*

**READ: 1 Peter 4:12-13, Luke 10: 17-21 NKJV** - In the authority of Jesus we have joy and power to overcome the power of the enemy (tests, trials & circumstances).

1. Tell of a time when you experienced God’s favor and power to overcome the enemy.
2. How did your expressions of joy (jumping, dancing, singing, or playing music, etc) help you?

**READ: James 1:1-8, Psalm 5:11-12 NKJV** - God blesses and defends those who put their trust in Him.

3. Describe what it means to have God as your defender?
4. Share how this confidence has (or could have) boosted your joy.

**READ: Acts 16: 22-28 NLT:** Our praise and confidence in God, frees us from any bondages (slavery or imprisonments) brought on to harm us.

5. Have you ever entered into praise and worship to God and experienced freedom from your cares? If so, describe the experience.

- **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?**