

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ Share a popular saying about fruit-i.e.: When life gives you lemons: make lemonade.
- **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 3)

When we allow Holy Spirit to lead us and guide our lives, good fruit develops to help ourselves and others grow. As well, the character of God is revealed in us and shines through us. Of the nine fruit of the Spirit we'll discuss in this lesson faith, meekness, and temperance. **Faith** is belief, firm persuasion, assurance, firm conviction, and faithfulness. **Meekness** is mildness, gentleness of spirit, or humility. **Temperance** is emotional restraint or self-control. The fruit of the Spirit should also be recognized as "forces" that enable us to walk in the right way, guiding us to lead exemplary lives.

**Read: Hebrews 11:1-3 NIV, Mark 11:22-24 NIV** -God's Spirit leads and guides us along our way. We must follow in faith with assurance in our hearts that He knows what is best for us.

1. Recall a time when you **disobeyed** the leading of Holy Spirit...going your own way. What was the outcome?
2. How about when you **followed** (obeyed) God's leading, even though you were uncertain.

**Read: James 3:13 ESV, Ephesians 4: 1-2NLT** -Meekness is not weakness; but is having the **right or power** to do something, but refraining for the benefit of someone else.

3. Since being **assertive** is more popular in today's culture than meekness, how do you manage meekness?
4. What helps you to put the way of others over your own way, opinion or methodology?

**Read: Romans 7:21-25 MSG, Romans 13:14 ESV**-Temperance is self-control. Generally, most individuals want to do good but evil is always present. We must resist the devil and **work to keep our bodies under** the control of Holy Spirit's guidance.

5. Share about a situation when you had to use self-control but felt conflicted about it.

- **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?**