STUDY 6 DELIVERANCE

Leaders Notes

- 1. Sometimes it is a demonic power that is causing physical problems.
- Despite Jesus' previous example and teaching of His disciples, they were still not able to drive out the evil spirit. Part of the reason the disciples weren't able to deal with the demon was a lack of faith and this frustrated Jesus.
- At least the disciples had a go. Often today, churches ignore deliverance ministry altogether and people with deep needs are left not ministered to. Considering Jesus has given the authority, it frustrates Him that we don't use it.
- A visible or audible response caused by the demons. Manifestations can occur as often as 50% of the time when involved in deliverance ministry.
- 5. To help in the process of discernment.
- 6. He observed what the demon was preventing the boy from doing; it had "robbed him of speech." In Mark 9:17 Jesus questions to the boys father may have helped Jesus discern that the spirit had also caused deafness.
- 7. He commanded it to come out. We can do the same because a Christian is part of God's Kingdom, he / she has authority in Jesus' name.
- 8. When a breakthrough is not taking place, an extended time in prayer may be necessary before the demonic force will leave.

THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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GETTING THE MOST FROM THIS STUDY

The aim of the study is to equip Christians to make disciples as modelled by Jesus. Each study is designed to last approximately one hour or just over and is divided into three sections.

- 1. Some icebreaking or opening questions to get people talking, and introduce the topic. This section should last for no more than about 10 minutes.
- Bible study questions are aimed at taking about 40 minutes to complete. It is recommended not to spend too long on any given question but keep the study moving.
- 3. Final application questions which usually include some prayer time. Considering how Jesus emphasised living the Word of God, not just gaining knowledge of the Bible, these are perhaps the most important questions. The Studies will not be as effective if the group runs out of time for the final section which should take 15-20 minutes including prayer.

- * Eternal life is made possible because of Jesus.
- * People must believe in Jesus to receive that eternal life.
- 8. God created this world including people; He loves His people and wants a close relationship with them. (Genesis 1:1,7 & John 3:16)

All people fall short of God 's standards, none of us are perfect, all of us have sin in our lives. (Romans 3:23)

The Bible teaches that sin results in separation from God; spiritual death. (Romans 6:23)

However, complete forgiveness is made possible because God's only Son Jesus died a death for us! (Romans 5:8-9)

But we have to choose to believe in what Jesus has achieved and invite Him to be a part of our lives. (Romans 10:9-10)

In fact the very passage that Jesus quoted from would have been memorised by Nicodemus as all Pharisees memorised the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Old Testament.

Jesus also knew the power of Scripture, when tempted by Satan three times Jesus quoted the Word to battle against him. (Luke 4:1-13).

An analogy Jesus is giving is as follows: God the Father instructed Moses to elevate a bronze snake on a pole, and that all that have faith in God's command to Moses and look at it will be physically healed. Likewise God the Father sent Jesus to ultimately die and be elevated on a cross, all who look to Jesus with faith can be spiritually healed!

We learn from John 3:13-15 at least three insights from Jesus' approach when communicating with the lost:

- * Quote from sources they respect.
- * Use the scriptures, as they are powerful.
- * Use an analogy to help explain Jesus' work on the cross.
- 6. Very central. John 8:28 reveals that Jesus' divine identity will be made clear to many as a result of being lifted up on the cross. John 12:32-33 makes clear that being lifted up definitely refers to the kind of death He will die and that as a result of this work, He will draw all people to Himself!
- 7. Jesus highlights that:
 - * God loves the people of the world.
 - * He, Jesus has come from God.
 - * In the context of the passage John 3:13-16 "gave" refers to Jesus being "lifted up" to be crucified.

LEADERS NOTES

At the back of the book there is a section headed "Leader's Notes" which is a brief but very helpful resource giving insight into the various Bible study questions, and also includes respected Bible commentators information.

CD PREACHING BOX SET

Also recommended is a six part CD teaching series with inspiring messages based on the same passages of the Bible that each study examines. The Bible study leaders preparation time is made easy by utilizing motivating stories and powerful Scriptural insights from each 30 minute message. These messages are also available online.

STUDY 1

THE ESSENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Introduction

This opening study examines the heart of what it is to be an effective "fruit bearing" disciple of Jesus. We discover that bearing fruit or achieving great things in God's Kingdom is not reliant on us working harder and harder but learning how to draw from Jesus' strength as our life source.

Opening Discussion Questions

| If you were a super hero what | super power would you most want? |
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When you read about the life of Jesus, seeing passages that describe Him instantaneously healing the sick, even bringing dead people back to life, He does sound like a super hero. However He also has a loving, morally upright character undergirding His supernatural power.

As a group share one quality each that you admire about Jesus.

STUDY 5

SALVATION

Leaders Notes

- 1. He was a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish ruling council and known as one of Israel's teachers.
- 2. His attitude was positive, he respected Jesus and believed he was from God.

The unchurched people we know who already respect us are often the ones who will be more interested in what we have to share about the gospel of Jesus.

3. Just because you are religious does not mean you know God in a personal way.

We can learn from Jesus that He was clearly discerning of the spiritual condition of Nicodemus (a religious leader but not born again). This would have affected what He shared.

4. Jesus explained and illustrated what He was saying.

You cannot see the wind itself but you can see what it does, likewise when somebody is born of the Spirit you cannot see any changes in their appearance physically but there are changes in their behaviour.

When an unchurched person does not understand a portion of our terminology we should follow Jesus' pattern of explaining and illustrating.

5. Being a Pharisee, Nicodemus had a deep respect for the Old Testament.

STUDY 4

HEALING

Leaders Notes

- Totally central, because even if somebody has a strong gift in healing, that gift can only operate in conjunction with the power of God.
- 2. Worship, praise, a surrendered life, a deep compassion for the person in need.
- God for the most part has chosen to operate in conjunction with people's faith. If a person doubts the Lord is going to heal them, then He usually doesn't.
- 4. As an individual acts on the faith rising in their heart, it is made more solid. In Luke 17:11-14 the lepers weren't healed immediately, but as they responded to Jesus' instruction.
- Any environment, anytime, because He cares deeply for people 's needs.
- 6. We shouldn't only pray for people, but verbally proclaim health over them. For example, in Luke 5:13, Jesus proclaims health with the words "Be clean". Rebuking a fever is a similar principle.
- It seems form Scriptures that often the Lord uses touch as a channel to release His healing power. For example Mark 5:23-30. It is also a symbol of showing that you identify with the person in need.
- 8. Ask the Lord to create an opportunity to speak to them about Jesus' healing power. Inviting them along to a meeting to be prayed for. Personally praying for them.

| 1. Consider the context of John 15:1-8. Survey the following s preceding verses; John 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 31. What is the theme? | |
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| Read John 15:1-8 | |
| 2. Identify the following in Jesus' analogy: | |
| Who is the gardener? | |
| Who do the branches represent? | |
| Who is the true vine? | |
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Bible commentator William Barclay gives helpful insight to the practice of pruning at the time of Jesus teaching. "The typical grapevine bears two kinds of branches, one fruit-bearing, and the other non-fruit bearing; and the non-fruit-bearing branches are drastically and mercilessly pruned back, so that they will drain away *none* of the strength of the plant. The vine will never produce the crop of which it is capable without this drastic pruning." (William Barclay, The Gospel of John Volume 2, pages 202-203)

| 3. What happens to the branches that do not bear fruit? (John 15:1,6) |
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| 4. The Gardener prunes the fruit-bearing branches. (John1:2) This may mean cutting out some dead wood or removing some fungus. Considering the spiritual analogy Jesus is making, how might God the gardener prune a disciple today? |
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| 5. What is the Gardener's purpose in pruning the branches of the vine? (John 15:2) |
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| 6. A grape vine reproduces grapes. What does it mean to be a fruit-bearing Christian? |
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8. The early church was very effectively trained by the disciples of Jesus. The church was devoted to listening to the taught word of God so much so they met not weekly, but daily in the temple courts for a church service (Acts 2:42,46). They must have been effective evangelists as daily people were saved (Acts 2:47). Their love and fellowship was so deep they shared their possessions (v44,45). The spirituality of the early church was vibrant, expressed in prayer, communion and praising God (v42,47). They were a church that operated under the power of God so much so that miracles were common place (v:43).

STUDY 3

JESUS' DISCIPLESHIP MODEL

Leaders Notes

- 1. If Jesus' followers did not make disciples Christianity would have only survived one generation.
- 2. Although people don't literally see Jesus walking beside a lake audibly asking them to become His disciples today, nevertheless hundreds of thousands worldwide respond to His call of discipleship every year. People sense Jesus' call to discipleship through the Bible, the Holy Spirits prompting, the preaching of God's Word, the impact of a Christian friend or the encouragement of a Church leader.
- The fact that Jesus spent so much time teaching and preaching (25% on average in the gospels) reveals it was of major importance in his mind in making disciples.
- 4. When the disciples were with Jesus they saw Him model ministry. They observed how He dealt with demonic powers, felt compassion for the needy, healed the sick etc.
- 5. It is not only listening to preaching but engaging in discussion that helps the learning process. Asking questions clarifies the teaching.
- 6. If the disciples were to be effective in Jesus' service they needed to gain experience in doing ministry. They had observed Jesus preach, heal and drive out demons, now they would do it themselves. It was an apprenticeship model of training.
- After an intense season of ministry Jesus gave His disciples an
 opportunity to report their experiences and reflect in a relaxed
 environment away from the crowds.

| ing sap from the vine. According to Jesus analogy what is the secret to a fruit-bearing ministry? (John 15:4) |
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| Read Matthew 11:28-31. |
| 8. A farmer using two new bulls with a yoke over their backs will not get much useful labour out of them until they start work as a team. Initially the bulls will fight against each other until the weaker one submits to the stronger. Interestingly it is the lead bull that pulls a greater share of the burden. Christ often used farming analogies of His day. Jesus, in saying we are to take his yoke upon us, may well have meant He was prepared to be the lead bull and carry the heavier share of our burden. |
| Taking into account the preceding insight what does it mean to "come to Jesus"? |
| Why would taking His yoke upon us "cause us to find rest for the soul?" |
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7 A branch attached to the vine cannot produce any fruit without draw-

| 9. What encouragement can we glean from John 15:7? |
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| 10. What is the evidence of a true disciple? (John 15:8) |
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| Final Application |
| Becoming an effective disciple maker starts with being a genuine disciple. Like a branch on the vine, are you drawing from the spiritual strength Jesus provides? |
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| What practices have you placed in your life to ensure a close relationship with Jesus, for example: |
| Do you have a regular time of prayer and meditation on God 's word? |
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Relationships: Here the excuse was recent marriage. Deuteronomy 24:5 gave the provision that newly married men could be excused from battle for one year. "If a man has recently married, he must not be sent to war or have any other duty laid on him." However, this Old Testament command is by no means aimed at preventing the newly married couple from attending social events such as banquets.

- 3. The master was angered and made his invitation to a broader range of people. (Some of the religious leaders listening may have gathered Jesus was sharing the parable with them in mind; they had rejected Jesus as the Messiah yet the poor, uneducated, blind and lame would get invited to and attend the great banquet in heaven before they would.)
- 4. God would be disappointed, even angered but motivated to invite others.
- 5. Jesus indicates from Luke 12:15 that too often people feel they will find life in the abundance of possessions, but it is not true. So it doesn't make sense to put on hold the call to be a disciple for the sake of career or possessions.
- 6. There is no valid reason to not respond to His call of discipleship: He must be first even before family number 1 in our lives!
- 7. Jesus is suggesting that people should evaluate the cost of becoming a disciple.
- 8. To become Jesus' disciple I need to put Him first above all else. I need to die to my desires and live for His purpose; be willing to let go of anything and anyone and journey wherever He wants.

STUDY 2

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Leaders Notes

 The listeners were familiar with crucifixions and most would have seen those who were to be crucified carrying a large plank of wood on their backs, walking to their place of execution.

The cross spoke of death. Jesus' point was that the true follower must surrender his or her life; die to self to become His disciple.

2. Luke 14:1-24

There was a measure of humour in the answers to the first two questions. The crowd listening to Jesus may have laughed. No one would buy a field without inspecting it; no one would buy 5 yoke of oxen without first "trying them out" making sure they would work as a team.

Luke 14:18

Assets: The person was too busy building their asset base to respond to the invitation.

Luke 14:19

Ambition: The person was too busy building their business; ambitious to plough more fields with an increased number of oxen to produce more crops, bigger harvest and gain a greater financial return.

Luke 14:20

| Do you meet with other disciples of Jesus regularly and have an or honest relationship with them? |)ei |
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| Are you endeavouring to find Jesus' primary purposes; "His yoke" your life with a willingness to serve Him in that area? | 10 |
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Complete your small group time together by praying for one another based around the final application questions.

Study Notes:

STUDY 2

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Introduction

I was leading a small group Bible study on one occasion when a relatively new Christian stated that "Christianity is not as challenging as following Islam or Buddhism. As I pointed out to her, nothing could be further from the truth. More Christians die for their faith in Christ today than at any previous point in history. Some church goers have bought into consumer Christianity "It's all about me" Christianity. Yet when we examine Jesus' teaching about becoming a disciple we find something very different.

Opening Discussion Questions

If stranded on a desert island but allowed to take three things what would you take? (Excluding electronic devices such as your IPod, phone, laptop, excluding friends/people, it cannot include anything to get you off the island; there is no electricity on the island but you have food, drink, clothes and shelter).

What do you think it would have been like travelling on the road with Jesus as one of the twelve?

9. As a genuine disciple if you become intimate with Jesus, abiding and remaining in Him then your prayer life will truly come alive!

10. A true disciple bears much fruit.

STUDY 1

THE ESSENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Leaders notes

- 1. If you love Jesus you will be happy to obey His teaching.
- 2. Gardener: God, branches: disciples, true vine: Jesus.
- 3. They are cut off the vine and burned.
- 4. A disciple today may be pruned by trials, difficult circumstances, seasons needing patience etc...
- 5. To bear even more fruit.
- 6. Just as a grape vine reproduces more grapes, the most logical conclusion considering Jesus analogy is that a fruitful disciple reproduces more followers of Jesus. It could also include the character of Jesus, His qualities; the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 7. Drawing from the sustenance Jesus provides; His strength.
- 8. To come to Jesus, considering the context, means to shake off the yokes we may be bearing that others have put on us, or we ourselves have chosen to bear, and surrender to Jesus.

We will find rest for our souls carrying His yoke because it will be the right fit. The word "Easy" is translated from the Greek word "Chrestos" which means "well fitting". The concept is to stop fighting against Jesus' will and let Him take the lead and in so doing, discover rest. (William Barclay, Gospel of Matthew, Volume 2, page 19)

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Before Jesus challenged his followers about the cost of discipleship, He told the parable of the great banquet. At the time when Jesus told the parable, culturally in Palestine when a person arranged a feast, the day of the event was announced long beforehand, and the invitations were sent out and accepted; but the hour of commencement was not announced. When the day came and all things were ready, servants were sent out to summon the already invited guests. Bible commentator Leon Morris states of the Luke 14 passage that the story of a banquet emphasized the truth that people become disciples by responding to God's invitation. (Tyndale NT commentaries Luke Leon Morris page 255)

Read Luke 14:15-24

2. What was the basis of each person's excuse for not responding to the invitation?

| 1st person Luke 14:18 |
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| 2nd person Luke 14:19 |
| 3rd person Luke 14:20 |
| 3. How did the master of the house respond when he heard many had made excuses and would not be coming? (Luke 14:21) |
| 4. God calls many to believe in His Son Jesus and expects them to attend a great banquet in heaven in the future. How do you think He feels when many reject His invitation? |
| 5. The first two people in the parable of the banquet made excuses because they were busy building their asset base or ambitious to develop their business. From Jesus perspective, why is neither buying fields or trying out oxen valid reasons for not responding to God's call? (Luke 12:13-15) |
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Conclude your time together by praying against any demonic influence that may be coming against your church, your community, or you and your friends.

Study Notes:

| 5. Why would Jesus ask for some historical background regarding the boy's condition? (v21-22) | 6. The third person in the parable used his wife/family as the reason he could not respond to the master's call to the banquet. Does Jesus consider commitment to your family a valid reason to put on hold his ca for you to become His disciple? Why? (Luke 14:25-26) |
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| 6. How was Jesus able to discern what sort of spirit was oppressing the boy? (v25) | |
| | Leon Morris states of the above passage "Jesus' meaning is surely that the love the disciple has for Him must be so great that the best of earthly loves is hatred by comparison." (Tyndale NT commentaries Luke Leon Morri page 258) |
| 7. How did Jesus force the demonic power to leave? Can we do the same? (v25-26) | The Good News Version supports Morris' comments: "Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children." (Luke 14:26 Good News Version) |
| | Read Luke 14:28-33 |
| 8. How does prayer operate in connection with deliverance ministry? (v28-29) | 7. What is the primary point Jesus is making in the two short parables? |
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| Final Application | 8. Reflect again on Luke 14:27,33. If someone asked you to explain the meaning of these two verses what would you say? |
| Jesus' disciple Peter states, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith." (1 Peter 5:8-9) | |

Final Application

| Have you ever evaluated the cost of becoming a genuine disciple of Jesus? If you have done this, share with the group when you came to that point and what the journey was like. |
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| What would you find hardest to give up if Jesus expected it of you? |
| What aspect of your life would you least like Him to change? |
| In prayer as a group, take some time now to surrender your life to Jesus |
| afresh, seeking to put Him first in all things. *********************************** |
| Study Notes: |

Read Mark 9:14-29 1. Why are healing and deliverance sometimes linked? (Mark 9:17 & Matthew 12:22) 2. Why do you think Jesus became frustrated with His disciples? (v18-19) 3. Do you think He becomes frustrated with us for similar reasons? 4. What is "demonic manifestation" and how often do they occur in deliverance ministries? (v20)

STUDY 6

GELIVERANCE

Introduction

Jesus sent out his disciples with instructions to heal the sick, drive out demons and preach the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:1-2). Healing and deliverance ministry are often referred to as power encounters. There is a lot of preaching in our western church today but few power encounters. It is a missing component of Jesus' church growth strategy. We have already examined Jesus' healing ministry, let's look now at His deliverance ministry. Deliverance relates to removing demonic influence from somebody's life.

Opening Discussion Questions

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Has anyone had any experience in deliverance ministry such as praying for someone who may have had a demonic influence in their life? Describe your encounter.

THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

STUDY 3

JESUS' DISCIPLESHIP MODEL

Introduction

Almost all Western Bible Colleges prepare their students for the ministry with largely an academic model. However, in many Asian, African and Latin American countries where the church growth has often been very rapid numerous Evangelical Churches have adopted a more ministry driven model of training. Potential Pastors, Evangelists and church leaders are developed on the job, it is an apprenticeship model. This example is closer to the model of making disciples that Jesus demonstrated.

Opening Discussion Questions

If somebody asked you the question, "How did Jesus make disciples?" what would you say?

1. Jesus parting words to His followers before He ascended to heaven were, "Make disciples."

| Consider Matthew 28:19-20. |
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| Why do you think it was so important to Jesus that His believers make disciples? |
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| The next few references will explore Jesus' process of making disciples. |
| Read Mark 1:14-20 |
| 2. The passage describes the calling of Jesus' first disciples. How do people sense Jesus is calling them to be a disciple today? |
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| Survey Mark 2:1-2,13 |
| 3. What level of importance did Jesus place on teaching or preaching the word of God in the discipleship process? Why do you come to that conclusion? |
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| 4. Jesus called 12 people to be His disciples "that they might be with Him". (Mark.3:14) How is merely being with Jesus a learning |

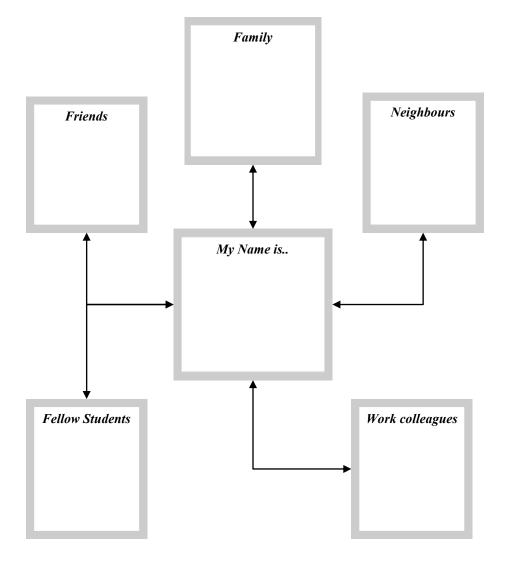
experience? Examine Mark 1:38-42.

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Study Notes:

Final Application

List a few of the family members, friends, neighbours, fellow students or work colleagues who have not yet come to salvation found in Jesus. See diagram below:



Read Mark 4:10

| 5. Clearly the disciples heard Jesus teach regularly; why did they need to engage in further discussion? |
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| Consider Mark 6:7,12-13 |
| 6. Jesus not only taught His disciples, but sent them out to do the very ministries He had been doing. Why was this important in their training process? |
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| Read Mark 6:30-31 |
| 7. What did Jesus expect of His disciples after an intense season of ministry? |
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| Jesus' pattern of making disciples included: | Read John 8:28 & 12:32-33. | | |
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| Calling (Mark 1:14-20) | How central in Jesus ' communication is His work on the cross? Explain | | |
| Teaching (Mark 2:1-2, 13) | your conclusion. | | |
| Modelling (Mark 1:38-42) | | | |
| Discussion (Mark 4:10) | | | |
| Sending (Mark 6:7, 12-13) | | | |
| Reporting (Mark 6:30) | 7. Examine John 3:16. What are the essential aspects of the Gospel that | | |
| Reflection (Mark 6:31) | Jesus conveys here? | | |
| Let's investigate how effective the process was. Sometime after Jesus had ascended to heaven, Peter preached on the day of Pentecost and 3,000 were saved and baptised. (Acts2:40-41) | | | |
| Inspect Acts 2:42-47 | | | |
| 8. The passage gives us a snap shot of what the early church looked like. Do you think Jesus' team had been effective at making disciples of the early church? Explain your conclusion. | 8. If somebody asked "How do I become a Christian"? What would you say? | | |
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| Final application | | | |
| How could you help implement Jesus' pattern of making disciples in your local church? | | | |
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| 4. What did Jesus do when He realised Nicodemus did not understand the term "born again"? (John 3:5-8) | Is there a new believer you could personally take through a series of one on one studies such as the Navigator booklets? (Ask one of your Pastors for further information concerning this.) |
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| Read John 3:13-15 & Numbers 21:8-9 5. In the process of helping Nicodemus understand salvation, why did Jesus quote the Old Testament? | Is there a ministry you are serving in that you could invite a new believer to serve alongside you? |
| What analogy was He making? | Would a new believer or backslidden Christian benefit from a small group Bible study you are a part of? |
| What insights could Jesus' approach here give us as to how we should communicate with the lost? | ************************************** |

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6. The phrase Jesus used "lifted up" is translated from the Greek verb "Hupsoun." He uses this same verb on two more occasions as recorded in John to refer to Himself being lifted up on the cross. (William

Barclay, The Gospel of John, Vol 1, page 125)

STUDY 4

HEALING

Introduction

A significant amount of Scripture is taken up describing Jesus' healing ministry. It is clearly an important part of Jesus' discipleship process. He wanted His disciples to see how He modelled healing and then sent them out to do the same. As Jesus' disciples today, we too need a solid knowledge of how Jesus conducted a healing ministry and a willingness to put it into practice.

Opening Discussion Questions

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| - | u personally experienced God's power, healing or other condition? If you have, share the experience | you | from |
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| 2. How would you describe Nicodemus 'attitude toward Jesus? (John 3:2) |
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| Generally speaking should we make it a priority to share the gospel with those unchurched that respect us, or those who have a negative attitude towards us? Why? |
| 3. Considering that Nicodemus was already a religious man, why did Jesus insist he must be born again? (John 3:3) |
| How important do you think it is to discern where the non-Christian is a in their spiritual journey as you share? Explain your answer. |
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STUDY 5

SALVATION

Introduction

Here the Bible gives us a fantastic insight of how Jesus' endeavoured to lead someone to faith in the Son of God. In studying Jesus conversational approach to evangelism we will find principles that relate to our modern day setting. Leading a person to salvation is at the very foundation of making disciples.

Opening Discussion Questions

| Take some time for twe salvation. | vo or three in the group to share how they came to |
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| Has anyone in the gro | up led somebody to Jesus? Share the experience. |
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Read John 3:1-16

1. What do we learn about Nicodemus from John 3:1,10?

Have you ever prayed for the sick and seen them healed? Describe the occasion. Read Luke 5:17-26 1. How central is the power of God to healing? Why? 2. Is there anything we can do to create an environment conducive to receiving the free flow of God's power to heal? Read Luke 5:20 & Mark 6:1-6 3. What role does human faith play in the healing process?

7. What is the significance of laying hands on people in the healing process?

8. Do you have friend, family, work mates or neighbours who are in need of healing? How can you show them the love and power of God?

| Final Application |
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| Does anyone need prayer for healing physically or emotionally now? |
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| Do you have a friend or family member who needs prayer for healing? |
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| Conclude your time together by praying for one another and the needs of your friends or family. |

Study Notes: