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# Senior Pastors' Word to the Cell Group Leaders

## Dear Leader,

*This is a tool that will help you consolidate new believers into the family of God as you lead them to follow the Lord Jesus as true disciples. The video series, "Your Arrival Kit" is designed to help new believers adjust to living in the Kingdom of God having been wonderfully delivered from the kingdom of darkness.*

*The lessons in this series are simple and down to earth, yet spiritually powerful for helping these new believers in Christ to cultivate Kingdom values. They will enable these precious ones in Christ to fully appropriate all the blessings of the Kingdom of God.*

*This leader's guide will teach you how to have personal time with the participants in a meaningful way. The questions given in the Word segment encourages open mutual sharing between the new believers and the leader. This way, their values are challenged both by the truths they learn from Scriptures, as well as seeing how these truths are being lived out in the life of the leader. We therefore encourage you to share openly and honestly your own experiences, including your victories and your failures.*

*A memory verse given each week will further reinforce the spiritual truths of each lesson.*

*Most importantly, as you take them through this material, you not only consolidate their faith and commitment to the Lord, but also model for them how they too can consolidate other new believers in the near future. Besides making disciples, you are beginning their training as disciple-makers.*

*May God give you success as you help your group members to live as citizens of God's Kingdom and as faithful disciples of Christ.*

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# Leading The Group

Leading this group will be one of the most rewarding activities you have ever taken on. Expect God to do great things! He will be there with you every week. Pray over every session. The video presentations are powerful, but you are the one who will make them personal and applicable to the people's lives.

“Your Arrival Kit” video series has 6 sessions. Each video presentation is around 20 to 25 minutes.

Each session is planned around 4 main segments:

WELCOME

## WELCOME (10 MIN)

Man to Man. Building Relationships. This is the time when people are connected at the beginning of the meeting.



## WORSHIP (15 MIN)

Man to God. Bonding Relationships. The group focuses on the Lord. This is a brief time to shift the focus from self or the problems of the day to what God wants to do.



## WORD (50 MIN)

God to Man. Working Out Relationships. The group focuses on a Bible topic and then ministers to one another.



## WORKS (15 MIN)

Man to Man. Establishing New Relationships. This is the time when the group focuses on reaching out to people who are not yet part of the group.

## PREPARATION

### 1. Group leading preparation.

- Preview the video and cell lesson plan for the week before leading the meeting and determine how you want to facilitate each session. Anticipate possible questions that may be asked.
- Know the content. Be aware of how God is using the materials to impact you and be prepared to share how these powerful principles transform you.
- Pray for God's power, presence and guidance for each session. Pray for each participant by name. Ask God to give you discernment on how to encourage each person in your group, regardless where they are in their spiritual development.

### 2. Meeting place.

- Arrange for a DVD player, a TV or LCD projector, sound system and/ or speaker(s) etc to be available. Ensure that they are in good working condition.
- Prepare extra participant's worksheets, icebreaker materials, blank papers and pens. Prepare light refreshments, if appropriate, to help people feel relaxed and comfortable.

## LEADING THE MEETING

### 1. Create a friendly learning environment.

Mutual respect is important. No put downs. It is permissible for the group to challenge ideas, but not each other. Let the participants feel free to answer and ask questions. There is no such thing as a stupid answer or question.

Don't force members who are not ready to share. During discussion, allow only one person to share at a time. Each participant's opinion is worthwhile, it deserves to be heard. Establish that all contributions are valid and welcomed.

### 2. Guide and steer the group.

Encourage open discussion. Use the questions written for each session. Affirm all opinions and answers. As a leader, practise active listening. Listen actively and effectively by clarifying and/or re-phrasing what was shared. Have good eye contact. Don't take sides during the discussion. Ask open-ended questions (questions that cannot be answered with a simple yes or no!) to facilitate discussion. Use questions like How? Why? What? Anything else to add? Any other views? Such questions allow a full range of answers, not necessarily one 'right' answer. Keep the session moving without rushing. Once there are several good answers, move on to the next question. Do not be sidetracked when a question is too complex.

### 3. Balance time management with sensitive group dynamics.

Cover the materials, but be flexible enough to deal with your group's needs as the Spirit leads you. Watch out for teachable moments when hearts are open to new insights and transformation.

### 4. Make an effort to encourage all to participate.

Do not be afraid of silence. Allow time for your group to think about questions raised. Allow free sharing. Help shy participants to find their voice without fear of getting it 'wrong'. Do not let one person dominate. Help everyone feel that his/her contribution is valuable to the group.

### 5. Be personable and responsive.

Know names! (Provide tags, if group is big). Keep a list of participants. Greet people by name; it makes a difference.

### 6. Build group chemistry.

Help people interact and get to know each other. Organise a fun time / outing together outside cell meeting time.

### 7. Try to summarise or paraphrase key points made during the discussion.

## Session Outline

# Session 1

## DEVELOPING A 20/20 SPIRITUAL VISION

*Just a reminder: Did you pray for this session? Did you preview the session DVD beforehand and plan for this session? Did you contact your participants to remind them of the meeting? Did you bring the DVD and check that the DVD player and speaker(s) are working? Are there sufficient pens, copies of Appendix 1 and worksheets for participants?*

### Objectives:

- Be able to list the three heavens of the kingdom of God.
- Develop a spiritual vision to see God in all the 3 heavens.

### WELCOME (10 MIN)

WELCOME

Welcome everyone warmly to the group. Begin with a round of introductions for the group participants to get acquainted with each other.

Play the following icebreaker:

### Seeing the Full Picture

Using the diagrams in the Appendix 1, get the group to describe what they are able to see. Try to help everyone see all the underlying images. If anyone is still unable to see the image; get them to share how they feel when others are able to do it.

- Answer: Duck/ Rabbit
- Answer: It is actually many concentric circles which appear to be spirals.

- Answer: It can be facing either left or right.
- Answer: They are all parallel lines.

### WORSHIP (15 MIN)

You may use the suggested songs below or select your own worship songs for this week.

- The Lord Reigns – C
- Majestic - C
- Still - C

Transition: Welcome to “Your Arrival Kit” Video Series. There are altogether 6 sessions. Today we begin with the first video on ‘Developing a 20/20 Spiritual Vision’. Let’s watch this video together.

### WORD (50 MIN)

- Distribute the worksheets.
- Ask participants to fill in the blanks in the worksheet(s) as they watch the video.
- Play Session 1 of the DVD- ‘Developing a 20/20 Spiritual Vision’.
- Allow 20-25 minutes for the video presentation. Make sure the volume is appropriate, and everyone has a good view of the screen.

### Watch for the Main Points

The unseen realities of the spiritual realm are no less real than the tangible things of the physical realm. As believers, we should develop the ability to see God and the supernatural in each of the three realms. To develop spiritual vision, we need to see God in

- physical creation (first heaven)- watch!;
- spiritual conflict (second heaven)- wage war! and

- intimate communion with God (third heaven)- worship!

While we live in the physical realm under the first heaven, we can have a third heaven experience (Luke 17:20-21). We can be connected with the third heaven through prayer. That’s why it is so important that we learn to pray. Through prayer, we enter into God’s presence and hear His voice. Through prayer, we bring the power of God to the people around us. Through prayer we also bring the power of God upon the power of darkness. Therefore, as we commune with God in prayer, we develop spiritual vision.

**When the video ends, help participants to complete the blanks on the worksheet(s). Review the content of the video briefly and launch into your discussion without delay. Use the following suggested questions. Be flexible depending on the specific need(s) of the group. Take the lead to share if no one is willing to but make it brief and concise so that others will have a chance to share their views.**

- Q1 State and describe the three heavens mentioned in the video.
- Q2 Why is it important for us to know the three heavens/spiritual realms?
- Q3 In the light of Luke 17:20-21, where is the kingdom of God presently? What does this mean for us as believers?
- Q4 Believers are the link between the first and third heavens (Luke 17:20-

21). Through our prayers, God can intervene supernaturally and miraculously to bless the people around us. Are you able to share some situations in which God had answered your prayers or the prayers of someone whom you know personally? Is there someone you know who needs you to bring God’s power and blessings to?

### Memory verse for this week

**Luke 17:20- 21** Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.” (NIV)

### WORKS (15 MIN)

Recognizing the power of prayer and the difference it can make in our lives and the lives of others, take 15 minutes to pray aloud as a group using the following format:

**Praise and Thanksgiving** (3 min)

**Pray for yourself and your family** (3 min)

**Pray for the church** (3 min)

**Pray for the 2 Senior Pastors and other pastors** (3 min)

**Pray for pre-believing friends and loved ones** (3 min)

Encourage the members to set aside regular time in the coming week for their daily devotional and also to make prayer, especially for their pre-believing friends and loved ones a priority.

# Session 2

## GETTING RID OF OLD CLOTHES

*Just a reminder: Did you pray for this session? Did you preview the session DVD beforehand and plan for this session? Did you contact your participants to remind them of the meeting? Did you bring the DVD and check that the DVD player and speaker(s) are working? Are there sufficient pens, blank papers and worksheets for participants?*

### Objectives:

- Be able to recognise the difference in worldly and kingdom values and habits.
- Learn from Jesus' example how to overcome the three main worldly values of the world and have victory over them.

### WELCOME (10 MIN)

WELCOME

Welcome everyone to the session. Have a round of introduction to help the newcomer(s) to know the rest of the group.

Ask participants if they were able to apply what they have learnt from the previous session. Note and affirm any praise items shared.

Introduce the following icebreaker:

### Material Possessions

Hand a blank piece of paper to everyone. Ask everyone to draw a picture of their most expensive and prized material

possession. Collect the drawings. Next, pose this question to the group 'If you are caught in a situation that you have only one minute to evacuate your family and possessions from your home to safety; will the item you have drawn be one the most important thing you will bring along?' Steer the group to recognize that the enjoyment of our earthly possessions is only temporal but what is important are the treasures we store up in heaven. Now, as you begin to tear up the papers; ask them to imagine that if that item they had just drawn is now stolen or destroyed, how will they feel now? Do they still have strong attachments to it?

### WORSHIP ( 15 MIN )



You may use the suggested songs below or select your own worship songs for this week.

- Great in Power – C
- Hear Our Praises – C
- Divine Exchange - C

Transition: Let's watch this week's video, 'Getting Rid of Old clothes'.

### WORD (50 MIN)



- Distribute the worksheets.
- Ask participants to fill in the blanks in the worksheet(s) as they watch the video.
- Play Session 2 of the DVD – 'Getting Rid of Old Clothes'.
- Allow 20-25 minutes for the video presentation. Make sure the volume is sufficient, and everyone has a good view of the screen.

### Watch for the Main Points:

Now that we are no longer part of Satan's kingdom but belong to God's Kingdom, we need to get rid of the wrong values that Satan and the world have programmed into us during our pre- Christian days. We need to replace these with new values which please God. Believers often carry over the three values from Satan's kingdom; namely, seeking personal security in man's possession rather than God's promises; seeking personal significance in man's popularity rather than God's pronouncement of who we are; and seeking personal success through human plan rather than God's purpose.

Jesus offered us an example to follow. He was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) but He did not fall for Satan's temptation in all these three areas.

**When the video ends, help participants to complete the blanks on the worksheet(s). Review the content of the video briefly and launch into your discussion without delay. Use the following suggested questions. Be flexible depending on the specific need(s) of the group. Take the lead to share if no one is willing to but make it brief and concise so that others will have a chance to share their views.**

Q1 According to Matthew 4: 1- 11, in which three areas did Satan tempt Jesus?

Q2 Why did God allow Jesus to be tempted? (Suggested answers:

show that He is human and yet can overcome sin; show us that temptation is not a sin until you give in; so we can learn from Jesus how to overcome temptations; give us an example to follow; give Jesus opportunity to reaffirm God's plan for His ministry etc)

Q3 What are some areas Satan tempts believers today? (Suggested answers: area of real or felt needs; instill doubts in our hearts about God's love, power, faithfulness etc; accuse us that we are not good enough to be Christians, so we give up and go back to our old ways... etc)

Q4 Out of the three areas of temptation mentioned in Matthew 4, which is the one area you are still vulnerable to and has sometimes caused you to do questionable things? Share with group so that they can pray for you.

Q5 What are some things you can do to achieve personal success according to God's ways?

### Memory verse for this week

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (NIV)

**Review memory verse: Luke 17:20-21.**

### WORKS (15 MIN)



An area that many feel hardest to let go is usually their finances. Encourage the group to tithe faithfully (i.e. giving 10% of their gross income to God). This

is a command of God (Malachi 3:8). If anyone is not tithing or not doing it regularly, this may be a sign that finance is a problem or may be in danger of becoming an idol in that person's life.

Allow one or two testimonies of God's faithfulness and end the time praying for those with a problem of trusting God completely with their finances. Encourage those who have not tithed before to begin this coming week.

Conclude by suggesting for the group to do a 'spring-cleaning'. Find the opportunity to pool together unwanted items and donate it to a needy family or welfare service agency that you know of.

### Encounter Weekend

Encourage your members to invite their friends who received Christ during the celebration services or in the cell group to attend the next Men or Women Encounter Weekend. This will provide the best opportunity for them to grow in their faith, to find answers to questions they have and to build a closer relationship and stronger walk with God.

Take a few minutes to pray for these new converts; asking God to do a deep work, to set his people free and to align them to His highest calling and plans. Pray also for those teaching, ministering and helping at the encounter weekends.

## Session 3

### FITTING INTO GOD'S COMMUNITY

*Just a reminder: Did you pray for this session? Did you preview the session DVD beforehand and plan for this session? Did you contact your participants to remind them of the meeting? Did you bring the DVD and check that the DVD player and speaker(s) are working? Are there sufficient pens, blank papers and worksheets for participants?*

#### Objectives:

- Be able to explain the importance of living in God's community/ family.
- Be able to state the three truths that will help us to fit into God's community.

#### WELCOME (10 MIN)

Welcome everyone to the session. Have a round of introduction to help the newcomer(s) to know the rest of the group.

WELCOME

Ask participants if they were able to apply what they have learnt from the previous session(s). Note and affirm any praise items shared.

Introduce the following icebreaker:

#### Affirmation & Appreciation

Sit the group in a circle. Hand out a piece of blank paper to everyone. Get them to write their names at the top of the paper. Get everyone to pass the paper to the right and write a compliment or something they appreciate of the

person whose name is on the paper. When the paper finally reaches the person to their left, get that person to finishing writing and then read out what was written for their neighbour before handing the paper back to its owner.

#### WORSHIP (15 MIN)

You may use the suggested songs below or select your own worship songs for this week.

- My Life is In You – G
- When I Look into Your Holiness – C
- Draw Me Close – A

Transition: Let's allow God to speak to us through His word. Let's watch this week's video on 'Fitting Into God's Community'.

#### WORD (50 MIN)

- Distribute the worksheets.
- Ask participants to fill in the blanks in the worksheet(s) as they watch the video.
- Play Session 3 of the DVD – 'Fitting Into God's Community'.
- Allow 20-25 minutes for the video presentation. Make sure the volume is sufficient, and everyone has a good view of the screen.

#### Watch for the Main Points:

God does not intend for Christians to be Lone Rangers. Instead, we are born into God's family and become part of a new dynamic community. As members of this community, we have three new roles and responsibilities. 1. We are a family, we belong! (Ephesians 2:19). We belong because we are the children of God. We do not belong because we have got our act together. We all belong

to God's family because Jesus has died for our sins and we have been born again into the family of God. Therefore make every effort to be in a cell group community. God's children are also His servants. 2. We are ministers of the gospel of Christ, we build/edify! (Eph 2:22; 4:11,12). Therefore, when we go to church service and/or cell group, we go with the view of building up/edifying other members of this community. 3. We are administrators/stewards, we bless! (1 Corinthians 4:1-2). We bless others in the community with the resources entrusted to us by God. As stewards, we do not own anything since everything we have belongs to God, and is merely entrusted to us by Him.

**When the video ends, help participants to complete the blanks on the worksheet(s). Review the content of the video briefly and launch into your discussion without delay. Use the following suggested questions. Be flexible depending on the specific need(s) of the group. Take the lead to share if no one is willing to but make it brief and concise so that others will have a chance to share their views.**

Q1 What do the three Greek words, "oikos"; "oikodomeo" and "oikonomos" mean? What do they teach us about our relationship with other members of God's family?

Q2 How has being in cell group helped you to feel you belong in our church? What else can we do to further strengthen relationships in the cell?

Q3 Ephesians 4:11-12 teaches that all believers are ministers, and we are to be equipped to serve so that the body of Christ may be built up. What can you do in the cell or church to build up other people this week? Be specific.

Q4 What good resources (energy, time, money, talents, house, family, car... etc) has the Lord entrusted you with? Is there someone or a family you know who might need some of these resources? How do you plan to bless this person or family?

Q5 Take this opportunity to teach or emphasize the verse, 1 Corinthians 14:26. This verse implies that every time we go to a cell meeting, God has a spiritual gift to release through each one in the group for the building up of the other members.

**FOR NEXT WEEK: Cell leader, encourage all members to spend time in prayer before the next cell meeting. Instruct them to ask God what He wants them to do to edify the group. Tell them to determine in their hearts to release words from the Lord or to exercise other spiritual gifts to build up the other members and to act upon what the Lord shows them by faith next week.**

### Memory verse for this week

**Ephesians 2:19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. (NIV)

**Review memory verses: Luke 17:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17.**

### WORKS (15 MIN)

Read aloud John 13:1-5, 12-17 and re-enact the foot-washing scene by washing your members' feet. After you have washed a person's feet, pray a blessing on him. End by praying that God will choose everyone and give them the opportunity to build others up and will grant them the grace to carry out what He has laid upon their hearts.

If the meeting place makes it inconvenient to carry out this action, use another action that will vividly symbolize servanthood. For example, you can make or buy cookies, serve a drink/dessert, write an appreciation note, etc. It is important to leave a strong visual picture or actual item to reinforce the message of cultivating an attitude of servanthood.

Next, discuss and share how they can sow seeds of kindness to bless those at their workplaces or schools this week. Ask members to send an email or text message to one another for encouragement once they have the opportunity to do so.



## Session 4

### TAPPING INTO THE POWER SOURCE

*Just a reminder: Did you pray for this session? Did you preview the session DVD beforehand and plan for this session? Did you contact your participants to remind them of the meeting? Did you bring the DVD and check that the DVD player and speaker(s) are working? Did you bring a wine glass and cup for the icebreaker? Are there sufficient pens and worksheets for participants?*

#### Objectives:

- Be able to state the three main truths about the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit for empowerment in members' personal walk and ministry.

### WELCOME (10 MIN)

Welcome everyone to the session. Pay attention to newcomers and help them to feel at ease with the group.

Ask participants if they were able to apply what they have learnt from the previous session(s). Note and affirm any praise items shared.

Play the following icebreaker:

#### Filling to Overflow

Prepare a clear wine glass and fill it up but not to the brim, with water. Prepare a smaller cup and half fill it with water. Place these 2 items at the centre of the group. Instruct the group that each person will take turns to add any amount of water into the glass from the cup. This

will proceed until someone causes the water from the glass to overflow. End off with a time of encouraging those who approach this cautiously as well as those who are open to take risks.

### WORSHIP (15 MIN)

You may use the suggested songs below or select your own worship songs for this week

- The Lord Reigns – C
- As The Deer – D
- The Heart of Worship – D

Transition: God has promised to fill us with the Holy Spirit in order to empower us for service (Acts 1:8). Therefore it does not make sense to resist being filled, when others will be blessed as we overflow with the filling of the Holy Spirit. Let's open our hearts to the message shared in this video - 'Tapping into the Power Source'.

### WORD (50 MIN)

- Distribute the worksheets.
- Ask participants to fill in the blanks in the worksheet(s) as they watch the video.
- Play Session 4 of the DVD - 'Tapping into the Power Source'.
- Allow 20-25 minutes for the video presentation. Make sure the volume is sufficient, and that everyone has a good view of the screen.

#### Watch for the Main Points:

While the Holy Spirit is in every believer (Romans 8:9), not all of us know Him in an intimate way. Knowing the following three truths about the Holy Spirit will help us relate more intimately with Him: 1. The Holy Spirit is a Person. He is referred to as a Counselor and in a masculine gender, not neuter (John



14:16; John 16:13); 2. The Holy Spirit is the LORD God Almighty. He is the third Person in the Trinity. He is fully God. (Acts 10:38; Hebrews 9:14); 3. The Holy Spirit is the LORD in the now. Jesus lives in us now in the person of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-18). We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to lead a victorious Christian life and to minister to others in His power. The filling of the Holy Spirit is often a powerful experience that comes through the laying on of hands by Spirit-filled believers (Acts 9:17), and is usually accompanied by speaking in tongues (Acts 19:6).

**When the video ends, help participants to complete the blanks on the worksheet(s). Review the content of the video briefly and launch into your discussion without delay. Use the following suggested questions. Be flexible depending on the specific need(s) of the group. Take the lead to share if no one is willing to but make it brief and concise so that others will have a chance to share their views.**

Q1 What three truths about the Holy Spirit help us relate more intimately with Him? How does knowing these truths help us relate more intimately with Him?

Q2 Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:17-21; 38-39. What promise did Jesus give to His disciples? Does this promise apply to us today? Why?

Q3 Have you ever been baptised in the Holy Spirit? If so, share about your experience with the group. Did it make any difference in your life after being baptised in the Holy Spirit? Currently, are you maintaining an intimate relationship with Him? If not, what plans do you have to build greater intimacy with Him?

Q4 For those who have never experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit before, do you wish to experience it right now?

**[Cell leader, read John 7:37-39 to group. Ask those members who are interested to prepare themselves in these three ways: 1. Thirst (earnestly desire); 2. Come (earnestly ask God for it) and 3. Drink (by faith receive it). Encourage members who have already been baptised in the Holy Spirit to pray in tongues with you as you pray for those who want to be baptised in the Holy Spirit and released in tongues. Ask the older believers in the group to help you to pray if necessary. At the end of ministry, give the Holy Spirit a standing ovation for what He has done for your group.]**

#### Memory verse for this week

**John 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever -- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (NIV)

**Review memory verses: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:19**

#### WORKS (15 MIN)



The outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the impartation of His spiritual gifts are to empower us to be a blessing to our family members, colleagues, neighbours and to our pre-believing contacts. As we learn to wait upon the Holy Spirit and receive His prompting, let us make it a priority this week to act in obedience to His prompting and act out in faith to what He leads us to do.

A good opportunity for members to be equipped for ministry is to attend either the School of Leaders Level 2 (SOL2) training on intercession, evangelism and consolidation or Spiritual Warfare Weekend (SWW) training. Encourage those who have not attended these courses to sign-up together for the next available class.

## Session 5

### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

*Just a reminder: Did you pray for this session? Did you preview the session DVD beforehand and plan for this session? Did you contact your participants to remind them of the meeting? Did you bring the DVD and check that the DVD player and speaker(s) are working? Are there sufficient pens, copies of Appendix 2 and worksheets for participants?*

#### Objectives:

- Be able to explain the importance of building intimacy with the Lord.
- Be able to list the three ways to cultivate intimacy with the Lord.

#### WELCOME (10 MIN)

WELCOME

Welcome everyone to the session. If there are newcomers, warmly welcome them and have another round of introduction to help newcomer(s) know the rest.

Ask participants if they were able to apply what they have learnt from the previous session(s). Note and affirm any praise items shared.

Introduce the following icebreaker:

#### Time Check

Give each person some time to fill up the form that is printed in Appendix 2 (Time Spent On Various Activities). They can give their best estimate based on a weekly basis. When everyone has completed the form, get them to reflect and comment on what



they have discovered about the amount of time they have spent on the various activities. Encourage them to share any areas they will like to work on.

### WORSHIP (15 MIN)



You may use the suggested songs below or select your own worship songs for this week

- a. Jesus Christ is Lord – G
- b. Be Exalted – G
- c. Draw Me Close – A.

Transition: That's great worship. We can all sense a very strong presence of God. Let's watch this week's video on 'Drawing Near to God' and allow Him to speak to us.

### WORD (50 MIN)



- Distribute the worksheets.
- Ask participants to fill in the blanks in the worksheet(s) as they watch the video.
- Play Session 5 of the DVD – 'Drawing Near to God' .
- Allow 20-25 minutes for the video presentation. Make sure the volume is sufficient, and that everyone has a good view of the screen.

### Watch for the Main Points:

Drawing near to God is the heart of Kingdom living. By drawing near to God, we grow in our knowledge of Him and receive from Him instructions for service. From John 15:1-11, we can learn how to cultivate intimacy with God through the following three ways: 1. Dwell in the presence of God – come

to Him ( John 15: 1-4, NIV) Jesus wants us to spend time with Him, talking with Him and pouring our hearts out to Him, listening to Him and receiving His love and power. Therefore we need to set aside devotional time daily for this special appointment with the Almighty God. 2. Deepen our lives in God – commit our lives to Him. (John 15:5-8, NKJV). God wants us to abide deeply in Him so that we may bear much fruit (Galatians 5:22- 23). God wants us to deepen our lives in Him until His life flows out from us. We draw close to the Lord by allowing Him to transform us through His word (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV). 3. Delight in the person of God – celebrate Him (John 15: 9-11). Celebration is at the heart of the way of Christ. Therefore, to draw near to God is to celebrate Him; to enjoy Him and to allow His joy to fill our hearts. We will experience this joy of fellowshiping with God when we cultivate a lifestyle of obedience to Him (John 14:21).

**When the video ends, help participants to complete the blanks on the worksheet(s). Review the content of the video briefly and launch into your discussion without delay. Use the following suggested questions. Be flexible depending on the specific need(s) of the group. Take the lead to share if no one is willing to but make it brief and concise so that others will have a chance to share their views.**

Read John 15:1- 11.

Q1 Drawing near to God is the heart of Kingdom living. From this passage, how can we draw close to God?

Q2 Even Jesus in His earthly ministry spent much time with God in prayer. Why is it important for us to develop intimacy with God?

Q3 Out of the three ways to draw close to God mentioned by Pastor, what difficulties did you face and which area do you need to put into practice urgently?

Q4 For those who are not having regular devotional time with God, share with one another the changes you need to make in order to have daily devotional time. **[Cell Leader, this will be a good time to work together and be accountable to one another for greater consistency. Pair up members to meet for devotional time on Saturday or Sunday mornings. This is one way to help each other become more consistent.]**

### Memory verse for this week

**John 15: 10-11** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (NKJV)

**Review memory verses: Ephesians 2:19; John 14:16-17**

### WORKS (15 MIN )



Encourage the members to continue spending time communing with the Lord this coming week. Ask them to find opportunities to put into practice what they have learnt or heard from the Lord each day. Challenge everyone to encourage at least one person this week based on what they have learnt during their time with God.

Pray also for divine opportunities to invite prebelieving friends or relatives to our church services and cell meetings. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself and draw our guests to Him at these services/cell meetings.

# Session 6

## THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF LIVING

*Just a reminder: Did you pray for this session? Did you preview the session DVD beforehand and plan for this session? Did you contact your participants to remind them of the meeting? Did you bring the DVD and check that the DVD player and speaker(s) are working? Are there sufficient pens and worksheets for participants?*

### Objectives:

- Be able to state the Great Commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Be able to list three main reasons why we must make evangelism a top priority in our lives.

### WELCOME (10 MIN)

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Welcome everyone to the session. Affirm them for their active participation in the past weeks.

Ask participants if they were able to apply what they have learnt from the previous session(s). Note and affirm any praise items shared.

Introduce the following icebreaker:

### My Life Story

Share with each other the reason they became Christians. Ask them to imagine what they would be like if they had remained as unbelievers.

End with a time of thanksgiving and

praise for God's grace and mercy in their lives.

### WORSHIP (15 MIN)

You may use the suggested songs below or select your own worship songs for this week

- My Life is in You – G
- Great is His Love – G
- Through It All - G

Transition: Praise God. That was wonderful worship. Let's watch this week's video on 'The Ultimate Purpose of Living'.

### WORD (50 MIN)

- Distribute the worksheets.
- Ask participants to fill in the blanks in the worksheet(s) as they watch the video.
- Play Session 6 of the DVD – 'The Ultimate Purpose of Living'.
- Allow 20-25 minutes for the video presentation. Make sure the volume is sufficient, and that everyone has a good view of the screen.

### Watch for the Main Points:

Jesus Christ has given the church the Great Commission/ Mandate to make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:19-20). There are three reasons why we must make evangelism a top priority in our lives. Firstly, all men are lost without Jesus (Acts 4:12). This is true even for religious men or men who do good works. Secondly, God wants all men to be saved (Acts 1:8). He wants even the worst sinners to repent and be saved (2 Peter 3:9). Thirdly, man is God's only method of evangelism; He has chosen to do it through us rather

than through angels. Therefore be committed to making evangelism a lifestyle, and pray persistently for the salvation of unbelievers.

**When the video ends, help participants to complete the blanks on the worksheet(s). Review the content of the video briefly and launch into your discussion without delay. Use the following suggested questions. Be flexible depending on the specific need(s) of the group. Take the lead to share if no one is willing to but make it brief and concise so that others will have a chance to share their views.**

Q1 What is evangelism? Why should believers be actively involved in evangelism?

Q2 Can you list and elaborate on some key verses that talk about the importance of evangelism? Are you personally convinced and convicted of the importance of evangelism? Why?

Q3 What difficulties do you face in making evangelism a lifestyle? What would help you to make evangelism a lifestyle?

### Memory verse for this week

**Matthew 28:19- 20** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

**Review memory verses: John 14:16-17; John 15:10-11**

### WORKS (15 MIN)

Are there some pre-believing friends or loved ones whose salvation the cell group is especially concerned for? How can the group come together to pray and help to bring them closer to accept the Lord Jesus in their lives?

Share the evangelism plans the group can embark on to start building contacts with them. If there is an opportunity, encourage them to share their personal testimony or the John 3:16 presentation with a pre-believer this week.

# Session 1

## DEVELOPING 20/20 SPIRITUAL VISION

### VIDEO PRESENTATION

**Colossians 1:13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves... (NIV)

**Luke 17:20, 21** Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."(NIV)

***"Vision is the ability to see what is invisible to others."***

**2 Corinthians 4:18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**To develop spiritual vision, you need to see God through three levels of heavens.**

**1. We see God through \_\_\_\_\_ ( the first heaven ) - \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Isaiah 55:10** As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater... (NIV)

**Psalms 19:1-2** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. (NIV)

**Romans 1:20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities -- his eternal power and divine nature -- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (NIV)

***We can see the invisible through the visible.***

**2. We can see God through \_\_\_\_\_ ( the second heaven ) - \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Revelation 12:7** And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (NKJV)

**Luke 10:17-20** The seventy two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (NIV)

**3. We see God through \_\_\_\_\_ ( the third heaven ) - \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**James 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:18, 19a** I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe... (NIV)

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Q1 State and describe the three heavens mentioned in the video.

Q2 Why is it important for us to know the three heavens/spiritual realms?

Q3 In the light of Luke 17:20-21, where is the kingdom of God presently? What does this mean for us as believers?

Q4 Believers are the link between the first and third heavens (Luke 17:20-21). Through our prayers, God can intervene supernaturally and miraculously to bless the people around us. Are you able to share some situations in which God had answered your prayers or the prayers of someone whom you know personally? Is there someone you know who needs you to bring God's power and blessings to?

### ASSIGNMENT : MEMORY VERSE # 1

**Luke 17:20- 21** Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."(NIV)

## Session 2

### GETTING RID OF OLD CLOTHES

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (NIV)

**Matthew 4:1-11** – Jesus was tempted in the wilderness.

**We need to get rid of three old values.**

1. We seek \_\_\_\_\_ rather than in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4:2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry (NIV).

**Matthew 4:4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (NIV).

#### Story of Sheila Walsh

2. We seek \_\_\_\_\_ rather than in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4:5-6** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (NIV)

**Psalms 91: 11-12** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (NIV)

#### Extracted from "Feeling Good" by David Burns

"Let's consider your belief that it would be terrible if someone disapproved of you. Why does disapproval pose such a threat? Perhaps your reasoning goes like this: "If one person disapproves of me, it means that everyone would disapprove of me. It would mean there was something wrong with me." . . . The price you pay for your addiction to praise will be an extreme vulnerability to the opinions of others. Like any addict, you will find you must continue to feed your habit with approval

in order to avoid withdrawal pangs. The moment someone who is important to you expresses disapproval, you will crash painfully, just like the junkie who can no longer get his "stuff". Others will be able to use this vulnerability to manipulate you. You will have to give in to their demands more often than you want to because you fear they might reject or look down on you. You set yourself up for emotional blackmail".

**Matthew 4:7** Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (NIV)

3. We seek \_\_\_\_\_ rather than through God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 4: 8-9** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." (NIV)

**Matthew 4:10,11** Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" "Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (NIV)

#### GROUP DISCUSSION

Q1. According to Matthew 4:1-11, in which areas did Satan tempt Jesus?

Q2. Why did God allow Jesus to be tempted?

Q3. What are some areas Satan tempts believers in today?

Q4. Out of the three areas of temptation mentioned in Matthew 4, which is the one area you are still vulnerable to and has sometimes caused you to do questionable things? Share with the group so that they can pray for you.

Q5. What are some things you can do to achieve personal success according to God's ways?

#### ASSIGNMENT : MEMORY VERSE # 2

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (NIV)

**Review memory verse: Luke 17:20-21**

## Session 3

### FITTING INTO GOD'S COMMUNITY

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

#### Three keys to dynamic community living.

Three Greek words, oikos, oikodomeo, oikonomos

#### 1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ – We \_\_\_\_\_!

*Oikos – household*

**Ephesians 2:19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household... (oikos)(NIV)

**Ephesians 2:14-17** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh in the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. (NIV)

We belong to the family of God by spiritual rebirth through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Poem entitled "A People Place" by William J Crockett

*If this is not a place where tears are understood,*

*Then where shall I go to cry?*

*And if this is not a place where my spirit can take wings,*

*Then where shall I go to fly?*

*I don't need another place for tryin' to impress you*

*With just how good and virtuous I am, no, no, no*

*I don't need another place for always being on top of things.*

*Everybody knows that it's a sham, it's a sham.*

*I don't need another place for always wearin' smiles*

*Even when it's not the way I feel.*

*I don't need another place to mouth the same old platitudes*

*Everybody knows that it's not real.*

*So if this is not a place where my questions can be asked,*

*Then where shall I go to seek?*

*And if this is not a place where my heart cry can be heard,*

*Where, tell me where, shall I go to speak?*

*So if this is not a place where tears are understood,*

*Where shall I go, where shall I go to fly?*

#### 2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel of Jesus Christ . We \_\_\_\_\_!

*Oikodomeo – to build*

**Ephesians 2:22** And in Him you too are being built together (oikodomeo) to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." (NIV)

**Ephesians 4:11,12** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (NIV)

**Bud Wilkinson**, a famous American football coach, was once asked, "What contribution does professional sports make to the physical fitness of Americans?" To everyone's surprise, he answered, "Very little. A professional football game is an event in which fifty thousand spectators desperately needing exercise, sit in the stands watching twenty two men on the field, desperately needing rest."

**1 Corinthians 14:26** What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. (NIV)

Take me to a church that will challenge me to attempt the impossible.

– **Albert Rubinstein**

As you serve, we grow and our needs are met.

#### 3. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of God. We \_\_\_\_\_!

*Oikonomos – Administrator or steward*

**Luke 12:42** And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?" (NKJV)

**1 Corinthians 4:1,2** Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. (NKJV)

All that we have belong to the Lord. We have unlimited resources to serve others.

**2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. (NKJV)

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Q1 What do the three Greek words, “oikos”; “oikodomeo” and “oikonomos” mean? What do they teach us about our relationship with other members of God’s family?
- Q2 How has being in the cell group helped you to feel you belong in our church? What else can we do to further strengthen relationships in the cell?
- Q3 Ephesians 4:11-12 teaches that all believers are ministers, and we are to be equipped to serve so that the body of Christ may be built up. What can you do in the cell or church to build up other people this week? Be specific.
- Q4 What good resources (energy, time, money, talents, house, family, car... etc) has the Lord entrusted you with? Is there someone or a family you know who might need some of these resources? How do you plan to bless this person or family?
- Q5 FOR NEXT WEEK: Spend time in prayer before the next cell meeting. Ask God what He wants you to do to edify the group. Determine in your heart to release words from the Lord or to exercise other spiritual gifts to build up the other members. Act upon what the Lord shows you by faith next week.

### ASSIGNMENT : MEMORY VERSE # 3

**Ephesians 2:19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household. (NIV)

Review memory verses: **Luke 17:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

### Participant's Worksheet

## Session 4

### TAPPING INTO THE POWER SOURCE

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

#### Extracted from “The Divine Conquest” by A W Tozer

In neglecting or denying the deity of Christ, the liberals have committed a tragic blunder, for it leaves them nothing but an imperfect Christ whose death was a mere martyrdom and whose resurrection is a myth. They who follow a merely human Savior follow no Savior at all, but an ideal only, and one furthermore that can do no more than mock their weaknesses and sins . . . But however culpable the act of the Liberal in denying the Godhood of Christ, we who pride ourselves on our orthodoxy must not allow our indignation to blind us to our own shortcomings. Certainly this is no time for self-congratulations, for we too have in recent years committed a costly blunder in religion, a blunder paralleling closely that of the liberal. Our blunder (or shall we frankly say our sin?) has been to neglect the doctrine of the Spirit to a point where we virtually deny Him His place in the Godhead. This denial has not been by open doctrinal statement, for we have clung closed enough to the Biblical position wherever our credal pronouncements are concerned. Our normal creed is sound; the breakdown is in our working creed. . . Our neglect of the doctrine of the blessed Third Person has had and is having serious consequences. The doctrine of the Spirit is buried dynamite. Its power awaits discovery and use by the church. The power of the Spirit will not be given to any mincing assent to pneumatological truth. The Holy Spirit cares not at all whether we write Him into our credenda in the back of our hymnals; He waits for our emphasis. When the Holy Spirit ceases to be incidental and again becomes fundamental the power of the Spirit will be asserted once more among the people called Christians.”

#### Three truths about the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever (NIV)

**John 16:13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (NIV)

2. The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear O Israel. The Lord, your God is One God.”

**John 1 :1-3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. (NIV)

**Psalms 104:30** When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (NIV)

**Job 33:4** The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (NIV)

**Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (NIV)

**Hebrews 9:14** How much more, then will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! (NIV)

**Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? (NIV)

**Acts 13:2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (NIV)

**Acts 15:28** It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: (NIV)

**2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.(NIV)

### 3. The Holy Spirit is the Lord God \_\_\_\_\_!

**John 14:16-18** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever -- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (NIV)

## GROUP DISCUSSION

- Q1 What three truths about the Holy Spirit help us relate more intimately with Him? How does knowing these truths help us relate more intimately with Him?
- Q2 Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:17-21; 38-39. What promise did Jesus give to his disciples? Does this promise apply to us today? Why?
- Q3 Have you ever been baptised in the Holy Spirit? If so, share about your experience with the group. Did it make any difference in your life after being baptised in the Holy Spirit? Currently, are you maintaining an intimate relationship with Him? If not, what plans do you have to build greater intimacy with Him?
- Q4. For those who have never experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit before, do you wish to experience it right now?

## ASSIGNMENT : MEMORY VERSE # 4

**John 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever -- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (NIV)

**Review memory verses: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:19**

## Session 5

### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

#### How to cultivate intimacy with the Lord?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of God – \_\_\_\_\_ to Him!

**John 15: 4** “Abide in me, and I will abide in you.” “Dwell in me, and I will dwell in you.” (NIV)

**John 15:4** “Make your home in me as I make mine in you” (Jerusalem Bible)

#### Extracted from “Prayer: Finding the Heart’s True Home” by Richard Foster

“The home of God is one of intimacy, acceptance and affirmation. He invites us to the living room of His heart where we can put on our old slippers and share freely. He invites us to the friendship of His kitchen for chats. He invites us to the dining room of His strength where we can feast to our hearts delight. He invites us into the study of His wisdom where we can grow and learn and ask all the questions we want. He invites us to the workshop of His creativity where we can co-labor with Him working to determine the outcome of events. He invites us to the bedroom of His rest where new peace is found, where we can be naked, vulnerable and free. It is also the place of deepest intimacy where we know and are known to the fullest. The key to the home of God is prayer.”

**Psalm 23:6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever. (NKJV)

**Psalm 27:4** One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. (NKJV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ our life in God – \_\_\_\_\_ our lives to Him!

**John 15:5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing”. (NKJV)

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (NKJV)

**2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJV)

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NKJV)

#### *The Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier:*

*I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
He made me weak that I might obey.  
I asked for health that I might do great things;  
He gave me grace that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
He gave me poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
He gave me weakness that I might feel a need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
He gave me life that I might enjoy all things.  
I received nothing I had asked for;  
He gave me all that I had hoped for.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the person of God – \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

**John 15:11** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (NKJV)

**Nehemiah 8:10** for the joy of the LORD is your strength. (NIV)

**John 15: 10-11** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (NKJV)

#### GROUP DISCUSSION

Q1 Drawing near to God is the heart of Kingdom living. From this passage, how can we draw close to God?

Q2 Even Jesus in His earthly ministry spent much time with God in prayer. Why is it important for us to develop intimacy with God?

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Q4 For those who are not having regular devotional time with God, share with one another the changes you need to make in order to have daily devotional time.

#### ASSIGNMENT : MEMORY VERSE # 5

**John 15: 10-11** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." (NKJV)

**Review memory verses: Ephesians 2:19; John 14:16-17**

#### Participant's Worksheet

## Session 6

### THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF LIVING

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

**Why God does not take us back to heaven after we received Christ.**

#### Mandate of Jesus Christ – The Great Commission

**Matthew 28:19-20** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."(NIV)

**Three reasons why evangelism must be the ultimate priority and purpose of our lives.**

**Acts 10:1-48** Story of Cornelius

1. All men are \_\_\_\_\_ without the gospel ( Acts 10:1,2 ).

**Acts 11:13** He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved'. (NIV)

**Acts 4:12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. (NIV)

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (NIV)

2. God wants all men to be \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 10:9-43)

**Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". (NIV)

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is God's only method. (Acts 10:3-8 )

**Acts 10:3-8** One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.” When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa. (NIV)

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Q1 What is evangelism? Why should believers be actively involved in evangelism?
- Q2 Can you list and elaborate on some key verses that talk about the importance of evangelism? Are you personally convinced and convicted of the importance of evangelism? Why?
- Q3 What difficulties do you face in making evangelism a lifestyle? What would help you to make evangelism a lifestyle?

### ASSIGNMENT : MEMORY VERSE # 6

**Matthew 28:19- 20** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”(NIV)

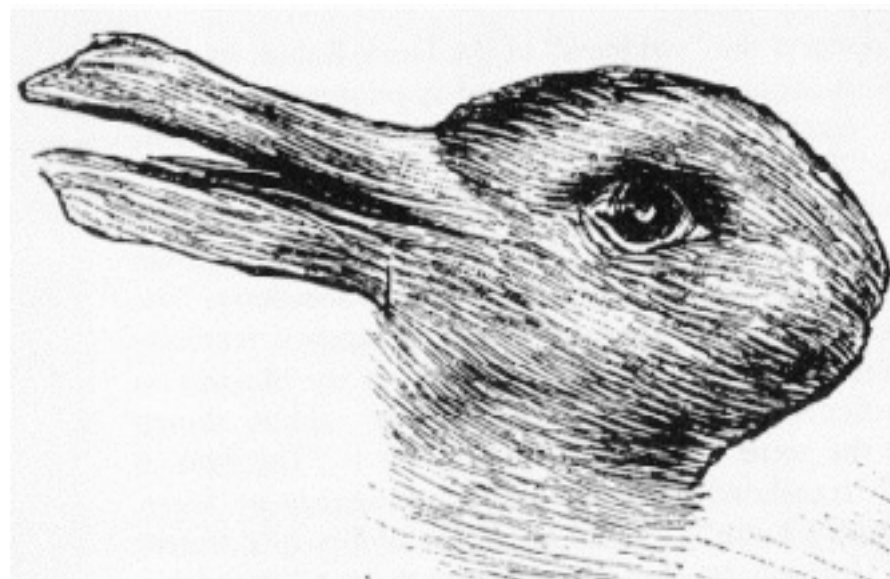
**Review memory verses: John 14:16-17; John 15:10-11**

## Appendix 1

### Session 1

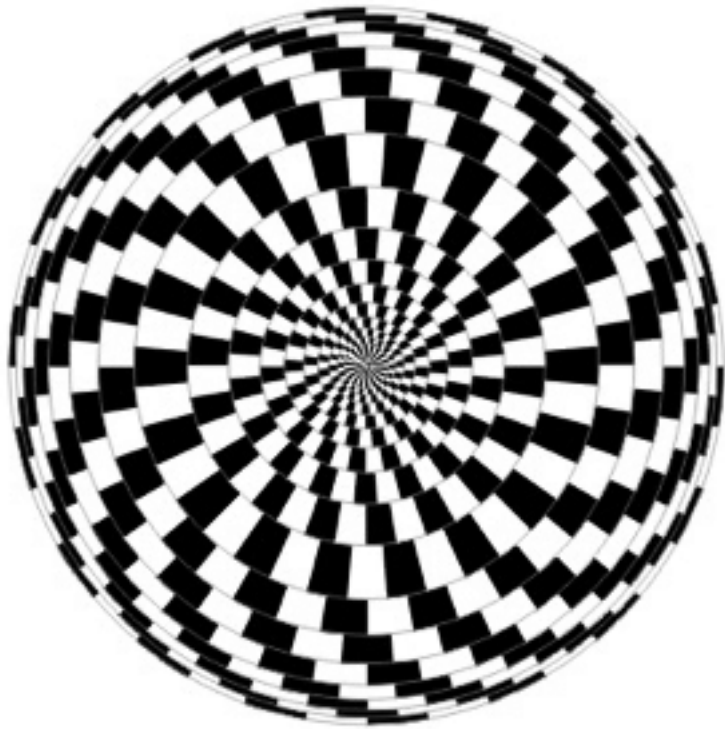
#### ICE-BREAKER (SEEING THE FULL PICTURE)

##### 1. What animal do you see?



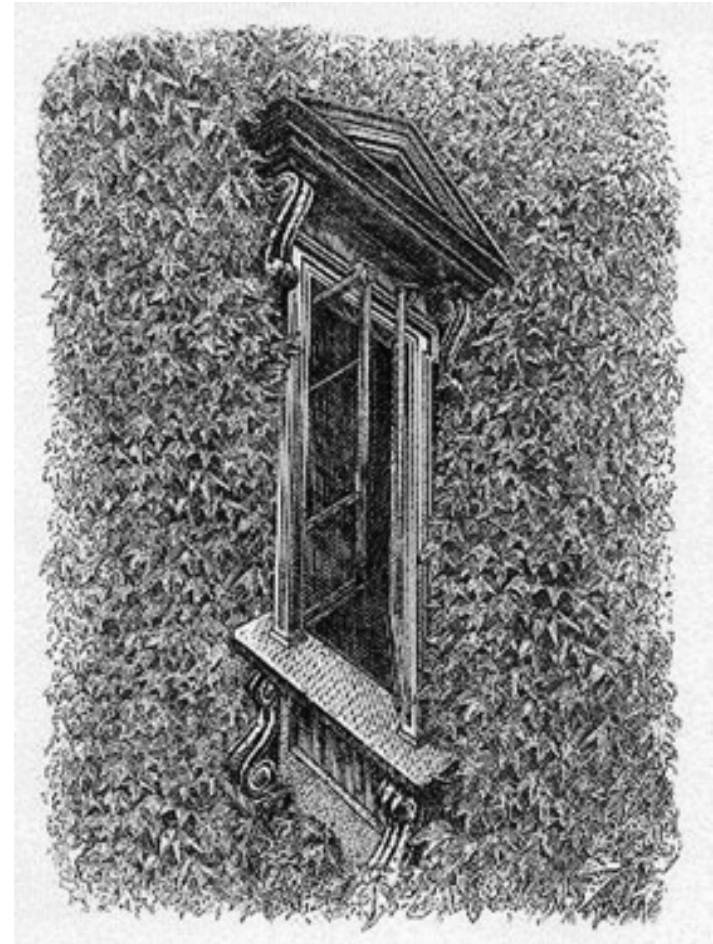
Source: <http://www.coolopticalillusions.com/rabbitduck2.htm>

2. Does it look like a spiral going downwards?



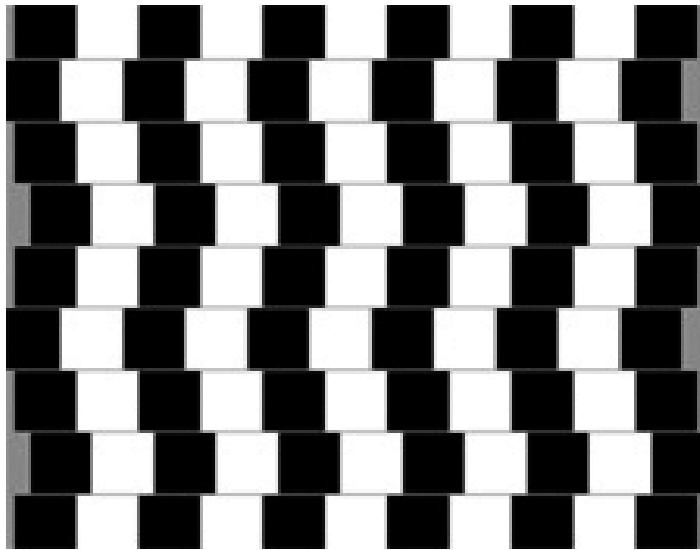
Source: <http://www.shelbycs.org/ms/shughes/illusions2.gif>

3. Is the window facing left or right?



Source: <http://www.maniacworld.com/inside-out-window-illusion.html>

4. Are the lines slanted or parallel to each other?



Source: <http://www.123opticalillusions.com/pages/opticalillusions1.php>

Appendix 2

## Session 5

### ICE-BREAKER (TIME CHECK)

Fill in the total hours spent per activity on a weekly basis into the following table.

#### TIME SPENT ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

Activities	No. of Hours	% of time	Adjustment needed (+/-)
1. Time with God			
2. Rest (incl. sleep)			
3. Leisure, hobbies, sports			
4. Family activities (incl. meals)			
5. Colleagues & Friends (incl. meals)			
6. Cell & Church activities			
7. Work & work related			
8. Education			
9. Personal care & activities (commuting, grooming, eating, ...)			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>

**CELL GROUP ATTENDANCE RECORD**

	NAME	GENDER	AGE	CONTACT NO	EMAIL ADDRESS	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6
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**GROUP PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PERSON</b>	<b>PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE REPORT</b>	<b>REMARKS (for follow up action )</b>

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