

**Command of Christ #1:  
Believe & Repent**

*Looking Back*

**Care:** Share a high and a low from this past week.

**Worship:** pray for one another related to the above highs and lows.

**Loving Accountability:** Last week, how did we...

**Connect** w/ Jesus and the saints?

**Obey** Jesus?

**Share** the Gospel?

**Train** other disciples?

**Vision:** Describe through image, story, or lesson, what God can do in and/or through believers to impact lostness and expand God's Kingdom.

*Looking Up*

**New Lesson**

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.38-41

Read the command to "Believe" from Mark 1:15

Share the story of Zacchaeus found in Luke 19:1-10 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Luke 19:1-10 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

What stands out? What do we learn about God? People? **S** – Sin to avoid?, **P** – Promise to claim?, **E** – Example to follow?, **C** – Command to obey?, Main point of the story?

Explore more:

*Explore on your own time this week if you run short on time when meeting together.*

1. What does repent mean?

*No longer trusting in myself or my ways to merit eternal life.*

2. What does believe mean?

*Putting my trust in Jesus alone.*

3. Why should we repent and believe?

*Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-10*

4. Who has eternal life? Who does not have eternal life? How confident should you be of your eternal life?

*1 John 5:11-13 says those who have the son by believing in him have eternal life.*

5. How can you reinforce this confidence?

*1 John 2:3*

6. Can we lose our eternal life?

*John 10:27-30, Jesus promises that nothing will take us away from God.*

*Looking Ahead*

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## Command of Christ #2:

### Baptize & Be Baptized

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#### *Looking Up*

### New Lesson

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.41

Read the command to "Go Baptize" from Matthew 28:18-20

Share the story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch found in Acts 8:26-39 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Acts 8:26-39 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

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Explore more:

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1. What is Baptism?

*Rom. 6:3-4 says it is a symbol of our life, death and resurrection. It also shows our decision to die to our old life and to be raised to a new life with Jesus.*

2. Who should be baptized?

*Acts 2:38 - everyone who repents and believes. (Also Matt. 28:19)*

3. Why should we be baptized?

*Matt 3:13-15 - Jesus was baptized. Receiving baptism means we've identified Jesus as Lord.*

4. How should we be baptized?

*Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water.*

5. What if I was already baptized?

*Acts 19:1-5 - Baptism comes after repenting/believing. If done before, one should be re-baptized.*

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### Command of Christ #3:

## Be Filled with the Word

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### *Looking Up*

#### **New Lesson**

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.38-39, 42

Read the command to desire the "Word" from 1 Peter 2:1-3

Share the story of Mary and Martha found in Luke 10:38-42 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using your own words.

Read the story from Luke 10:38-42 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

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Explore More:

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1. When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

*Ephesians 1:13-14 - Immediately after we repent and believe.*

2. How to be filled with the Spirit?

*Compare Eph. 5:18-21 and Col. 3:15-17. The commands are different but the results are similar. To be filled with the Spirit, a devotion to the Word is needed.*

3. What does it look like to be filled with the Spirit vs. other things?

*Read Luke 4:1-13, Gal. 5:16-26*

4. What happens if we commit ourselves to God's Word?

*Psalm 1:2-3 - we will bear fruit at all times like that described in Gal. 5:16-26*

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## Command of Christ #4:

### Pray

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#### *Looking Up*

### New Lesson

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.42

Read the command to "Pray" from Matthew 6:9-13

Share the story of The Persistent Widow found in Luke 18:1-8 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Luke 18:1-8 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

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Explore More:

*Explore on your own time this week if you run short on time when meeting together.*

1. What is prayer?

*Talking with God our Father.*

2. Why do we pray?

*Matt. 6:9-13 - God hears us. We desire His will to be done on earth.*

3. How do we pray? *By simply talking to God. Here is what Jesus modeled:*

*"Our Father..." = God is your heavenly father.*

*"Hallowed be your name..." = Ask God to glorify himself through your life.*

*"Your kingdom come, your will be done..." = Surrender to God's kingdom and will being done in and through your life.*

*"Give us today our daily bread..." = Ask for your needs.*

*"Forgive us our debts..." = Ask for forgiveness of any sin.*

*"Deliver us from the evil one..." = Pray for deliverance when you face temptation.*

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## Command of Christ #5:

### Make Disciples

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**Train** other disciples?

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#### *Looking Up*

### New Lesson

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.47

Read the command to Make Disciples from Matthew 28:18-20

Share the story of The Samaritan Woman found in John 4:4-42 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from John 4:4-42 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

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Explore More:

*Explore on your own time this week if you run short on time when meeting together.*

1. Who should we share with?

*John 4:16 - our families, friends & neighbors*

2. What should we say?

*John 4:29 - The woman shared her story and Jesus' story (the gospel)*

3. Who is qualified to go?

*John 4 - The Samaritan woman was! Every believer.*

4. Why should we make reaching the world a priority according to 2 Peter 3:9 and Matt. 24:14?

*It is God's heart that everyone know Him.*

*Only then will Jesus return.*

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**Practice:** Practice telling the story in the above lesson or a discipleship tool you've learned so far.

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## Command of Christ #6:

### Love

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**Obey** Jesus?

**Share** the Gospel?

**Train** other disciples?

**Vision:** Describe through image, story, or lesson, what God can do in and/or through believers to impact lostness and expand God's Kingdom.

#### *Looking Up*

### New Lesson

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.42

Read the command to "Love" from Matthew 22:37-40

Share the story of The Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Luke 10:25-37 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

What stands out? What do we learn about God? People? **S** – Sin to avoid?, **P** – Promise to claim?, **E** – Example to follow?, **C** – Command to obey?, Main point of the story?

Explore More:

*Explore on your own time this week if you run short on time when meeting together.*

1. What is love?

*Read John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-8*

2. Why do we love?

*John 13:34-35 - Because Jesus loved us first. Love teaches the world about Jesus.*

3. Who do we love?

*Matthew 22:37-39 - First God, then our neighbor.*

4. How do we love?

*John 14:15 - Loving Jesus means we obey Him.*

*John 15:13 & 21:17 - Loving others means putting their needs before ours and telling them what God has done for us.*

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## Command of Christ #7:

### Give

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#### *Looking Up*

### New Lesson

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.45-46

Read the command to Give from Luke 6:38

Share the story of The Alabaster Jar found in Mark 14:3-9 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Mark 14:3-9 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

What stands out? What do we learn about God? People? **S** – Sin to avoid?, **P** – Promise to claim?, **E** – Example to follow?, **C** – Command to obey?, Main point of the story?

Explore More:

*Explore on your own time this week if you run short on time when meeting together.*

1. What should we give to God? *Our money, time and our lives.*  
*(There are 3 types of monetary giving - the tithe, freewill offering and alms (giving to the poor). The tithe is 10% of your income.)*
2. What is the purpose of the tithe according to Deut. 14:22-23?  
*That we may learn to fear the Lord always.*  
*Also consider the promise in Malachi 3:8-12 and the challenge in Matthew 23:23*
3. How do we give to God according to 2 Cor. 9:6-7 and Matt. 6:1-4?  
*Generously, cheerfully, and not under compulsion. Secretly, not for recognition.*
4. Who do we give to according to Acts 4:34-35 and 2 Cor. 9?  
*The church gave to all who had need.*  
*To a local church.*

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**Practice:** Practice telling the story in the above lesson or a discipleship tool you've learned so far.

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**Command of Christ #8:**

**Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

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*Looking Up*

**New Lesson**

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:37-47): v.42

Read the command to Celebrate the Lord's Supper from Luke 22:19-20

Share the story of The Last Supper found in Luke 22:7-20 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Luke 22:7-20 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

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Explore More:

*Explore on your own time this week if you run short on time when meeting together.*

1. What is the Lord's Supper?

*1 Corinthians 11:26 - a symbol of the Lord's death*

2. Why do we eat the Lord's Supper?

*1 Corinthians 11:26 - His body was broken and His blood was spilt, and He is coming back. We remember his sacrifice and his sure return when we do this.*

3. How do we receive the Lord's Supper?

*1 Corinthians 11:27-29 - We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God and remember Jesus died to give us forgiveness.*

4. When should we celebrate the Lord's Supper?

*1 Cor 11:27-29 - Whenever believers are gathered willing to examine themselves.*

**\*\*Take time to Celebrate the Lord's Supper together.\*\***

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**Command of Christ #9:**

**Persevere**

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*Looking Up*

**New Lesson**

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 8)

Read the promise that comes from Perseverance in Matthew 10:22

Share the story of The Apostle's Persecution found in Acts 5:27-42 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Acts 5:27-42 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SWORD Bible Discovery questions. If time allows do Explore more questions.

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Explore More:

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1. Who will be persecuted according to Matt. 10:16-33?

*Every disciple of Jesus can expect persecution.*

2. What is our hope amidst persecution according to 2 Cor. 4:5-18 and Heb. 12:1-2?

*Our eternity is secure in Heaven.*

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, who faced persecution for us.*

3. How can we persevere when persecuted according to Matt. 5:11-12 and Matt. 24:13-14?

*Don't fear, but rejoice!*

*Keep proclaiming the Gospel until the end!*

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