

# Teaching Notes

## Session 1. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

I. Open with prayer

II. Sing **Hymn: *Blessed Assurance***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### Assurance:

- A. (p. 149) Deuteronomy 8:5
- B. (p. 881) John 5:24; 6:39-40; 10:28-29
- C. (p. 935) Romans 8:15-17, 38-39; 10:9-10
- D. (p. 963) 2 Corinthians 5:17
- E. (p. 977) Ephesians 1:4-5, 13
- F. (p. 995) 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- G. (p. 1009) Hebrews 2:11; 7:25; 10:10; 12:5-11
- H. (p. 1023) 1 Peter 1:3-4; 5:8

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

### IV. Read Psalm 138:2 and 2 Peter 1:4

**One thing we have to know and believe is that GOD CANNOT LIE. THE SCRIPTURES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY ERROR. ALL GOD’S PROMISES ARE TRUE AND ABIDING.**

V. Discuss the newness of the Christian life

*You have a new faith, father, family, function, future* (Kenny Grant)

Handout-- **Who Are You**

Discuss: God has now adopted you and you are joint heirs with Jesus

Handout-- **Existence Stages**

Discuss: You are a PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL (SOUL), AND SPIRITUAL being. Your spiritual being has been reborn by your acceptance of Jesus as your Savior. Your physical and emotional beings have not been reborn but must now be brought under the control of your spiritual being. It is totally, fatally, about surrender. Throw out your agenda and plans and trust Him to help you gain control of the parts of yourself that have not been reborn.

((Christians who have fallen asleep.-- 1 Corinthians 11:30))

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Salvation involves the redemption of the whole person, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 1: ***I AM SURE THAT I AM SAVED AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT IN MY MIND***

VII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet.

VIII. Sing again.

IX. Close with prayer.

## Session 2. SCRIPTURE READING

I. Open with prayer

II. Sing **Hymn: *Thy Word Is a Lamp to my Feet***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### Scriptures:

- A. (p. 453) Psalms 19:7; 119:11
- B. (p. 525) Proverbs 30:5
- C. (p. 881) John 15:7
- D. (p. 905) Acts 20:32
- E. (p. 1001) 2 Timothy 2:15
- F. (p. 1009) Hebrews 4:12
- G. (p. 1023) 1 Peter 4:11

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

### **IV. Read Psalm 119:103 and 2 Timothy 3:16**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that reading scripture is good for us to do.**

V. Talk about the Bible

Old Testament 39 books

New Testament 27 books

Shortest verse OT 1 Chronicles 1:25 (3 words)

Shortest verse NT John 11:35 (2 words)

Middle verse in Bible Psalm 103:1-2

Longest verse in Bible Esther 8:9

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the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. I have God for its

author, salvation for its purpose and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Because the Bible is the living word of God and is God's message to you so you can always ask "how does this scripture apply to my daily life?"

You can trust that the Bible stands as a unified whole so that we can do *thematic* studies of an idea throughout the scriptures like we are doing in this class.

### Handout-- **Reading Plan**

Discuss: Reading plans and the importance of reading the Scriptures daily. This should become a new habit that you form. As you grow you may want a more formal plan like one of those we discussed.

One of our goals is to learn the Books of the Bible in order. Open your Bible to the TOC and let's read them together. On the website there is a link to a song that can help you. First person to be able to say them in order gets a prize. The church web site has a song resource for this purpose.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 2: ***I AM READING SCRIPTURE TO LEARN HOW  
GOD WANTS ME TO LIVE***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet.

IX. Sing again.

X. Close with prayer.

### Session 3. PRAYER

I. Open with prayer

II. Sing **Hymn: *Sweet Hour of Prayer***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

#### Praying:

- A. (p.393) Ezra 9:5
- B. (p. 403) Nehemiah 1:4
- C. (p. 453) Psalms 66:19
- D. (p. 525) Proverbs 21:13; 28: 9
- E. (p. 799) Matthew 6:5, 7; 7:7-11; 18:19-20; 21:22
- F. (p. 829) Mark 11:24
- G. (p. 849) Luke 11:9-11
- H. (p. 881) John 14:13
- I. (p. 905) Acts 10:30
- J. (p. 983) Philippians 4:6
- K. (p. 991) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17
- L. (p. 1019) James 1:5-7

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

#### **IV. Read Isaiah 65:24 and James 5:16**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God hears our prayers.**

V. Discuss prayer

God always answers prayers---yes, no, wait. Sometimes “no” answers are because what we want is not in our best interests and sometimes because of our motive for asking—James 4:3

Healing—day-to-day through natural immunity; pills; doctors; miraculous; death.

Prayer is about getting to know God, worshipping Him, trusting Him, thanking Him. ACTS

One of our goals is for EVERY ONE OF US to be comfortable praying out loud. That's the reason for the ACTS posters.

Prayer is also about listening to God speak to us.  
God speaks to New Testament Christians through:  
the Holy Spirit  
other Christians  
the Scriptures  
prayer  
circumstances  
the church  
music

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 3: ***I AM TALKING WITH GOD THROUGH PRAYER SO  
I CAN GET TO KNOW HIM***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet.

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

## Session 4. FORGIVING AND FORGETTING

I. Open with prayer

II. Sing **Hymn: *Since Jesus Came into my Heart***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Forgiving one another:**

- A. (p. 3) Genesis 33:4; 45:15
- B. (p. 799) Matthew 6:12-14; 18:21- 22
- C. (p. 829) Mark 11:25
- D. (p. 849) Luke 17:3- 4;
- E. (p. 905) Acts 7:60
- F. (p. 963) 2 Corinthians 2:7-10
- G. (p. 977) Ephesians 4:31- 32
- H. (p. 987) Colossians 3:13

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

### **IV. Read Zechariah 7:9 and Colossians 3:13**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to forgive each other and treat each other with respect and grace.**

If we don't forgive we give the one who wronged us two victories. If we don't forgive all we get is separation from God and perhaps, ulcers. Your anger will eventually eat at you and interfere with your personal relationships with God, your spouse, and your children.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 4: ***YESTERDAY IS GONE AND SO ARE ITS PROBLEMS, HURTS, AND REGRETS***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?



VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet.

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

## Session 5. FAMILY DYNAMICS

I. (VOLUNTEER) Open with prayer.

II. Sing **Hymn: *God Give Us Christian Homes***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Family:**

- A. (p. 3) Genesis 18:19
- B. (p. 47) Exodus 20:12
- C. (p. 181) Joshua 24:15
- D. (p. 525) Proverbs 13:24; 22:6,15; 23:13-14
- E. (p. 799) Matthew 19:5-6
- F. (p. 849) Luke 15:11-18
- G. (p. 905) Acts 16:14, 15
- H. (p. 949) 1 Corinthians 7: 3; 11:3
- I. (p. 977) Ephesians 6:1-4
- J. (p. 1001) 2 Timothy 1:5
- K. (p. 1009) Hebrews 12:6
- L. (p. 1023) 1 Peter 3:1-8

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

### **IV. Read Psalm 145:4 and Ephesians 5:31-33**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects our families to be structured according to His guidelines**

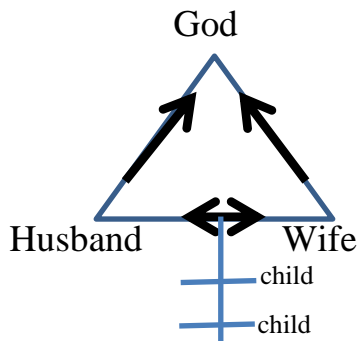
V. The HUSBAND is to live with his wife by being understanding, by honoring her, and by praying with her and for her.

The WIFE is to submit to her husband’s leadership as long as he is in alignment with the Scriptures and with God. Your opinions count and you can disagree with him in private but he is the final word.

Children are to be encouraged, nurtured, and disciplined. They are given to YOU to raise—not to the church, community, school system, or their grandparents OR THEIR PEER GROUP. Call the parents of your children’s friends and associates. This just may be an opportunity to witness. Give your children a share of the work of the household. Our motto: you live here, your sleep here, you eat here, then you work here.

God holds the husband accountable for the spiritual condition of the family.

Draw illustration below and discuss.



Divorce: Matthew 5: 31-32

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The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God’s image. ... The husband is to love his wife and lead his family. The wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband and to serve as his helper.

Big Decision comment. Colossians 3:18-20

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 5: ***I WILL GET MY FAMILY UNDER GOD'S ORDAINED ORDER.***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Pass out next week’s scripture sheet.

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

## Session 6. HANDLING FINANCES: TITHING

I. (VOLUNTEER) Open with prayer.

II. Sing **Hymn: *Trust, Try, and Prove Me***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Money:**

- A. (p.149 ) Deuteronomy 10:14
- B. (p.453) Psalm 24:1-2
- C. (p.799) Matthew 17:27
- D. (p.905) Acts 8:20
- E. (p.949) 1 Corinthians 10:24
- F. (p.963) 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:6-8
- G. (p.1009) Hebrews 4:16; 13:5

### **Tithes and Giving:**

- H. (p.3) Genesis 28: 22
- I. (p.85) Leviticus 27:30
- J. (p.149) Deuteronomy 14:22-23
- K. (p.403) Nehemiah 13:12
- L. (p.793) Malachi 3:7-12
- M. (p.963) 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

**IV. Read I Chronicles 16:29 and Luke 6:38.**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to bring our tithes and offerings to Him.**

V. You cannot allow yourself to be enslaved to money and the things it can buy. Evaluate what you have and see if YOU own IT or if IT owns YOU. Everything belongs to God anyway. We are STEWARDS not OWNERS.

You and your spouse **MUST** agree on tithing. You must not tithe just because you expect to get something from God and it seems like a good trade. You tithe because God says to and you count on his promise to take care of you if you obey Him.

There is a difference in tithes and offerings.

Giving reminds us of who owns what.

Giving is an act of praise and worship.

Giving is part of our spiritual warfare against Satan.

(p. 551) Ecclesiastes 2:1-11      (p. 525) Proverbs 15:16  
(p. 1023) 1 Peter 5:2-7      (p. 983) Philippians 4:6

Five myths of tithing (Paul Robertson)

1. Tithing is an option
2. I cannot afford to tithe (BUDGET CLASS)
3. The church has plenty of money
4. I can give my tithes any where I choose
5. I should not EXPECT a reward when I tithe.

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God is the source of all blessings. ... Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately and liberally, for the advancement of the Kingdom.

**WE SURRENDER TO GOD OUT OF OUR VICTORY –NOT OUR DEFEAT!!!!**

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 5: ***I WILL BRING IN MY TITHES AND TRUST GOD***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet and **Gifts Inventory TTI**

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

## Session 7. FELLOWSHIP AND ENTERTAINMENT

I. (VOLUNTEER) Open with prayer.

II. Sing **Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Purity:**

- A. (p. 453) Psalms 24:4
- B. (p. 949) 1 Corinthians 6:20
- C. (p. 1009) Hebrews 10:22
- D. (p. 1027) 2 Peter 3: 1, 14

### **Fellowship:**

- E. (p. 453) Psalms 133:1-3
- F. (p. 849) Luke 6:22-23
- G. (p. 905) Acts 2:42-43
- H. (p. 949) 1 Corinthians 1: 9; 15:33-34
- I. (p. 983) Philippians 2:1-2; 3:10
- J. (p. 1031) 1 John 1:3, 7

### **Enjoyment:**

- K. (p. 551) Ecclesiastes 8:15
- L. (p. 881) John 16:24

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## IV. Read Proverbs 13:20 and Romans 12:21

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to enjoy life but live righteously.**

V. Handout-- **Entertainment Sources**

Discuss: How our choices for entertainment affect what goes into and comes out of our mouths and our actions. Discuss the choices our children make. Share the necessity of reading the lyrics of the songs our children listen to, the placement of computers in the house, parental controls on the television, access to movie content. Discuss how this is part of getting the family under the right structure as God has commanded. Remember God hold parents responsible for their childrens' spiritual well-being.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 7: ***PURITY IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IT IS  
IMPORTANT TO GOD***

VII. Pull out your completed gifts inventory and let's look at how to score it. Next week I will ask you to turn these in with your top three gifts marked.

VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

## Session 8. SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AND KINGDOM; SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

I. (VOLUNTEER) Open with prayer.

II. Sing **Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Service to God:**

- A. (p. 453) Psalms 2:11; 101:6
- B. (p. 799) Matthew 6:24; 20:26
- C. (p. 829) Mark 1:17
- D. (p. 881) John 12:26
- E. (p. 935) Romans 12: 6-8, 11; 14:17-18
- F. (p. 949) 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- G. (p. 977) Ephesians 2:10; 4:11-12; 6:7-8
- H. (p. 1023) 1 Peter 4:10

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### **IV. Read Jeremiah 3:15 and 1 Corinthians 12:4**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to use our gifts to serve Him by serving the church and others.**

V. When I tell a child to do something I expect the child to \_\_\_\_\_

With that in mind what do you think God expects of His children when He tells us to do something?

Use a second piece of paper to write your name and your top three spiritual gifts down and then give me the sheet.

As Christians we are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. ... Every Christian should be willing to work in any good cause without compromising our loyalty to Christ and His truth.



There are Christians in service in this body some of whom have volunteered to be of service to you as a mentor. Discuss luncheon.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 8: ***I WILL USE MY GIFTS TO SERVE GOD BE-  
CAUSE THAT IS WHY GOD GAVE THEM TO ME***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet.

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

## **Session 9. UNITY OF PURPOSE AS A MEMBER OF GOD’S KINGDOM**

I. (VOLUNTEER) Open with prayer.

II. Sing **Hymn: *The Bond of Love***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Unity of Believers:**

- A. (p.753) Amos 3:3
- B. (p.905) Acts 2:42-47
- C. (p.949) 1 Corinthians 12:25-26
- D. (p.977) Ephesians 4:4-6
- E. (p. 1005) Titus 3:9-11
- F. (p. 1023) 1 Peter 4:8-9

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

### **IV. Read Nehemiah 8:1 and 1 Corinthians 1:10**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to work together to accomplish the mission of the church.**

V. What is a church?

On paper write your definition of a church. Share these out loud.

Share this definition: The church is a group of baptized believers organized on earth to do God’s will.

What is the chief purpose of the church?

Again, answer this on paper. Share these out loud. Discuss.

*On a scale of 1-100 where does getting people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ fit?*

*Given that same scale where does a petty grievance fit?*

Handout-- **Constitution and By-Laws**

Discuss the importance of being involved in the decision-making of the church.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 9: ***I AM ONE WITH GOD'S FAMILY AND WE DON'T  
HAVE TIME TO SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Pass out next week's scripture sheet.

IX. Sing again.

X. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.

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## **Session 10. RESPONSIBILITY FOR BEING AN ENTICEMENT TO OTHERS FOR THE KINGDOM**

I. (VOLUNTEER) Open with prayer.

II. Sing **Hymn: *Others***

III. Read and discuss the scriptures below. As we go through these scriptures choose one that really “speaks” to you and write it on the slip of colored paper in front of you.

### **Witnessing:**

- A. (p. 565) Isaiah 63:7
- B. (p. 623) Jeremiah 20:9
- C. (p. 799) Matthew 28:18-20
- D. (p. 881) John 1:6-8; 15:26, 27
- E. (p. 905) Acts 1:8; 4:20; 22:15
- F. (p. 1001) 2Timothy 1:8
- G. (p. 1023) 1 Peter 3:15

Slip your scripture slip in your wallet, purse, etc. so it will be handy to you this week.

### **IV. Read Psalm 107:2 and Colossians 4:5-6**

**One thing we have to know and believe is that God expects us to live with concern for others.**

V. *You are the only Bible many people are reading. What are you saying?*

The church is the only institution that Jesus founded. He gave His life for the world, however, and too many people are staying at the base camp (the church) and Jesus wants us to advance to the battlefield.

By transforming ourselves to the image of Christ we become salt and light. Salt to make the world thirsty for Jesus and light so they can see the way to Him. Spiritually sick people will try anything and everything to fill us the void they have without God. Every person is born with a God-sized hole inside that only God can fill.

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The church is a local congregation of baptized believers, associated by faith, ... seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

VI. Lesson Summary Statement:

Assurance 10: ***I WILL LIVE TO BRING OTHERS TO KNOW  
CHRIST***

VII. Anything happen last week that you want to discuss?

VIII. Finalize luncheon plans

IX. Handout-- **Assurances**

X. Sing again.

XI. (VOLUNTEER) Close with prayer.