

# Living Stones



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3<sup>rd</sup> Edition



Dear Trainer,

This Living Stones Flipbook is designed as a guide for teaching the principles and applications of Church Planting to assist leaders in analyzing their current progress and in the training of others towards strategies that propagate Church Planting Movements. Please feel free to adjust or enhance the material as you see fit for both your style of teaching and the needs or understanding of your target audience.

Living Stones training is to be used in tandem with all T4T style evangelism, discipleship, and church planting training.

The Goal of Living Stones is two-fold: First, to cover 4 basic trainings; Seen & Heard T4T, Handy Guide to Home Groups, Two-Issues, and Participatory Bible Study. Second to cover these training in a two-and-a-half day format that requires each participant to practice the trainings while they are being trained.

You will need the corresponding flipbooks to complete the entire Living Stones training: Seen & Heard T4T, Handy Guide to Home Groups and Two-Issues.

We pray you find these flipbooks useful tools in assisting your trainees with Church Planting strategy training.

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## LIVING STONES

Say: Welcome to Living Stones Training.

If applicable - Say: Let's begin today with a couple worship songs. (Choose someone to lead 2 worship songs)

Say: Let's pray. (Choose someone to pray for a spirit lead training)

Say: Living Stones Training is based on **1 Peter Chapter 2, verses 4-10**.

- 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,*
- 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*
- 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."*
- 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"*
- 8 and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.*
- 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
- 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

Say: Lets read verse 5 again (Ask several persons to read verse 5) *You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood...*

Ask: In God's eyes, what are you like? (Living Stones)

Say: Yes, "Living Stones". Notice it is plural - Stones

Ask: For what 2 purposes? (1 - To build a spiritual house)

Say: Not just to build a Spiritual house, but to be "built into", in other words, to BE a Spiritual House!

Ask: Do you understand that YOU are to house the Spirit of God? You are God's Spirit House!

Ask: What is the second purpose that you are to be? (2 - A Holy Priesthood)

Say: When you house God's Spirit, You become a Holy Priest! But more than that, you are Priesthood. In other words you are a community of individuals housing God's Spirit and working together as a Priesthood.

Say: Lets read verse 9 again (Ask several persons to read verse 9) *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*

Ask: It says we are "a chosen people". Who chose us? (God did)

Ask: And as God's chosen people we are a Royal Priesthood, Yes? (Yes)

Ask: Because of what God did for us through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, our sins are forgiven, and we are now a Holy Nation, Yes? (Yes)

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Ask: As Chosen People, a Royal Priesthood, and a Holy Nation, Who do we belong to? (God)

Ask: Why has He done this? As one who belongs to God, what is our purpose? (To declare the Praises of Him)

Ask: Yes, to declare His praises, but specifically what are we to declare? In what context? (Few may understand???)

Say: Lets read the last part of verse 9 again (Ask someone to read verse 9 starting at "that you may declare...") *that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*

Say: The Specific declaration and context is this; the praises of Him calling you out of darkness into light, i.e.; Your Story!

Say: Let me impress upon you: As a follower of Christ YOU are a ROYAL PRIEST and YOU are to DECLARE the PRAISES of HIM calling you out of darkness into His Light. This is WHY He did this. This is your Purpose!

Say: Living Stones Training will provide you with the basic tools necessary for you to make this a reality.

## Welcome & Introductions (5-10 min)

Briefly introduce yourself but wait to “tell your story” until T4T

Say: I and our host(s), \_\_\_\_\_, welcome you and we will get to know each other as the training goes on. (Depending on size of group and time available you can have folks briefly introduce themselves.)

Ask: What do you SEE? (Point at the Apple) (Answer: Apple) (Show Apple – If you have a real one it's better)

Ask: Are you sure that is all you SEE? (Answer: Yes)



Ask: Are you sure? (Answer: Yes)

Say: It is my goal that by the end of our session you will SEE much more than an Apple.

## Day 1, Session 1: Intro to Participative Bible Study (45 min)

Say: To start our session we will get in small groups of 6-10 persons. Appoint one person to take notes for your group. (Physically put them into groups. You decide, you create, get it done. Make sure they have a note-taker)

Say: Turn in your Bibles to Acts 13:44-52.

Ask: Who will read this for us? (Choose someone to read) (When they finish, thank them for reading) **Acts 13:44-52**

44 *On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.*

45 *When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.*



46 *Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.*

47 *For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

48 *When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.*

49 *The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.*

50 *But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.*

51 *So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.*

52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

Say: Everyone do this with me (Give a "thumbs-up", make sure everyone is doing it)

Ask: We will read the verses one more time (Give a "thumbs up") and while we are reading ask yourself, "What is God teaching us here? What does he Want? What is Good? What is Right?" (Help then lead group discussions, everyone participates.) Acts 13:44-52 

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(Responses should include: The whole city came, Paul and Barnabas answered boldly, many believed, the word of the Lord spread, the disciples where filled with joy and the Holy Spirit)

Say: Everyone do this with me (Give a “thumbs-down”, make sure everyone is doing it)

Ask: We will read through verses 44-52 again (Give a "thumbs down") and this time ask yourself, "What is God rebuking here? What does he not Want? What is not good? What is not Right?" (Help group discussions - everyone participates.)  **Acts 13:44-52**

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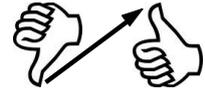
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(Responses should include: The Jews where filled with jealousy, they stirred up persecution by God-fearing people, Paul and Barnabas had to leave. You can wrestle with “they shook the dust off their feet.”)

Ask: "knowing what God is teaching us (thumb-up) and what He is rebuking (thumb-down), what does God want you to correct? (Turn your thumb from down to up) What do we need to change to get things right?"



Ask: Now, where does change happen. If we are to change our thoughts and actions, where does this start?

Say: Change happens in the heart. (Point thumb at your heart)

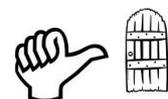


Ask: So God is not asking how to correct others, but what do you need to correct? What do you need to change? Who will be brave enough to go first?" Lead a discussion - everyone participates. (Go to the groups, encourage them in their answers, you may have to lead them a bit at first. Make sure they stay to the question and in the verses) (Encourage dialogue & make sure everyone participates.) (5 minutes)

Say: Lets have each group report. (Responses should include: be bold, use scripture, know when to leave, rejoice when the truth, the gospel, is revealed.)

Say: We discussed what God is teaching us (thumb up) (mention some of the earlier results) and what He is rebuking (thumb down) (mention some of the earlier results) and what do you need to change (thumb towards your heart) (mention some of the earlier results).

Ask: Knowing these things (thumb pointing out the door) what must we go "DO"?" (You will receive answers that should revolve around Sharing the gospel with those receptive, leaving those who are unreceptive, etc. To each answer ask the question, "To **who** will you go?" They will give answers like; "to the lost" or "to those I have baptized". ie; it will be generic. Repeat your question, "To **who** will you go?" Again they will answer the same and if you keep repeating they will eventually get frustrated.)



Finally Ask: Do these people have names, faces, jobs? (Hopefully they will begin to understand, “Doing” is not a concept; it’s a practice! We must be specific.)

Say: Get out some paper and make a list of whom exactly you will share what you just learned. (Give them time to do this. At least 10 names)

## Day 1, Session 1: Intro to CPM (30 min)

Ask: Who has heard the term CPM?

Say: CPM stands for “Church Planting Movements”

Say: Church Planting Movements are bible based, spirit filled, lay-led, rapid movements of churches planting churches.

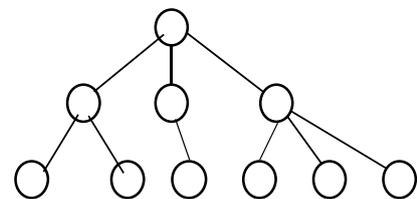
Say: There has been research done around the world where there have been rapid movements of the gospel with thousands of new believers and hundreds of new churches planted.

Say: In this research, there was found some basic keys to this rapid movement. The researchers have traced the beginnings of this gospel spreading to its roots and they have determined specific key factors common in each.

Say: Living Stones will help you learn these common key factors so that you might have the opportunity to start you own CPM!

Say: Church Planting Movements look something like this...

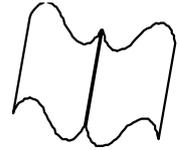
Say: One church trains their members how to plant churches. These new churches also train their members how to start churches and they also train their members. And the movement begins.



Ask: Would you and your church like to see this kind of Gospel Spreading and Church Planting where you are?

Say: Lets define CPM again so we are clear on what is happening and what we need to do.

Say: First, CPM is Bible Based. (Action: Hold hands together - pinkies touching, thumbs out - like holding/supporting an open book)



Say: All the information we need to do the will of God is in His Holy book, the Bible. Everything we do, and we will learn these days, is based on what we find in here.

Say: Say and do this together with me; CPM is Bible Based. (Action: Hold hands together - pinkies touching, thumbs out - like holding/supporting an open book) Repeat 1 or 2 more times, encourage the quiet or shy ones.

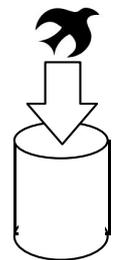


Ask: Who can stand and tell me the first definition of CPM? (Invite someone to stand and do. Thank them.)

Say: Second, CPM is Holy Spirit Filled. (Action: Put left hand on you heart, right hand points heavenward)



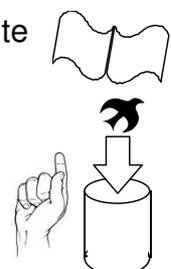
Say: Without the Holy Spirit there can be no Gospel Movement. We can't save people; only the Holy Spirit can call people unto himself. It is our job as His Royal Priests to "Declare the Praises of Jesus."



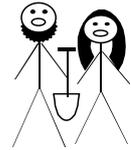
Say: Say and do this together with me; CPM is Holy Spirit Filled. (Action: Put left hand on you heart, right hand points heavenward) (Repeat 1 or 2 more times, encourage the quiet or shy ones.)

Ask: OK, who can stand and tell us the first 2 definitions of CPM? (Invite someone to stand and do with actions. Thank them.)

Say: Now lets do the first 2 together: CPM is Bible Based and Holy Spirit Filled. (Do with actions)



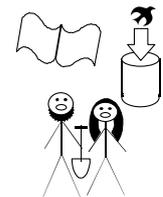
Say: Third, CPM is Lay-Led. (Action: Pushing or rolling up your sleeves)



Say: We are rolling up our sleeves ready to do the work. It doesn't matter what our degree or experience, remember, "we are all Royal Priests, called to Declare the Praises of Jesus."

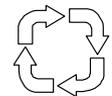
Say: Let's do this together. CPM is Lay-led. (Action: Pushing or rolling up your sleeves) (Repeat 1 or 2 more times)

Ask: Who can stand and tell us the first 3 definitions of CPM? (Invite someone to stand and do with actions. Thank them.)



Say: Now lets do the first 3 together with \_\_\_\_\_: CPM is Bible Based, Holy Spirit Filled, and Lay-led. (Have the volunteer lead the group 2-3 times. Do with actions)

Say: Fourth definition of CPM. CPM is a Rapid Movement. (Action: Roll your fists one over the other in front of you)

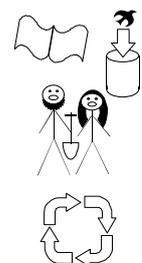


Say: CPMs happen rapidly. If his Priests are ready to Declare His Praises, the Spirit is ready and waiting to save those who will listen.

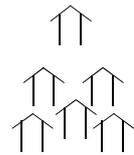
Say: Let's do this together. CPM is a Rapid Movement. (Action: Roll your fists one over the other in front of you) (Repeat 1 or 2 more times)

Ask: Who can stand and tell us the first 4 definitions of CPM? (Invite someone to stand and do with actions. Thank them.)

Say: Now lets do the first 4 together with \_\_\_\_\_: CPM is Bible Based, Holy Spirit Filled, Lay-led, and a Rapid Movement. (Have the volunteer lead the group 2-3 times. Do with actions)



Say: Finally, CPM is Churches Planting Churches. (Action: Form your hands like a roof - finger tips together - for "Churches". Then hop your roof around, like you are "planting" churches)

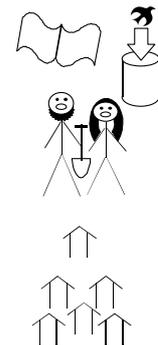


Say: CPMs are churches planting churches. The movement is not satisfied with just new believers. Jesus said "Go and Make Disciples". Discipleship happens in Church. We must be planting churches that train new believers to be Royal Priests, Declaring His Praises. And, then those New disciples do the same!

Say: Let's do this together. CPM is Churches Planting Churches. (Action: Form your hands like a roof - finger tips together - for "Churches". Then hop your roof around, like you are "planting" churches) (Repeat 1 or 2 more times)

Ask: Who can stand and tell us the definitions of CPM? (Invite someone to stand and do with actions. Thank them.)

Say: Now lets do them all together with \_\_\_\_\_: CPM is a Bible Based, Holy Spirit Filled, Lay-led, Rapid Movement of Churches Planting Churches. (Have the volunteer lead the group 2-3 times. Do with actions) (Invite others to come up in front of the group and lead everyone, with actions. Thank them.)



### End of Day 1, Session 1 - Break Time.

Say: We will now have tea break. We will return at \_\_\_\_\_. When we return we will learn about the #1 tool for starting a CPM in your area. But while you are on break, think about what you see.

## **Day 1, Session 2: Introduction to T4T**

Say: Let's pray (Choose someone to pray for the following sessions)

Say: NO WRITTEN DESCRIPTION can do justice to the remarkable effectiveness of John and Hope Chen's "Training for Trainers." John has taken the lofty ideals of Church Planting Movements and reduced them to simple actions that anyone can take. Yet, no approach has yielded more new believers and new churches than this. \* Insert here stories or examples of T4T success you have read or heard about or have experienced yourself.

Say: Some of the Principles of T4T are these:

- It is simple
- It is systematic
- It is reproducible
- It is Biblical
- It is obedience based
- It has a structure of loving Accountability and Encouragement
- No one is expected to do anything new outside the session until they have practiced it inside the session, building confidence and excellence.

Ask: So, are you ready? (yes)

Say: OK, let's learn T4T.

**INSERT T4T FLIPBOOK HERE (SESSIONS 2, 3 & 4)**

## **Day 1, Session 5: Completion of T4T - Sending them out 2x2 and Homework**

Say: Before we finish, there are 2 Homework assignments for tonight.

Say: First, Read Acts 4:5-31 and write down which verse you think is the most important based upon what you learned today. (Make sure they all take notes on what to read and do)

Say: Second, everyone get a partner. Get in groups of 2 so no one is on their own, 3 persons is permissible. No groups of 4 or more, no groups of 1. Groups of 2 or 3. (Make sure each person has a partner or 3-some.)

Say: Before you go to sleep tonight you need to tell your story to at least 3 people not in this room. In other words, do T4T with at least 3 new people before you go to sleep.

Say: You have each been given a stipend for dinner and have plenty of opportunity to go out amongst the people to tell your story.

Ask: What makes me think you will do this? Because tomorrow morning you will each give a report on tonight's experiences of telling at least 3 people your story. (Action: Do your best - most playful - sifting action from the 7 Characteristics)

Say: We will start tomorrow morning at \_\_\_\_ am sharp. Please be on time, we have much material to cover.

(Ask someone to pray for this evening's homework and dismiss the group)

## Day 2 Session 1: Participative Bible Study, Reports and Praise

Say: Turn in your Bibles to Luke 10:1-17.

Ask: Who will read this for us? (Choose someone to read) (When the finish, thank them for reading) **Luke 10:1-17**

1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.



2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

Say: Let’s get into our study groups and make sure our note-taker is here.

Ask: We will read it one more time (Give a "thumbs up") and while we are reading ask yourself, "What is God teaching us here? What does he want? What is Good? What is Right?" (Lead a discussion, everyone participates.) 

Say: Discuss this in your groups and the note-taker will record your results. (Encourage dialogue, make sure everyone participates.) (10 minutes)

Say: Lets have each group report.

Ask: We will read through verses 18-23 again (Give a "thumbs down") and this time ask yourself, "What is God rebuking here? What does he not want? What is not good? What is not Right?" (Lead a discussion, everyone participates.) 

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Finally Ask: Do these people have names, faces, jobs? (Hopefully they will begin to understand, "Doing" is not a concept; it's a practice! We must be specific.)

Say: Get out your lists from the T4T training and let us pray once more for these persons. Pray that they will be receptive to your sharing with them.

## Day 2 Session 1: Reports and Praise

Say: OK, stay in your groups and each person will give a report of what happened last night telling their stories. The note-takers should write down just the highlights. (Depending on the number of trainees, each can share their reports with the entire group or each group can have 1 or 2 give some of the best stories from last night. Work this out according to the time allotted to the first break.) Rejoice in each of the presentations!!!

Say: I would like for the note-taker in each group to tally:

- The total number of stories told =
- how many heard a story =
- how many total positive responses =
- how many Majority heard a story =
- how many Majority responded positively =
- how many negative (angry) responses =



(Tally the numbers, make observations, and give praise!!)

Say: We will now take our T4T Break. When we return we will find out a very easy way to start new believers in discipleship.

Say: We will return at \_\_\_\_\_

## **Day 2 Session 2: Review CPM and T4T Basics & Practical**

Say: Let's review. Can anyone lead us in what is CPM? (Since this is the first review of the day, you may need to remind them just a bit before they want to come forward. Use the board/flipchart to remind them. Then allow the enthusiastic ones to come and lead the group by voice and action. As the day goes and there are other opportunities for review, start choosing the more shy ones - they need to model leading)

Say: Can anyone lead us in T4T Basics? (Have 2 or 3 come forward and lead the group - make sure everyone participates)

Say: Can anyone lead us in T4T Practical? (Have 2 or 3 come forward and lead the group - make sure everyone participates)

## **Day 2 Session 2: Handy Guide to Home Groups**

Say: Our next session will be about how to form a home discipleship group with your new believers. Remember, many of your new converts or seekers will not step into a traditional church. They need a place where they can feel safe to learn, worship and become a disciple. And, we want to give them the best opportunity for this. (As you go through the Handy-Guide, give personal stories and examples as prudent)

Say: We have a very easy way to teach an easily reproducible and biblical model that you can teach to anyone.

Say: Please take out a piece of paper and on it draw an outline of your hand. (Allow time for them to complete this)

Say: We will use our hands to help us remember this model of church. It's called the "Handy-Guide-to-Home-Groups."

**DAY 2, SESSION 2: HG2HG. INSERT “HANDY GUIDE 2 HOME GROUPS”  
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**Session 2 HG2HG Complete**

Say: This ends our morning’s sessions for Day 2. When we return from lunch we will have a wrestling match with some very important issues. It might get a little hot in here like the WWE! (Action: Act like a wrestler on the prowl. - be fun)



Say: We will return at \_\_\_\_\_. You won’t want to miss the fun!

**Day 2, Session 3: Issues**

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## Day 2, Session 4: Review, C2C, & Homework

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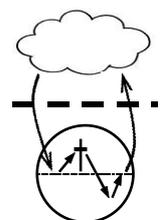
Ask: Who can lead us in the Handy Guide 2 Home Groups? (This will need some coaching, as it is new info from today)

Ask: Who can lead us in the 4 questions of Baptism? (This will need some coaching, as it is new info from today)

Say: We will now Review 2 ways to share His Story. (You need to use a methodology appropriate to your Culture)

**His Story - One Story:** Tell the story of Creation to Christ (C2C). You need to highlight items appropriate to your culture, but it should include these main highlights:

- God is Perfect & Holy, as was his creation.
- God and man had a relationship in this creation; God gave man a choice, the relationship was broken by man's decision.
- Sin & shame entered the world because of man's decision; God provided a sacrifice (the first) to cover man's shame (nakedness).



- Men (the seed of the first man – having his blood) have been trying to restore this relationship through works and sacrifice.
- Since God is Perfect & Holy, only He can and has provided a Perfect & Holy sacrifice - His Son Jesus Christ.
- Jesus was born without the seed/blood of the first man and therefore could be Perfect & Holy.
- By His willing Perfect & Holy sacrifice through crucifixion, all the sins of the world were laid upon Him.
- Only through our renewed choice, accepting His sacrifice, can we restore the relationship with God.
- He was resurrected and instructed his disciples over 40 days to take this message of reconciliation to the world.
- And, because of Jesus' defeat of death, resurrection, and ascension, we can join him in heaven.

**His Story - One Verse: *Romans 6:23*** *For the wage of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.* Explain the story highlighting these:

**Wage** – something you earn from your work

**Sin** – missing the target, doing anything that is less than perfect

**Death** – eternal separation from God

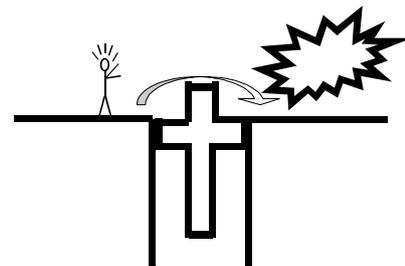
**But** – there is a way to cross the bridge

**Gift** – something given free of charge

**God** – perfect and holy

**Life** – eternally in the presence of God

**Jesus Christ** – the perfect sacrifice for our sins, He took wages for us (our wage was death)

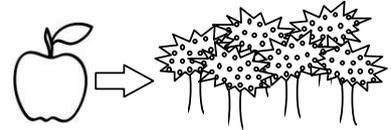


## Day 2, Session 4: Review & Homework

Ask: Finally, what do you see? (Draw an apple) (Answer: an Orchard)

Ask: Do you each see what's inside of each of you and the potential for an Orchard?

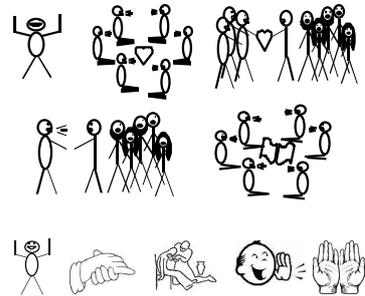
Say: I see the orchard in each of you!



Say: Ok, now for your homework assignments. We have 2 assignments again.

Say: Get into your bible study groups. (Their groups of 6-10 persons). You are now each a new church. I am going to appoint the Overseer and then you will, as a group, appoint Helpers for each of the 5 functions. Then you will appoint a Treasurer. Tomorrow morning we will practice House Church. (Have them get into their groups, appoint an overseer and tell them to begin. You will need to coach them.)

Say: Let's review the roles. The Overseer organizes and serves the Helpers. The Helper of Worship will organize discussion regarding tomorrow's worship and choosing 2-3 songs. The Helper of Fellowship will organize discussion regarding tomorrow's prayer time and the Lord's Supper - keep it simple. The Helper of Ministry will organize discussion regarding how the church will show love to their lost neighbors. The Helper of evangelism will organize discussion regarding how the church will do outreach and will record the reports of members sharing their stories tonight. The Helper of Teaching will organize tomorrow's bible study and lead the 4 "guiding" questions. The treasurer will receive and record the tithe/offering.



Say: Ok, begin your planning for tomorrow. (You will need to coach them.)

Note: Once they have completed their discussions you will invite each Overseer forward and you will then bring up each Helper and review their roles with the Overseers

Say: Each of the Overseers, please come forward. (They will stay with you until all offices have come forward)

Say: Ok, also each of the Helpers of worship, please come forward. (Make sure each Attendant knows exactly what they will do tomorrow for their function)

Say: Each of the Helpers of Fellowship, please come forward. (Make sure each Attendant knows exactly what they will do tomorrow for their function. This group especially needs to be ready for the Lords supper and it's elements. Keep it simple is the key. Simple juice and bread. Simple short ceremony.)

Say: Each of the Helpers of Ministry, please come forward. (Make sure each Attendant knows exactly what they will do tomorrow for their function. This is the most difficult function. They must lead a discussion as to what they will do to show love to their lost neighbors)

Say: Each of the Helpers of Evangelism, please come forward. (Make sure each Attendant knows exactly what they will do tomorrow for their function. They will charge their church to go out tonight 2x2 and share their stories and the Creation-2-Christ story (or other "His story method) with at least 3 people. Tomorrow they will lead the report session.)

Say: Each of the Helpers of Teaching, please come forward. (Make sure each deacon knows exactly what he or she will do tomorrow for his or her function. They will lead the bible study using the 4 "guiding" questions. We will all study Acts 14:1-7)

Say: Each of the Treasurers, please come forward. (Make sure each they know exactly what they will do tomorrow for taking and recording the tithe or offering.) (Send the Overseers back to their groups.)

## **Day 2, Session 4: Homework**

Say: Our first Homework assignment is to prepare for Home Group tomorrow. You will need to decide where you will meet and the process tomorrow. You will begin at \_\_\_\_\_ and must be completed with everything by \_\_\_\_\_.

Say: We gave the Treasures the responsibility to collect and record a tithe and/or offering. The first thing this will be used for is to reimburse the Fellowship Helper for the Lord's Supper elements. Then the remaining portion will be used for whatever the church decides to do for Ministry. Remember Ministry is not Evangelism.

Say: Our second homework assignment comes from our Evangelism Helpers. They would like you to again go out 2x2 (or 3) and each of you shares your stories at least 3 times tonight and try to tell them His Story also. You again have your stipends for dinner and should have plenty of opportunity. Let's try and really increase the numbers from the reports this morning. The Evangelism Helpers will tally:

- The total number of stories told =
- how many heard a story =
- how many negative (angry) responses =
- how many total positive (wanting to know more) responses =
- how many \_\_\_\_\_ (target PG) heard a story =
- how many \_\_\_\_\_ (target PG) responded positively (wanting to know more) =
- how many of HIS Stories where told =

## **Day 2, Session 4: Dismissed**

Say: We will break for the evening. I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward and pray for us to have boldness and walk in obedience this evening.

**Go 2x2: Tell at least 3 Your Story / His Story**

### **Day 3, Session 1: Home Group**

During this final day, ad-lib as necessary. You know the participants, work on weaknesses, enhance strength, but keep in mind – you are looking for the DOERS

During home Groups, observe and assist the groups.



Make sure when the treasurer tallies the tithe that they have someone with them to sign-off for accountability.

### **Break**

### **Day 3, Session 2: Reports**

Ask: So, how was Home Group?

Ask: Treasurers, did you reimburse the Fellowship Helper?

Ask: Ministry Helpers, what did your Church decide to do for ministry? (Lead this discussion for creative ministry ideas)

Ask: Evangelism Helper, please give us your reports. (Tally the total and add them to yesterday's totals. Have some of the better reports be given to the whole group)

Say: Let's look at the numbers. Let's give God Praise. Let's Pray in Thanks.

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## Day 3, Session 2: Commissioning

Ask: Who can read for me **Acts 13:3**? *“So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”*

Say: So now this is what I want to do for you. (This should be a solemn time of prayer, Laying-on-hands, and commissioning them) (Be creative)



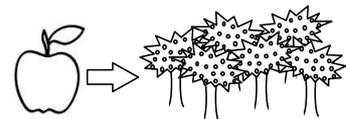
Say: Remember the Apple?

Say: We are just about finished. But first turn with me to Acts 29:17 (As they look for this non-existent verse invite the host up to read it)

Say: (Host) please come up and read Acts 29:17 to us. (Host will come up and won't be able to find it. They will tell you they can't find it)

Say: But (Host) I see it right here (Action: Have you bible open, but look at the host. They will be looking in their bible. Don't let them look in yours and encourage them to find Acts 29 in their bible. Each time they express they are unable to find it, look right at them and say: But I'm looking right at Acts 29. Keep up the charade until the host or other participants figure out you are looking at the host in reference to Acts 29.)

Say: Yes, I see Acts 29 in you. You are the next chapter in Acts. You each can write your own next chapter to the book of Acts. When I look at you I see the orchard inside each of you. Go and write the next chapter of Acts. Go and Tell Your Story!



**Go Tell Your Story**



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