



ANSWERS: Unit 3: Christian Leadership

How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ.

Lesson 3 Fruit and Leadership

Day One

Real vs. Spiritual Fruit

Read Numbers 23:19 and answer questions 1–2:

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19

1. Why can we trust God's words?

Because God always tells the truth, and He does what He says He will do.

2. Since God declares His love for you in the Bible, do you expect Him to act for your benefit (Isaiah 54:10; John 3:16)? Yes No Maybe (Underline One)

Personal answer but hopefully the answer is yes. God says that He loves us, and He always tells the truth. He will act on our behalf because that is what you do when you love someone—you help the person you love

Bible references in question 2:

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

3. Explain why or why not you expect God to act for your benefit in #2.

Because whatever God says He will do, He will do (Numbers 23:19). He promises to love and have compassion on us. He promises believers eternal life as referenced above.

4. Think of someone who dislikes you and has harmed you either emotionally or physically. Would you be willing to suffer a painful and degrading death for that person? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

5. Explain your answer about whether or not you would die for another person in #4.

Personal answer, but question is designed to help us realize how much Jesus loves us and how much we must depend on God to have this kind of supernatural love.

6. Read Romans 5:5. How can you love God and love others?

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

We can love God and love others by trusting God's word to us in Romans 5:5. Scripture tells us that God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

7. Reread the paragraph above. What would you say to the ministers in 1787 who did not believe in Christians sharing their faith in Christ?

Personal answer, but question designed to get us to think scripturally for ourselves. Here is William Carey's answer in the lesson:

William argued that if we were not supposed to share the gospel like Jesus commissioned the apostles to do, then we should not baptize believers either. Baptism was also part of His charge (Mark 16:15–16). He also wrote that Jesus' authority was given to all believers to share the gospel. Therefore, the missionaries who traveled to foreign lands after the apostles died, would have gone without His authority. In addition, Jesus said, *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age* (Matthew 28:20). Jesus could not have *only* been talking to the apostles because they died before the end of the age. His divine presence is not limited to the 1st century.¹

Bible references in lesson:

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18–20

¹ William Carey, *An Inquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen*, ed. Dan Graves, <https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/study/module/carey> (accessed 01/10/2020).

And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ²Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. ⁴Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Acts 8:1–4

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:13–14

Read John 15:5 and answer questions 8–10:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

8. When Jesus says that He is the vine (grape vine), is He speaking figuratively or literally?
(Underline One)

9. When Jesus says you will bear much fruit, is He talking about figurative or literal fruit?
(Underline One)

10. Are you able to live a fruitful life apart or separated from Jesus Christ? Yes No (Underline One)

Bible references in lesson:

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:11–12

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." Genesis 1:29

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does." John 5:19

11. Read Deuteronomy 28:10–11. Who is responsible or in control of the literal fruit (crops) and the figurative fruit (descendants, rewards)?

God

Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. ¹¹The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. Deuteronomy 28:10–11

Pastor Murray goes on to write that “Every believer is in Christ. But everyone does not abide in Him in the consciously joyful and trustful surrender of their whole being given up to His influence. You know what abiding in Him is. It is to consent with our whole soul to His being our life, to depend on Him to inspire us in all that goes to make up life, and then to absolutely give up everything so that He may rule and work in us. It is resting in the full assurance that He does, each moment, work in us what we are to be. He Himself enables us to maintain that perfect surrender, in which He is free to do all His will.”²

12. Consider the above quote from Pastor Murray. What does “abiding” or “living in Christ” mean to *you*?

Personal answer but should include something like trustful or full surrender to Jesus. It is allowing Jesus to rule in our lives and following Him completely. We obey Jesus by walking in all His ways and depending on Him daily.

13. How are *you* going to remain, dwell, and live in Christ?

Personal answer, but here are some suggestions: pray (seek, listen and make requests), read the Bible, obey God, rely or be dependent on God, have an accountability partner, be in company of fellow believers who love and live in Jesus.

14. Action Steps: Read the Gospel of John, chapter 15. While reflecting on this passage, ask the Lord Jesus for a fruitful assignment to honor Him. Please share how the Lord directed you and what happened:

Personal answer: disciples should encourage one another in their answers.

—End Day One—

² Ibid., 13.

Day Two

Different Kinds of Fruit

Read Galatians 5:22–26 and answer questions 15–17:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.
Galatians 5:22–26 (Forbearance is defined as patient self-control; restraint and tolerance.)

15. List the nine fruit of the Spirit (vv. 22–23):

1. love 2. joy 3. peace 4. patience 5. kindness 6. goodness 7. faithfulness 8. gentleness 9. self-control

16. Would you like *your* friends to have these qualities? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer, but we desire to be treated well and people with these qualities will care for us.

17. Why would you like, or not like your friends to have the fruit of the Spirit qualities?

Personal answer, but people with this traits or qualities are loving, joyful, peaceful, kind, good, faithful, gentle or humble, and self-controlled. These kind of people can be trusted and are nice to be around.

18. Out of the nine fruits of the Spirit, which do you have the most trouble in displaying and why?

Personal Answer

19. How would you like your discipleship team to pray for you regarding the fruit of the Spirit?

Please make note of the prayer requests from your other team members and pray as the Holy Spirit leads. Please pray for each person on your team for at least five days.

Bible references in lesson:

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:1–2

... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10–17

20. Why is displaying or practicing godly character for *the glory of God* (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:5–6)?

We display and practice godly character to honor and glorify God and not to draw attention to ourselves. We want our actions to turn people's attention to their Creator. God is honored when we have and reflect Jesus' character. God desires us to be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus; He has perfect godly character. There may be other worthy answers.

21. Pray for *your* character to be pure and holy, that *you* are always genuine and never a phony and *you* have the right motivation in serving God. Insert your first and last name in the blanks,

“Say nothing of _____, speak only of _____’s Savior.”

22. Read Proverbs 4:20–23. How will *you* guard your heart and mind? (Other verses to consider: Psalm 18:30, 119:8; Proverbs 2:7–8; Philippians 1:10–11; Jude 1:21)

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²¹Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²²for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:20–23

Personal answer, but here are some suggestions: obey God, pray, read the Bible, read Christian books, listen to Christian music, have an accountability partner, be in company of Christians who love and abide in Jesus.

Bible references in question 22:

As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30

I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me. Psalm 119:8

He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Proverbs 2:7–8

... so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:10–11

... keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Jude 1:21

23. Write and explain what happened when you prayed, followed, and practiced “love” (and joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) for the glory of God. Consider keeping a log in a notebook, file, phone, or computer for handy reference.

Personal answer: encourage one another in your action steps.

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers to #23 with the other disciples next week. Your team might want to make these Action Steps part of your next few meetings until all the fruit of the spirit has been prayed, followed, and practiced.

—End Day Two—

Day Three

The Fruit of Right Action: Deeds

Read Acts 10:38 and answer questions 24–27:

... 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. Acts 10:38

24. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the ___ **Holy** ___ ___ **Spirit** ___ and ___ **power** ___.

25. What did Jesus, our leader, go around doing with the Holy Spirit and power?

Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil.

26. God was with Jesus; is He with *you* (1 Corinthians 3:16)? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

27. Regrading question 26, why or why not is God with you as He was with Jesus?

Believers should answer yes as Jesus makes a personal relationship with God possible. If unconfessed sin, a believer may not feel God's presence.

Bible reference in question 26 and other verses of God with us:

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?
1 Corinthians 3:16

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20b

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷the 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. John 14:16–17

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38–39

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

28. Read Isaiah 45:19. How does the LORD speak and declare (proclaim, announce)?

The LORD speaks in the open, in truth and righteousness.

I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.
Isaiah 45:19 (Vain in this context means unsuccessful or not having the intended result.)

Bible references in lesson:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. Psalm 19:1–2

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For 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 people are without excuse. Romans 1:18–20

29. Read Revelation 15:4. How are God's acts described (Compare 1 Samuel 12:7)?

Righteous

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.
Revelation 15:4

Bible references in lesson:

*"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.
²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores." Luke 16:19–21*

But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. Luke 16:25

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:28–29

Read Philippians 1:11 and answer questions 30–31:

... filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:11

30. Who is your source of righteousness?

Jesus Christ

31. Who receives glory for our righteousness in Christ Jesus?

God

Bible references in lesson:

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." Matthew 21:43

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19–21

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 31:31–32

But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ⁹It will not be

like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.
Hebrews 8:8–11

Read Romans 7:18 and answer question 32–33:

For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. Romans 7:18

32. Do you ever get frustrated like Paul and wonder why you cannot carry out the good works that you would like to do? Yes No Sometimes (Underline One)

Personal Answer

33. Explain why, or why you do not, get frustrated in carrying out good works in question 32.

Personal Answer

Here are notes from the lesson:

Paul is saying that nothing good lives in his sinful nature and from this nature he cannot carry out good. He must rely on Jesus to carry out his good works and it is a process (2 Corinthians 3:18). Through Jesus we receive a new nature and become a new creation. However, we do not lose our sin nature, and this can sometimes cause a struggle within us.

No one has the power to overcome his or her sinful nature in their own strength but must rely upon the Holy Spirit. This is an important concept for the Christian leader to grasp. Otherwise, we may live in a state of frustration and defeat, trying to work in our own strength. Knowing this truth of relying on Jesus and His righteousness will allow us to help others overcome the obstacles and heartaches they may face in desiring to do what is good, but unable to carry it out.

34. Read Romans 1:17. How do *you* know *you* are righteous?

God says in His Word that we are righteous when we place our faith in Jesus Christ. The gospel or good news is that Jesus died for our sins and whoever believes or places his or her faith in Him will be declared righteous. Placing our faith in Jesus means living and abiding in Him.

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:17

Read Romans 8:1–4 and answer questions 35–38:

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1–4

35. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because (v. 2):

Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life set me free from the law of sin and death.

36. How did God condemn sin in sinful man (v. 3)?

God condemned sin by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.

37. Why did God condemn sin in sinful man (v. 4a)?

So that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us.

38. We do not live according to the flesh but according to the _____ Spirit _____ (v. 4b).

Read Philippians 2:12–13 and answer questions 39–42:

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:12–13

39. Who helps you choose God’s plan for your life and act accordingly (v. 13)?

God

40. If God is working in you for His purpose, what is your responsibility (v. 12)?

To obey God and to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

41. Why does Paul say *to work out your salvation with fear and trembling* (v. 12c)? (Read Luke 3:8–14; 1 Corinthians 2:3, 9:24–27; 2 Corinthians 7:15)

Paul is saying that if you are saved, you should be laboring for God and His Kingdom by being obedient and reverent (extreme respect). He is saying this to make sure believers understand that salvation is not a one-time event (or one-time prayer), but it is a life devoted to serving the Lord.

Bible references in question 41:

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

¹¹John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" ¹³"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. ¹⁴Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay." Luke 3:8–14

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 1 Corinthians 2:3

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all obedient, receiving him with fear and trembling. 2 Corinthians 7:15

42. What would you tell those who are discouraged in their ability to produce fruit?

Personal Answer but the following is from this lesson:

If you or another believer are discouraged about your ability to produce fruit, remember that God has the plan! He is in charge of our good works. Ask God each day for your assignments. It does not matter how small or insignificant the action may seem, *it is our prompt obedience that counts.*

Another aspect of discouragement over good works is incorrect expectations from what God has purposed. We may have misinterpreted what God wants us to do and need to pray for wisdom and direction. There is also the possibility of unconfessed sin that God would like addressed.

Read 1 John 1:9–2:1 and answer question 43–46:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. ¹¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 1 John 1:9–2:1 (Confess is to acknowledge, declare, admit, or say plainly. An advocate defends and represents a person.)

43. As a believer what action are you supposed to take if you sin?

Confess or acknowledge our sins to God and ask for forgiveness.

44. Who is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins when we confess (v. 9)?

God, or God the Father

45. Who purifies us from all unrighteousness (v. 9)?

God, or God the Father

46. Who is our advocate with God the Father (1 John 2:1)?

Jesus Christ

Read Acts 26:20 and fill-in the blanks for question 47:

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. Acts 26:20 (Repentance is a change of heart and a turning from one's sins.)

47. Paul says that he preached so that people (Jews and Gentiles) would repent and turn to God

and demonstrate or prove their _____ **repentance** _____ by their _____ **deeds** _____ (v. 20c).

Conundrum (Puzzle, Challenge)

48. Read Mathew 6:1–2 and Matthew 5:15–16. These passages of Scripture appear contradictory. Explain how a Christian leader does not practice righteousness in front of others, and at the same time lets others see their good deeds?

In Mathew 6:1–2, Jesus is talking about our heart or motivation of our “righteousness” or good deeds. We are not to do them for our benefit but for God’s honor. Jesus is teaching in Matthew 5:15–16 that people *should* see our character and good deeds and praise God.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:1–2: (Underlining added by author for focus.)

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.” (Hypocrisy is the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform; pretense.)

However, Jesus also said in Matthew 5:15–16:

“Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

49. Thank God for all the good actions He has done through *you* since becoming a Christian. Ask God to forgive you for the times you tried to take credit for His work. Determine to always give God the honor only He deserves. I have prayed. Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer, but hopefully all we pray.

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.
Psalm 115:1

—End Day Three—

Day Four

The Fruit of a Changed Life: Making Disciples

Bible references in lesson:

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Psalm 51:13

Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. Deuteronomy 10:16

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. Acts 3:19

50. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for an opportunity to share your personal testimony this week with someone who does not know Christ. Also pray for the person who hears your testimony and how Christ died for their sins to be convicted and trust Jesus as Lord and Savior. Write a few notes about your experience.

Personal experience

Read Matthew 28:18–20 and answer questions 51–53:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18–20

51. Who has received all authority in heaven and on earth (v. 18)?

Jesus

52. Since Jesus has received all authority in heaven and on earth, what does He command?

Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²and teach them to obey everything I have commanded.

53. When you make disciples, are they also required to make disciples? Yes No (Underline One)

Action Step

54. Pray and ask God to help you make one disciple within the next 12 months. Pray also for whatever you feel is lacking in your ability to reach out to the lost and make disciples. Keep a record in your journal of notepad. For discipleship growth, help them become part of an In Jesus Steps team.

I have prayed: Yes No (Underline One)

This may be a long-term Action Step, so check in with the other disciples regarding each other's progress. Pray and help each other in any way the Holy Spirit leads.

55. Read John 16:7–11. Who proves the world to be in the wrong about sin because people do not believe in Jesus (vv. 8–9)?

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

John 16:7–11 (Satan is the prince of this world that is condemned.)

Read Romans 10:13–17 and answer questions 56–59:

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” ¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Romans 10:13–17

56. How are people going to be saved (v. 13)?

By calling on the name of the Lord and asking Him to save them.

57. How will people know about Jesus and how they can be saved through Him (v. 14)?

By other people telling, preaching, or sharing about Jesus in some way.

58. How are feet described that bring the good news of Jesus Christ (v. 15)?

Beautiful feet

59. Did everyone accept the good news of Jesus Christ (v. 16)? Yes No (Underline One)

Bible reference in lesson:

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. ³For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities." Isaiah 54:2–3

60. How does William Carey's life encourage you?

Personal Answer

Action Step

61. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you an opportunity to make Christ known to someone within the next week. Describe the Holy Spirit's leading and result:

Personal answer: disciples encourage one another.

—End Day Three—

Day Five
The Fruit of Lips

Read Hebrews 13:15 and answer questions 62–63:

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. Hebrews 13:15 (Profess is to admit and acknowledge.)

62. How often should we offer praise (honor, tribute) to God?

Continually, all the time

63. When we speak good and truthful things about God, how are our lips described?

Fruit of lips

Action Steps

64. Pray for the *fruit of lips* that profess and praise God. I have prayed and asked God to give me the *fruit of lips* that openly and continually profess and praise His name. Yes No (Underline One)

Pray as directed in the question.

65. Look for an opportunity to praise God openly over the next few days. Write about your experience.

Personal Answer

Read Mark 4:26–29 and answer questions 66–67:

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” Mark 4:26–29

66. What is the kingdom of God like?

Jesus said the kingdom of God is like a man scattering seed on the ground. The soil produces grain, and the harvest has come. How the seed grows is a mystery.

67. Explain the meaning of the Parable of the Growing Seed in Mark 4:26-29.

The kingdom of God is like the growing seed which is the word of God. Believers preach, share, or communicate the word of God in some fashion. Afterwards, whether they sleep or do anything else, the word of God grows in someone’s heart. Only God can make the word grow and it is a mystery as to how He accomplishes this.

68. Please share if there is anything that you are personally waiting for and trying to be patient in the Lord.

Personal Answer

69. Read Mark 11:13–14. Why was Jesus displeased with the fig tree?

Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it. Mark 11:13–14

Answer from the lesson: Jesus was displeased with the fig tree because it had sprouted (developed) leaves early and showed signs that it had fruit. A fig tree was created and designed to produce fruit. Jesus was hungry and went to the tree to get the figs it was supposed to have but did not. In the same way, there are people who appear to be Christians but are not. They are counterfeiting (faking it) serving Christ and looking fruitful, just as the fig tree had done with its green, lush leaves.

70. Memorize Colossians 3:23–24:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Action Step

71. Pray and ask God to show you with whom He is working and how you can help. Would God like you to show a kindness, do a good deed, develop a friendship, share the gospel, or speak out in praise to God? Please write a summary of what God showed you and how you followed through:

Personal Answer

—End of Day Five and Lesson Three—

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