



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND STUDY GUIDE**

**Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**Series: Soul Winning**

**Lesson Title: Winning Souls for Jesus Christ**

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### **Instructions For This Week:**

- 1. Take this week to study your Sunday School lesson prior to coming to class.**
- 2. Do the homework assignments throughout this study guide.**
- 3. Bring the study guide along with your answers to class.**

**See you there!**

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### **Winning Souls for Jesus Christ**

**SOUL-WINNING OUGHT TO BE THE MAIN BUSINESS OF EVERY CHRISTIAN!**

One of the greatest joys that we can have as Christians is the joy of leading someone to Jesus Christ. Think of it! You and I can be God's instruments in the salvation of others.

#### **WHO CAN HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF LEADING PEOPLE TO CHRIST?**

Any believer! This is not the work of just a few select people. Every Christian is called upon to witness for Christ, and every Christian can be a soul-winner.

The Lord Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19).

If we are not fishing, we are not following Him. Please don't leave it to someone else to lead them to Christ, you may be their only hope.

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST?**

Winning souls is, essentially, the process of evangelizing or witnessing, which is simply communicating the message of salvation to unbelievers and leading them to Christ. Jesus Christ told His followers they would be His witnesses to "the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) and to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), which is the essence of "**winning souls**".

## **WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO WIN OTHERS TO CHRIST?**

One of the major reasons why it is important to win others to Christ is that without salvation in Christ, the individual will perish in hell (John 3:16). However, it's not the will of God that any should perish. (2 Peter 3:9). Every person you meet has a soul that will live forever—either in the **blessings of Heaven** or in the **miseries of Hell**.

The Bible says, "He who believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36)

## **HOW CAN WE BE MORE MOTIVATED FOR SOUL WINNING?**

If someone we knew was dying and we had the cure for his disease, would that motivate us to share that knowledge with him? The reality is that all people have a terminal, spiritual disease (sin), and, as Christians, we know the cure for that disease (Jesus). This truth should be great motivation for us to lead others to Jesus Christ.

## **LIVE A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE BEFORE PEOPLE**

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16).

We must live obedient lives of integrity. We must love when others hate, and forgive when others harbor grudges. We must remain trusting when others panic, and be honest when all around us aren't. Not that we're going to be perfect – only Christ was sinless. But we must have a growing, maturing Christian life that others recognize and respect.

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## **HOW TO LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST**

Let's get to work. Let me give you a few steps you can take when leading someone to Christ.

### **1. Create a Soul Winners Prayer List.**

Create a Soul Winners Prayer List, then commit to pray over those names every day. And, pray for an opportunity to reach these souls for Christ.

### **2. Start a Conversation:**

Start a conversation with a family member, friend, co-worker, etc. with the purpose of leading them to Christ and inviting them to church. That's what Jesus did with the Samaritan woman. The Bible says that he that winneth a soul is wise!

**Your leading question to the person: What church do you go to?**

**Their Possible Responses:**

- I don't go to church
- My home church is ....
- I'm not into that....

If you've gathered by the conversation the person is saved then you've connected and met another believer.

If you have gathered from the question they need to be saved, then proceed to the next step.

### **3. Witness / Share Your Testimony:**

Here, you tell the person what Christ has done in your life and how your life changed for the better since you've been saved. Your testimony is one of the greatest resources you have to reach and influence people for Christ.

After meeting Jesus at the well, the Samaritan woman shared her testimony and many people believed in Jesus Christ and changed their lives.

#### **Assignment:**

Use the space below to write your testimony of how God has changed your life since you've been saved. (If you need more room, attach a sheet of paper)

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#### 4. If It Fits - Pray the Prayer of Salvation With Them

**Romans 10:13** says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Here's a prayer you can pray with someone to receive Christ:

##### **Prayer of Salvation**

Lord Jesus, I repent and turn from my sins and I ask for Your forgiveness. Thank You for dying on the cross for my salvation.

I invite You to come into my heart and life. Wash me clean and fill me with Your Holy Spirit and I will trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, I am born again! I am forgiven! I am saved and I am on my way to heaven!

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- 5. Invite Them to Harvest Life Church:** Invite the people you are reaching to your church - where you are getting your own nourishment. And, they will hear what you hear that keeps you growing strong in the Lord so they can start their growth process.

**Note:** Before or after service - if possible, introduce the guest to an Associate Pastor so the Pastor can greet them as well.

##### **Assignment:**

List 3 people that you will invite to church this week!

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

## **FOLLOW UP WITH THEM**

It is important that you follow up with your converts, and not allow the enemy to plunge them back into sin and condemnation. Remember, no mother gives birth and abandons the baby to feed and fend for himself or herself.

## **CONCLUSION**

Begin! No one becomes an effective witness just by reading about it. It is time to get off the bench and get in the game! We all get nervous, but as we obey the Lord He has promised to help us. Now, let's get out there and win souls for Christ!