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Knowing & Doing
the Will of God

ADULT PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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TEACHING SESSION 1

INTRODUCTION

1. The _____ is your guide for _____ and _____.
2. _____ is your Way.
3. To be a _____ of God, you must be _____ and remain
in the _____ of the _____.
4. To _____ God, you must _____ Him.
5. God is _____. His _____ is always best.
6. God is _____. His _____ are always right.
7. God is _____. He can _____ you to do His will.

REALITY 1

God is _____ at _____ around you.

Jesus' Example

- The _____ has been _____ right up to now.
- Now _____ has Me _____.
- I do _____ on My own _____.
- I do what I see the _____ already is doing.
- The _____ loves _____.
- He shows Me _____ that He Himself is _____.



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TEACHING SESSION 2

REALITY 2

God _____ a continuing _____ relationship with you
that is _____ and _____.

Can you describe your relationship with God by sincerely saying, “I love You with all my heart”?

- Everything in your _____ life, everything about _____ Him
and _____ Him, everything about _____ His will, depends
on the _____ of your love relationship.
- A _____ relationship with _____ is more important
than any other single _____ in your life.
- God created you for a _____ relationship that is _____
and _____.
- The constant _____ of God is the most _____ part of your life
and ministry.
- God _____ you not for _____ but for _____.
- Let your present be _____ and _____ by what you
are to become in _____, not by your _____.
- Your _____ is more important to God than what you do. God develops _____
to match the _____.

A Love Relationship

Read the following Scripture passages that speak of a love relationship. As you read, emphasize the word love (or any form of it, such as loves) by circling it each time it appears.

“ I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, love the Lord your God, obey him, and remain faithful to him. For he is your life” (Deut. 30:19-20).

“God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him” (John 14:21).

“Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [Neither] height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:35,37,39).

“This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters” (1 John 3:16).

“God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:9-10,19).

Using the preceding Scripture passages, answer the following questions.

1. Who is your life? _____

2. In what ways has God demonstrated His love for us? _____

3. How can we show our love for God? _____

4. What does God promise to do in response to our loving Him? _____

5. Who loved first—you or God? _____

REALITY 3

God _____ you to become _____ with Him in His _____.

- You never find God _____ persons to dream up what they _____ to do for Him. He takes the _____.
- _____ what God is about to do where you are is more _____ than _____ God what you want to do for Him.
- God's _____ of His activity is an _____ for you to join Him.
- You cannot know the _____ of God unless He takes the _____ to reveal it to you.
- There are some things only _____ can do. When you see one of these things _____, you can know _____ is at work.

Notes

Things Only God Can Do

- God _____ people to Himself.
- God _____ people to seek after Him.
- God _____ spiritual truth.
- God _____ the world of guilt about sin.
- God _____ the world of righteousness.
- God _____ the world of judgment.

When You Want to Know What God Is Doing Around You

1. _____ and _____ to see what God does next.
2. Make the _____ between your _____ and what happens next.
3. Find out what _____ is already _____.
4. Ask _____ questions:
 - How can I _____ for you?
 - What can I _____ for you?
 - Do you want to _____?
 - What do you see as the greatest _____ in your life?
 - What is the most significant _____ happening in your life right now?
 - Would you tell me what _____ is doing in your life?
 - What is God _____ to the surface in your life?
 - What particular _____ has God given you?
5. _____.
6. Be ready to make the necessary _____ in order to join _____ in what He is doing.



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REALITY 4

God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the _____, _____, circumstances, and the _____ to reveal Himself, His _____, and His _____.

“He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God” (John 8:47).

1. In the Old Testament _____ spoke in many ways. _____ God spoke is the _____ important factor, not _____. He spoke.
 - a. When God spoke, it was usually _____ to that individual.
 - b. When God spoke, the person was _____ God was speaking.
 - c. When God spoke, the person _____ what God said.
 - d. When God spoke, that was the _____ with God.
2. In the Gospels God spoke by His _____ (see Hebrews 1:1-2).
3. In Acts and to the present God speaks by the _____ (see John 14:26; 16:13-14).
4. Knowing God’s _____ comes from an intimate _____ relationship with Him.
5. God speaks when He has a _____ in mind for your life.
6. The moment God speaks to you is God’s _____.
7. You never _____ truth. Truth is _____ (see John 8:47).
8. God reveals Himself to _____ your faith.
9. God reveals His purposes so you _____ do His work.
10. God reveals His ways so you can _____ His purposes.

Notes

Reality 5

God's _____ for you to work with Him always leads you to a _____ of _____ that requires _____ and _____.

1. What is faith? _____

2. What is an opposite of faith? _____

3. How important is it for your faith to be in God and what He says rather than what you or someone else decides would be a nice thing to happen?

- The crisis of belief is a _____ point where you must make a decision. You must _____ what you really _____ about God.
- An _____ with God requires faith and action.



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TEACHING SESSION 4

REALITY 6

You must make major _____ in your life to _____ God in what He is doing.

“Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33).

- God’s _____ is your _____ to adjust your life to Him.
- God desires absolute _____.
- You _____ to a Person.
- _____ requires adjustments.
- You cannot _____ where you are and _____ with God.
- _____ is costly to you and those around you.
- You can _____ God with your family.
- _____ requires total _____ on God to work through you.
- “_____” never works. _____ works.

Positive Examples

Negative Examples

Kinds of Adjustments

In your _____ (job, home, finances, etc.)

In your _____ (family, friends, business associates, etc.)

In your _____ (prejudices, methods, your potential, etc.)

In your _____ (family, church, job, plans, tradition, etc.)

In your _____ (prayer, giving, serving, etc.)

In your _____ (God, His purposes, His ways, your relationship with Him, etc.)

REALITY 7

You come to know God by _____ as you _____ Him,
and He _____ His work through you.

“If you love me, you will keep my commands. The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words” (John 14:15,21,23-24).

1. _____ what you already know to be God’s _____.

Obey His _____.

2. _____ comes after _____.

3. Obedience is the _____ expression of your _____ of God.

4. _____ is costly. God does not always give _____ chances.

5. If you have an _____ problem, you have a _____ problem.

6. If you _____ God, you will _____ Him.

7. The _____ for obedience and love is that God will _____ Himself to you.

8. God _____ Himself to His people by _____ He does.



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SPIRITUAL MARKERS WORKSHEET

(For use in final small-group discussion)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Identifying My Spiritual Markers

Think about your life and ask God to guide you to identify your spiritual markers. These may be from your family heritage, salvation experience, significant decisions, and so forth. What are some times of transition, decision, or direction in your life when you clearly knew that God guided you? Write these down in the order they happened. Use extra paper if needed.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

What God Is Showing Me

Ask the Lord to reveal what the pattern of these markers means for you. Write your impressions.

Adjustments God Wants Me to Make

Ask the Lord to reveal any adjustment He wants you to make in your life so that you can join Him where He is working and so that He can accomplish His work through you.
