

# Survival Bible

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### TEACHER GUIDE

#### I. Introduction

##### Who Am I?

[Genesis 1:26](#) - Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Who is speaking?

How does God describe Himself?

How do we relate to God?

What is the role of the rest of His creation?

[Genesis 2:7](#) - Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

How do we know that people are made of dirt?

Can dirt come alive even after billions of years?

How does man become a living being?

[Psalm 139:13-16](#) - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

What is the role of humans in fashioning a baby?

What is God's role in the creation of a human?

Is abortion reasonable?

##### Why Am I Here?

[Jeremiah 29:11-14a](#) - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity.

Compare God's plans for me and mine.

Is prayer a privilege?

Is God illusive or can we be assured of finding Him?

[Matthew 11:28-30](#) - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

What makes us weary and burdened?

How does God describe His care for us?

What other part of the body does God minister to?

##### What Is Life About?

[Jeremiah 9:23-24](#) - This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

Is God ever impressed with our wisdom, strength, or riches? Why not?

What can we boast about?

What delights God?

## What Does God Expect From Me?

[Micah 6:8](#) - He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

What does God require of us? Describe.

If you were God, what would you desire?

[Matthew 6:25-33](#) - "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Is worry sin? Why? Or Why not?

What shall we not worry about?

What should we seek and why is it important to God?

Who deals with the trivia?

[2 Peter 3:9b](#) – The LORD is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Define patient, perish, and repentance.

Why is repentance so important?

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## 2. Salvation

### Landscape

[Isaiah 1:18](#) - "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Why do we need God?

Is there a solution?

[Matthew 7:13-14](#) - "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Describe the gates, roads, and destination.

What is your conclusion about the number of people attaining heaven?

### Means

[John 3:1-6](#) - Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

Who was Nicodemus?

How did he relate to Jesus?

What did he lack?

Compare Jesus' first and second mandate.

[Ezekiel 36:25-27](#) - I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

Can this prophecy explain what the water and Spirit represent?

What do you visualize when you read these verses?

[John 3:16-18](#) - 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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

In the first sentence, who took the initiative?

What was God's motivation?

Who is the whoever?

What is required of us?

Identify the two promises.

Who spoke these words?

Can Jesus ever lie, deceive, or exaggerate?

The last sentence is similar to the first.

Who is not condemned?

Why are people condemned?

Can you find sin anywhere in these verses? Why not?

[John 3:36](#) - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

What is the promise for believers? And the reward?

Describe the fate of those who reject or ignore the Son.

When did God's wrath begin and how is it lifted?

## Grace

[Ephesians 2:8-9](#) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

Define grace and mercy.

How is one saved? What is His role?

What does not bring salvation?

Notice the past tense in the verb "have been saved"

If you lose your salvation, How could you get it back?



## God's Riches At Christ's Expense

## Security

[John 10:27-30](#) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

My sheep or all sheep? Who are the sheep?

Define the terms:

"Listen to my voice"

"I know them"

"They follow me"

"I give them eternal life",

"They shall never perish" Why not?

What are the conditions for salvation?

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### 3. Sin

#### Origin

[Genesis 2:16-17](#) - And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Who is speaking?

What is the command?

What is the consequence of breaking the command? Physical or spiritual?

[Genesis 3:4-8](#) - "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

What uncertainty does Satan introduce in the first statement?

Describe the benefit of eating from the forbidden tree. Any problem with this?

Describe the three pronged temptation of Satan.

Why did Adam give in to the temptation so easily?

Describe the three fold consequence of their sin. One is not mentioned.

#### Description

[Matthew 5:28-29](#) - But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

How did Jesus change the original commandment which stated: "Do not commit adultery"?

What solution does Jesus propose?

Which would be easier: to gouge out your eyes or to turn to Jesus?

[Mark 7:6-8](#) - He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

Why does Isaiah call us hypocrites?

Are you religious or a genuine Christian?

What are human traditions? Give some examples.

[James 4:17](#) - If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

If you do wrong, do you sin?

If you fail to do good, do you sin?

Is there a solution?

## Universality

[Psalm 53:1-3](#) - The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good. God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Note that the phrase, "there is no God" could be translated that people do not believe that God exists or they simply say "no" to God.

Why is it that every one in a casket at a funeral is described as a "good person" and is assumed "to be in heaven".

What is God's assessment of mankind? The same as ours?

Examine the phrases:

"anyone who understands"

"any who seek God"

How does this apply to you?

[Ecclesiastes 7:20](#) - Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.

Does this verse apply to you?

Why did God choose this standard?

How do you obtain the proper righteousness?

[Jeremiah 17:9-10](#) - The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

How is the human heart described?

What does God judge in a person?

Do you want God to judge your heart and conduct?

[Jeremiah 2:25](#) - Do not run until your feet are bare and your throat is dry. But you said, 'It's no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.'

Is this a description of addiction?

What are you addicted to? Television, sports, internet?

Is there a solution?

## Forgiveness

[1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#) - Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Note the "before" and "after".

Describe the "before" salvation.

What was the immediate change after salvation?

What are the definitions of:

washed

sanctified

justified

Are you worthy?

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#### 4. Law

##### **Demands of the Law**

[Exodus 20:2-5a, 7-8, 12a, 13-17](#) - “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God.”

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

“Honor your father and your mother.”

“You shall not murder.”

“You shall not commit adultery.”

“You shall not steal.”

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

How many of these commandments did you remember before you read them?

List the minimum number you must keep to enter heaven.

What is the intention of each - particularly 1 and 2? Are we all guilty?

[Matthew 5:48](#) - Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

How would you describe God’s standard for entering heaven?

[Matthew 22:34-40](#) - Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

List the ways Jesus changed the 10 Commandments.

Did He make them easier or harder to keep?

What part of the body did He include in these commands? Explain.

Why did Jesus bring these changes?

##### **Righteousness from God**

[Romans 3:19-24, 28](#) - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus . . . For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

In the first two sentences, what was the purpose of the Law?

Did it provide a means of salvation? Why or why not?

What is God’s only method of salvation? Why the change?

Who is in need of salvation?

Describe the meaning of “glory of God”, “justified by faith”, “grace” and “redemption”.

## Grace

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

What was Moses given?

What did Jesus bring?

Assuming Moses is inferior to Jesus, how do you compare “law” vs “grace and truth”?

Romans 11:6 - And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

What is the relationship between grace and works?

State the definition of each.

Galatians 2:21 – “ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

Why can't you gain salvation through the Law?

Is grace enough? Why?

Galatians 5:4 - You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

What does “justified by law” mean?

Explain “alienated from Christ” and “fallen from grace”. Is this condition serious?

Hebrews 7:18-19 - The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Identify the “former regulation”.

What is the “better hope”?

Explain “drawing near to God”.



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## 5. Jesus

### Humanity

[Hebrews 2:14-18](#) - Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Why did Jesus have to become human?

What purpose did it accomplish?

Explain the priesthood.

What does "atonement" mean?

### Mission

[Matthew 20:28](#) – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

[Luke 4:43](#) – But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

[1 John 3:8b](#) – The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

[John 10:10](#) – The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

What was Jesus' purpose portrayed in these verses?

Can we accomplish these same things?

Why don't we?

### Deity

[Matthew 26:63b-65](#) - The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

Under oath, could Jesus have lied or exaggerated?

What was His blasphemy?

Describe the significance of the third sentence.

### Sin Bearer

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#) - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Describe the exchange made at the cross.

Can we lose this righteousness?

[Hebrews 9: 26b-28](#) - But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Note the repetition of the use of the word “once”. Underline them.

How did Jesus destroy sin?

What destiny do we fear as a human?

Describe Christ’s work.

What does the future look like?

[1 Peter 2:24](#) - “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Elaborate on “He himself bore our sins”.

What does “die to sins” look like? Can we be sinless?

What does “live for righteousness” look like?

Describe our healing.

## Resurrection

[Acts 17:30-31](#) – “In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Who will judge the world?

How can we be certain?

What is our responsibility?

## Salvation

[Colossians 1:22](#) – But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

How is salvation described?

What is our current and eternal standing before God?

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#### 6. Bible

##### Origin

[1 Thessalonians 2:13](#) - And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

How did Paul identify his messages?

What does the word of God accomplish? What does this mean?

[2 Timothy 3:14-17](#) – But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What is the goal of the Holy Scriptures?

Describe the origin of Scripture.

How does it minister to believers?

Did Paul have any reservations concerning Scripture?

[2 Peter 1:19-21](#) - We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Identify the prophetic message that Peter was referring to.

What is the origin of prophecy?

Did Peter have any reservations concerning Scripture?

##### Application

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) – Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

To what degree were the commandments important to the Jews?

Do we practice such devotion to God?

[Isaiah 66:2](#) – Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the LORD. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.

How does God portray genuine Christians?

What does this mean to you?

[John 8:31-32](#) – To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

How is a disciple identified?

What is the reward for those who discover the truth?

[Romans 10:17](#) – Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

What is the origin of faith?

Can you strengthen your faith? How?

[2 Timothy 2:15](#) - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

What does “Do your best” mean to you?

Who does God approve?

Are you in that number? Why? Or Why not?

## **Misapplication**

[Ezekiel 33:31](#) - My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to hear your words, but they do not put them into practice. Their mouths speak of love, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain.

Can you identify with this description 2500 years later?

Why are we so defiant toward God?

[Hebrews 5: 11-14](#) - We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

What is the practice of the immature Christians?

Identify the mature Christian’s behavior.

Why is this failure so common today?

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## 7. Victorious Living

### Service

[2 Chronicles 7:14](#) - if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

How does this verse depict repentance?

Is this the healing that America needs today?

Why is this behavior so hard to achieve?

[John 12:24-26](#) – Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Who is the kernel of wheat?

What produces the greatest gain for the seed?

Why is it so difficult for us to devote ourselves for the ultimate purpose?

Show me your calendar and your checkbook and I will show you your god.

[Romans 12:1-2](#) - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Identify the three steps to determine the will of God.

What is ultimate worship?

Describe the transformation of your life.

### Holy Living

[Philippians 3:7-9](#) – But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

What two powers were embracing Paul's life?

Which one won? Why?

Can self-righteousness get you to heaven?

[Hebrews 12:1-3](#) – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Visualize the scene painted by the author.

What is the goal of the race?

Describe the reward.

Can opposition be anticipated?

## Heavenly Rewards

[1 Corinthians 3:10-15](#) - By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Who laid down the foundation?

What is the foundation?

Describe the building materials available to the builder.

How will they be tested?

Is survival dependent upon the quantity or quality of each person's work?

What are the two possible outcomes following the tests? Describe.

## Finishing Strong

[2 Timothy 4:6-8](#) - For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

How does Paul describe his life and outcome?

Are you willing to finish strong for Jesus?

[Luke 14:31-33](#) - “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Imagine the scene.

What are the two options facing the weaker country?

Have you totally surrendered your life to Jesus?

Who is stronger? You? or God?

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## 8. What Now?

### Prayer

John 16:26-27 <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup>No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

What is the Christian protocol for prayer?  
Why do we have this privilege?

Philippians 4:6-7 <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

How do we experience the peace of God and how is it described?  
Is anxiousness a sin or immaturity in faith?  
How important is the peace of God in today's world?

### Bible Study

John 8:31-32 <sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Are you a disciple of Christ? Why? or Why not?  
If you do not learn the truth, what will be the consequences? Slavery?

2 Timothy 2:15 <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

To what degree are you a worker (disciple) of the Lord?  
Is the goal set too high or are we in love with the world?  
Do you disciple others?

1 John 2:27 <sup>27</sup>As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

Who is the anointing and what is His function?  
Do you depend upon Him when reading Scripture?  
Can the world teach you false doctrines?

### Fellowship

Acts 2:42-47 <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

What were the four practices of the original converts?  
What behavior did it produce?  
Was this socialism or God's love?  
How did they evangelize?

1 Thessalonians 2:8 <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Are you enjoying community - loving others and enjoying their love?

2 Timothy 2:2 <sup>2</sup> And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

How many generations are in view?

Is this how the Gospel finally came to you? Did you break the chain?

## Service

John 13:12-17 <sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Did Jesus wash the apostles' feet because they were dirty or as an act of humility?

What was the real intent?

Should this be practiced in the church or in small groups? How?

1 Peter 5:2-4 <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Summarize a shepherd's duties.

Are you eager to serve?

What is your reward?

## Share with Others

Luke 24:46-48 <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

Are you a witness of these things at least in print?

When was the last time you preached repentance for the forgiveness of sins?

How did you become a Christian?

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

Note the first and last verses. Do these give you authority and confidence?

What are our orders? Are these suggestions?

Are both evangelism and discipleship included?

How important are these practices to Jesus?