

# YOUR NEW HOME

## New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

**Topic:** Abiding in Christ

**Question:** *How do we stay connected to Jesus?*

### Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

#### 1. Share & Care

Share life's journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



Care

#### 2. Accountability

##### *Following Jesus*

- *What has the Holy Spirit taught you from the Word?*
- *How have you experienced the power or the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life this week?*



Report

##### *Fishing for Jesus*

- *Did you share last week's lesson? How did it go?*
- *Who are you discipling? Is there progress and are there problems?*



Sow

#### 3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Worship

### Notes:

- Encourage one of your disciples to lead the entire group. As before, meet with them before and after the group.
- Make sure they ask you the accountability questions AND that they **model** by answering the questions themselves as they lead!

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

## Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

### 4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Let someone read John 15:1-10, then discuss the questions below. Then read Ephesians 2:14, 18-19 and do the same.



Learn

- *What do you learn about Jesus and God in these passages?*
- *What do you learn about the people of God in these passages?*
- *Sum up what you are learning from these passages in a few sentences.*

### 5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

- *Is there something I should start doing or stop doing based on what I've learned today?*
- *How will my life change based on what I'm learning?*



Correct

## Notes:



Guide

## Do's and Do Not's

- **Do** let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- **Do** remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate.  
Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- **Don't** demand correct answers.
- **Don't** get distracted, stay on topic.

## **Abide in Christ**

### **John 15:1-10**

1 [Jesus said] *"I am the true grapevine, and My Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of Mine that doesn't produce fruit, and He prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me.*

*5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in Me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

*9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love. 10 When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments and remain in His love."*

## **Members of God's Household**

### **Ephesians 2:14, 18-19**

14 For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

18 Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. 20 Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself.

## Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

### 6. Practice

- Continue discussing different ways you can transition from ordinary conversations to spiritual conversation.
- Do a role play and **model** for them how this is done.
- Pair up and practice.



Equip

### 7. Plan - With whom will I **SHARE**?

- What is one thing you need to work on in terms of spreading His Word and what will you do to stretch yourself and grow in that area?



Plan



Reproduce

### 8. Cast Vision

Use a story, a Bible passage, or a personal illustration to cast a compelling vision of how God wants to impact lostness in your city and beyond! Ideas can also be found on the AIM Trainers website.



Vision

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!



Pray

**Extra Challenge:** (verse to memorize, Bible passages to read, topic to research)



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