

YOUR NEW FAMILY

New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

Topic: Together We Are the Church

Question: How do we relate to one another in God's family?

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

- How has God been challenging you from His Word?
- How has God answered your prayers?



Report

Fishing for Jesus

- Has God given you opportunities to witness? If not, what opportunities did you miss? Excuses made?



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:

- Celebrate **any** steps of obedience in your accountability time! If people are having trouble in this area, stop and pray together, then make specific plans for this week.
- Remind the group we want to see lives impacted with the Gospel. Our goal is to make disciples who make disciples and to establish simple New Testament churches.

"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**?

Read Acts 2:42-47 in two different versions.

- *What truths do you learn from this story?*
- *What choices did people in this story make?*
- *How do lives change in this story?*



Learn

Read Philippians 2:1-4 and Hebrews 10:24-25.

- *From these passages describe the character qualities the church family should have and exhibit towards one another.*

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

- *Is there an example I will follow?*
- *Is there a sin I will avoid?*



Correct

Notes:

- The church is not a building. It is a local gathering of believers who cooperate to obey Jesus.



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.

The Joy of True Community

Acts 2:42-47

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

1 Peter 1:22

22 You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

One Mind and One Purpose

Philippians 2:1-4

1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. 3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

6. Practice

- *Pair up and practice sharing a 2-minute story of how God has been active and real in your life recently (perhaps a time He gave you peace or patience...).*



Equip

7. Plan - With whom can I **SHARE**?

- *Which of your non-believing family or friends will you be praying for this week?*
- *Who needs to hear the story you just shared?*



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 or Bible passages to read)

- Reread the scripture passages and list all the verbs (positive and negative). Write a paragraph to describe the church family.
- Learn a new “gospel tool” in preparation for next session. Remember to find one that is simple and easy to pass on to others!



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