

# YOUR NEW INVESTMENT

## New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers



**Topic:** Give Our Time, Our Resources—And Ourselves!

**Question:** *Where are we storing our treasures?*

### 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*

- *Share some verses you have memorized.*
- *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:

"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 John 6:3-11.

- *What do you learn about Jesus (God) in this story?*
- *What do you learn about resources in this story?*
- *What choices did the little boy make in this story?*



Learn

Read Acts 2:42-46, Matthew 6:19-21, and Proverbs 3:9 one and at time and discuss the questions below for each passage.

- *What attitude should we have towards our resources?*
- *Is there an example to follow or a command to obey?*

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

- *Is there something God expects of me?*
- *What steps will I take to begin obeying Him in this area of my life?*



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.

## **A Generous Young Boy**

### **John 6:3, 5-11**

3 Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with His disciples around him...  
5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for Him. Turning to Philip, he asked, *"Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?"* 6 He was testing Philip, for He already knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" 8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. 9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" 10 *"Tell everyone to sit down,"* Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward He did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.

### **Acts 2:42-46**

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 worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.

### **Matthew 6:19-21**

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

### **Proverbs 3:9**

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

## Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

### 6. Practice

- *Have two participants take turns and share the stories in John and Acts.*
- *Pair up and practice sharing a 2-minute testimony of something God is doing in your life that you may be able to share with your family and friends.*



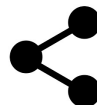
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### 7. Plan - With whom can I **SHARE**?

- *What resources will you share and with whom will you share them?*
- *With whom will you share this new lesson?*



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

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### 9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!



Pray

### Extra Challenge: (verse to memorize, topic to research)

- Read Malachi 3 and 2 Corinthians 8-9



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