

WEEK 3: STEP FOUR IN STARTING CHURCHES

DAY 1: VISIT FAMILIES

1. You are learning the "7 steps in starting new churches." These steps will help *you* start a new church. Last week you learned three steps:

What are the first 3 steps?

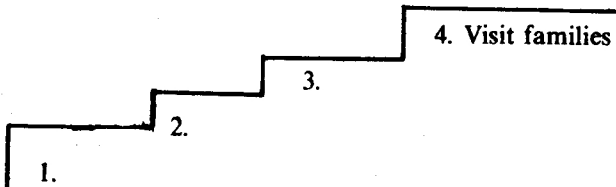
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3. _____

2. Step 1: Pray and plan. Step 2: Find helpers. Step 3: Survey the areas. I am praying for your work for God. My prayer is that you will love God and love lost people very much, and that you will start a new church. God wants you to pray and plan, to find helpers and to survey the areas. These are the first three steps.

This week you will learn step 4 in starting new churches. Step 4 is: visit families.



Read Acts 16:32-34. Which of these statements is correct

- Paul taught the jailor alone.
- Paul taught all of the family.

3. Paul taught all of the family. It was a good way to witness. Speaking the Word of the Lord to the whole family is important. To start a new church it is good to *visit families*. This is Step 4: visit families. You and your helpers should go to many houses. You will talk to the people about Jesus and the church.

What is Step 4? _____

4. Step 4 is visit families. Visiting means going to houses and talking and listening to the people. Visiting families was one way Jesus helped people. Here are a few of the families Jesus visited.

Take your Bible and read these stories:

1. The family of Simon Peter (Mark 1:29-31)
2. The family of Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13)
3. The family of Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Luke 10:38-42)
4. The family of the Pharisee (Luke 11:37)

Now read Luke 4:38.

From this verse, who was Jesus visiting?

- _____ Peter alone
_____ Peter's family
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5. Since Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, we know that Jesus visited the whole family. Jesus wants you, also, to go and visit families.

John 20:21: As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.
Think about your work for God. Remember John 20:21.

Select the correct statement. My work should be:

- ___ much like the work of Jesus
___ very different from the work of Jesus.
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6. Our work for God should be much like the work of Jesus. He is our example.
Read John 15:16.

From this verse, what are two things Christians should do?

1. _____
 2. _____
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7. Christians should go and bring forth fruit. Jesus wants you and your helpers to go to families. In their homes you can witness of Jesus. You can help people accept Christ as their Saviour. You can teach the Bible to families. You can listen to people talk about their needs and problems. Then you can pray. You also can tell families about the church.

Step 4 is to visit families. Jesus visited families. He sends you and me to visit families.

What is Step 4 in starting churches? _____

8. Step 4 is to visit families. Visiting families was also a way *Paul* helped people.

Read Acts 20:18-21. Verse 20 says: I have taught you in public and from house to house.

As well as teaching in public, where did Paul teach? _____

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9. Paul taught from house to house. Paul visited families from house to house. Paul knew that it was very important to visit families. There are many verses in Paul's writings which tell us about visiting homes and families.

From Jesus' and Paul's example, do you think visiting families is important? _____

What is Step 4 in starting churches? _____

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10. It is important to visit families. Jesus wants you and your helpers to start a new church. Jesus wants you and your helpers to go out as labourers in his harvest.

In Colombia, a Christian man named Jose went to visit his relatives. He called people together to hear his testimony. Jose read much from the Bible in order to teach his relatives about Christ. He left a Bible so the family could continue reading. Later, more than forty people received Christ. Soon a church was started and the people were baptized and taught to obey the Word of God.

To whom did Jose go? _____

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11. He went to his relatives. Jose visited a family. He gave his testimony and taught the Bible. Soon the whole family and other friends became Christians. Jose was following Step 4 in starting churches. He was visiting families. God blessed Jose's faithful witness to the family.

What is Step 4 in starting churches? _____

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12. Step 4 is: visit families. Now read Psalms 126:5-6.

Is the time of harvest a time of joy? _____

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13. Yes, people are happy when the harvest is brought in from the fields. Also, when whole families become Christians, there is much happiness. The words of Psalms 126:5-6 are God's promise to you! You should *go*, taking the seed which is the Word of God. You should *go*, like Jesus, to visit families. You should *go*, like Paul, from house to house. If you do this, you will rejoice "bringing in the harvest."

What is Step 4 in starting churches? _____

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14. Visiting families is most important in starting new churches. Stop now and pray.

Pray about today's lesson of visiting families.

Pray that you and your helpers will receive a harvest.

Pray that God will help you to follow the examples of Jesus and Paul in visiting families.

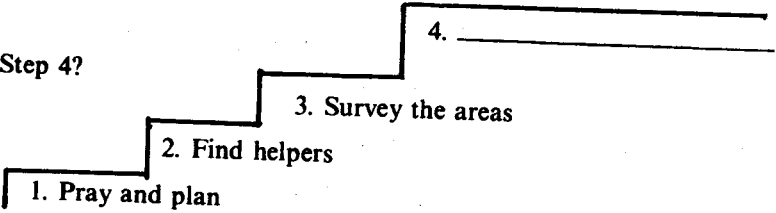
Pray that God will give you joy in this great work.

15. What is Step 4 in starting churches? _____

WEEK 3: STEP FOUR IN STARTING CHURCHES
DAY 2: WHO TO VISIT

1. You are learning the 7 steps in starting churches.

What is Step 4?



2. Step 4 in starting new churches is visit families. Both Jesus and Paul visited families. They visited families from house to house. Jesus sends us out to visit families. Today you will learn *Who to visit*.

PEOPLE TO VISIT

- 1. Visit men and women who are lost.
- 2. Visit relatives and friends of your church members.
- 3. Visit community leaders.

Now read Matthew 4:19.

Who are we to be fishers of? _____

3. We are called to be fishers of men. Men are needed in God's kingdom. Men need the Saviour. So, you need to visit men. When you arrive at a house, ask to talk with the man who lives there. It is good to visit with old men for they influence the entire family. Young men also should be won to Christ. Today I want you to find many verses in your Bible.

Read John 4:7.

To whom did Jesus speak at the well? _____

4. Jesus spoke to a woman of Samaria. Women are very special people. God loves women. Many churches are made strong because of the work of women. So, when you visit families you will talk with women about Jesus. You are to visit both men and women.

Read Luke 19:10.

Who did Jesus come to seek and to save? _____

5. He came to seek and to save the lost. Your first concern must be for lost men and women. Lost men and women have not received Christ. Those are the people who are not born again. They are non-Christians. Lost men and women are the unbelievers. As you visit families try to share the Gospel with the lost.

Read Luke 15:3-6.

In Verse 4, which sheep should be found? _____

6. We are to find the lost. Our goal in starting new churches is to find lost men and women. This is most important. Do not "steal sheep." This means, do not go out and try to get members from other churches! God's kingdom is built up only when we win the lost to Jesus. So, visit men and women who are lost.

When you visit families, what people should you visit?

PEOPLE TO VISIT

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7. You should visit men and women who are lost. Men and women are lost in sin. They cannot save themselves. We must help them find the Saviour. In Luke 15 Jesus told about the lost son. See the happy father as his son returns home! He shouts: "My son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found!" God is happy when we bring lost men and women to Jesus.

When you visit families, what people should you visit? _____

8. You should visit men and women who are lost. You should also visit relatives and friends of your church members. Inquire about this at your church. Ask your members if they have relatives or friends who live in the area where you want to start a new church. Write on a paper the names of all the relatives and friends of your church members. Try also to get their addresses.

When you visit families, what people should you visit?

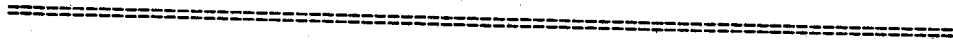
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9. Visit relatives and friends of your members. Starting churches is less difficult if you can find relatives and friends of your members.

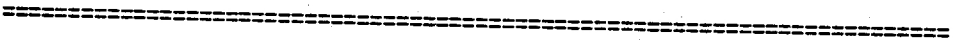
Read John 1:40-42.

Who did Andrew bring to Jesus? _____



10. Andrew brought Peter, his brother, to Jesus. Peter was a relative of Andrew. Likewise, you should find relatives of your members. When relatives of your members are won to Jesus, they may help you as you start the new church. Now, read Acts 10:24.

Who had Cornelius called together? _____

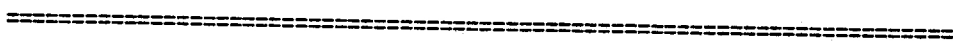


11. Cornelius had called together his relatives and close friends.

What people should you visit?

People to Visit

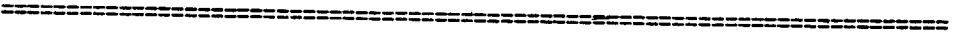
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12. Visit relatives and friends of your members. You should also visit community leaders. These are the people who make important decisions. Some community leaders may not be Christians. Therefore you may have an opportunity to win them to Christ. If community leaders become Christians and attend the church, many other people will come also. Then they also may believe on Christ as Saviour.

Another matter is this: as you visit community leaders, ask for their approval for starting a new church. Let them know ways in which a new church will help the community.

Read Acts 10:1-2. Do you think Cornelius was an important person? _____

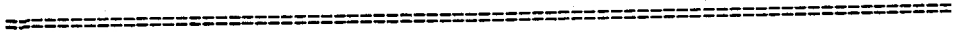


13. Cornelius was a commander of a group of 100 soldiers. He became a Christian and was baptized with other new believers. People often follow the decisions of community leaders.

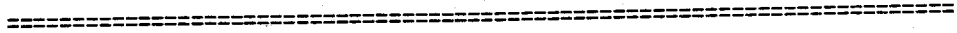
In Liberia the Christians who want to start new churches go first to the chief and his elders. The believers tell these community leaders about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. These community leaders get to hear about eternal life and peace with God. The community leaders are invited to become Christians. What people should you visit?

PEOPLE TO VISIT

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14. Visit community leaders. Read Hebrews 1:1-2 and pray that God will help you share the great news of God's Son.



15. As you visit families whom should you visit?

1. Visit _____
2. Visit _____
3. Visit _____

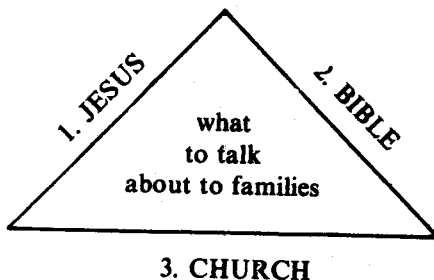
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DAY 3: WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU VISIT FAMILIES

1. When you visit families whom should you visit?

1. Visit _____
2. Visit _____
3. Visit _____

2. You should visit men and women who are lost. Visit relatives and friends of your church members. Also, visit community leaders.

Today we will learn three subjects to talk about when you visit families.



As you visit in homes you will be friendly and show Christ-like love. You should listen carefully to the needs of people. From time to time you will talk to the people, and here are three subjects to talk about:

1. Jesus

2. the Bible

3. the church

Read Acts 8:34-35.

Who did Philip tell the eunuch about? _____

Who is the good news about? _____

3. Philip told the eunuch about JESUS. The good news is about Jesus. The prophecy of Isaiah 53 was fulfilled in Jesus. The good news is that God came into the world in Jesus. God became a man in Jesus. God was in every thought and word and deed of Jesus. God became a man so that he might save mankind. When you visit families, talk much about Jesus. Jesus is our message. Jesus is the gift we must tell people about.

Now read Acts 10:34-38.

From these verses who was Peter preaching about? _____

4. Peter preached about Jesus. Jesus is the Saviour from sin. Jesus is the Redeemer who came to give new life and freedom. As you go from house to house, tell people about Jesus. All of us are sinners. But Jesus has power over sin. Tell people about this power of Jesus and the love of Jesus. Tell people the stories of Jesus. Tell about his mighty works and wonders and signs.

Who should you talk about as you visit families? _____

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5. You must talk much about Jesus. Nothing is more important than Jesus. The message of the apostles was the good news of Jesus. They told people about the death of Jesus on the cross (Acts 2:22-23). The apostles told people about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Acts 4:33 tells us this. You, too, must speak of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Read Acts 28:23. This verse is about Paul in Rome.

Who was Paul telling the people about? _____

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6. Paul talked all day to the people about Jesus. He was trying to convince them about Jesus. Some people believed and some did not. You, too, will talk about Jesus as you visit families. Some of those you talk to will become Christians. You will be winning people to Jesus.

There are 3 subjects you will talk about when you visit families.

What is one important subject to talk about? _____

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7. One important subject is Jesus. People must learn much about Jesus. You should also talk about the BIBLE. God can teach people many things if they know the Bible. As you visit families, carry your Bible with you. From time to time read from God's Word. Show people that the Bible has answers to their problems.

Now read Acts 6:2-4.

What is more important than serving tables? _____

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8. Acts 6:2 says that preaching the Word of God is very important. Acts 6:4 says that the apostles wanted to devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word of God's wonderful book, the Bible.

Now read Acts 4:31:

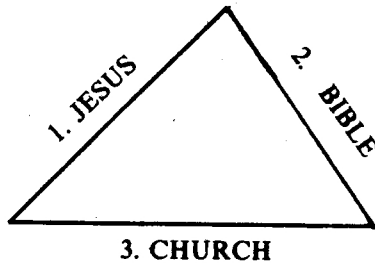
What did the apostles speak with boldness?

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9. The apostles spoke the Word of God with boldness. God gave man the Bible. He wants all people to read the Bible, or to hear someone read it. God wants people to respect and obey His Word.

As well as talking to people about Jesus, what also will you talk about? _____

10. You should talk about the Bible, God's holy Word. When you visit families talk about these 3 subjects:



As you talk about Jesus and the Bible, you will also need to talk about the CHURCH. Here are 4 verses of Scripture about the church:

Matthew 16:18

Acts 11:26

Ephesians 5:23

Ephesians 5:25

Read all four of these verses in your Bible now.

What is one subject mentioned in all of these verses? _____

11. The church is one subject mentioned in all of these verses. Tell the people whom you visit how your church has helped your village or town. Tell them that *people need churches near their homes*. Churches will help their children, and churches can help change the lives of all the people. Tell the people that you want to help them start a new church. Tell the people that God wants them to know much about Jesus, about the Bible and about the church.

What are 3 subjects to talk about when you visit families?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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DAY 4: TWO THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU VISIT

1. As you visit families, what are three subjects to talk about?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
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2. The three subjects are Jesus, the Bible and the church. Today you will learn *2 things to do as you visit families*. Some Christians make a mistake when they visit. This mistake is: the Christians talk, talk, talk! Today you will learn that it is important to *listen* and to *help* people.

TWO THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU VISIT
1. Hear the people
2. Help the people

Read John 3:1-5:

Do you think Jesus listened to the questions of Nicodemus? _____

3. Jesus did listen to the questions. Jesus answered Nicodemus' questions because he heard what Nicodemus was saying. You, also, must listen carefully as you visit families. *Hear* what the people tell you. You should try to know the condition of people whom you visit. You will try to understand how people feel. Are they tired, hungry, lonely, afraid? Do they think that someone put a curse on them? What do they need? What are their problems? In order to know answers to such questions, you must **HEAR** the people. Listen to needs and problems. As people talk, you must carefully hear them.

Read James 1:19:

What must we be quick to do? _____

4. We must be quick to hear. As you and your helpers visit families be quick to hear. Hear carefully the needs and problems of the families. Listen...listen...listen. Listen so you will know what people believe. Listen so you can talk wisely.

Read Luke 8:18:

What must we take heed about? _____

5. We must take heed about how we hear. We must hear the people. This is one important thing to do when you visit. In the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-41 there is a good example of listening. Mary listened carefully to Jesus. We also must listen carefully when we visit families.

What is one important thing to do when you visit? _____

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6. When you visit families, be sure you hear the people. Listen to their needs and problems. This is very important. You may fail in starting a new church if you do not hear the people. You show the love of Jesus when you listen to the people. Listen in order to learn about people's needs and problems.

To know the needs and problems of people what is one important thing to do? _____

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7. Listen or hear the people. Ask questions and listen to the answers. By listening you learn about needs and problems.

Here is a list for you to read and think about.

NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE:

1. Need for food, water, land, shelter and money
2. Need for power over sickness, evil spirits
3. Need for victory over fears, guilt, and impure thoughts
4. Need for respect, status, peace, happiness and faith
5. Problems about children and school
6. Problems about marriage and sex
7. Problems about employment
8. Problems about loneliness, anger, doubt and sorrow

Should you listen as people talk about such needs and problems? _____

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8. Yes, Christians must listen carefully as people talk about their needs and problems. This is a very important thing to do as you visit families.

If you wish to start a new church you must visit families.

What is the first thing to do in visiting?

TWO THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU VISIT

1. _____
 2. Help the people.
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9. Hear the people. Listen to them talk about their needs and problems. The second thing to do is help the people. Sometimes this is not easy. But, if you love people, you will try to help.

Here are five ways to help people.

1. You help by *listening*.
2. You may help by *suggesting answers* to their problems.
3. You help when you *read the Bible and pray* with the family.
4. You may have *members* of your church who could come and help.
5. You help when you tell people about *Jesus, the Bible and the church*.

There are many ways to help people.

What is the second thing to do in visiting?

TWO THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU VISIT

1. Hear the people.
 2. _____
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10. The second thing to do is help the people.

Read Philippians 4:3:

What did Paul say to do for the woman? _____

11. Paul said to help them. When there are needs and problems Christians should help people.

Now read again the list of Needs and Problems in question 7. Read aloud the list in question 9. Ask God to teach you to hear people and help people. Ask God to help you as you visit families.

12. What are two things to do when you visit families?

1. _____
2. _____

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DAY 5: WINNING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

1. What are two things to do when you visit families?

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 2. _____
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2. Hear the people and help the people. You are learning "7 steps in starting new churches." This week you are studying Step 4: visiting families.

You have learned these questions and answers about visiting families:

- A. What people should you visit?
 1. Visit men and women who are lost.
 2. Visit relatives and friends of your church members.
 3. Visit community leaders.
- B. What three subjects should you talk about when you visit families?
 1. Jesus
 2. the Bible
 3. the church
- C. What are two things to do when you visit families?
 1. Hear the people
 2. Help the people

Read these questions and answers many times. Be sure you know the answers very well.

3. Today you will learn more about visiting families. Your most important work is winning people to Christ. Today you will read about the main reason to visit families.



Read Acts 16:31:

How can a person be saved? _____

6. Paul was telling his story. He told the king how he received Christ as Lord. Paul told how Christ had changed his life. Likewise, you should tell people *briefly* about your life. It would help you to be ready if you would write your story here. Write your Christian testimony below.

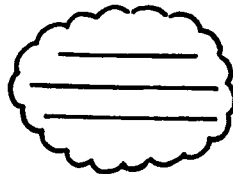
1. My life and problems before following Christ: _____

2. How I became a Christian: _____

3. What being a Christian means to me: _____

7. We will discuss what you wrote in class. Today we are considering how to win people to Christ. To win people to Christ is your most important work. You will try to win people to Christ as you visit families.

Write your answer in the circle:



What is the main reason to visit families? _____

8. The main reason to visit families is to win people to Christ. Telling about how you became a Christian will help you win people to Christ. You may tell your story by using what you wrote in number 6.

Also, let the Bible tell its story. When you visit families be ready to read some verses in your Bible. Here are some very good verses to read to people. When you visit families read some of these verses.

1. John 3:16
2. Romans 3:23
3. Romans 6:23
4. John 1:12
5. Acts 16:31

Read and mark these verses in your Bible.

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9. I hope you have marked these verses in your Bible. Show these verses in your Bible at class.

You should visit families as you start a new church. Visit families in order to win people to Christ. This is the main reason to visit families.

Today you have seen two suggestions about winning people to Christ. To win people to Christ you should:

1. Tell *your* story.
2. Let the *Bible* tell its story.

Read Matthew 28:20.

Who will be with you as you go visit families? _____

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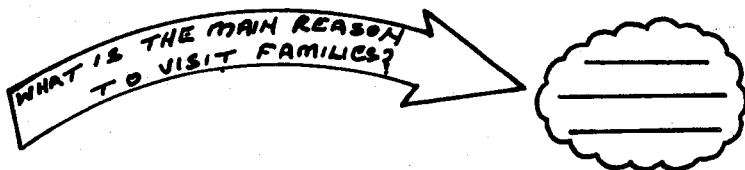
10. Jesus promised to be with us. We are not alone as we go from house to house. Jesus is our strength and power. Let us not fear as we go out to win people to Christ.

If you wish to learn more about evangelism, you should study the T.E.E. book *Bringing People to Jesus*. It will help you as you visit families.

Stop now and pray for the power of Jesus to be in you. Ask God to give you courage to go out and win people to Christ.

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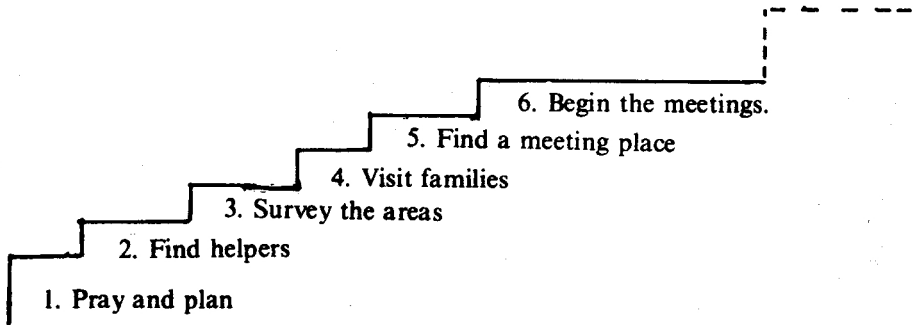
11. What is the main reason to visit families? _____



WEEK 4: STEPS FIVE AND SIX IN STARTING CHURCHES
DAY 1: FIND A MEETING PLACE

1. You have learned four steps in starting new churches. This week you will study steps five and six. Step five is: Find a meeting place. Step six is: Begin the meetings. Here is a picture showing these steps.

7 STEPS IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES



Read these steps carefully. Think about the steps. Each one is important.

What is step five? _____

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2. Step five is: Find a meeting place. Today you are learning about this step. As you visit families you have perhaps been thinking about a meeting place. People may have asked you: "Where will the new church meet?" I hope you have already been praying that God would help you find a good place to meet.

Finding a meeting place is what step? _____

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3. It is step five. Having meetings is very important. Some leaders make a mistake at this point. They win people to Christ but fail to begin Christian meetings. Meetings help by providing fellowship, teaching and worship. Believers must pray together, learn together and share together. Good meetings help new believers to grow strong in the Christian faith. In order for people to meet together there must be a meeting place.

What is step five in starting new churches? _____

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4. Here are some suggestions about meeting places:

- A new church may meet:
1. in a house
 2. under a tree
 3. in a school
 4. in a shop
 5. in a community building
 6. in a small first-unit church building

Read this list carefully. The list will help you as you search for a place in which the new church may meet.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:19.

Where was one place a church met? _____

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5. A church met in the house of Aquila and Prisca.

Read Colossians 4:15 and Philemon 1:2.

From these verses, where is one place churches may meet? _____

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6. The Bible shows us that churches can meet in houses. David and Lois Masika started a new church in their house. They provided a few song books and New Testaments. David talked to some friends at work about meeting at his house to worship. Lois witnessed to lost women and young people. She invited people to come to her house for singing, praying and Bible study.

What is one good place for a new church to meet? _____

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7. A good meeting place is a house. Find a husband and wife who both agree to having meetings in their house. The meeting place should be the same house and same time each week, unless there is sickness or some other problem.

The church at Kalulu began its meetings under a large baobab tree. The people cleared a place beneath a tree. Then, they made a few seats of poles. They visited families and invited them to attend. Today the church at Kalulu has a building, but for many months the meetings were held under a tree.

From the story of the church at Kalulu, where is a place to have meetings?

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8. Under a tree is a place where a new church may begin.

Write two meeting places for a new church and read the other four places.

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. in a school
 4. in a shop
 5. in a community building
 6. in a small first-unit church building
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9. A new church may begin in a house or under a tree. Now, let me tell you about El Mamen Church. It is a new church among Maasai people. Every Sunday morning the new believers met in the El Mamen Primary School. Many Maasai people came to the school for worship. The pastor preached sermons from the Bible, and people were converted to Christ. El Mamen church has helped start seven other churches among Maasai.

From this story of the church at El Mamen, where is a place to have meetings?

10. A school can be a good place for Christian worship. A school is usually in a central place and everyone knows where the school is located. The blackboards in a school can be used for teaching the Bible. So, a school can be used for meetings as you start a new church. Now here are three more places where a church may be started:

- in a shop
- in a community building
- in a small first-unit church building

The church at Kebi began its meetings in a shop. The owner of the shop accepted Christ as his Saviour. He closed his shop for business on Sunday. He invited other new Christians to come to his shop every Sunday morning to sing, pray and study the Bible. The owner and his friend cleaned the shop and put in some chairs.

From the story of Kebi, where is a place to have meetings? _____

11. Meetings for worship and Bible study may be held in a shop.

Write four meeting places for a new church:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. in a community building
6. in a small first-unit church building

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12. Christian meetings may be held in a home, under a tree, in a school or in a shop. Now let me tell you about the Jericho Church. A church leader prayed and planned. He found some helpers and they surveyed the areas. They discovered that the Jericho area of Nairobi was a place where a new church was needed. While visiting families, the church leader found a community building. So a small fee was paid to the city council, and Christian meetings were held in the Jericho community building. For more than two years the Jericho Church met in that community building. Now the Jericho Church has over 350 members and they have built their own church building.

From the story of the church in Jericho, Nairobi, where is a place to have Christian meetings? _____

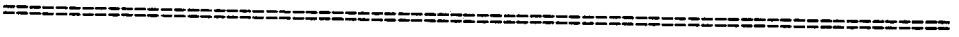
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13. A new church may meet in a community building. Another place for Christian meetings is in a small first-unit church building. At Ngwata two Christian men began to visit families. They won several people to Christ. Soon a building was needed for Sunday School and worship services. Land at Ngwata was given for a new church and money to build was collected. Then, a small first-unit building was constructed. This was only one room about 16 feet by 26 feet. Now in the area around Ngwata twelve other new churches have been started. Each of these churches began in a small first-unit church building.

From the story of Ngwata, where is a place to have meetings? _____

14. A new church may meet in a small first-unit church building. Today you have read about step five: Find a meeting place. A good meeting place may be in a home, under a tree, in a school, in a shop, in a community building or in a small first-unit church building.

Stop now and pray. Ask God to direct you as you and your helpers search for a meeting place. Pray that God would help you find a good meeting place.

What is step five? _____



15. What are six meeting places for a new church?

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

WEEK 4: STEPS FIVE AND SIX IN STARTING CHURCHES
DAY 2: TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR A GOOD MEETING PLACE

1. You are learning step five in starting a new church.

What is step five? _____

What are six meeting places for a new church?

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |
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2. Step five is: Find a meeting place. Christian meetings may be held in a house, under a tree, in a school, in a shop, in a community building or in a small first-unit church building. As you seek for a meeting place, be sure that you continue to visit families. **PEOPLE ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN BUILDINGS.** So continue to visit and witness.

Today you will learn about two requirements of a good meeting place:

1. It must be convenient.
2. It must be clean.

Read Acts 17:17:

While in Athens, where did Paul go every day? _____

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3. Paul went every day to the market place. He knew that many people would be in the market place. Paul went to a place which was *convenient* for the people. This means that Paul wanted a place where people could easily meet. The market place was convenient for many people. Likewise you should seek a convenient place for meetings. This is the first requirement of a good meeting place: it must be convenient. It should be easy for people to find the meeting place.

Write the first requirement for a good meeting place.

1. _____
 2. It must be clean.
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4. The first requirement for a good meeting place is that it must be convenient. If possible, the meeting place should be near a main road. The place must be convenient for people to find. The meeting place may be near a school, or near some shops. The people must be able to attend the meetings without difficulty.

What is the first requirement for a good meeting place? _____

5. It must be convenient for the people. The second requirement is that the meeting place must be *clean*. God desires that the place of prayer be made very clean.

Read Isaiah 52:11:

Did God require the priests to be clean? _____

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6. Yes, God wants his people to be clean. God also wants the place of prayer kept clean.

Read Exodus 29:44:

Did God want the tabernacle to be clean? _____

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7. The tabernacle was to be kept clean. The temple in Jerusalem was to be a holy and clean place. God also wants the church kept clean. So, from the beginning, make sure that the meeting place is clean. This is the second requirement for a good meeting place.

What is the first requirement? _____

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8. The first requirement for a good meeting place is that it must be convenient to the people.

What is the second requirement? _____

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9. The second requirement is that the meeting place must be clean. Here is how one meeting place was made clean: The pastor of the new congregation at Masalani requested people to help make the meeting place clean. They cut the bushes and grass under a large baobab tree. They swept that area very clean. Then, they made six small benches. They put a small cross on the side of the tree. They made everything clean. Thus, the people had done the second requirement for a good meeting place - made it clean. On Sunday people came to Masalani to worship.

What is the second requirement for a good meeting place? _____

10. The second requirement is that the meeting place must be clean. Here is how the leaders at Embakasi selected a meeting place: Embakasi is a large housing estate. The leaders who were starting a church there found a community building. It was convenient because it was near the centre of the community. It was convenient for the people to attend. So the leaders had fulfilled the first requirement for a good meeting place.

What is the first requirement for a good meeting place? _____

11. The first requirement is that it must be convenient. The second requirement is that the meeting place must be clean. Pray now that God will lead you and your helpers to find a convenient meeting place. In your prayer, promise God that you will prepare the meeting place by keeping it clean.

12. What are the two requirements for a good meeting place?

1. _____

2. _____

WEEK 4: STEPS FIVE AND SIX IN STARTING CHURCHES
DAY 3: BEGIN THE MEETINGS

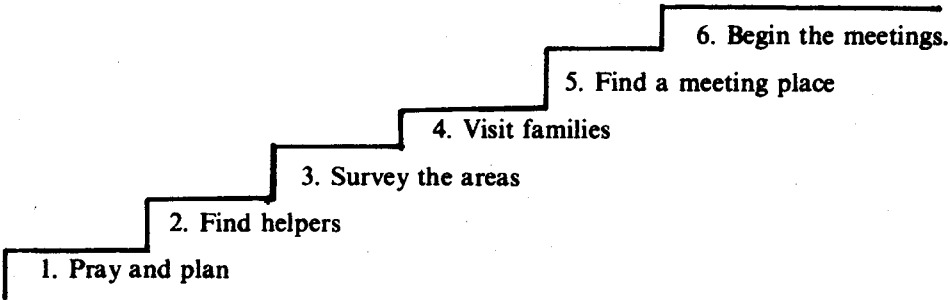
1. There are seven steps in starting a new church. You have been learning Step five. Step five is: find a meeting place. Christian meetings may be held in a home, under a tree, in a school, in a shop, in a community building or in a small first-unit church building.

What are two requirements for a good meeting place?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____



2. A good meeting place must be convenient. It also must be clean.
Today we study Step six. Step six in starting new churches is: begin the meetings.



Take a separate piece of paper and draw six steps. Then, from memory, try to write the six steps. Continue this until you can write the six steps without mistakes.



3. I hope that you are able to write correctly the six steps. Step six is: begin the meetings. There are many kinds of meetings. A church can be started with *Bible Study Meetings*. In Guatemala Bible Study Meetings began like this: Families were visited. A meeting place was found and meetings started. At all the meetings the people studied the Bible together. They learned about Christ's coming into the world.

In these meetings what book was studied? _____



4. The Bible was the book which the people studied. In Guatemala they studied the Gospel of John. You also may wish to teach the Gospel of John in the Bible Study Meetings. If so, here are four important passages to teach:

- 1. John 1:6-9, 19-34 John the Baptist
- 2. John 4:4-29, 39-42 The woman of Samaria
- 3. John 20:1-10, 19-31 The unbelieving disciples
- 4. John 3:1-18 Nicodemus

Now take your Bible and read Acts 2:42.

From this verse what did the people devote themselves to, or continue steadfastly in?

5. There are many answers to this question. Verse 42 says that the people devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship. This is what is done in a Bible Study Meeting. People learn the Word of God. They discover that the Bible is worth studying. It is God's book with God's answers to people's problems.

Read Acts 17:10-12:

What did the people of Berea receive with eagerness? _____

What did they examine daily? _____

6. The people of Berea received the Word of God with all eagerness. They examined the Scriptures. Paul and Silas must have been very happy! The people of Berea were having Bible Study Meetings.

You are learning Step six in starting new churches. Step six is: begin the meetings. One of the best kinds of meetings is Bible Study Meetings.

What is Step six in starting new churches? _____

7. Step six is: begin the meetings. If you are having meetings for Bible study, here are more suggestions:

- a) Help people *enjoy* the Bible study. Happiness is holy, too!
- b) Ask and *answer questions*.
- c) Be *informal*, flexible and open.
- d) Make *application* of the lesson to life.
- e) Be *friendly* and interested in the needs of all.
- f) Begin in the first meeting to *look for someone* who might become the future Bible study leader.
- g) Speak the *truth in love*.
- h) Study *one chapter* of the Bible instead of searching for many verses.
- i) *Pray!* God will guide you as you lead others.
- j) *Visit families* to be sure many non-Christians attend the Bible Study Meetings.
- k) Be filled with the *Spirit* and with Christ's *compassion*.
- l) Speak often of the *Lord Jesus Christ*.
- m) Aim to lead the people to *accept Christ* and *grow in faith*.

Read this list of suggestions again. Follow them carefully as you lead the Bible Study Meetings.

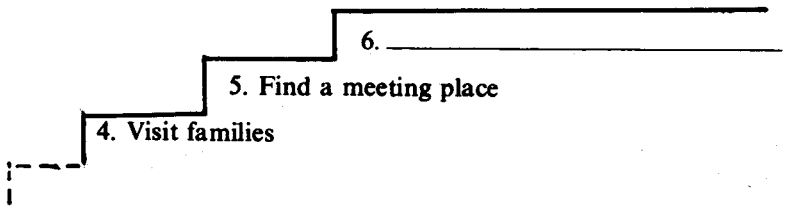
Take your Bible now and read 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

From Verse 16 what is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching? _____

8. God has inspired all Scripture. In the Bible Study Meetings you will be helping people to understand the Scriptures. In starting a new church, Step six is: begin the meetings. One of the best kinds of meetings is Bible Study Meetings. Such meetings may be conducted in a home, under a tree, in a school, in a shop or in a community building.

As you begin the meetings, be sure you and your helpers *continue to visit families*. Visiting families is Step four in starting new churches, but this is a special work which must be continued as you begin the meetings.

What is Step six in starting a new church?



9. Step six is: begin the meetings. You are learning about one very good kind of meeting. What is one of the best types of meetings? _____

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10. One of the best types of meetings is Bible Study Meetings. Now, I want to tell you a few things which you should *NOT* do in Bible Study Meetings:

- a) Do *not* be self-righteous, proud or critical.
- b) Do *not* do all the talking during the meetings.
- c) Do *not* forget to bring a few Bibles for other people to use.
- d) Do *not* depend on your own strength and knowledge. Christ is your strength. God's Spirit will lead the group into knowledge.

Read Psalms 32:8:

Who gave this great promise to you? _____

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11. God promised to instruct you, teach you and guide you. Starting a new church is difficult. Beginning the meetings is not an easy task. Leading Bible Study Meetings in a very good way is also difficult. But never fear nor doubt. *You can do this work.* It is God's work and He will instruct you, teach you and guide you.

In starting a new church, what is Step six? _____

What is one of the best kinds of meetings? _____

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12. Step six is: begin the meetings. A very good kind of meeting is: Bible Study Meetings. Now, this is what I want you to do. First, go back to section seven in this lesson and read the list of suggestions. Pray that God will help you follow these suggestions. Second, go back to section ten in this lesson and read the things which you should *not* do. Pray that God will lead you and your helpers as you begin the meetings.

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13. In starting churches, what is Step six? _____

What is one of the best kinds of meetings? _____

WEEK 4: STEPS FIVE AND SIX IN STARTING CHURCHES
DAY 4: WORSHIP SERVICES

1. You are learning seven steps in starting new churches.

What is Step six: _____

What is one of the best kinds of meetings? _____

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2. In starting new churches Step six is: begin the meetings. A very good kind of meeting is: Bible Study Meetings.

Today you will study about another good kind of meeting. It is: *Worship Meetings*. Worship Meetings are very important.

I am praying for your work for God. It is my prayer that you are *doing* the things which you are learning in these lessons. **YOU WILL LEARN BEST IF YOU ARE TRULY STARTING A NEW CHURCH.** I hope you are visiting families. I hope you are telling people about Jesus and helping them to receive Jesus as their Saviour. Also, I trust you are beginning the meetings.

Take your Bible now and read Psalms 95:1-6.

From these verses what are some of the things we do in Worship Meetings?

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3. In Worship Meetings we sing, give thanks and worship. In the book of Psalms we learn much about worship.

Read Psalms 100:1-5:

When people sing to the Lord and praise God, what are they doing? _____

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4. They are worshipping. To sing and praise God are important parts of worship. Many new churches are started by having worship meetings. Yesterday you studied about Bible Study Meetings. Today you are studying about Worship Meetings. The Church at Utu began with Worship Meetings. Mr. Paul Mungau and some other men visited families at Utu. They found a meeting place under a very large tree near a school. Then they invited people to come and worship the true and living God. The church at Utu was started by having Worship Meetings.

Read John 4:23-24:

How are true worshippers to worship God the Father? _____

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5. Our worship must be in spirit and in truth. There is a great hunger and thirst to know God. Many people desire to worship. People want to sing and to pray. People want to hear good preaching. We need to help people find God. We must help them to know the sweetness of God Himself in their hearts.

Do you know some people who want to sing and praise God? _____

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6. I know people who want to worship God. I have met many people who became Christians in a Worship Meeting. Many non-Christians are hungry and thirsty for knowledge of God.

Read Psalms 42:1-2:

With whom was the writer of Psalms wanting fellowship? _____

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7. The writer of Psalms wanted fellowship with God. He said that he was thirsty for God. There are many Christians who have failed to love and serve God. Such people also need to attend Worship Meetings. Many people say as did Moses: "Show me now thy way; show me thy glory." When we come together to worship God we find joy and peace.

What kind of meeting is needed by many people? _____

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8. Worship Meetings satisfy our thirst for God. As we worship we find God Himself and He gives us His power. In worship we come to the source of all pleasure and all satisfaction: God Himself. When God is real to us in Worship Meetings, our lives are changed. When we meet the true and living God in worship together with other Christians, our faith grows powerful. In worship we confess our sins and receive forgiveness.

What kind of meetings help people to know God Himself? _____

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9. Worship Meetings do this. You are studying Step six in starting new churches: begin the meetings. You have now studied two kinds of meetings in new churches.

What is the second kind of meeting?

1. Bible Study Meetings

2. _____

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10. **Worship Meetings** are very necessary in all churches. You know much about leading worship at your church. In starting a new church, the following is a short, simple plan for worship.

- A short Psalm or prayer
- One or two songs
- A Bible passage which fits the sermon
- Another song and prayer
- The tithes and offerings
- A song by the choir (or congregation)
- Sermon which teaches and applies God's Word to life
- Song with invitation to receive Christ
- Closing song and prayer
- Brief announcements

Study carefully this plan for a worship meeting in a new church. Perhaps you would change the plan. Be ready to discuss in class any changes you feel are necessary.

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11. The plan for a **Worship Meeting** can be changed as God leads you. Think again about the plan just given and answer these questions:

- Should there be a time for testimonies in the **Worship Meeting**? _____
 - Should there be an opportunity for prayer requests followed by several people praying? _____
 - Should there be a time of silent prayer? _____
 - Would the **Worship Meeting** be too long if you included these activities?

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12. We will discuss your answers in class.

In starting new churches what is Step six? _____

What are two kinds of meetings for new churches?

1. _____
2. _____

WEEK 4: STEPS FIVE AND SIX IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES
DAY 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR MEETINGS

1. You are learning Step six in starting new churches. Step six is: begin the meetings. There are many kinds of Christian meetings.

What are two kinds of meetings for new churches:

1. _____
2. _____

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2. Two kinds of Christian meetings are: Bible Study Meetings and Worship Meetings. You may start a church using either of these kinds of meetings.

Today you will study about the Holy Spirit in your meetings. This lesson is very important. But it is somewhat difficult. Please study very carefully. May God bless you as you read all the Bible verses and as you study this lesson.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR MEETINGS WILL PRODUCE:

1. Love For One Another. 1 John 4:11-13
2. Knowledge of the Word. John 14:26

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19.

Who lives in the believers? _____

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3. The Holy Spirit is within us. The Bible teaches that God's Spirit dwells within all Christians. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16 and Romans 8:9. Paul writes also in Romans 8:14: all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

The Holy Spirit will do great work in your meetings. God's Spirit is ready to give power and joy to all believers. The Holy Spirit teaches, guides and comforts. How wonderful! He will do this great work in your meetings as Christians obey God.

Read Galatians 5:25:

How are we to live? _____

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4. We are to live by the Spirit. Also, we are to walk by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit has given us new life in Christ. God's Spirit brings life and power. The Holy Spirit gives us progress as we walk step by step with him. In the Christian fellowship we are to live and walk by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit in your meetings will produce love for one another.

Now read 1 John 4:11-13.

According to verse 13, how may we know that we abide in God? _____

5. We know this because God has given us his Spirit. God gives all Christians the Holy Spirit. The Spirit produces love for one another. Let us love one another. God is love. He who loves is born of God and knows God. If God loved us enough to give His Son, we also ought to love one another. This is what we learn in 1 John, chapter four.

Write the first thing the Holy Spirit will produce in your meetings.

1. _____
2. Knowledge of the Word

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6. The Holy Spirit will produce love for one another. This love should be seen in all believers who attend your meetings. As you visit families and witness, the Holy Spirit will give new birth to new believers. God's Spirit will begin to lead people to love one another. In more than 50 verses in the New Testament, Christians are told to love one another. Here are a few:

- Love your neighbour. Matthew 22:39
- Follow the way of love. 1 Corinthians 14:1
- Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13
- Live a life of love. Ephesians 5:2
- Love your enemies. Matthew 5:44
- Love one another. John 13:34
- Love the brethren. 1 John 3:14-18

In your meetings, teach people these Bible verses.

What is one thing the Holy Spirit will produce in your meetings? _____

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7. Love for one another will be produced by the Holy Spirit. A church must have in it much love for one another. One fruit of the Holy Spirit is love. Galatians 5:22 tells us this.

Read Galatians 5:22-26.

A second thing which the Holy Spirit will produce in your meetings is: *knowledge of the Word.*

Read John 14:26.

Who will teach us all things? _____

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8. The Holy Spirit will teach believers. He helps us remember that which Jesus wants us to know. The Holy Spirit will produce knowledge of the Word of God. Believers, in the meetings of a new church, must learn the Bible. This is an important purpose of Christian meetings: to gain knowledge of the Word. This is a second thing which the Holy Spirit produces.

Write the second thing which the Holy Spirit produces in Christian meetings.

1. Love to one another.

2. _____

9. The Spirit produces knowledge of the Word. He produces love for one another and He produces knowledge of the Word of God. God's Spirit may do His work when a Christian is alone. But the Spirit does great work when believers meet together. The Spirit of God produces love and knowledge as we study and worship together. Read Acts 2:41-42. The Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship. So, we see that the Holy Spirit produces knowledge of the Word in Christian meetings.

Now read John 16:13.

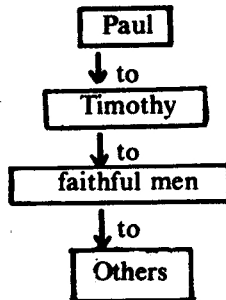
Who will guide believers into all truth? _____

10. The Spirit will do this. God's Spirit guides us into knowledge of the truth in God's Word. In Christian meetings the Holy Spirit produces love for one another. He also produces knowledge of the Word.

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. This is how the Holy Spirit was producing knowledge of the Word. The Spirit led *Paul* as he taught *Timothy*. Timothy taught other *faithful men* who would teach *others* also. How wonderful is the Spirit's work in sharing Bible knowledge!

Here is the way the Holy Spirit was producing knowledge of the Word:

From:



What is the second thing which the Holy Spirit produces in Christian meetings?

11. Knowledge of the Word is brought by the Holy Spirit. Thus we see two great things which God wants in your meetings:

**Love for one another
and
Knowledge of the Word**

Only the Holy Spirit can produce these two things. As you start a new church pray that the Holy Spirit will produce these in your meetings.

Now, I want you to do something about today's lesson. I want you to write a letter to a Christian friend or brother. Tell him in the letter these two great things which the Holy Spirit does. Bring the letter to your class and read it. Then post the letter to your friend.

12. What are two things the Holy Spirit will produce in Christian meetings?

1. _____
2. _____