

WEEK 9: HOW DO SMALL CHURCHES GROW BIGGER?
DAY 1: GROW BY STRENGTHENING THE NEW CHRISTIANS

1. You have read in this book many ways to bring people to Christ and to start new churches. How important these matters are! Now, let us study about helping small, new churches grow larger. You will learn nine things to do to help churches grow bigger. Today let us learn that:

New Christians should receive personal help, and should be taught in small classes.

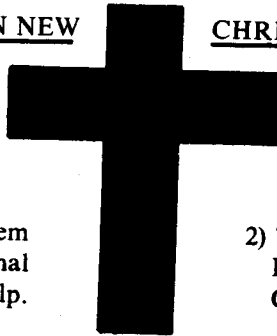
The Bible helps us know how to help new Christians. Read Colossians 1:28. From this verse, should we help new Christians become mature in Christ? _____

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2. We should teach new Christians so that they become mature in Christ. We should conserve the converts whom we win to Christ and His church. When new churches are started, people are won to Christ. Here are two things we can do for those people whom we have won to Christ.

STRENGTHEN NEW

CHRISTIANS:



1) Give them
Personal
Help.

2) Teach Them
In a Small
Class.

What is the first way to strengthen new Christians? _____

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3. Give them personal help. Go quickly after a person's conversion to help him in an individual way. Try to answer his questions. Show your love with words and deeds of love. Spend time with each new Christian. Later we will learn how to help new believers by teaching them in a small class. But the first way to strengthen new Christians is to give them personal help.

Isaiah 50:7:

For the Lord God helps me, therefore, I have not been confounded.

From this verse, what does the Lord God do? _____

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4. God helps us. But God often sends His help through a person. The first way to strengthen new Christians is: give them personal help.

See how Paul strengthened new Christians.

Acts 14:21-22:

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples...they strengthened the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith.

Paul gave personal help to the new believers. He spent much time in helping those people who were young in the faith.

What is the first way to strengthen new Christians?

- (1) _____
- (2) Teach them in a small class.

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5. Give them personal help. New Christians need to be sure that they are saved. They need to understand how to begin to grow in faith. Here are six verses from the Bible. Use these verses to help strengthen new Christians. Read and explain these verses from John when you give personal help to the new believers:

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| A) John 10:27-29 | D) John 15:4 |
| B) John 14:6 | E) John 16:24 |
| C) John 14:23 | F) John 20:31 |

What kind of help should you give new Christians? _____

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6. Give them personal help. That means one person helping one other person. Personal help is usually given by going to the home of the individual. Pastor Moyo went to the home of Mr. Chake, a new Christian. The pastor showed Christian love by answering questions, by reading the Scriptures and by praying with Mr. Chake. Pastor Moyo also left a small Scripture book for the new Christian to read.

In doing all of these things to strengthen the new Christian, what kind of help was Pastor Moyo giving? _____

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7. He was giving personal help. The second way to strengthen new Christians is to teach them in a small class. The small class may be called: New Christians' Class, or New Members' Class. The new believers may be baptized before beginning to study in this class. In New Testament times, new Christians were baptized very soon after their conversion. Read Acts 8:35-38, and Acts 16:29-33.

Were these new Christians baptized soon after being converted? _____

8. Yes, they were baptized very soon after becoming Christians. So, new believers may be baptized and then taught in a small class. Or, the believers may be taught in a class for two or three months before baptism. This is a matter for your church to decide. The important thing is: strengthen the new believers by teaching them in a small class.

Besides giving them personal help, how else can you strengthen new Christians?

9. Teach them in a small class. Pastor Kato and his church started a new church three miles from their church. Sixteen people were converted to Christ. Pastor Kato and the elders of the church visited in the homes of all 16 people. They gave personal help in the ways we have described. Then, they started a small class in order to strengthen these new Christians.

What is the second way to help new Christians? _____

10. Teach them in a small class. The new Christians came to that small class for about two hours each week. The class continued for three months. Here are some things which Pastor Kato taught in the small class for new Christians:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| A) New life in Christ | D) How to pray |
| B) The Bible, God's Word | E) Your life in the church |
| C) Growing as a Christian | F) How to witness |

Where was Pastor Kato teaching the new believers? _____

11. He was teaching them in a small class. That is the second way to strengthen new Christians. We must conserve the converts whom we win to Christ. By doing this we help small churches grow bigger. Perhaps you have tried to fill a bag in which there was a hole. You keep losing things out of the hole. In the same way, some churches lose new members! The new believers go out of the church because they are not strengthened by personal help and by being taught in a small class.

Do you know of church members who are not active because of these reasons?

12. Be ready to discuss this problem in class.

What are two ways to strengthen new Christians?

- (1) _____
(2) _____

WEEK 9: HOW DO SMALL CHURCHES GROW BIGGER?
DAY 2: GROW WITH EFFECTIVE PASTORS

1. What are two ways to strengthen new Christians?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

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2. Give them personal help. Teach them in a small class. We are studying about ways to help small, new churches grow bigger. We should strengthen new Christians. We prevent loss of church members by conserving the converts. New converts are in touch with many people who need the Gospel. New converts often witness to their relatives and friends. So, we should strengthen these new Christians.

Today we will learn:

When small churches have effective
pastors, the churches usually grow
bigger.

Do you have a strong desire to see churches grow bigger? _____

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3. Most church leaders have a very strong desire to see churches grow bigger. Let us learn how effective pastors help churches grow.

EFFECTIVE PASTORS

1. Win lost people to faith in Christ.
2. Lead the church with love, inspiration and hard work.
3. Build up the church to be like a happy, caring, growing family.
4. Lead worship services which are filled with praise, joy and sound Bible teaching.
5. Go to the people's homes to help them with their spiritual problems.

Read again the list above of qualities of an effective pastor. Which one of the five qualities do you think is most important? _____

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4. The answer is up to you. They all seem important. In Ephesians 4:11, 12 we read that God has called some people to be "pastors" and teachers. Verse 12 says that the work of pastors and teachers is to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, and for building up the body of Christ". They have the work of day-by-day building up of the church. One way for the church to be built up is to grow bigger. To grow bigger means to increase in the number of members.

Notice again the main lesson which we are learning today.

When small churches have effective
pastors, the churches usually grow
bigger.

What kind of pastors help churches grow bigger? _____

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5. Effective pastors usually help the churches grow bigger. You read many things in Week 5 of this book about being an effective church leader. You learned that a good leader must be faithful to Christ, willing to learn and called by God. A good leader will also depend on God and be God's servant. He will work toward excellence, aim at one goal and attend to the spiritual needs of the church. Look again at the large box in section 3 of this lesson.

What will effective pastors do about lost people? _____

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6. They win lost people to faith in Christ. Pastor Muli seemed to live day and night with one strong desire: to win lost people to faith in Christ. He knew that people are lost without Christ. So, he visited their homes and told them how to be saved. Some people refused. But many were converted to Christ. Most of the people who became Christians joined the church where Pastor Muli was serving. This helped the small church to grow much bigger. More people worked for God, more money was given to the church and joy was felt by all. The church grew bigger because Pastor Muli was an effective pastor in winning lost people to faith in Christ.

What happens when small churches have effective pastors? _____

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7. The churches usually grow bigger. From the box in section 3, we also learn that effective pastors lead the church with love, inspiration and hard work. In this way they help the church become bigger. They build up the church to be like a happy, caring, growing family. When a church is like a happy family, God usually gives it great blessings.

Take your Bible now and read about church growth in Acts 2:41-47. Read verse 47 again. What did the Lord do day by day? _____

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8. The Lord added to their number. The people were like a happy, caring, growing family. The church was becoming bigger as more and more people were saved. Effective pastors also lead worship services which are filled with praise for God. There is joy in such worship services.

Recently I went to a church which was not growing. Soon I saw reasons why the church did not grow: there was no joy in the worship, no pastor with love and no one seemed to care about lost people.

Do you think that church had an effective pastor? _____

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9. No, that pastor was not effective. The church was not growing bigger.

What happens when small churches have effective pastors? _____

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10. The churches usually grow bigger. Last year the church in Bokoni had 26 members. Now it has 84 members. The reason for this growth was mainly because the Bokoni church has an effective pastor. He, himself, goes out and brings people to faith in Christ. The people love one another. The worship services are filled with praise and joy. The people are happy. The pastor is giving sound Bible teaching in his sermons. Something big is happening in Bokoni! (NOTE: You can learn more about preaching in the T.E.E. books, *The Pastor and His Work* and *Preaching From the Old Testament*.)

Write here two things which show that the pastor at Bokoni is effective:

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11. You may discuss your answer in class. Now, read the last sentence from the box in section 3. It says that effective pastors: go to the people's homes to help them with their spiritual problems. Many people feel sorrow, fear, anger, pain, guilt and worry. Effective pastors take time to listen to people's problems. They help their people by going often to their homes. When pastors help people with their spiritual problems, their churches usually grow bigger.

Stop now and consider your life. Are you doing the things which this lesson teaches?

Is your church growing bigger? _____

Are you an effective pastor? _____

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12. You may wish to discuss these questions with your teacher. He will be pleased if you do that.

What happens when small churches have effective pastors? _____

WEEK 9: HOW DO SMALL CHURCHES GROW BIGGER?
DAY 3: GROW BY MEANS OF EVANGELISM

1. We are learning how to help small, new churches grow bigger.

What happens when small churches have effective pastors? _____

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2. The churches usually grow bigger when they have effective pastors. Another way to encourage growth is by means of evangelism. Today we learn that there are two parts in successful evangelism.

They are:

- (1) Train special workers to go out.
- (2) Bring new believers into the church.

Take your Bible and read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. Do you think God wants you to be a fellow worker with Him? _____

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3. Verse 9 says that "we are God's fellow workers". Many Scriptures tell us that God expects His people to be workers. For example:

"Work together with Christ" (II Corinthians 6:1).

"Work with your hands" (I Thessalonians 4:11).

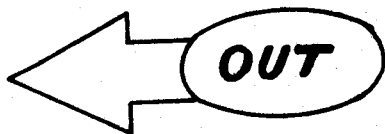
"Be ready for all honest work" (Titus 3:1).

From these verses, what does God require that we do? _____

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4. God requires that we work. There will be no successful evangelism without hard work. Let us see successful evangelism like this:

SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISM



(1) Train special workers
to go out.

(2) Bring new believers
into the church.

What is the first part of successful evangelism? _____

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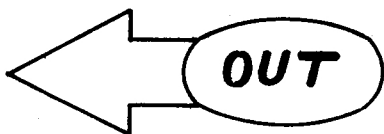
5. The first part is: train special workers to go out. Jesus selected and trained twelve disciples. He later trained seventy workers to go out for witness and ministry. Today also, special workers are needed to go out to homes. These special workers will enter homes with a Christian message and invitation.

Who should be trained to go out? _____

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6. Train special workers to go out to homes. Such workers are special because they must have special love and special training. So, enlist such Christian workers as your assistants in winning non-Christians to Christ. Jesus spent many hours in prayer that God would guide him in choosing the right disciples. You, also, will want to pray much as you select special workers. After the special workers agree to help in evangelism, they must be trained.

What is the first part of successful evangelism?



(1) Train _____



(2) Bring new believers
into the church.

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7. Train special workers to go out. It would be good if you had at least 12 special workers. If your church is large, and there are many non-Christians in your area, train 20 or 30 special workers. Try to get both men and women to come for training in "how to do successful evangelism".

Pastor Omamo went personally to talk with 20 of his church members about doing home evangelism. Four of these members were not willing to be trained for home evangelism. But 16 church members agreed to be trained as special workers and to go out to visit in homes. Pastor Omamo trained the workers for 2 hours. Then, the 16 special workers and Pastor Omamo went out to homes for 2 weeks. They won more than 40 people to Christ. Most of these new believers were brought into the church and now are faithful Christians.

There are two parts in successful evangelism. They are:

- (1) _____
(2) Bring new believers into the church.
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8. Train special workers to go out. Here are some of the things which Pastor Omamo taught the special workers:

- A. How to visit for Christ in homes
- B. Helping people to understand about Christ and salvation
- C. How to win people to Christ as Saviour
- D. Teaching people to become church members
- E. How to answer questions and objections

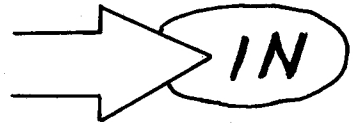
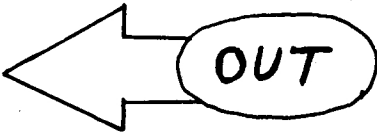
After training the special workers in these matters, the workers will go out to homes. In the homes they will witness for Christ as they have been trained.

Have you ever won another person to faith in Christ? _____

Can you train special workers to witness for Christ? _____

9. You may wish to talk with your teacher about your answers. Successful evangelism requires both going out and bringing people into the church. Let us study now the second part of successful evangelism. Fill in the spaces below.

SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISM



(1) Train special workers

(2) Bring new believers

10. Train special workers to go out. Bring new believers into the church. Read again in this book in Week 3 for many suggestions about bringing new believers into the church.

Who do we want to bring into the church? _____

11. Bring new believers into the church. New believers need the church. They should worship God with other Christians in church. New believers should support the church with their money, talents and time.

Where do we want to bring new believers? _____

12. Bring new believers into the church. Your church will grow bigger by successful evangelism.

What is the second part of successful evangelism?

(1) Train special workers to go out.

(2) _____

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13. Bring new believers into the church. Lead the new Christians to be baptized soon. Teach them as you learned in Week 9, Day 1.

Stop now and think about YOUR CHURCH and this plan of successful evangelism. Can you lead your church to begin this plan of evangelism? _____

What are the two parts of successful evangelism?

(1) _____

(2) _____

WEEK 9: HOW DO SMALL CHURCHES GROW BIGGER?
DAY 4: GROW WITH BETTER SUNDAY SCHOOLS

1. Let us continue learning ways to help small churches grow bigger. You have learned that churches grow by strengthening new Christians. Churches grow with effective pastors. Churches also grow by means of evangelism.

What are the two parts of successful evangelism?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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2. Train special workers to go out. Bring new believers into the church. Now, let us learn that churches grow bigger with better Sunday Schools. Sunday Schools have one big task: teaching the Word of God. They also reach people for Christ. Sunday Schools offer fellowship and help people in need.

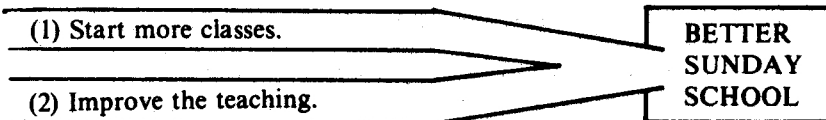
Does your church have a Sunday School? _____

Would you like to have a better Sunday School? _____

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3. Be ready to discuss these questions in T.E.E. class. If your church has no Sunday School, discuss in your class how to begin one. Today we will learn two important ways to help your Sunday School.

TWO ROADS TO BETTER SUNDAY SCHOOLS



What is the first road to better Sunday Schools? _____

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4. Start more classes. Last year in Kimaa Church the pastor led the members to agree to start more Sunday School classes. At first people objected. Someone said, "We have no space." But class space was found by having three classes in the main building, and by having two classes under trees. More classes were started by building small shelters. Because more classes were started, many new people began to attend the Kimaa Church.

What did Kimaa Church start in order to have a better Sunday School? _____

5. They started more classes. Kimaa Church even began two classes for adults. A mens' Bible study class was started as well as a class for adult women. Soon the Kimaa Church hopes to begin classes for young adults, ages 18 to 25.

What is the first important thing to do to help your Sunday School grow? _____

6. Start more classes. The first road to better Sunday Schools is: start more classes. More classes require more teachers. That is good! More teachers of God's Word build strong churches. So, find and enlist more teachers. Here is a way to start more classes and get more teachers.

MORE CLASSES AND TEACHERS

1. Lead the church to desire a better Sunday School.
2. Pastor and members pray for God's guidance.
3. Decide on a way to get more class space.
4. Go and talk with members who could teach.
5. Provide special training for new teachers.
6. Everyone work together to invite people to come.

If you have a better Sunday School, will your church grow bigger? _____

7. Yes, better Sunday Schools help churches grow bigger. With more classes, more teachers are teaching, and more students are learning. Also, more visitation in homes is needed. Pastor, teachers and students should visit to enlarge the Sunday School. Have a regular Visitation Day every week. A wise pastor will lead the Sunday School teachers and pupils to visit in many, many homes. Visit the members and visit the absentees. And most important: visit non-Christians to invite them to your Sunday School. These things should be done at all times, especially when starting new classes.

Write your answer about the first way to help Sunday Schools.

TWO ROADS TO BETTER SUNDAY SCHOOLS

(1)

(2) Improve the teaching.

**BETTER
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

8. Start more classes in order to improve the Sunday School. Many lives will be changed when they study the Bible every week.

Take your Bible and read Deuteronomy 31:12. From this verse, should men, women, and children learn God's Word? _____ Should Sunday School be only for children? _____

9. All Christians, even adults, should study the Bible. Sunday School should be for the entire family: men, women and children. In some areas some Sunday Schools are called Family Bible Hour. This means that the Sunday School is for all ages, even adults.

If your Sunday School had classes for adults, would it have fewer or more classes?

10. It would have more classes. So teach all ages. The first road to better Sunday Schools is: start more classes. The second important way to help the Sunday School is to improve the teaching. Here is how to do that:

IMPROVE THE TEACHING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. Have a Teachers' Training Day.
2. Buy books to help teachers teach better.
3. Begin a weekly or monthly Teachers' Meeting.

What is the second road to better Sunday Schools?

1. Start more classes.
2. Improve _____

11. Improve the teaching. All Sunday School teachers need to know:

The purpose of the Sunday School
How Pupils learn
How to relate the lesson to life

Plan a Teachers' Training Day soon in your church. Discuss the value of having a regular weekly or monthly Teachers' Meeting.

If these things are done, what will be improved? _____

12. The teaching will be improved. This is the second road to better Sunday Schools: improve the teaching. We have now learned these two important ways to help your Sunday School: (1) Start more classes and (2) improve the teaching.

Are you willing to do this in order to help your Sunday School? _____

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13. Discuss this question and your answer in class. Give yourself to God for better Sunday Schools and bigger churches.

What are the two roads to better Sunday Schools?

(1) _____

(2) _____

WEEK 9: HOW DO SMALL CHURCHES GROW BIGGER?

DAY 5: GROW BY HAVING REVIVALS MEETINGS

1. A good way to help small churches grow bigger is by having better Sunday Schools.

What are the two roads to better Sunday Schools?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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2. Start more classes and improve the teaching. Doing these two things will help you have better Sunday Schools, bigger churches, and stronger Christians.

Now, let us study about revival meetings. Revival meetings, or Gospel meetings, help Christians to wake up in their spiritual lives. Revival meetings also help non-Christians receive new life in Christ.

Does your church have revival meetings each year? _____

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3. Many churches are growing bigger by having Gospel meetings every year. Today we will learn:

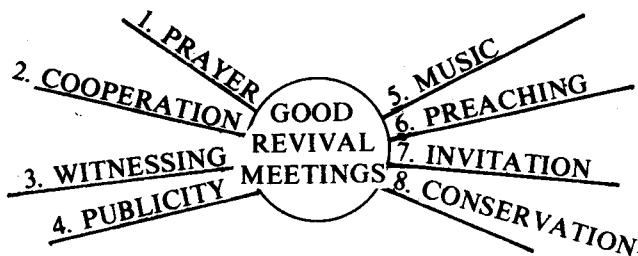
When revival meetings are properly planned and conducted, God will bless.

Revival meetings have great spiritual value. Many Christians will renew their faith. The name of Christ will be honoured. Many lost people will turn to Christ. God will bless revival meetings. But the meetings will not be effective without planning, prayer and hard work.

Who will bless revival meetings which are properly planned and conducted? _____

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4. God will bless. His blessings will include new joy, new love and new power. Here are eight necessary things for good revival meetings.



At the end of this lesson you will be required to write four of these necessary things. Now, one by one, let us study about each item.

From the picture above what is the first thing needed for good revivals? _____

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5. Prayer brings God's power for revival. In Nigeria revivals are called "New Life for All". Prayer has been vital for revivals in Nigeria. All believers write down the names of ten or more people for whom they pray each day. Also, every church has several prayer groups which meet daily in homes to pray for revival.

What is the first necessary thing for good revival meetings? _____

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6. Prayer is perhaps the main reason the Lord has blessed the New Life revivals in Nigeria. Notice next, from the picture, cooperation is needed. The believers must cooperate in visiting homes to invite the people. Pentecost shows us that revival comes when everyone is together in one accord. You also need the cooperation of another pastor. He will come and preach in the revival meetings at your church.

What is the second necessary thing for good revivals? _____

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7. Cooperation by all members is needed. You should plan well to be sure the church members are praying for the revival. Plan ways to get all believers to cooperate with the revival. God will bless his people when they pray and cooperate.

When revival meetings are properly planned and conducted, what is the result?

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8. God will bless. Now notice two more necessary things for good revivals: witnessing and publicity. Witnessing means sharing your faith in Christ. Great revivals happen when believers boldly witness in the power of the Holy Spirit. Help your church members to know how to witness for the Lord. Publicity means informing all the people in your area about the revival meetings. Publicity can be: public announcements, personal telling, and large paper signs.

Write two other necessary things for good revivals.

(1) Prayer

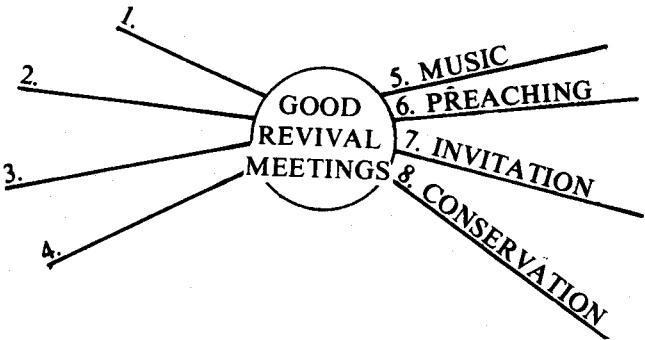
(2) Cooperation

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9. Witnessing and publicity are required for successful revival meetings. Let us see again the picture of a good revival. Write the first four necessary things, and read the others.



10. Good Gospel meetings should have much prayer, cooperation, witnessing and publicity. Music is also very important in revivals. The choir of your church and choirs from one or two other churches will help greatly in the meetings. Much singing should be done by the people themselves. All sorts of instruments can be used in revivals. Use lively Gospel music.

What is the fifth necessary thing for good revivals? _____

11. Music will help revive Christians and help bring lost people to Christ. When revival meetings are well planned and conducted, what is the result? _____

12. God will bless. Now notice the last three necessary things in revivals: preaching, invitation, and conservation. Preaching in revival meetings should be about the great truths of the Gospel. There should be clear and loving preaching about God's light, God's Son and God's power.

In revival meetings what is it that should give God's truth to the people? _____

13. Preaching should give God's truth. At the end of each sermon, give an invitation to repent and accept Christ. Christ gave this invitation: "Come to me" (Matthew 11:28). In the invitation ask: "How many of you here today will come to Christ as your Saviour?" People may respond to the invitation by lifting their hands or by coming to the front of the church.

What should follow each sermon? _____

14. Give an invitation to repent and follow Christ. Conservation is the last important thing in a good revival meeting. To conserve the converts you show them how to follow Christ. Guide them into baptism and church membership, "teaching them to observe" all that Christ commanded (Matthew 28:19). In the lessons next week you will learn more about conservation.

What is the last important thing in a good revival meeting? _____

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15. Conservation helps believers continue living the Christian life. We have now seen that God will bless good revival meetings. You have learned eight important things for good revivals.

When revival meetings are properly planned and conducted, what is the result?

What are four necessary things in good revival meetings?

(1) _____ (3) _____

(2) _____ (4) _____

**WEEK 10: HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH CONTINUE GROWING?
DAY 1: GROW BY DEVELOPING DISCIPLES**

1. Last week we learned many ways to help small churches grow bigger. We studied how to strengthen new Christians and how to be more effective pastors. We learned much about using evangelism, Sunday Schools and revivals in order to help churches grow.

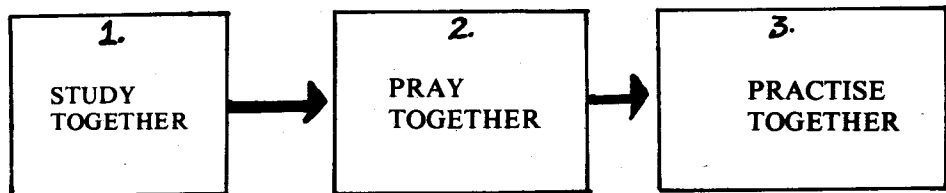
What are four necessary things in good revival meetings?

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2. Prayer, cooperation, witnessing, and publicity are necessary for good revivals. Also, music, preaching, invitation, and conservation are very important in revival meetings.

This week we ask and answer this question: How can your church continue growing? One way is to grow by developing disciples. Today we will learn how to develop disciples by a discipleship group.

Develop 4 or More Disciples



Take your Bible now and read John 8:31. If we continue in Christ's Word, who are we?

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3. We are truly Christ's disciples if we continue in His Word. To be a disciple means to be a learner of Christ. A disciple is a Christian who walks faithfully in the Word of God. Notice other verses which tell what a disciple is:

"You are my disciples if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

"Bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciple" (John 15:8).

From these verses, what does Christ want his followers to become? _____

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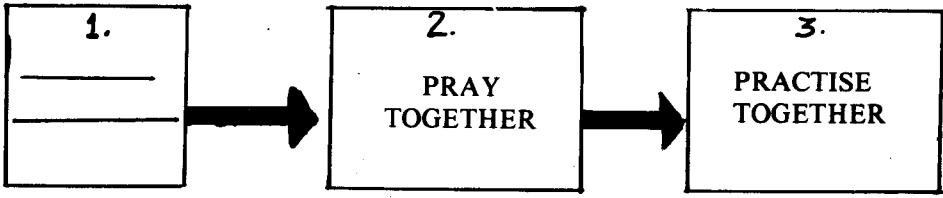
4. Christ wants disciples. *You* are to be a faithful disciple by prayer, Bible study, witnessing and holy Christian living. You can also help *other Christians* develop into faithful disciples. Begin to do this in your church soon. Developing disciples is God's way of spiritual growth. Developing disciples will also help your church to continue growing.

What is the plan which we are studying today to help your church? _____

5. Today we are learning about developing disciples. Start with four or more members of your church. Pray much about who to select for a discipleship group. After prayer, God may lead you to invite four or more Christians to begin a special study with you. These Christians may be church elders, or Sunday School teachers, or any members.

Look again at the picture in section two. What is the first way to develop disciples? Write your answer in the first box.

Develop 4 or More Disciples



6. Study together. You and the four or more disciples will study together each week. Study the Bible together for about one hour. Study the book of John, or Romans, or Paul's other letters. Set a special time when all four or more of you can meet together. Meet together every week for about six months. Study together from the Bible about victory over sin, the promises of God and how to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

What is the first thing which you and the disciples will do together? _____

7. Study together from the Bible and other books about God and His will. Select about 20 Bible verses to learn by memory. Scripture memory will build the strength of the disciples. Learn one or two Bible verses each week.

When you are studying together, also spend time praying together. This is the second way to develop disciples: pray together. Prepare a PRAYER LIST together. Make a list of things to pray for, and leave room to write God's answer.

What is the second way to develop disciples?

- (1) Study together.
- (2) _____
- (3) Practise together.

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8. Pray together. To develop the disciples whom you have selected, study and pray together each week. Each disciple should also study his Bible and pray EVERY DAY. This is done on his own at his home. The disciples grow in grace and faith by personal daily Bible study and prayer. The prayer list should be used every day by every disciple. Likewise, the work of Scripture memory will be done daily.

What is the second thing which you and the disciples will do together? _____

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9. You will pray together each week. Help each person in your group with problems he may have. Help each disciple to totally surrender every part of his life to Christ. You do this during Bible study and prayer together.

The third way to develop disciples is to practise together. Share the verses with relatives, neighbours, and friends. Practise together in visiting and witnessing. Practise how to witness, then go out in homes of non-Christians to witness.

What is the third way to develop disciples?

- (1) Study together
- (2) Pray together
- (3) _____

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10. Practise together. One reason to meet together each week is to grow strong by helping each other. Practise together how to tell another person the way of salvation. Practise together how to tell what Christ is doing now in your life.

What is the third thing which you and the disciples will do together? _____

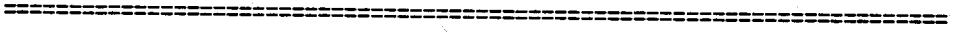
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11. Practise together before going out to witness. Also, practise together the way to begin new discipleship groups. Lead each disciple to consider beginning a new group of his own. They will select other people and form new groups. Then, each new group will develop disciples by: studying together, praying together, and practising together.

Ask yourself: Am I willing to develop disciples? _____

If you are willing to select four disciples and form a discipleship group, write the names of some people who might become disciples:

_____, _____
_____, _____



12. Discuss in class these plans for discipleship groups.

What are three ways to develop disciples?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

WEEK 10: HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH CONTINUE GROWING?
DAY 2: GROW BY TEACHING STEWARDSHIP

1. Yesterday we learned about discipleship groups. Multiplying disciples is a New Testament plan. It helps Christians to grow strong and it helps your church continue growing.

What are three ways to develop disciples?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

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2. Study together, pray together, and practise together. Do this with four or more disciples for about six months. Then, select four or more new persons and develop them into strong disciples.

Now, let us consider another important way to help your church continue growing. Grow by teaching stewardship. What is stewardship? Stewardship means giving to God our time, abilities and money. A steward is a person who takes care of something that belongs to another person. Christian stewards take care of God's world, and give God a tenth or more of their income.

Today we will learn two things to teach about stewardship:

- (1) Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving.
- (2) Teach the blessings of Christian giving.

What should you teach first about Christian giving? _____

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3. Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving.

Do the members of your church know about stewardship? _____

Do the members obey the Bible truths about Christian giving? _____

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4. Discuss these two questions in your class. Perhaps the members of your church do not know the Bible truths about Christian giving. When Christians know fully what the Bible teaches, many of them will obey God's Word. You and other church leaders may use the following list to teach the church members:

Bible Truths about Christian Giving

Genesis 1:26-28; 28:22

Leviticus 27:30

1 Chronicles 29:1-14

Malachi 3:7-12

Matthew 5:17; 25:31-46

Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-11

1 Corinthians 4:2; 16:2

2 Corinthians 9:7; 5:10

Romans 12:1

Galatians 6:6

2 Timothy 4:2-5

Hebrews 7:4-8

What are you to do with such Bible truths? _____

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5. Teach them to the church members. That is the first thing to teach about stewardship: (1) Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving, (2) Teach the blessings of Christian giving. Teach these Scriptures in Sunday School and in your sermons. Many growing churches plan their church budget in November for the coming year. The pastor, at that time each year, teaches and preaches Bible truths about Christian giving. Your church will grow larger when Christians are faithful in giving money for God's work.

To help Christians to be faithful in giving, what should you teach Bible truths about? _____

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6. Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving. Look at the list of Scriptures given in section 4. The first Scripture is from Genesis.

Take your Bible now and read Genesis 1:26-28. Who is the owner of everything on earth? _____

7. God is the owner of everything. We are only taking care of God's world. We really do not own anything. Another Bible truth is in Leviticus 27:30.

From this verse to whom does the tithe belong? _____

8. The tithe is the Lord's. Ten per cent of the produce of our fields and one tenth of our income should be given to the Lord. Use the list given in section 4 to teach the Bible truths about Christian giving.

What should you teach first about stewardship?

- (1) _____
(2) Teach the blessings of Christian giving.

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9. Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving. Second: Teach the blessings of Christian giving. Be sure that *you* are a good example as a steward of Christ. Then, you can tell others how God has blessed your life as one who gives God a tithe.

Read Acts 20:35. From this verse who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"?

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10. Jesus said this. Jesus knew that there is more happiness in giving than in receiving. Generous people are joyous people. So, one blessing of giving is joy. Teach the blessings of Christian giving. This is the second thing to teach about stewardship. Teach your church members about the blessings of helping in the following ways by their giving to the church.

Blessings of Christian giving:

- Helping the pastor who does much work for God.
- Helping our Sunday School which teaches the Bible.
- Helping our missionaries who take the Gospel.
- Helping our church building which is a light for God.
- Helping Christian schools and hospitals.
- Showing our love for Christ.

We should teach two things about stewardship. Read the first and write the second.

- (1) Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving.
(2) _____

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11. Teach the blessings of Christian giving. In growing churches here are some other ways to teach stewardship:

- a. Encourage people to give *harvest offerings*.
- b. Encourage families to give *thank offerings*.
- c. Encourage people to give *first-fruit offerings*.
- d. *Do not* raise money by forcing fees or dues.
- e. Be sure all money is *kept safe and spent wisely*.
- f. *Give reports* on how money is spent.
- g. Teach Christians to make Christ their *Lord*.

In this lesson you have learned much about stewardship. We should teach two things about stewardship. Our churches will grow bigger, and Christians will grow stronger when we teach about Christian giving.

Stop now and consider how well or how poorly your church is doing in stewardship matters.

Are you willing to teach the Bible truths about Christian giving? _____

Are you willing to teach the blessings of Christian giving? _____

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12. Discuss your answers in class.

What are two things to teach about stewardship?

(1) _____

(2) _____

WEEK 10: HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH CONTINUE GROWING?
DAY 3: GROW WITH MUSIC AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

1. Helping your church to grow is a large part of your work. God wants His churches to grow. Yesterday you learned much about stewardship. Good stewardship helps churches continue growing.

What are two things to teach about stewardship?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

2. Teach the Bible truths about Christian giving. Teach the blessings of Christian giving. Today we consider another way your church can continue to grow: Grow with better music and youth ministries. In this lesson we ask the question, why do better music and youth ministries help churches grow?

People like to share together
their time and talents in music
and youth ministries.

Take your Bible now and read Colossians 3:16. Besides teaching and admonishing one another, what does this verse tell you to do? _____

3. We should sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Such singing gives people opportunities to share together. Christians grow spiritually when they share together their time and talents.

Read Acts 2:42-47. Was worship in the early church a happy time of sharing together?

4. Sharing together is an important part of Christian living. Think about the music in your church. The congregation sings together and the choir gives special music. Drums and other instruments help us praise God with lively music. Music helps churches grow because people like to share together their time and talents.

What could help your church grow? _____

5. Better music helps churches grow bigger. Here are five suggestions to improve the music in your church:

1. Be sure the church elects good music leaders.
2. Encourage the church to give more money for the music ministry.
3. Help the music leaders to receive more training.
4. Teach new songs to the congregation.
5. Be sure there are good music instruments and choir rehearsals.

Discuss these five suggestions in your church, and be ready to share the discussion results in class.

Which of the above five suggestions do you think is most important? _____

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6. The answer is up to you. I think number 3 is very important because better trained music leaders will improve the music ministry. When people share together their time and talents, this helps your church to grow.

Why do better music and youth ministries help churches grow? _____

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7. Music and youth ministries help because people like to share together their time and talents. Sharing together is at the very center of Christianity. Christians grow by sharing their time and talents. Sharing together involves loving, giving and helping.

In music and youth ministries what do people like to share together? _____

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8. People like to share together their time and talents. The church at Mukeo has elected good music leaders and gives money to support their music ministry. Their music leaders receive music training in short courses. The choirs help the congregation learn new songs. The choirs often go out to sing in homes, at hospital and in the town market.

Do you think the Mukeo church is growing because the people share together their time and talents? _____

9. The Mukeo church has an effective music ministry. People enjoy going to a singing church. They come to listen and they come to share together with their time and talents. Now let us consider the youth ministry of a growing church. A good youth program will win people to Christ and will teach the youth how to live for Jesus. A youth ministry is usually for young people between the ages of 13 and 25.

Does your church have a youth ministry? _____

What activities are in your church's youth program? _____

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10. Churches which grow usually have an effective youth ministry. Such churches have weekly youth meetings and an annual youth camp. Some churches have special contests for youth. Young people like to share together their time and talents.

Why do better music and youth ministries help churches grow? _____

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11. Such ministries help churches grow because people like to share together their time and talents. The Siraki church and six other churches have youth contests every year. In the contests are: Bible drills, Bible quizzes, Bible memory and better speakers contests, as well as a choir contest. Many young people are attracted to the churches. The young people want to share together their time and talents.

Do you think such youth activities would help your church? _____

Which activities as given in section 10 and 11 could be started soon in your church?

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12. Perhaps you feel that weekly youth meetings and youth contests should be started in your church. Maybe an annual youth camp or special youth week should be conducted by your church. People like to share together their time and talents.

What can YOU do to get these things done in your church? _____

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13. Be ready to discuss your answer in class. Today's lesson has been about having better music and youth ministries in your church. Doing such activities will help your church continue growing.

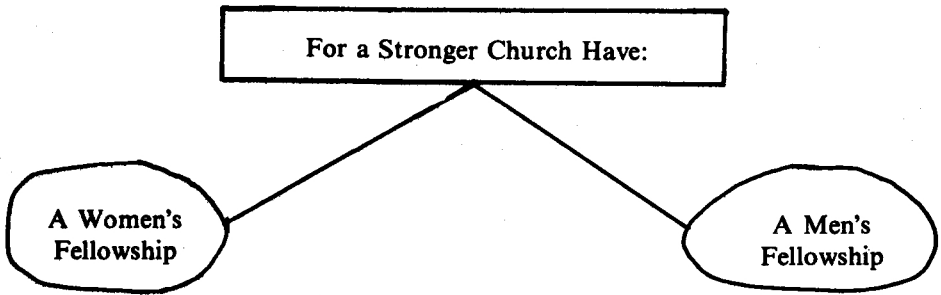
Why do better music and youth ministries help churches grow? _____

**WEEK 10: HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH CONTINUE GROWING?
DAY 4: GROW WITH FELLOWSHIPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

1. Is your church growing? Is it increasing by getting new members? Do the members seem closer to God than they did last year? If you have started a new church, is it getting stronger? Have faith and take courage. Use the ideas which you are learning in this book. God has some good things He wants to do in your church.

Yesterday you learned about better music and youth ministries. Why do better music and youth ministries help churches grow? _____

2. Such ministries help churches grow because people like to share together their time and talent. Today we will learn how two organizations can help your church become stronger.



Read Romans 16:1-6. What were the names of some of the women who helped the early church grow? _____

3. Some of the women who worked hard were Phoebe, Prisca, and Mary. Women have been vital to the church of Christ since its beginning. Every church needs two organizations to help it grow stronger. These two organizations are: the Women's Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship.

From our lesson today, what is the first organization which can help your church grow stronger? _____

4. The Women's Fellowship can do this. It is an organization for women which enables them to study, pray, witness, give and teach others. The Women's Fellowship should meet each week with its own women leaders. It may meet at the church or in a home of one of the women.

The church at Ndaguru started a Women's Fellowship by inviting all the women of the church to attend the first meeting. The women decided that they would have five goals:

1. To know God's Word better.
2. To grow spiritually through prayer.
3. To witness to other women about Jesus.
4. To give more to support their church.
5. To teach the Gospel to their children.

What was the name of the organization at Ndaguru with these five goals?

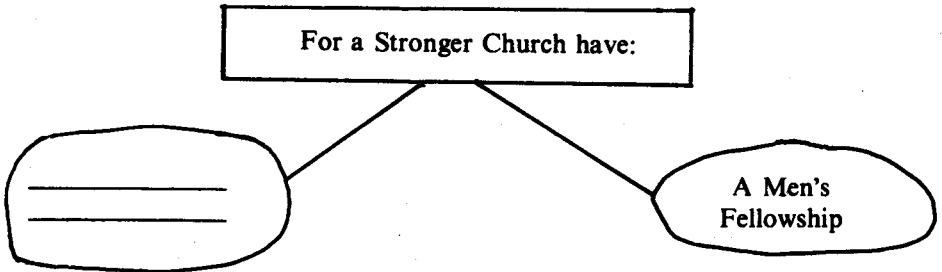
5. The Women's Fellowship will strengthen the church. When Christian women learn together, help each other and witness to other women, churches grow.

The Tiwa Church was very small. It seemed to be standing still in its spiritual life. But the pastor of Tiwa Church asked five women if they would like to start a Women's Fellowship. Three of the women agreed. They began to meet together, electing a fellowship leader. They followed the five goals set out by the Ndaguru Women's Fellowship. The women studied the Bible together, sang and prayed together. Then, they went out to witness in the homes of many women. After about a year the church at Tiwa had doubled in the number of members.

What was the organization at Tiwa which helped the church grow? _____

6. The Women's Fellowship helps the church grow in spiritual life and in work for God. There can be a Day of Prayer and a Week of Prayer led by the Women's Fellowship. The women can meet every two or three months with women of other churches. The Women's Fellowship should also sponsor girls' and young women's groups.

What is the first organization which we are studying about today that can help your church grow stronger? Write your answer in the circle.



7. For a stronger church, have a Women's Fellowship. The men are also very important for a healthy, strong, growing church. A Men's Fellowship can have many of the same goals and activities as the Women's Fellowship.

Here are five aims of a Men's Fellowship:

1. To increase fellowship among them.
2. To support the church.
3. To strengthen the spiritual life of the men.
4. To bring lost men to Christ and the church.
5. To promote service in the community.

Does your church need such activities? _____

What is the organization with those five aims? _____

8. The Men's Fellowship helps the church grow stronger. It helps men solve their problems and the church's problems. The Men's Fellowship may meet together once a week or once a month.

The church at Ithanga was a new church with only four male members. But, with the pastor's help, these four men began a Men's Fellowship. They met together, studied the Bible, and prayed for God's guidance. In the Men's Fellowship they learned how to witness to boys and men. They had discussions about money, the church, spiritual growth, and work they could do for Christ. Slowly, one by one, they began to win other men and boys to Christ.

What organization did these things? _____

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9. The Men's Fellowship is for the purpose of action. Just having meetings is not its goal. Meetings help, but action must follow.

Now consider your own church, answering these questions:

Does your church have a Women's Fellowship? _____

Does your church have a Men's Fellowship? _____

If so, how can you improve them? _____

If not, will you try to begin them? _____

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10. Discuss your answers in class. As you conclude these lessons on starting and strengthening churches, may God bless your work for Him. May God give you a true love for all people and a growing spiritual power. Go out in joy. Love God. Serve His children.

From today's lesson, what are two organizations which can help your church grow stronger?

(1) _____

(2) _____

**WEEK 10: HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH CONTINUE GROWING?
DAY 5: REVISION**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). In the power of God you can start new churches and strengthen them. You are now at the end of this important course. Let us pray for God's power to do His work in His way.

Now, let us review those things you learned in Weeks 9 and 10. Try to answer each question. Then, go back and check to see if your answers are correct. If not, correct them.

Questions from Week 9.

1. What are two ways to strengthen new Christians?
(1) _____
(2) _____
2. What happens when small churches have effective pastors? _____

3. What are the two parts of successful evangelism?
(1) _____
(2) _____
4. What are the two roads to better Sunday Schools?
(1) _____
(2) _____
5. When revival meetings are properly planned and conducted, what is the result?

What are four necessary things in good revival meetings?

- (1) _____ (3) _____
(2) _____ (4) _____
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Questions from Week 10.

6. What are three ways to develop disciples?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

7. What are two things to teach about stewardship?

(1) _____

(2) _____

8. Why do better music and youth ministries help churches grow? _____

9. What are two organizations which can help your church grow stronger?

(1) _____

(2) _____