

【 Life of Harvest of a Christian 】

Course Aim

1. Help believers to continue commit to God
2. Help believers continue to live a Christian lifestyle
3. Help believers to pursue the power and goodness of God, and have a life of harvest

Congratulations on receiving salvation from God as well as being filled by the Holy Spirit. What should your next step be?

Philippians 3: 13–14 *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

The Lord doesn't want you to just stop at "believe", but wants you to strive forward, pursue God and live a life of harvest of a Christian. Receiving the prize that Jesus has prepared for you.

Deuteronomy 11:11–15 *But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. 12 It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. 13 So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— 14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. 15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.*

God promises a life of harvest to all who believe in Him. But you have to first 'go' take possession of this land, 'go' means to strain forward and pursue. Next, we will tell you the lifestyle a Christian should practice through H A R V E S T so that you too can enter into this life of harvest!

- H Honour
- A Authority of Bible
- R Relationship
- V Vibrance
- E Evangelism
- S Spirit-led
- T Training

HONOUR

Definition of Honour

Respect, value, protecting one's integrity, yet do not flatter, because flattery is done for one's benefit. But Honour is for the benefit of another person. Honouring far exceeds what is given back in return.

The Old Testament in the bible uses "Kabod" as Honour, word in Greek means heavy, weight, or to increase a person's weight.

A. Honour God

What is honouring God?

1. Put _____ first above all else

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2. God-fearing

Psalms 34:9-10 Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Proverbs 14:26 Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, ... and for their children it will be a refuge.

(Refer: Psalm 25:12-14, Psalm 37:25-26)

3. Tithes

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

(Refer: Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 11)

B. Honour people

An attitude of respect. Honouring based on God's creation, commission, arrangement and anointing.

It is an acknowledgement, lauding and praise, the value and contributions that were given by the person.

1. Honour _____

Ephesians 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise

Deuteronomy 5:16 *Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*

2. Honour your elders and leaders

Leviticus 19:32 *Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.*

Romans 13:1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

(Refer: Hebrews 13:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13)

3. Honour each other

Also love one another, acknowledge one another, protect one another.

1 Peter 2:17 *Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

John 13:34–35 *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

(Refer: 1 John 3:23–24, 1 Peter 4:7–8, Hebrews 13:1–2)

AUTHORITY OF BIBLE

The bible is the word of God to His people, so that you can walk the right path, do the right thing

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness*

Joshua 1:8 *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

A. The Authority and Value of the Bible

The bible has recorded the origins of the universe and mankind, as well as the history of the world and the future and its end.

John 1:1–3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

Word (God's word), means Jesus Christ. In John chapter 1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*

Matthew 24:35 *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*
(Refer: Colossians 1:16–17, Revelations 22:18–19)

1. The bible is the world's most valuable, oldest, most printed, and best-selling book. It has been translated to more than 200 languages.
2. The bible has 66 books – 39 books in the Old Testament (5 books of law, historical books, poetry books, minor prophets, major prophets); 27 books in the New Testament (4 books of Gospel, church history books, letters)
3. The Bible is not written by people but is written by the Holy Spirit's revelation and guidance.
2 Peter 1:21 *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*
4. The bible is like a manual for people, after reading the bible, it fills people with wisdom in life, intelligence, strategy and profound mystery.

B. How to Live by the Principles of God's Word in Life

1. Brings you heavenly revelations and directions, to find _____.
Isaiah 119:130 *The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

Isaiah 119:105 *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

2. Enabling you to receive wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, so that you have the ability to discern what is the truth.

Proverbs 1:2–6 for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

(Refer: Hebrews 4:12, Proverbs 5:1–2)

3. Wash away your transgressions

Psalms 119:9,11 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

4. Help you win over Satan

1 John 2:14 because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Ephesians 6:13,17 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

5. Enables your body to receive_____

Proverbs 4:20.²² 20 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Psalms 107:20 He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

6. That you may be comforted

Jeremiah 15:16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.

Psalms 94:19 When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

(Refer: Romans 15:4)

7. That you may be blessed

Deuteronomy 28:1–8 If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. 2 All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: 3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. 4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. 5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. 7 The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in

seven. 8 The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

8. So that your prayer will come to pass, bear fruits, become a disciple who glorifies God

John 15:7–8 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9. Become a friend of God

John 15:14–15 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

C. How to grasp or even live out God's word?

1. Buy a bible
2. Download the bible app on the phone, always listen to word of God.
3. Choose and arrange time, to read the bible in an uninterrupted environment.
4. For those who are busy, its better to arrange your schedule, to make time to read God's word.
(Example: choose mornings or nights)
5. Prepare a notebook, write down your revelations.
6. Remind and encourage brothers and sisters or your connect group, can even share your revelations from the bible
7. When met with something you don' t understand, ask your leader for help
8. Read the bible verses continuously. (Forgive others, submit to authority, be filial to both parents, love your enemies)
9. Set a reading schedule, read 4 chapters a day and finish reading the whole bible in a year.

Gentle reminder: Read the bible from the sequence (books of Mark)– other 4 books of gospel, read about Jesus' life, then read from this sequence– (book of Acts), (book of Genesis) as well as (book of Esther) and other books.

RELATIONSHIP

The most important thing in the Christian belief is “relationship”. Many times, we think that we already have a relationship with God, but we have actually only stopped at “knowing Him”, and not “close to Him”. And so, to receive a life of harvest: 1. Build a relationship with God 2. Build a relationship with people

(A) Build a Relationship with God

John 15:5–7 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Goodness of a Relationship with God

1. God will draw near to you (James 4:8)
2. God will _____ you (Psalm 73:28, Psalm 91:1–2)
3. God’ s grace and love (blessings) will follow you (Psalm 23:1,6, Psalm 65:4)
4. You will be fishers of men (Matthew 4:19)
5. You shall prosper (Psalm 1:2–3)

How to build a relationship with God

Psalms 63:1–8 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. 6 On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. 7 Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. 8 I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

Ephesians 5:18–20 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As shown in the two bible verses above, the secret to building a relationship with God:

1. Desire
To draw near to God, you need a heart of desire, just like when you see your loved ones. You will take initiative and be passionate, to abide in Him
2. Let _____ fill you

Ephesians 5 mentions about not getting drunk, this has something to do with people during that time. These scriptures was written by Paul so that Christians will change their old ways, always be filled by the Holy Spirit, until it becomes a habit in your life.

3. Praise and Worship

Praise and worship is one of the ways to show your love and affection to God, This is a response from your spirit to God. Through praise and worship, true peace, joy, victory and comfort can be found as well as receiving God's love and touch, experiencing God's restoration.

John 4:23 ...when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Luke 19:37–40 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

How to praise and worship

- In the service or CG gather, praise and worship God.
- Learn to sing worship songs from church or your CG, memorise the lyrics, and worship God anytime, anywhere.
- Play worship songs at any time, from listening to singing, let praise and worship fill your life.
- There's no need for music instruments, your voice is the best instrument.

4. Always pray, seek and be thankful

Prayer is a way of communicating with God, to express our feelings, thoughts and love to God. At the same time, listen to what God wants to say to you, listen and meditate on God's word. From this, receive the revelation and enlightenment from God.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

(Refer: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3:17)

➤ How to Pray

Mark 11:24–25 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Matthew 6:5–8 And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret,

will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

- Apart from the church and CG' s prayer meetings, spend sometime to have a personal prayer time with God.
- Be thankful for everything.
- Very simply express to God your innermost thoughts and feelings.
- Repent on your own sin, pray for forgiveness.
- Forgive those who has sinned against you, as God has forgiven you.
- Pray with faith
- Pray with urgency
- Prayer is not public speaking, do not express spiritual maturity with long and repetitive prayer.
- Learn to express your love and reverence for God.
- End your prayer with "In Jesus' name I pray, Amen" .

Jesus personally showed his disciples how to pray, this is the notable (Lord's prayer) in the bible:

Matthew 6:9–13 *This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

The Lord's Prayer	Guidelines
Our heavenly Father, hallowed by your name	How you refer God as, honour God
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.	Pray for the kingdom of heaven
Give us this day our daily bread	Pray for your personal needs
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors	Repent, forgive others
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil.	Pray for God's protection and care
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever	Proclaim God's power and glory
Amen.	Acknowledge with faith.

The teachings above can be a guideline to your prayer, so that you understand and draw near to God.

John 14:13–14 *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

5. Read and meditate on God's word.

If you want to get to know a person, if he/she doesn't talk to you, you will never know him/her; *the same applies, if you want to know God, you have to read the word of God*

Psalm 1:2–3 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

(B) Build a relationship with people

“Why do we need to build a relationship with people? I can live my life well by myself, no?”

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household

The importance of life in church

- Brothers and sisters can care for your needs.
- God will speak to you through your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Help you through your team.
- Through matching in the team, you get to know yourself better.

In church and in your CG, every brother and sister have different family background, education, career and so on, these factors to different personality, attitude and thinking. As well as communication and how they handle situation.

Although it's difficult, but we encourage you to set targets, in your CG, team or church to build a relationship with at least 12 people.

Next, we will see how we can **build a good relationship with people**:

1. **Proactive, open:** with an openness and welcoming attitude, greet different people and be proactive in speaking to others.
2. **Accept one another**
Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
3. **Acknowledge one another**
Ephesians 4:29 ... but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
4. **Care for one another**

Philippians 2:4 *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Hebrews 10:24 *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,*

5. Do not judge others

Matthew 7:1–5 *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

6. Speak the truth in love

Ephesians 4:15 *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

7. Be humble and love one another

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves*

Romans 12:16 *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

(Refer: 1 Peter 3:8, 1 John 4:7–8)

8. Forgive those who sinned against you

1 John 4:20 *Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.*

Ephesians 4:26 *“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,*

(Refer: Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:14)

9. Find out and give others the way they yearn to be loved. (Love language)

- Words of Affirmation
- Quality Time
- Receiving Gift
- Acts of Service
- Physical Touch

To build a interpersonal relationship, most of the time means to let go of yourself. When you learn to accept and submit to God’ s teachings, to love the people around you with the love of God. Your life will take an unsuspecting turn as well as surprise!

VIBRANCE

Vibrance means being as passionate as fire towards something or someone– that is not easily quelled, but will burn even hotter, this heat can even affect to people around you.

Romans 12:11 *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

Revelations 3:19 *Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.*

In the harvest filled life journey of a Christian, loving God vibrantly is a must.

The Importance of Loving God Vibrantly

1. The _____ that God values the most

Matthew 22:36–38 *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.*

2. God will give you abundance that exceeds your imagination

1 Corinthians 2:9 *However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love him*

Ephesians 3:20 *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us*

3. God protects and saves you, that you receive honour and long live.

Psalm 91:14–16 *“Because he[a] loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”*

Expressions of loving God vibrantly

1. Vibrantly praise and worship God

- i. In the CG, service, you will dance vibrantly, excitedly clap your hands when praising and worshipping God.

Psalm 150:1–6 *Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. 2 Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. 3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet praise him with the harp and lyre, 4 praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, 5 praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.*

- ii. In times of trouble and despair, sing praise to God even more.

Isaiah 61:3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Acts 16:22–25 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Vibrant praise and worship can affect the people around, stir up and build each other's faith and love towards God. Reaching out a heart of joy.

2. Obey God's word, do things that find favour in God

1 John 2:5–6 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 3:22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

3. Serve God, serve the needs of people

Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Matthew 25:35–36,40 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

4. _____ love people

Matthew 22:37–40 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Our God wants us to dedicate our love to Him vibrantly, wholeheartedly and with all our soul and mind – and it means there is no reserve and giving our all to Him.

EVANGELISM

What is the gospel?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Isaiah 61:1–3 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

(Refer: Romans 5:8–10, Colossians 1:13–14, 1 Corinthians 15:54)

Gospel is – God gave his only begotten son to mankind, to bare our sins, crucified on the cross, wash away the sins of men by his precious blood. Jesus was resurrected 3 days later, defeating death, so that all who believe in Him, shall not perish, but gain eternal life and blessings.

Why spread the gospel?

Gospel is – spreading the good news of the salvation of Jesus Christ, so that people can receive the salvation and love of God, lead them to receive God's blessings and encounter God's power.

1. God's Commission (_____)

Mark 16:15–16, 19–20 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Matthew 28:18–20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Before Jesus ascended, He gave disciples a last commission, which is to preach the Gospel. It is clear that preaching the Gospel is something that God wants us to do, and it is every Christian's responsibility.

2. God's Will

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

3. Enables men to receive salvation and gain eternal life, free themselves from the authority of evil.

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Colossians 1:13–14 *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

4. Enable people to experience God's _____

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

(Refer: Isaiah 61:1–3)

Ways to Spread the Gospel

1. Share the _____ of experiencing God

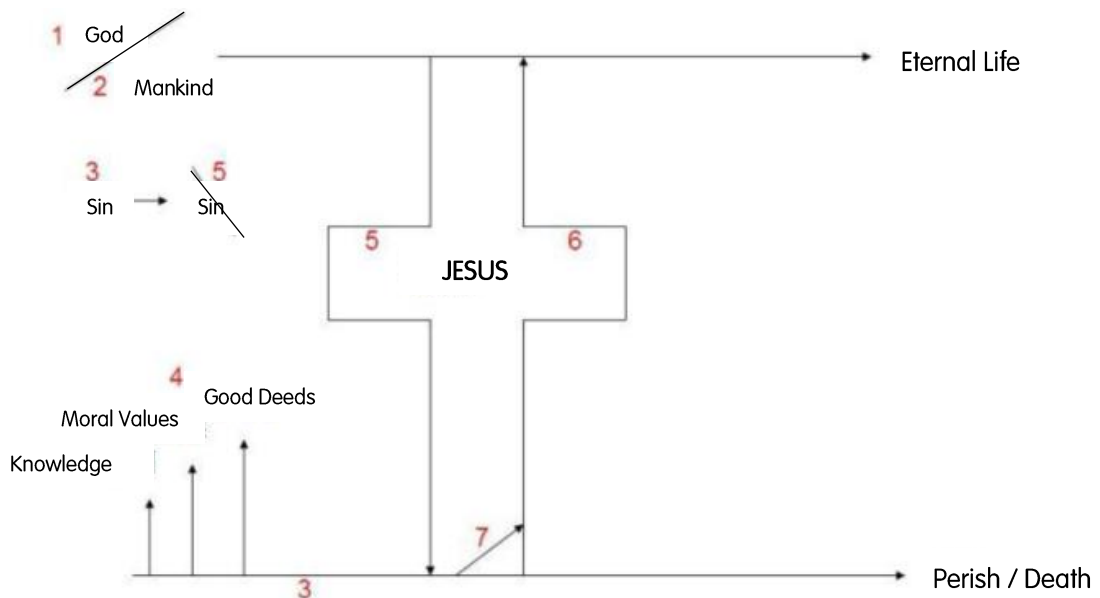
Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Luke 8:38–39 *The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.*

2. Methods to spread the gospel

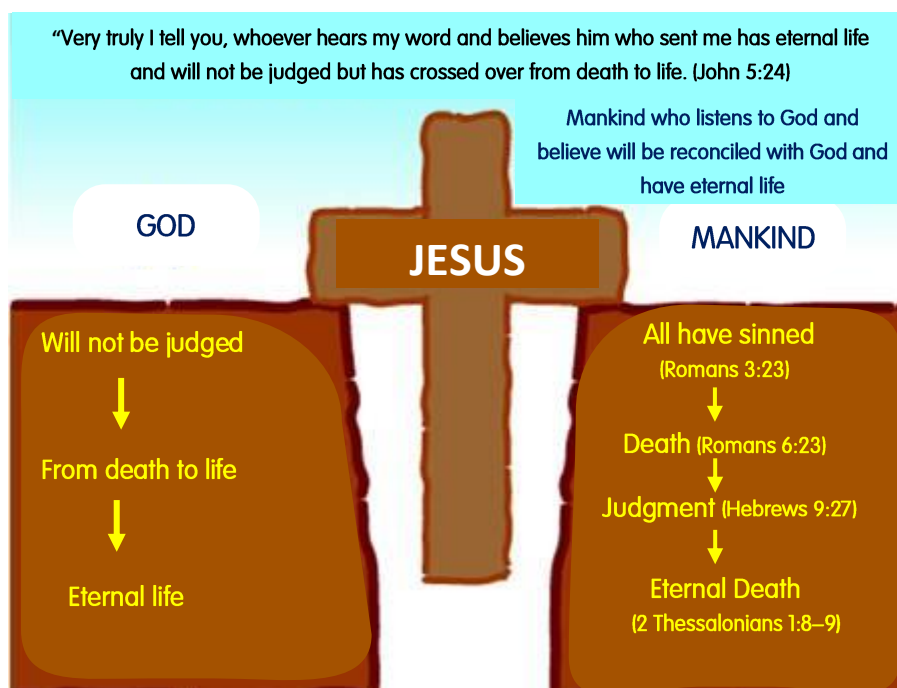
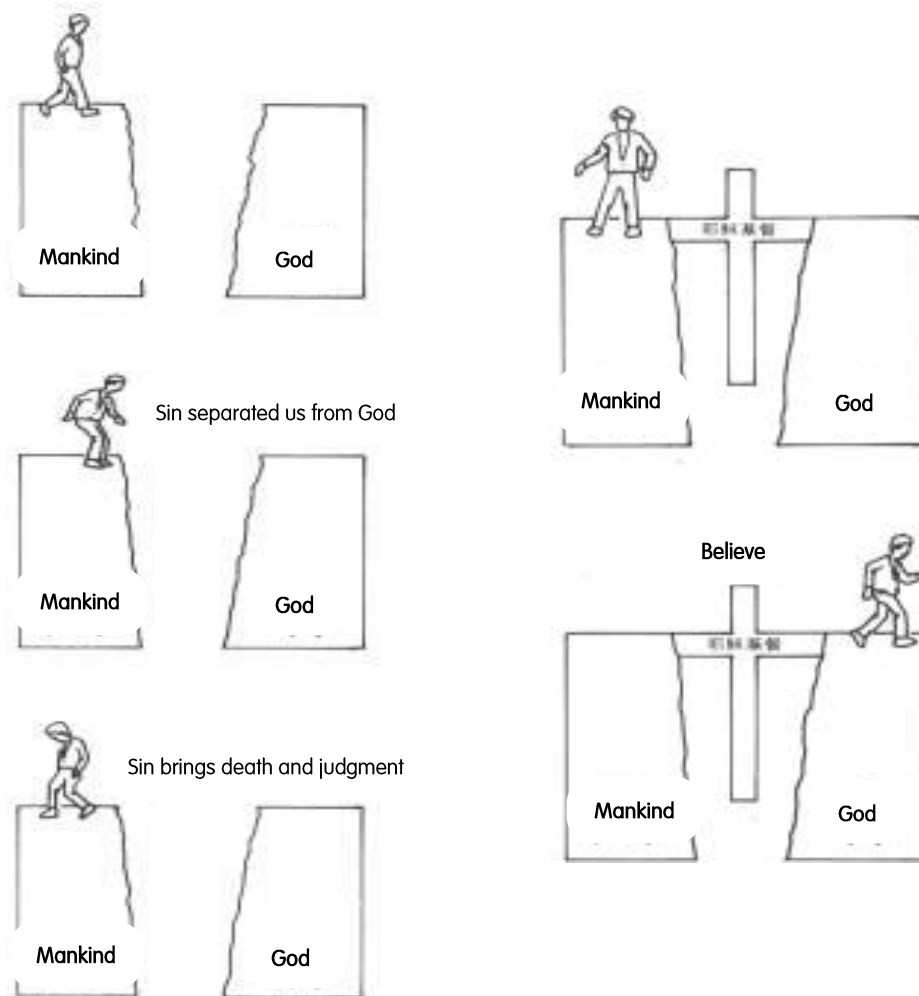
a. John 3:16 Method

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*



b. Gospel Bridge

Gospel Bridge is to share Gospel and lead people to Christ using a simple illustration and explanation.



c. Roman Road

The use of the book of Romans to spread the gospel is called (ROMAN ROAD)

Romans 3:23 *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

Romans 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Romans 5:8 says... *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Romans 10:9 *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:13 reemphasizes that: *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

Romans 5:1 *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”*

Romans 8:38–39 tells us the promise of God: *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

d. Gospel in 5 Colour Beads

Gospel in 5 colour bead uses 5 colours to the gospel. 5 colours represent 5 things. which are:

- Green – symbolises God’s creation (which is good)
- Black – symbolises the sins of men
- Red – symbolises the salvation of Jesus Christ (the blood of Jesus)
- White – symbolises washing away all transgressions
- Yellow – symbolises the glory of heaven



3. Join the evangelistic meeting of you CG and church

There are actually many ways to spread the gospel, the most important is the rely on the holy spirit’s power and guidance, prepare yourselves to courageously testify for God at all times.

SPIRIT-LED

What is Spirit-led?

Let go of your opinions, let the holy spirit guide your thoughts, will, surrender to Him. He will then teach you all you need to live a life that is favourable to God.

Zechariah 4:6 *“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.*

Proverbs 3:5–6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

(Refer: 1 John 2:27)

When you are spirit-led:

1. He will _____ to you the truth (John 14:17,26, John 16:13)
2. The Holy Spirit will help you, personally pray for you (Romans 8:26–27)
3. You will understand sin (John 16:7–8)
4. Nourishment in the spirit (John 7:37–39, Luke 4:18–19)
5. Conquer your flesh and temptations (Galatians 5:16–18, Romans 8:9)
6. Receive _____ *(Galatians 6:8)*
7. Receive power, be witnesses for God (Acts 1:8)
8. Receive wisdom, counsel and might (Isaiah 11:2)
9. Receive spiritual gifts, receive goodness (1 Corinthians 12:4–11, Ephesians 4:11–12)
10. Bear _____ of great character (Galatians 5:22–23)

Ways Holy Spirit Speak

1. Through the bible

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

2. From the heart (a soft voice), a thought (urge/feeling)

Matthew 10:19–20 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Revelations 1:10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

3. Through visions, _____

Job 33:15–18 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, 16 he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, 17 to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, 18 to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword.

4. Sermon

Psalms 119:130,133 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

Acts 2:37–38 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

5. People

Holy Spirit will prompt prophets, pastors, or matured leaders to speak to you.

Acts 19:6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

We know that the Holy Spirit speaks to people, as well as know that a spirit-led life brings a lot of goodness. But, to submit to the Holy Spirit, we need to be sensitive to the voice and revelation from the Holy Spirit.

How to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

1. Draw near to Him with desire
2. Welcome the Holy Spirit to fill you
3. Read the bible, the word of God
4. Spend time to listen, serve Him
5. Ask your spiritual leader
6. Practice constantly (don't give up)

Acts 1:4–5,14 *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit.” 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

James 4:8 *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

TRAINING

1 Timothy 4:6–9,11–12 *If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. 8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 9 This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

The bible verse above was Paul reminding Timothy, to not only be equipped with the truth and knowledge but also the practice in terms of spirituality to improve.

Ephesians 4:11–12,15–16 *So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 15, Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

The Importance of Receiving Training

1. Follow Jesus' commandment

Matthew 28:20 *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

2. That your spiritual life be mature and be able to _____

Hebrews 5:12–14 *In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

(Refer: Ephesians 4:14–15)

3. Improvement in your life, be a role model to others

1 Timothy 4:14–16 *Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. 16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

All skills need to be sharpened through practices, similarly, after knowing God, we need to always self-practice and apply them in daily life, so that everyone can see your life transformation and getting to know God through your life.

4. Become a leader chosen by God, accomplish_____

Ephesians 4:11–12 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

1 Peter 2:9–10 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- Refer to the biblical figures below, they have been equipped and trained, only then they were able to bear fruits, proactively serve God, accomplishing the call in their lives:
 1. **Joseph**
Sold by his brothers, overcame the temptation of his master's wife, sent to prison. In the end, became the second most powerful man in Egypt. (Refer: Genesis 37:12–36, Genesis 39–41)
 2. **David**
Tend to sheep as a child, from slaying beast to killing Goliath, then running away from King Saul's pursue. In the end, becoming the king of Israel. (Refer: 1 Samuel 16–17, 1 Samuel 19–24, 2 Samuel 2:1–7)
 3. **12 Apostles**
Followed Jesus for 3 years, watched, heard and learnt from Jesus. In the end, inherited the commission from Jesus to spread the gospel to the ends of the world. (Refer: 4 Gospel books, Acts)
 4. **Timothy**
Paul wanted the young timothy to stay in the church of Ephesians, advising him to focus on all that he does, equip himself to be a preacher. (Refer: 1 Timothy 4:12–16)
 5. **Jacob, Moses, Daniel, Paul**
God has given them different challenges, in the wilderness, in a foreign nation, the hardship in spreading the gospel and so on.

Entering God's calling is a process. In the process, we need equip and train ourselves on the gifts and responsibilities given to us by God, so that we may grow in our spiritual life and be able to bear the responsibilities and accomplish his commission.

Church Training and equipment courses

- Building Life (1 & 2)
- Building Disciples: MSJ 1–4 My Spiritual Journey (1–4)
- Leaders Training
- Holy Word Training Centre

Let us live a life based on Christ together, and have a life of harvest!

ESSENTIAL BELIEFS OF A CHRISTIAN

When you believe in God, you have to know and understand these 12 essential beliefs, these are the grounds of our belief and faith.

12 Essential Beliefs (These are our beliefs)

1. God = One

We believe that God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has revealed Himself as one God existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God.

(Refer: Ephesians 4:4–6)

2. _____ = Son of God

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born by the Virgin Mary. He is totally God, coequal with the Father, and totally man. We believe Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day. He bodily ascended into heaven and will return again someday for His Church.

Matt 16:15–16; Luke 1:26–35; John 1:14–18; Is. 7:14; 9:6; 1 Cor. 15:1–4; Rom. 4:25; John 14:2–3; 1 Thess. 4:13–18.

3. Holy Spirit = equal to Father and Son.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He longs to fill every Christian with His power and presence. He provides the believer with the power for victorious living, understanding of spiritual truths, guidance in doing what is right, and for the supernatural work of the ministry.

2 Cor. 3:17; John 14:16–17; 16:7–14; Acts 1:8.

4. _____ = word of God

We believe that the Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:13; Rev 22:18–19

5. Mankind= creation of God

We believe that people are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme objects of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes all problems in life.

Gen. 1:27, 2:7; Ps. 8:3–6; Is. 53:6; 59:1–2; Rom. 3:23.

6. _____ = justified by faith

We believe salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it by faith. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, we will be saved. However, salvation is a life-long process. Eternal life begins at the moment of our conversion but after that comes "sanctification"---the continuing work of grace to make us holy and perfect as God is holy and perfect.

Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; John 14:6; Gal. 3:26; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 John 1:9-10.

7. Baptism = command of Jesus Christ

We believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in order to fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through the waters of baptism, there is an impartation of God's grace to help us to live an overcoming, crucified life. The rebellious nature of the fallen flesh will start losing its power in us, and we will start walking in the newness of life.

Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:34-36; 19:1-6; Rom. 6:1-6.

8. Baptism of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a real experience at, or subsequent, to salvation, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. This Spirit baptism opens the door for us to enter into God's supernatural realm of signs, wonders and mighty miracles.

Acts 2: 1-4; 10:44-45; James 3:3-5

9. _____ of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, as listed in 1 Corinthians 12-14, and the five leadership ministries, as given in Ephesians 4, is still operational in the Church today.

Rom 12:6-8

10. Holy Spirit filled

We believe that the true Christian faith is expressed through a sanctified life, the life of separation from sinful habits and perfecting of holiness in the fear of God. The agent to bring about sanctification is the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Every Christian should be filled with the presence and power of the Spirit. The presence of God becomes tangible in an atmosphere of worship, while the power of God is manifested through an atmosphere of faith.

Eph. 5:18; 2 Cor. 6:14; 7:1.

11. God's _____

We believe that when Jesus died on the cross, He also bore our sicknesses and diseases. As such, the healing of the physical body by God's power is as valid today as it was in the Early Church.

Mark 16:17–18; James 5:14.

12. Eternal life

We believe in the eternal life for believers and eternal punishment for sinners. God gives eternal life through Jesus Christ. If you are genuinely saved, you can have the security of knowing that God will keep you by His grace and power.

John 5:24; 3:16; Rev. 20:15; John 10:29; 2 Tim. 1:12.