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Regionalizing Outreaches, Organizing Discipleship and Practical Ministry Manual

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The Local Church Body

*"I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me:
refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." Psalm 142:4*

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“The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul.” – Proverbs 13:19a

REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 1

STRUCTURE FOR REGIONALIZING LOCAL CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Rotate regionalized church teams (each team serving together monthly)

Meeting time: Saturday mornings at 10AM, or time of your choosing

Meeting place: Optional (Church, area McDonald's, or members' home)

		Name of Team Leader
1 st Week	Southeast	_____
2 nd Week	Northeast	_____
3 rd Week	Southwest	_____
4 th Week	Northwest	_____
5 th Week	Work Day Option	

Smaller churches may wish to begin with just North / South regionalizing until laborers become available (Matt. 9:37-38).

Have church secretary compile church family addresses, including zip codes and phone numbers. Organize them into Southeast, Northeast, Southwest and Northwest regions.

On Sunday evenings, visitor / other contacts will be distributed to each team leader according to the region where the contacts live.

Team leaders will record church family, visitors and other contacts on their Tracking Grid (next page).

Team leader is responsible for obtaining needed gospel materials for his region; mapping region for canvassing and assigning follow-up calls (delegate as needed).

Team leaders will meet with the Pastor after the first Wednesday service of each month for a brief update of canvassing and visits made.

NOTE: While serving primarily in their own region, members can also help through the month in other regions as the Lord leads.

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 COMPELLING THEM TO COME IN ~ TRACKING GRID

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE	AREA	DISCIPLESHIP								CARD	PHONE CALL	COOKIES	GIFT/ HOSPITALITY	OTHER
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					
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NOTE: For further organizational structuring helps, see Enduring Ministry Structures I & II (H.E.A.R.T.Ministry Content List, next page).
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REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 3 ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOOD GOSPEL OUTREACHES

Proverbs 29:18a – “Where there is no vision, the people perish:”
Acts 1:8b – “. . . ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”
Acts 5:42 – “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”

- By assigning mapped out regions for members to systematically work their own neighborhoods, you are helping them to acquire a vision for the lost and to carry out the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). There are also many other benefits:
1. Ephesians 5:16 – saves time, gas and postage
 2. Matthew 10:16 – flexibility to serve in favorable weather
 3. Nehemiah 2:18, 8:10 – able to carry out great commission more effectively and enjoyably
 4. Exodus 1:9-11 – a government that now aggressively takes control of economy and businesses may soon strike religious freedom in its wake
 5. John 4:24, I Corinthians 15:15 – to include the whole family and neighborhoods of church members
 6. Philippians 1:6-17 – to develop more confidence, consistency and spiritual boldness
 7. Acts 11:22-25 – to know neighbors, people groups, locations of various forgotten people
 8. Colossians 4:5 – to walk wisely toward them that are without (also helps physical fitness)
 9. Luke 10:30-37 – to have a missionary mindset every time you leave the house
 10. Mark 10:43-44 – increases a prayerful servant attitude
 11. John 15:16 – to disciple others (**NOTE: All H.E.A.R.T. Bible study courses are FREE! This includes a 3-course Discipleship set containing John, Romans and Bible Doctrines**)
 12. II Timothy 2:15 – to increase your Bible knowledge: “iron sharpeneth iron” as we walk with God
 13. II Timothy 2:2 – to have friends for eternity, to teach them, and to train them to do the same
 14. I Peter 4:9 – to be hospitable
 15. Acts 13:2-5 – to increase the opportunity to be called into foreign missions
 16. II Peter 3:18 – to see your church have new converts baptized and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
 17. II Corinthians 9:6 – to see the Lord bless your continued obedience (sow bountifully to reap bountifully)
 18. Hebrews 1:7 – to be consistently on fire as a minister of the Lord
 19. Psalm 82:3-4, James 1:27 – to encourage the widows, fatherless, poor, needy, oppressed and lonely
 20. Matthew 28:18-20 – By assigning mapped out regions for members to systematically work their own neighborhood, you are helping them to acquire a vision for the lost and carry out the great commission.

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EFFECTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASSING

“The wise in heart shall be called prudent . . .” Proverbs 16:21

1. Pray without ceasing (in your home, at the church, upon arrival at area, as you walk, upon departure).
2. Declare the gospel with grace, compassion, and boldness.
3. Stay focused on the mission at hand with your partner ~ avoid being sidetracked.
4. Don't cut across lawns (avoid all appearance of evil).
5. Don't leave literature in mailboxes, or at homes displaying a “No Soliciting” sign.
6. Secure gospel literature from wind and rain as much as possible.
7. On windy or cold days, try to work on streets that are perpendicular to the wind. (Example: If there is a west wind, work streets that are north and south. The house and garage will minimize the wind.)
8. Don't go to the back door.
9. Don't leave literature where there is potential danger (terrain, out of control people or dogs).
10. Be careful about going into a stranger's home ~ especially the elderly.
11. When knocking on a door, only one person should be on the porch. The partner should stand at the bottom of the steps, silently praying.
12. After knocking, back off to the top step on the handle side of the door so that you can be seen from the window. Avoid chatting with your partner while waiting.
13. Consider using the word “include” instead of “invite” when talking to a prospect about church.
14. Witness to adults only. Do not approach children in the neighborhood.
15. Never argue or be antagonistic when witnessing. Have a “harmless as doves” approach.
16. Be polite and leave the door open for the next person that will visit from the church.
17. If a partner being trained is talking and gets “stumped”, transition to the veteran partner by turning to him and saying “Do you have anything else to add?”
18. If it is obvious no one is home (no inside lighting, no noise or cars in the drive), consider just leaving the literature instead of waiting for someone to answer the door. You will cover much more ground.
19. You may want to bring bottled water with you.
20. Especially if you have children with you, make sure you know where the nearest accessible bathroom is located (restaurant, library, etc.). This comes up more often than you would expect.

TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Vans or busses:

- Safety first ~ obey all the traffic regulations.
- Map your drop-offs to make as many right-hand turns as possible.
- Avoid having to back up.
- Drop your teams on the high side of slanted streets to conserve their energy.

Car block work:

- Park (and lock) the car in the center of the block starting with the first block of the street.
- For team of two ~ begin at the car, crossing the street at the stop sign and circling the block back to the car. Proceed to the next block.
- For teams of four ~ if the majority of team members are inexperienced, use the same strategy as above, but teams should leap-frog around one another. This will keep team members close in case assistance is needed in witnessing. If team members are experienced at canvassing, have each team start at the car on the same side of the street, moving in opposite directions to the end of the block and back in a U-shape, until they meet the other team back near the car. Proceed to the next block.

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DISCIPLESHIP ORGANIZATION

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” Acts 5:42

(NOTE: The H.E.A.R.T. Bible study course on John is a great first step for a discipleship study.)

- ~ All interested (Coordinators as well as Disciplers) should fill out Discipleship Lesson One. Be prepared ahead of time for the material that will be covered.
- ~ Be careful to maintain proper:
 - Attitude – Loyal, faithful, and caring
 - Behavior – Humble, an obedient servant
 - Focus – Stick to the material

Discipleship Coordinator Responsibilities

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” I Corinthians 14:40

- Maintain discipleship materials inventory
- Watch for new families to link into Discipleship Program
- Train new disciplers (see Discippler’s Responsibilities, below)
- Be available to answer questions as they arise
- Maintain accountability to the pastor, and the disciplee
- Delegate participants into workable groups
- Maintain good communications at all times
- Adjust and be flexible as needed
- Allow discipler an “out” when needed
- Commend and reward (good disciplers are spiritual treasures ~ take good care of them)
- Have certificates of completion ready for presentation at conclusion of Discipleship Program
- Consider doing Discipleship before or after regularly scheduled church services, to establish the habit of faithful church attendance

Discippler’s Responsibilities

- Qualifications: Faithful, mature church members full of Godly wisdom (James 3:17-18)
- Good communications with coordinator and disciplee
- Have student fill out lessons one week in advance
- Know and stick to the material ~ have ongoing questions and answers over each lesson
- Introduce disciplee to at least three or four other church families to integrate him into the congregation
- Let coordinator know a week ahead when discipleship will be completed

Goals of Discipleship

The goal of Biblical discipleship is to train obedient followers of Christ to deny self, abide in the Word, have fruit that remains, and love the brethren (John 15); and to carry out the great commission (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8). Discipleship should also integrate new believers into the local church where they can see souls saved and baptized, as well as continue “stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:41-42).

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BIBLICAL ONE ANOTHERING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

GOAL: The church will increase when “edifying itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16). Examples of this principle: Romans 12:10; Romans 13:8; I Thessalonians 3:12; I Thessalonians 4:9; I John 3:11 & 23; I John 4:7, 11, 12; II John 5.

MOTIVATION: To build up the church with love and unity, serving one another. “To be like minded one toward another, by love serve one another” (Romans 13:8; Galatians 5:13). We are not to put down one another. Examples of biting, devouring, consuming, provoking, envying, speaking evil, grudging one against another: Galatians 5:26; James 4:11, 5:9.

PRINCIPLE: Abound in love one toward another, pray one for another (I Thessalonians 3:12, James 5:16)

1. Follow pastoral leadership
 - Pray for him, his wife and children – I Timothy 2:1-2
 - Honor him / be faithful and loyal – I Thessalonians 5:12-13, I Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 10:25
 - Obey and submit to his Biblical teaching and preaching – Hebrews 13:17
2. Fatherless and widows in affliction – “pure religion” – James 1:27
 - Fellowship, time of prayer / scripture reading
 - Meet practical needs
3. Friendly encouragement to membership – “exhort one another” – Hebrews 3:13, I Thessalonians 5:14-18
4. “Forbearing one another in love” (endure, tolerate, control oneself under provocation) – Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12-17
5. Fruitful restoration of inactives with spirit of meekness – Galatians 6:2
 - Kind, tender-hearted, forgiving attitude – Ephesians 4:32
 - Have peace one with another – Mark 9:50b
6. Faithful training – “consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” – Hebrews 10:24
 - Soulwinning – in class and by example – Acts 1:8, 5:42
 - Discipleship – Proverbs 13:20; II Timothy 2:2, 15
7. Feeding one another with a generous spirit
 - Hospitality – “use hospitality one to another” – I Peter 4:9
 - Preferring one another – “for we are members one of another” – Ephesians 4:25
8. Focus on comforting – I Thessalonians 5:14
 - The dying – “comfort one another with these words” – I Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11
 - The bereaved – “have compassion one of another” – I Peter 3:8
 - The suffering – “the God of all comfort who comforteth us in all our tribulations” – II Corinthians 1:3-4
9. Fellowship with the struggling – “we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin” – I John 1:7
 - “Ministering the same one to another” – I Peter 4:10
 - Overcome spiritual obstacles by our faith, and the blood of Jesus Christ – I John 5:4; Revelation 12:11
10. Finance Management – Biblical attitude and behavior disciplines – Matthew 6:33
 - Owe no man anything, but to love one another – Romans 13:8
 - By “love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13b) – By being free of financial bondage, you will have more time to serve your family, to serve the Lord’s work, and more resources to give.

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GOOD STEWARD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES: LESSON ONE

PUTTING GOD FIRST IN EVERY AREA

Proverbs 3:9 – “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:”

Charles Spurgeon once said, “To earn money is easy compared with spending it well.”

To servants who were wise stewards of what God had entrusted to them, Christ said, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” (Matthew 25:21)

I. BECOMING A GOOD STEWARD

- A. Avoid ignorance of God’s Word, and the enticements of the devil’s world. (Hosea 4:6a – “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” Proverbs 1:10 – “My son, if sinners _____ thee, consent thou not.”)
- B. Avoid indifference about your family’s future. (Proverbs 13:22a – “A good man leaveth an _____ to his children's children:”)
- C. Avoid impulses of the flesh and eyes. (I John 2:15-16 – “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the _____ is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”)

II. GOD MUST BE PRIORITY NUMBER ONE

- A. First in worship (Hebrews 10:25a – “Not _____ the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;”)
- B. First part of the day (Psalm 5:3 – “My voice shalt thou hear in the _____, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.”)
- C. Firstfruits of all that God entrusts to me (Proverbs 3:9 – “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine _____.”)
- D. First place in your home (Psalm 101:2-3a – “I will _____ myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.”)
- E. First place outside your home (I Timothy 3:7 – “Moreover he must have a good report of them which are _____; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”)
 - i. Honestly (I Thessalonians 4:12 – “That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without; and that ye may have _____ of nothing.”)
 - ii. Heartily (Colossians 3:22-24 – “Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, _____ God; And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”)
 - iii. Helping the widows and orphans, the poor and needy (James 1:27 – “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To _____ the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”)
 - iv. Harvest in missions (II Corinthians 9:9-11 – “(As it is written, He hath _____ abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.”)
- F. First place after you die (Proverbs 10:7a – “The _____ of the just is blessed.”)

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GOOD STEWARD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES: LESSON TWO

A PRACTICAL SPENDING PLAN – FROM MISERY TO MINISTRY!

PRUDENT: Economical; frugal; cautious; careful of consequences of enterprises, measures or actions; to foresee.

SIMPLE: Naïve; gullible; easily succumbs to temptation. (I Corinthians 10:13)

- I. Have a hearty conviction that God owns all that you have and you are responsible and accountable to glorify Him in all that you spend (Psalm 24:1, I Corinthians 1:31, I Corinthians 6:19).
- II. Know what stores have the best deals on specific items.
 - A. List the specific items you need *before you leave home*.
 - B. Estimate what your bill will be *before you leave home*.
- III. Seek to be PRUDENT in all your dealings. See these Proverbs:
 - A. 8:12a – “I _____ dwell with prudence.”
 - B. 13:16a – “Every prudent man _____ with knowledge.”
 - C. 14:8a – “The wisdom of the prudent is to _____ his way.”
 - D. 14:15 – “The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his _____.” The simple become prey to telemarketers, fast-talking salesmen, home shopping clubs, prodigals, pressure to buy it NOW (20:21), and co-signing (6:1-4). They are lured by merchandisers’ store layouts, and get rich quick schemes (28:20, 22).
 - E. 14:18 – “The simple inherit _____: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.”
 - F. 16:21a – “The wise in _____ shall be called prudent.”
 - G. 19:14b – “. . . a prudent wife is from the Lord.”
 - H. 22:3 and 27:12 – “A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are _____.”
- IV. Pray to the Savior who is against waste. (John 6:12b – “. . . Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.”) Be creative with “plan-overs”. NOTE: A University of Arizona study found that 10-15% of purchased food is wasted or thrown away. Pray:
 - A. For wisdom (James 1:5).
 - B. For specific needs (Matthew 7:7-8).
 - C. In the fullness of joy (John 16:24).
 - D. Believing that God can supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19).
- V. Premeditate your strategy (Proverbs 23:2-7).
 - A. Avoid the yearn to spend hastily what you earn (Philippians 2:5; 4:5). Make it a practice to wait at least 24 hours before making any major purchase.
 - B. Learn to yearn to glorify God in all your dealings, including what you earn (Matthew 5:16).
 1. Proving what is acceptable to God (Ephesians 5:5-11; Psalm 19:14)
 2. Examine heart motivations (Psalm 139:23-24)
 3. Know the traps of the world (I John 2:15-17)
- VI. Prepare in all aspects of discipline.
 - A. Don’t shop when you are hungry.
 - B. Stay focused: Stick to the list (I Corinthians 15:58).
 - C. Compare prices for the best buy.
 - D. 14:8 – Resist any impulsive, hasty purchases (II Corinthians 10:4-5) – you haven’t planned for them, and they will raise your checkout bill.
 - E. Remember, they are put out in special displays to entice you (Proverbs 4:14, 15, 23).
 - F. Continually ingrain these four words in your thinking process when the impulse or “urge to splurge hits you ~ “I DON’T NEED IT!!”
- VII. Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:16).
 - A. Schedule all errands for one or two days per week.
 - B. Route your stops ~ it will save you time and gas (.86 - \$1.19 per mile for transportation).

RULE: Avoid influences and personal practices that cause you to make hasty / impulsive decisions.

CONCLUSION:

- To change what you reap, you must change what you sow. Galatians 6:7-8 – “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”
- Learn to be content. Psalm 68:19a – “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,” and I Timothy 6:6 – “But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

COMPELLING REASONS FOR MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE ~

Memorizing the Word of God makes it instantly accessible in every situation and for every need.

1. Memorizing Scripture IS SPECIFICALLY COMMANDED BY GOD: “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children . . .” (Deut. 6:6-7). “. . . lay up his words in thine heart.” (Job 22:22).
2. Memorizing Scripture ENLIGHTENS DARKENED HEARTS: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (II Tim. 3:15). The word burns and smites (Jer. 23:29), pierces and discovers (Heb. 4:12).
3. Memorizing Scripture INFUSES CONVICTION on the standard of values and righteousness as being absolute and unchanging: “Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.” (Psa. 119:128). Also Isa. 55:8-9.
4. Memorizing Scripture RESTORES BROKEN LIVES: “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” (Psa. 107:20).
5. Memorizing Scripture HELPS SPIRITUAL GROWTH: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:” (I Pet. 2:2). Scripture is “strong meat” for those who go on to Christian maturity (Heb. 5:12).
6. Memorizing Scripture MAKES FOR AN EFFECTUAL PRAYER LIFE: “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7).
7. Memorizing Scripture MOTIVATES SPONTANEOUS WITNESSING: “Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.” (Jer. 20:9).
8. Memorizing Scripture PROMOTES FRUITFULNESS: “But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.” (Luke 8:15).
9. Memorizing Scripture MAKES CONTINUAL MEDITATION POSSIBLE: “But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” (Psa. 1:2).
10. Memorizing Scripture AFFORDS COMFORT AND STRENGTH IN TIME OF TROUBLE: “Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.” (Psa. 119:92).
11. Memorizing Scripture GUARDS AGAINST SIN: “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” (Psa. 119:11)
12. Memorizing Scripture PROVIDES WISDOM AND GUIDANCE FOR DAILY LIVING: “The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jer. 8:9). Also James 3:17.
13. Memorizing Scripture EQUIPS FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE: The covering of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:11-17).
14. Memorizing Scripture IS EXEMPLIFIED BY CHRIST: When tempted by the devil, He said, “It is written,” and then gave the Scripture.

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REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 10

SCRIPTURE MEMORY I: LESSON ONE

1. Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning God _____ the heaven and the earth."
2. Exodus 20:3 - "Thou shalt have no _____ gods before me."
3. Exodus 20:4a - "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven _____,"
4. Exodus 20:7a - "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in _____;"
5. Exodus 20:8 - "_____ the sabbath day, to keep it holy."
6. Exodus 20:12a - "_____ thy father and thy mother:"
7. Exodus 20:13, 14 - "Thou shalt not _____. Thou shalt not commit _____."
8. Exodus 20:15 - "Thou shalt not _____."
9. Exodus 20:16 - "Thou shalt not bear _____ witness against thy neighbour."
10. Exodus 20:17a - "Thou shalt not _____ . . ."
11. Leviticus 17:11a - "For the life of the flesh is in the _____:"
12. Numbers 14:21 - ". . . all the earth shall be filled with the _____ of the LORD."
13. Deuteronomy 6:18a - "And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the _____ of the LORD:"
14. Joshua 24:15b - ". . . as for me and my house, we will _____ the LORD."
15. Judges 21:25b - ". . . every man did that which was right in his _____ eyes."
16. Ruth 1:16b - ". . . thy _____ shall be my people, and thy God my God:"
17. I Samuel 2:3a - "Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not _____ come out of your mouth:"
18. II Samuel 22:2 - "And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my _____, and my deliverer;"
19. I Kings 8:60 - "That all the people of the earth may _____ that the LORD is God, and that there is none else."
20. II Kings 19:15b - ". . . thou art the God, even thou _____, of all the kingdoms of the earth;"
21. I Chronicles 16:10 - "Glory ye in his holy name: let the _____ of them rejoice that seek the LORD."
22. II Chronicles 6:10a - "The LORD therefore hath _____ his word that he hath spoken:"
23. Ezra 8:23 - "So we fasted and _____ our God for this: and he was intreated of us."
24. Nehemiah 8:10b - ". . . the _____ of the LORD is your strength."
25. Esther 4:14b - ". . . who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as _____?"

Memory Verse: Job 19:25 ~ "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:"

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REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 11
MINISTRY TO “FORGOTTEN” PEOPLE
(an example of “one-anothering” in the Lord ~ James 1:27, Matthew 25:34-40)

Following is a list of places where people can be “forgotten”. Consider developing an outreach to these or other individuals the Lord places upon your heart ~ *look* for opportunities to be a blessing!

INSTITUTIONALIZED

- V.A. residents
- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Cancer homes
- Long-term convalescents

WIDOWS / WIDOWERS

- Physical setback
- Lonely / need comforting
- Need transportation
- Need friends / fellowship

FOLKS WHO RECENTLY LOST A LOVED ONE ~ Provide comfort

ELDERLY / SHUT-IN

- Bring simple things to them
 - Meal / soup when sick
 - Cards / tapes / church bulletins / crafts
 - Children / friends ~ sing, read Scripture, pray

MEMBERS AT HOME

- Serious health problems
- Convalescing from surgery (include spouses and children / meals, support, etc.)
- Out of work

CAREGIVERS

REFERRALS ~ From membership, staff, neighbors, etc.

BUS PARENT / ADULT FOLLOW-UP

MISSIONARIES

- Send encouraging e-mails
- Send cards for birthdays, anniversary
- Send care packages

NEIGHBORS

- Bake, mow lawn, shovel snow, etc. ~ build a relationship through which you can share Christ!

REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 12 TIPS FOR VISITING THE ELDERLY, WIDOWS AND SHUT-INS

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

1. Be a good listener. “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak . . .” James 1:19
2. Try to love, encourage, and comfort them. “Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another . . .” I Thessalonians 5:11
3. Try to get them to laugh. “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” Proverbs 17:22
4. Before taking cookies or candy make sure they are not diabetic.
5. Be positive, and let them know what is going on in the church.
6. If they are an elderly shut-in, try to get them to exercise their mind by getting them to sing a hymn, quote a familiar Scripture with you, or pray.
7. Take your children or grandchildren with you. Encourage them to make homemade cards or gifts.
8. Share a Scripture, sing a familiar song, and pray with them.
9. Never let them be critical of the church, pastor, or their family.
10. If they are negative, depressed and you cannot cheer them up make your visit brief.
11. Visit with the intention of being a blessing to them, but do not be surprised if they are more of a blessing to you.

Don't forget the Lord's words from Matthew 25:40 ~

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 13

MINISTRY IDEAS FROM THE HOME

“Work smarter, not harder!” The key is not to necessarily set aside a whole day, or portion of a day, to do any of the following things, but to become so aware of opportunities that you are able to “feather” them into what you are *already* doing. It will only take a small amount of “extra” time, but will be well worth the effort. You will encourage others, and you will be encouraged yourself.

- Send an e-mail. The easiest and quickest way to let someone know you are thinking of and/or praying for them. This is an especially great tool to encourage missionaries or those serving the Lord in distant locations. Have a list of e-mail addresses and rotate through it until you’ve written to all ~ then start over again! A wonderful way to keep informed about specific needs friends / missionaries have, and can be done in just a few minutes. No stamp is needed, no trip to the mailbox. Just press enter!
- Send a card. Assemble postcards, cards, stamps, address labels, and address book all in one convenient place. If you put these items in something portable, it would be a great thing to take with you when you anticipate time in a waiting room!
- Make a phone call. Jot down the individual’s phone number, then call while you are washing dishes, packing lunches, folding laundry, etc. If you have a cell phone, take it with you when you run errands and make an encouraging call while you wait (for a prescription to be filled, for a child taking a music lesson, at soccer practice, etc.).
- Take a meal. When preparing meals for your own family, consider making a double batch and freezing the extra in a disposable pan. When a need arises (a funeral, a new baby, an illness), you will be well on your way to putting a meal together right out of your own freezer.
- When you make treats or other bakery for your own family, wrap and freeze some in smaller portions. Use these when you or a family member will be seeing someone in need of encouragement. Being frozen is not a problem ~ food will stay fresh until you need it, and will thaw before you get where you’re going. Plan ahead of time to make a batch of zucchini, banana, or some other quick bread your family enjoys. Double the batch, and bake some in muffins or “personal-sized” loaves. (Most dollar stores sell inexpensive aluminum foil disposable pans.)
- Run an errand. When you are going to do your own grocery shopping, allow a little extra time when possible. Call a widow or shut-in who lives in the area where you will be shopping, and ask if you can pick up something for them. Even if they say no, they will be thrilled that you offered. If they do need something, praise God for the opportunity to be used of Him to meet that need. You are shopping anyway ~ it won’t take long to pick up a few extra items. On the way home, drop them off, and spend as much time as you are able visiting with the widow or shut-in. You might pray, share a Scripture, bring a tape of a preaching service from the church, or bring some home-made treat for them to enjoy.
- If your schedule permits, offer to take someone who has no other transportation to doctor’s appointments. On the way home, stop for an inexpensive lunch out ~ they will certainly enjoy the opportunity to get out for awhile.
- Make a visit. Call and ask if they have time for a visit. If you’ve prepared ahead of time and have something to take them, this would be a great time to take something along! If they are not able to visit, or do not feel well, they will still appreciate the fact that you tried. Ask if they have any special prayers requests and offer to have a word of prayer with them on the phone.

REGIONALIZING, DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY MANUAL – 14
WHAT CHRISTIANS CAN DO FOR ALL MEN, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!

I Corinthians 9:19 – “For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself **servant** unto all, that I might gain the more.”

Romans 12:17 – “Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things **honest** in the sight of all men.”

Romans 12:18 – “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live **peaceably** with all men.”

Galatians 6:10 – As we have therefore opportunity, let us do **good** unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

I Thessalonians 3:12 – “And the Lord make you to increase and abound in **love** one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:”

I Thessalonians 5:14b – “... be **patient** toward all men.”

I Timothy 2:1 – “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, **prayers**, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;”

I Timothy 2:4 – Who will have all men to be **saved**, and to come into the knowledge of the truth.

II Timothy 2:24-25 – “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be **gentle** unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the **truth**;”

Titus 3:2 – “To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all **meekness** unto all men.”

I Peter 3:15 – “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the **hope** that is in you with meekness and fear:”

*Dedicated to the memory of Sam LiBassi, and to Hattie Bean,
both servants of Jesus Christ
who exemplify grassroots Christ-like caring.*

SALVATION BIBLE STUDY ~

Scriptures on the Gift of Eternal Life Through the Lord Jesus Christ

[PLEASE NOTE: If you have access to a John / Romans printed by Bearing Precious Seed, this study follows the “marked edition” references beginning on page 42.]

1. Does the Bible say we can *know* we have eternal life? _____
(I John 5:13 - “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”)
2. How many people in the world have sinned? _____ (see John / Romans page 42; Romans 3:23)
3. What is the wages of sin? _____ (page 45; Romans 6:23)
4. How did the Lord Jesus Christ pay our sin debt? _____
(page 44; Romans 5:8)
5. What do we need to do to receive Jesus Christ as our Savior? _____

(page 50; Romans 10:9, 10, 13)
6. What do we become when we believe and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior? _____
_____ (page 1; John 1:12)
7. Did God send His Son to condemn the world? _____ (page 4; John 3:16-17)
8. What do we have when we believe on the Lord? _____
(page 8; John 5:24)
9. Can any man pluck us out of the Lord’s hand? _____ (page 19; John 10:28-29)
10. Who does the Bible say that Jesus is? _____ (page 36; John 20:31)
(see other “I am’s” of Christ: John 4:26, 8:23, 8:58, 9:5, 10:7 and 11, 11:25, 15:1)

Additional material on salvation is available at the back of the John / Romans (just after page 57).

Memory Verse: John 3:36 ~ “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

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1. John 1:1-2 - Who was in the beginning with God? _____
2. John 1:3 - Were all things made by Him? _____
3. John 1:4-5 - What doesn't comprehend light? _____
4. John 1:6-9 - Who came to bear witness of the Light? _____
5. John 1:10-11 - Was Jesus received by His own? _____
6. John 1:12 - "But as many as _____ him, to them gave he _____ to become the sons of God, even to them that _____ on his name?"
7. John 1:14-17 - Who became flesh and was full of grace and truth? _____
8. John 1:23 - How did John the Baptist describe himself? _____
9. John 1:29 - How did John describe Jesus in this passage? _____

10. John 1:30-33 - Who did John see descending and remaining on Jesus? _____
11. John 1:40-42 - Who found his brother and brought him to Jesus? _____
12. John 1:43-51 - Who did Philip find and tell about Jesus? _____
13. John 2:1-5 - What did Jesus' mother say to the servants? _____
14. John 2:6-10 - What was described as "good" that Jesus made from water? _____
15. John 2:13-17 - Who did Jesus drive from the temple? _____
16. John 2:18-22 - What temple was Jesus referring to when He said that He would raise it up in three days? _____
17. John 3:1-7 - To whom did Jesus say "Ye must be born again"? _____
18. John 3:14 - "And as Moses lifted up the _____ in the wilderness, even so must the _____ of man be _____ up?"
19. John 3:15-16 - Why did God send His Son to the world? _____

20. John 3:17 - Did God send His Son to condemn the world? _____
21. John 3:18b - Who is condemned? _____
22. John 3:19-20 - Who hates the light? _____
23. John 3:21 - Who comes to the light? _____
24. John 3:30 - What did John humbly testify? _____
25. John 3:36b - What will be upon those "that believeth not the Son"? _____

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