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A Firm Foundation for the Victorious Christian Life

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## INTRODUCTION

# Your New Life Begins with God's Love

"This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God—but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God." 1 John 4:10b MSG

CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A RELIGION.

IT IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD

AND YOU.

God loves you deeply and wants a personal relationship with you! The Love of Jesus Christ will sweep away your sin, loneliness, pain, and fear. He wants you to spend eternity in Heaven with Him, and the rest of your life on this earth walking with Him. If you would like to begin a new life—beyond your wildest dreams and be born again—pray the following prayer, and believe in your heart that God answers!

"Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. His blood washes away my past

and my sins, and prepares me for eternity. I receive Your forgiveness and accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord. From this day forward, I am Yours, in Jesus' name. Amen!"

If you have prayed this prayer, we would love to hear from you. Please call us at 847-645-9700, or simply email us at prayer@changinglives.org.

# WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

### Chapter One

Congratulations on your new life in Christ! You just made the greatest decision of your life. When you accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you were born again! You are saved by His grace, not by your works or religion or holiness. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you are saved!" Celebrate this amazing gift

of salvation. Ephesians 2:8 says, "By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Rest in this amazing grace. "Grace" is God's greatest expression of love. It is His unmerited love and favor towards you. God saves us because He loves us and wants a relationship with His creation. You are now a child of God! John 1:12 says, "To as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."

Once you're saved, however, now what do you do? Once the gift of salvation is received, a *firm foundation* is often the difference between

success and failure in our lives. Psalm 11:3 says, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" You see, once you're born again, you become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). This means you are in right-standing with God. You are no longer a "sinner." Now you are a son or daughter of God. This is your new and true identity. This is GREAT news. Yet, Psalm 11:3 says, that even the "righteous" cannot stand without a good foundation. Just as in constructing a building, a foundation is the MOST IMPORTANT part of the project, since everything else rests upon it.

In the same way, we need a proper foundation to build our new life upon.

The first message preached in the book of Acts, after Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, lays the groundwork for the successful Christian life. (Acts 2:36–42)

- v.36 Therefore, this Jesus whom you crucified, He is both Lord and Christ!
- v.37 And they were cut to the heart and said to Peter, "what shall we do?"

- v.38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- v.41 And they that received his word were baptized and there were added that day about 3,000 souls.
- v.42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer.

Here we have an excellent framework for the next steps to take after we receive Jesus Christ:

1. Repentance. To "repent" literally means to change your mind; to turn from any other way of being saved. Only through Jesus' blood being shed for us, are we forgiven. Once we are saved, repentance is the act of turning from our old way of self-dependent thinking, to trust God, and surrender our way of thinking to God's way of thinking. That's why He gives us the Bible—the Word of God. It shows us

God's way of thinking concerning life. The way we think will determine the way we live. As we think God's way, God's Word will empower us to live the way God intended. For example, you may have thought all of your life that "being a good person would get you to heaven." But God's Word says that the only way to get to heaven and be forgiven is to put your faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This is one example of how we must adapt to God's way of thinking.

This is what the Bible calls "renewing the mind". When you are born again, your spirit becomes brand new, but your mind—your soul—is unchanged. You're saved. But, your mind needs to be renewed. By understanding what God's Word says about you, it transforms you from the inside out.

2. Be baptized. Baptism is an outward sign of our inward faith. When you go under the waters of baptism, something supernatural happens in your life. It's an outward expression of your faith. According to Colossians 2:12–13,

baptism is the burial of your old self, whereby God delivers you from the power of your old life. Now you are empowered to live by faith, make good decisions and plant good seeds in your life. According to Romans 6:14, "sin shall no longer be your master."

I want to encourage you to get baptized in water as soon as possible. In Acts 8, the Ethiopian eunuch said to Philip that he wanted to be baptized. In verse 37, Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized." So the prerequisite for being baptized in

water, is to simply believe with your heart that Jesus is Lord and Christ.

3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The "gift" of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus is talking about in Acts 1:5 when He says, "You shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit . . . " Just as being "baptized" in water means being "immersed" in water, being "baptized" in the Holy Spirit means being "immersed" in the Holy Spirit.

When you receive this exciting gift, several things happen:

- The love of God is poured into your heart. (Romans 5:5)
- You receive the power to live victorious and share your faith with others. (Acts 1:8)
- You receive a supernatural ability to pray and fellowship with God.
   (1 Corinthians 14:2) We discuss this further in Chapter Four.
- **4. Be added to the church.** Acts 2:41 says, "that same day, there were added to

them about 3.000 souls." Notice, it was the same day they accepted Jesus that they were added to the church. Many people take years to join a church and some Christians never do: but the day you are saved. God adds you to His church. Think about when you were born. You didn't wait years, months, or even weeks to join your family. You were joined to your family right away. When someone gets born again, they are joined to the family of God. The "church" is the family of God, and the body of Christ

Though there are many churches you could go to, you should attend the church that is helping establish these foundations in your life, and one that has an uncompromising commitment to teach the Word of God.

What is supposed to happen in the church that God adds us to? According to Acts 2:42, we are to be devoted to four things:

**A.** The Apostles' Teaching. This means devoting yourself to the Word of God and being established in sound teaching from the Bible.

- **B.** Fellowship. This is celebrating relationships with like-minded people through worshiping together, serving together, praying together and sharing our lives together. This takes place through consistent church attendance, volunteerism and outreach opportunities.
- C. The Breaking of Bread. It was the custom of the New Testament Church, as indicated in the book of Acts, to share communion together. (Acts 20:7) This is eating the body and drinking the blood of Jesus Christ. Many

see this merely as symbolism, but I believe that something very supernatural happens when you take communion. You are receiving and reinforcing the anointing of God and the blessing of God in your life. 1 Corinthians 11:26 says, "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." When we proclaim the Lord's death, we are proclaiming the covenant we have with Him. Where there is a death, there is a "will" or a "covenant." And through Jesus' death, we are now in covenant with God and we inherit all of His promises! (See Hebrews 9:16–17)

**D. Prayer.** Each week in our worship services, we also come together to pray. Your prayers matter. Your involvement makes a difference. But the devil hates the concept of unity and prayer, because he knows how powerful it is.

And always remember, no one is perfect.

We have all stumbled along the way. This is
a process. Don't feel condemned. You don't

have to have it all together over night. God will finish what He started in your life. And the church is your spiritual family. We will help you along the way. We are in this together!

# THE POWER OF A NEW LIFE

Chapter Two

### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART I

1 Read John 3:3 What must we do to enter

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into the Kingdom of God?
2. Read Romans 3:23. Why does every
person need to be born again?

5. Read John 1:12. What do we become when we are born again and receive Jesus
into our lives?
6. How do we receive Him into our lives according to Romans 10:9–10?  A.
B
7. According to Ephesians 2:8, how are we saved?

8. According to Ephesians 2:8–9, is salvation the result of our works or is it a free gift?

9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. When we get born again, we are in Christ Jesus.

According to this verse, what are we if we are in Christ Jesus?

10. We were sinners, but now that Jesus has taken our sin on the cross, what have we become, according to 2 Corinthians 5:21?

# THE POWER OF THE WORD

Chapter Three

#### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART II

 What changes and transforms our lives once we are born again, according to Romans 12:2?

**Study point:** When you get born again, you receive a new spirit, but your mind needs to be renewed. This transforms your life.

2. How do you renew your mind? (See
Ephesians 5:26)
3. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3–5. According
to verse 5, what do you do with negative or
unbiblical thoughts when they come?

4. Read Philippians 4:8. How do you take a thought captive?

**Study point:** In other words, we replace negative thoughts with greater and more powerful thoughts. God's thoughts are the highest and greatest thoughts—and His thoughts are found in His Word, the Bible.

5. As you renew your mind with the water of God's Word, you will begin to think like He

thinks. According to Proverbs 23:7 (NASB),
what will happen?
6. Read Isaiah 26:3. What else will happen
as you fix your mind on God and His Word?
7. Look up Acts 20:32. What does the word
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of God's grace have the ability to do in our
lives?

8. As we meditate on God's Word, what will it bring us? (See Joshua 1:8)

9. What else does God's Word have the power to do, according to Psalm 107:20?

10. God's Word is living and powerful. What else will it bring to our lives, according to Jeremiah 15:16?

### THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Chapter Four

### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART III

God is a God of promise. Our life should be built, NOT on the promises we make to God, but on the promises He makes to us.

One of the greatest promises He makes to us, after we are born again, is the gift of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:4–5, Jesus said to, "Wait for the gift which the Father promised . . . for John baptized with

water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit . . ."

Why do we need the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Because we need power beyond ourselves for living and serving. When Jesus gave the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20), He knew that the disciples could not fulfill it in their own power. Therefore, He had a special gift in store for them: It was His plan to give them the same power that He had—the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. Read Acts 19:1–6. What was offered to the disciples after they believed?

2. How can you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? (See Luke 11:13)

3. According to verse 13, The Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who:

**Study point:** We see that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the Promise for which Jesus told His disciples to wait for in Acts 1:8.

4. What were they to receive when the Holy					
Spirit came upon them? (See Acts 1:8)					
5. What did this enable them to do according					
to Mark 16:16–20?					
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9. Look at 1 Corinthians 14:14–15, what else
is it called when we pray in tongues? Praying
with the
10. Does anyone else understand when
you're speaking in tongues, according to
1 Corinthians 14:2?
11. Who is interceding for us and working in
us when we pray in tongues?
(See Romans 8:26)

12. How does praying in the Spirit affect your faith? (See Jude 20)

13. According to Romans 8:27, what will you enter into as you continue to pray in tongues?

14. List four things that speaking in tongues
does for you: (See Acts 1:8,
1 Corinthians 14:2, Jude 20, and
1 Corinthians 14:16–17)
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D.

15. If you speak in tongues publicly in a church service to the congregation, what should accompany the tongue?
(See 1 Corinthians 14:26–27)

16. Otherwise, to whom are you speaking?(See 1 Corinthians 14:26–27)

## How Do You Receive The Baptism In The Holy Spirit?

First, once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, just ask God to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. The Bible says. "Ask, and it shall be given to you" (Luke 11:9). Second, believe you have, in fact, received this gift from God. The apostle Paul, writing to the Galatians, said, "Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing with faith?" (Galatians 3:2). The answer, obviously, is faith. You have to believe that if you ask, you will receive.

Pray this prayer if you sincerely desire to receive the baptism in God's Holy Spirit:

"Heavenly Father, I thank You that Jesus saved me by Your grace. Now I ask You to baptize me in the Holy Spirit. I receive this precious gift right now by faith in Your promise. And right now. I receive the ability to walk in your power and speak in new tongues. Thank you that I am empowered to serve you in a new dimension from this day forward. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for baptizing me in Your Holy Spirit. Amen."

Now, having asked and received, begin to practice the power of the Spirit. An ideal place to begin is where the first apostles did, praising God in your heavenly language of tongues. To do this, begin praising God out loud in whatever words God brings to you by the Spirit's inspiration. Tell Him how much you love Him. Thank Him, worship Him, and yield your voice to Him. Now speak out whatever new sounds and words come to you-words of praise you've never spoken before. You won't understand the words, but God will! Praise Him with those words, too. You'll find this to be a very rewarding experience of intimacy with God that will build up your faith. Even if it seems like only a few syllables, continue to pray to God each day in the language that the Holy Spirit has given you. And more words and gifts will flow out of your life.

### THE POWER OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

### Chapter Five

#### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART IV

1. Read Acts 2:41. What are two things that

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nappened to the believers who received
the Word?
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What were they added to, according to
 Corinthians 12:18?

- 3. In Matthew 16:18, what did Jesus say that the gates of hell would not prevail against?
- 4. The Church is called the "house of God" or the "courts of God." What does the Bible say happens to you when you are "planted" in the house of God? (See Psalm 92:12–13)

5. According to Psalm 92:13, when we are				
in the house of the Lord,				
we flourish and grow.				
6. What does God compare us to, as				
believers, in Psalm 92:12 and Psalm 1:3?				
7. According to Matthew 16:18, what can the				
gates of hell <i>not</i> do to you if you are planted				
in the church?				

8. What if you are not? 9. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9–10. What happens to a person who falls when they are not properly connected to a church? 10. According to Proverbs 18:1, who is the person who quarrels against sound wisdom?

11. What happens to a man who is not					
teachable? (See Proverbs 29:1)					
12. According to Acts 2:42, what are the four					
things we should devote ourselves to as					
victorious believers?					
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13. Where does that devotion take place? (See Acts 2:46)

14. Once you are in a local church family, who does God give you to help mature and care for you spiritually? (Look up Jeremiah 23:4 and Ephesians 4:11)

15. In John 21:15–17, Jesus told Peter to do two things if he loved Him. What were they?

16. What is the primary goal of Godly					
leadership in your life?					
(See Ephesians 4:12)					
17. What must the pastor and the leaders of					
the church do when they go to heaven?					
(Read Hebrews 13:17)					

The Church family is God's idea. We are His Body and we only function properly when we are connected, just as is the case with our physical bodies.

The Church is the greatest hope for the world. It is the Church that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against. Being connected and serving in a church family is God's way of maturing and establishing each believer into their God-given purpose.

# THE POWER OF SEEDTIME & HARVEST

Chapter Six

#### Interactive Session Part V

As I have studied the Word of God, I have found this powerful timeless truth: Everything God does begins with a seed. Jesus defined the Kingdom of God in Mark 4:26: "The Kingdom of God is like a man that casts seed into the soil."

God's Kingdom—His "system" is governed by this principle of seedtime and harvest. Simply said, your life is a garden and everything that goes into your eyes, ears, and heart is a seed. And every seed will produce a harvest.

In Genesis 8:22, Noah and his family were the only people left on the earth after the flood. They got out of the ark only to find everything destroyed because of the sin of man's heart. We can hardly imagine how discouraged Noah must have felt seeing nothing but complete

devastation. Yet, God gave him the greatest hope of change and courage for the future when He said, "As long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease."

In other words, you have control over your life and your future based on the seeds you begin to sow now. No matter how bad things look and no matter how devastated your life and circumstances may seem, you can change it now by the seeds you sow today. Hope, confidence and joy come from knowing that you can change things with your seed.

Jesus said, "All things are possible to him who believes." We must believe in the universal principle of seedtime and harvest and we will experience the power of our new life.

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What did God say *our* part is in order to experience a harvest or growth?

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2. What happens after you do these things?

3. Who gives the increase or the growth?
4. What are two types of seeds that we have
the responsibility to sow?
A. Isaiah 55:10–11
B. 2 Corinthians 9:6–8
E. According to Droverho 19:21, what kind of
5. According to Proverbs 18:21, what kind of
power is in our tongue or our words?
and

So we see that our words can bring life or death.

6. What do we have to do according to Deuteronomy 30:19?

7. When we choose life by speaking
God's Word, what will that result in? (See
Deuteronomy 30:15, ESV)
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8. If we can control our tongue, James 3:2 calls us what kind of person?

9. What will this give us control over as well?(See James 3:2)

So if we can control our tongue, we can control our body or the things we feel and experience. We don't have to live in subjection to whatever comes our way—our words give us power over our life when they line up with God's Words!

The second type of seed we use to change our life and future is financial seed.

10. According to 2 Corinthians 9:6, if we sow bountifully, how will we reap?

11. Since money is a seed, what is the first thing God tells us to do with our money in Malachi 3:10?

Bring the whole \_\_\_\_\_

12. What does God promise He will do for
us? (See Malachi 3:10-11)
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13. Read Malachi 1:6. When we bring God
our tithe, what are we showing God?

14. Read Proverbs 3:9–10, NKJV. What are
we to honor God with?
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of all our increase.
15. When Melchizedek, the high priest, came
to bless Abraham, what is the first thing that
Abraham did? (Genesis 14:20, Hebrews 7:4)
16. Read Galatians 3:29. If we belong to Christ, then we are
seed and according to promise.

17. If we are heirs of Abraham's blessing, what should we also do? (See John 8:39)

18. When we sow a financial seed, what kind of harvest should we receive according to Galatians 6:7–8?

19. Read John 6:9. When the little boy gave to Jesus all that he had to eat, how many loaves and fish did he give?

20. As a result of planting his best seed,
what kind of harvest did he get, according
to verse 13?
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21. Read Luke 6:38. If we lack anything, how
can we be sure to always see our
needs met?
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22. What will our harvest look like according
to verse 38?
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23. Read Acts 20:35. What brings the greater
blessing in our lives?

God set up an economic system that works for everyone. He created us to walk in the fullness of His blessing and provision. Generosity and sacrificial giving are a part of His Kingdom—God's system of doing things. (Matthew 6:33, Luke 6:38)

Tithing was the first act of financial stewardship modeled by Abraham—in his relationship with the high priest, Melchizedek (a representation and shadow of Christ). Abraham was the first to receive the gospel (in advance, Galatians 3:8). And we are called to follow the steps of faith that he took. (See Romans 4:12) The vision of the New Testament Church, its varied ministries, purposes, and mission are fulfilled through the tithes and offerings of the believers. (Matthew 23:23; I Corinthians 16:1; II Corinthians 9:6–7)

### AS YOU GO FORWARD

### Chapter Seven

As a believer, I encourage you to step out in faith and live every day as if it were your first day living for God. I also encourage you to do the following three things:

1. Read your Bible. The Bible has the answer to every problem that you could ever face. As you read and study, know that you have the same promises that God gave

Abraham, David and all of the great men and women in the Bible. You will find out exactly who you are and what you mean to Him. You will find out that He will never leave you or forsake you! You will be filled with strength and wisdom.

2. Get planted in church. By now you understand the power that comes from the church family. You don't need to go to church to get into heaven, but you **DO** need to become equipped to fulfill God's will for your life. In Luke 4:16, we find it was Jesus' custom to go

to church every week. If the Son of God made it His custom, how much more should we?

3. Tell Somebody. One of the most rewarding things I have ever found in my life is the opportunity to share with others what God has done for me. You don't have to be a preacher. Just tell someone your simple story of God's love and plant the seed of the gospel in someone's life. You will be blessed, and so will they!

Well, what a journey you've just begun! And it is just that—a journey. Remember, the power of a new life is a process. It begins the moment you are born again, but it continues through our lives. We all face storms and trials, and we have an enemy, the devil, trying to stop our progress. But God has given us the tools and weapons to resist the enemy and be victorious in our journey. Build your life on these foundations and you will not fail!

"And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock."

-Matthew 7:25

#### **ANSWER KEY**

### Chapter Two

#### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART I

Page 27

1. Read John 3:3. What must we do to enter into the Kingdom of God?

Be born again

2. Read Romans 3:23. Why does every person need to be born again?

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

3. Read Romans 3:3–19. List several of the characteristics of fallen men before salvation.

Multiple answers: none righteous, none who understand, deceptive, bitter, no peace, no fear of God.

4. Read John 8:44 and 1 John 3:10. Whose children were we?

The devil's

5. Read John 1:12. What do we become when we are born again and receive Jesus into our lives?

Children of God

- 6. How do we receive Him into our lives according to Romans 10:9–10?
  - A. Confess with your mouth
  - B. Believe in your heart
- 7. According to Ephesians 2:8, how are we saved?

By grace

8. According to Ephesians 2:8–9, is salvation the result of our works or is it a free gift?

Free gift

9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. When we get born again, we are in Christ Jesus. According to this verse, what are we if we are in Christ Jesus?

A new creation

10. We were sinners, but now that Jesus has taken our sin on the cross, what have we become, according to 2 Corinthians 5:21?

The Righteousness of God

### THE POWER OF THE WORD

### **Chapter Three**

#### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART II

Page 31

1. What changes and transforms our lives once we are born again, according to Romans 12:2?

Renewing our minds with God's Word.

2. How do you renew your mind? (See Ephesians 5:26)

Through the washing of the "water of the Word". The Word of God is like water that washes our minds of wrong thinking.

3. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. According to verse 5, what do you do with negative or unbiblical thoughts when they come?

We take our thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ

## 4. Read Philippians 4:8. How do you take a thought captive?

By meditating on God's Word.

5. As you renew your mind with the water of God's Word, you will begin to think like He thinks. According to Proverbs 23:7 (NASB), what will happen?

As a man thinks, so is he. Our right thinking will produce right living.

6. Read Isaiah 26:3. What else will happen as you fix your mind on God and His Word?

You will be in perfect peace

7. Look up Acts 20:32. What does the word of God's grace have the ability to do in our lives?

Builds us up and gives us an inheritance

# 8. As we meditate on God's Word, what will it bring us? (See Joshua 1:8)

Your ways will be prosperous and you will have good success

9. What else does God's Word have the power to do, according to Psalm 107:20?

Heal and deliver

10. God's Word is living and powerful. What else will it bring to our lives, according to Jeremiah 15:16?

Joy

### THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Chapter Four

#### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART III

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1. Read Acts 19:1–6. What was offered to the disciples after they believed?

The Holy Spirit

2. How can you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? (See Luke 11:13)

Ask our Heavenly Father

3. According to verse 13, The Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who: \_\_\_\_\_

Ask.

4. What were they to receive when the Holy Spirit came upon them? (See Acts 1:8)

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5.	Wha	t did	this	enable	them	to do	accord-
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- A. Cast out demons
- B. Speak in new tongues
- C. Have authority over serpents
- **D.** Heal the sick through the laying on of hands
- E. Drink death and it won't harm them
- 6. What evidence do we have that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit? (See Acts 2:4, Acts 10:45–46, and Acts 19:6)

They spoke in tongues

7. According to Mark 16:17, for whom is this gift of "speaking in tongues" for?

To	those	who	

Believe.

8. According to 1 Corinthians 14:2, when you pray in tongues, to whom are you speaking?

To God

9. Look at 1 Cori	nthians	14:14-1	l5, what
else is it called w	hen we	pray in	tongues?
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Praying with the Spirit

10. Does anyone else understand when you're speaking in tongues, according to 1 Corinthians 14:2?

No.

11. Who is interceding for us and working in us when we pray in tongues? (See Romans 8:26)

The Holy Spirit

# 12. How does praying in the Spirit affect your faith? (See Jude 20)

It builds us up on our most holy faith.

13. According to Romans 8:27, what will you enter into as you continue to pray in tongues?

The perfect will of God.

14. List four things that speaking in tongues does for you: (See Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 14:2, Jude 20, and 1 Corinthians 14:16–17)

- A. I will receive power.
- **B.** I am speaking mysteries directly to God.
- **C.** I am building myself up in my faith.
- **D.** I am giving thanks well.

15. If you speak in tongues publicly in a church service to the congregation, what should accompany the tongue? (See 1 Corinthians 14:26–27)

The interpretation of the tongues.

16. Otherwise, to whom are you speaking? (See 1 Corinthians 14:26–28)

If there is no interpreter, when we speak in tongues, we are encouraging ourselves and speaking mysteries to God.

# THE POWER OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Chapter Five

#### INTERACTIVE SESSION PART IV

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1. Read Acts 2:41. What are two things that happened to the believers who received the Word?

A. They were baptized.

**B.** 3,000 souls were added.

2. What were they added to, according to 1 Corinthians 12:18?

The church. The body of Christ.

3. In Matthew 16:18, what did Jesus say that the gates of hell would not prevail against?

The church

4. The Church is called the "house of God" or the "courts of God." What does the Bible say happens to you when you are "planted" in the house of God? (See Psalm 92:12–13)

You will flourish

5. According to Psalm 92:13, when we are \_\_\_\_\_in the house of the Lord, we flourish and grow.

Planted

6. What does God compare us to, as believers, in Psalm 92:12 and Psalm 1:3?

Like a tree/cedar

7. According to Matthew 16:18, what can the gates of hell *not* do to you if you are planted in the church?

They cannot prevail.

### 8. What if you are not?

They can prevail.

9. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9–10. What happens to a person who falls when they are not properly connected to a church?

There is no one to help.

10. According to Proverbs 18:1, who is the person who quarrels against sound wisdom?

One who isolates himself

11. What happens to a man who is not teachable? (See Proverbs 29:1)

He will be broken.

# 12. According to Acts 2:42, what are the four things we should devote ourselves to as victorious believers?

- **A.** The Apostles' teaching (the Word of God)
- B. Fellowship
- C. Breaking of Bread
- D. Prayer

## 13. Where does that devotion take place? (See Acts 2:46)

In the temple (the church) and from house to house (life groups).

14. Once you are in a local church family, who does God give you to help mature and care for you spiritually? (Look up Jeremiah 23:4 and Ephesians 4:11)

Shepherds/pastors, apostles, prophets, evangelists, and teachers.

# 15. In John 21:15–17, Jesus told Peter to do two things if he loved Him. What were they?

Feed my lambs, Feed my sheep

16. What is the primary goal of Godly leadership in your life? (See Ephesians 4:12)

To equip the people of God to do the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

17. What must the pastor and the leaders of the church do when they go to heaven? (Read Hebrews 13:17)

They give an account on our behalf

# THE POWER OF SEEDTIME & HARVEST

Chapter Six

#### Interactive Session Part V

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1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6.

What did God say our part is in order to experience a harvest or growth?

A. To plant the seed.

B. To water the seed.

2. What happens after you do these things?

The seed increases or multiplies.

3. Who gives the increase or the growth?

God

4. What are two types of seeds that whave the responsibility to sow?	/e
A. Isaiah 55:10-11: Word seeds	<b>5.</b>
<b>B. 2 Corinthians 9:6–8:</b> Financiseeds.	ial
5. According to Proverbs 18:21, what of power is in our tongue or our word	
and	
Death and Life	
6. What do we have to do according t Deuteronomy 30:19?	0
Choose Life	
7. When we choose life by speaking (Word, what will that result in? (See Deuteronomy 30:15, ESV)	3od's
and	
Life and Good	

## 8. If we can control our tongue, James 3:2 calls us what kind of person?

A perfect man. This word "perfect" is translated as "complete" or "mature."

9. What will this give us control over as well? (See James 3:2)

The whole body

10. According to 2 Corinthians 9:6, if we sow bountifully, how will we reap?

Bountifully

11. Since money is a seed, what is the first thing God tells us to do with our money in Malachi 3:10?

Bring the whole _	
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Tithe

# 12. What does God promise He will do for us? (See Malachi 3:10-11)

- A. Open windows of heaven
- B. Pour out blessing
- **C.** He will rebuke the devourer for our sake
- 13. Read Malachi 1:6. When we bring God our tithe, what are we showing God?

Honor

14. Read Proverbs 3:9–10, NKJV. What are we to honor God with?

Our \_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_ of all our increase.

Possessions and firstfruits

15. When Melchizedek, the high priest, came to bless Abraham, what is the first thing that Abraham did? (Genesis 14:20, Hebrews 7:4)

He gave him a tithe (a tenth of everything)

16. Read Galatians 3:29. If we belong to Christ, then we are \_\_\_\_\_ descendent and \_\_\_\_ according to promise.

Abraham's seed/descendant; heirs

17. If we are heirs of Abraham's blessing, what should we also do? (See John 8:39)

We should do what Abraham did. He tithed.

18. When we sow a financial seed, what kind of harvest should we receive according to Galatians 6:7–8?

We reap what we sow. A financial seed should produce a financial harvest.

19. Read John 6:9. When the little boy gave to Jesus all that he had to eat, how many loaves and fish did he give?

5 loaves and 2 fish

# 20. As a result of planting his best seed, what kind of harvest did he get, according to verse 13?

After everyone ate, there were 12 full baskets left over

21. Read Luke 6:38. If we lack anything, how can we be sure to always see our needs met?

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Give; given; you

## 22. What will our harvest look like according to verse 38?

- A. Good measure
- B. Pressed down
- C. Shaken together
- **D.** Running over

## 23. Read Acts 20:35. What brings the greater blessing in our lives?

We're more blessed when we give than when we receive.

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