

## CHECKOUT FOR LESSON SEVEN

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

### PREPARATION

- 1. Prepare to give from memory 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- 2. Read and study 1, 2 and 3 John using “My Daily Time With God” sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- 4. Complete all material in Lesson Seven, “Living in My Church Family.”

### TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Six emphasising the authority of the believer in Christ. Discuss application.
- 2. Quote from memory 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- 5. Review Lesson Seven emphasising the importance of worship and fellowship.
- 6. Go over “Checkout for Lesson Eight”. “Preparation” assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Close in prayer using your “Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise” prayer sheet.



# Dynamic *DISCIPLING*

## Lesson Seven

### LIVING IN MY CHURCH FAMILY

You have received Christ and have been born into God's family. It is important that you understand how to relate to your new family, so you can grow together with them to maturity. You will enjoy great fellowship with God and each other.

In this lesson, we will learn what the Church is, its purpose and the importance of collective worship, and how to have meaningful fellowship with other Christians.

#### WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The church is a “Body of all true believers in Jesus Christ”; it is not a building where people meet. God instituted the local church (there are many thousands of them around the world) to provide a family in which we can grow spiritually and reach out in love to others.

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH?

What was the purpose of Jesus coming to earth?

Luke 19:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 20:28 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 9:13 \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the church is an extension of the purpose of Christ. The church provides an environment in which we Christians:

- a. Worship God - Learn about God so we will celebrate His life
- b. Fellowship - Care for each other and enjoy meaningful relationships

- c. Are disciplined - Equipped in our walk with God and in skills to serve each other
- d. Share Christ - Proclaim the good news of the gospel to others.

We will consider worship and fellowship in this lesson, discipling and sharing Christ in the next lesson.

What is the purpose statement of your church? Write it out.

Our purpose is \_\_\_\_\_

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(You may have to ask your discipler or pastor)

**WORSHIPPING GOD**

Psalms 122:1 says that David rejoiced to go to the house of the Lord.

What should our attitude be as we go to a worship service?

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What should our focus be? 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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Corporate worship is for God's benefit and ours. It acknowledges His glory, power, greatness and majesty. We honour Him as the King and Sovereign Lord who rules over us. To genuinely worship is to enter the throne room of the King, to pay homage to Him, and to exult in our relationship with Him. To worship is to be in touch with God - to pray to God, to confess to God, to sing to God, and to respond to God as He has been exalted and revealed in His Word. The purpose is to give something, not to receive something. Receiving is the result of giving. We must learn to wait on God in order to receive blessing from Him.

According to these verses, what should our attitude be when waiting on the Lord?

Psalms 25:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 37:7 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 40:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 40:31 \_\_\_\_\_

Worship, by its very nature, demands preparation of the heart. It involves waiting. It involves refocusing the mind and heart from self, others, and the details of life to God. Corporate worship is a continuation of what has already happened in our hearts during the week.

**WORSHIP SHOULD INCLUDE:**

**God's Word**

Worship always includes a reflective focus on the Word. The preaching and teaching of the Word in the corporate setting provides this focus. Preaching should not simply provide information, but also should sharpen our awareness of the greatness of our God and thus lift our spirits to Him. To get the most out of the message take notes. Use the "Message Outline".

How should we receive God's Word? Colossians 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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What will result? \_\_\_\_\_

See also Ephesians 5:19 \_\_\_\_\_

**Music**

To be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with the Word of God and songs of praise.

Briefly scan Psalm 119 and notice how in every verse, David's heart is set on God's love or God's Word. If we meditate on God's Word as he did, we will find it easy to worship God.

Psalm 100:2 tells us to \_\_\_\_\_  
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Remember that God is the audience and He delights in the praise of His people! We are here to give Him worship. Styles of worship will vary from congregation to congregation, but the purpose is the same. Worship is not a dead experience. We are celebrating Jesus' aliveness; and our singing, praying, repeating, and responding will be

joyful, exuberant, and full of vitality because He lives. To focus on Him is to be fully alive. Our worship will reflect His aliveness. What did Jesus promise to those who gather in His name?

Matthew 18:20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Come expecting to meet with Him!**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**UNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER**

What was Jesus' prayer for all believers? John 17:20-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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What did Paul desire for the Christians in the church at Rome?

Romans 15:5,6 \_\_\_\_\_

Satan will try to destroy our unity. What is our protection against Satan?

John 17:11 \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER**

How is the church described in 1 Corinthians 12:27? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Romans 12:3-16. Summarise what this passage compares our relationships within the body of Christ to.

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Can one part of the body work independent of the rest of the body?

1 Corinthians 12:21 \_\_\_\_\_

What happens in the body when one member suffers?

1 Corinthians 12:26 \_\_\_\_\_

What happens when one member is honoured? \_\_\_\_\_

**Application**

Should you be a member of a local church? 1 Corinthians 12:12,13

\_\_\_\_\_. Are you a member of a local church? \_\_\_\_\_

(If not, talk to your discipler about becoming a member of the church)

**ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER**

Write out Romans 15:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do Not Judge One Another** (Romans 14:1, 3, 20, 21)

**Do Not Show Favouritism** (James 2:9)

How should we act toward others? Romans 12:16

We should \_\_\_\_\_

We should not \_\_\_\_\_

**Be Reconciled** Read Ephesians 2:12-14

We were all (v.12) \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ.

Now in Christ we have been (v.13) \_\_\_\_\_ through the

blood of Christ. Christ is our peace and has made (v.14) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and has destroyed \_\_\_\_\_.

What should we do to show acceptance of others? Ephesians 4:15,16

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What will result? (v.16) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application**

Do you need to exercise greater acceptance (be reconciled) with someone?

\_\_\_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_

**HONOUR ONE ANOTHER**

Read John 13:1-17. Even though He was their God and their Lord, Jesus modelled a humble servant attitude as He washed His disciples' feet.

How have you honoured others by serving them?

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**Application**

Do you need to change your attitude toward someone? \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER**

Scripture teaches us to encourage one another. ***“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching”***  
Hebrews 10:25

What does Paul instruct the Christians to do in 1 Thessalonians 5:11?

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How does Paul encourage them? 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3; 2:19, 20

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Why was Paul so encouraged by them? 1 Thessalonians 2:13

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What did Paul say was one of the main purposes of the church?

Ephesians 4:11, 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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God's Word is the primary source of encouragement.

***Application***

Is there someone you need to encourage? \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with your discipler what scripture you might use to encourage them.

**SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER**

Who is the head of the church? Ephesians 4:15 \_\_\_\_\_

***Examples of Submission***

Young men submitting to older men. (1 Peter 5:5)

Members submitting to authority of leaders. (Hebrews 13:17)

Servants submitting to masters. (Ephesians 6:5)

Children submitting to parents. (Ephesians 6:1)

Wives submitting to husbands. (Colossians 3:18)

Husbands submitting to Christ. (Ephesians 5:25-30)

Christians submitting to government leaders. (1 Peter 2:13)

Everyone submitting to someone. (Ephesians 5:21)

Why should we submit to each other? Ephesians 5:21

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***Application***

To whom do you need to demonstrate greater submission?

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## SERVE ONE ANOTHER

In Christ you have been set free - not to sin - but to serve. (Galatians 5:13,14). Those who understand that they are dead to self and complete in Christ are able to serve others out of the abundance and overflow of a proper self-worth. People without Christ have a need to boost their importance by having others serve them.

What should be our ambition? Mark 10:42-45 \_\_\_\_\_

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We demonstrate a servant attitude in practical ways by meeting the spiritual, physical, mental and social needs of others. (Matthew 25:1-45)

### ***Application***

How have you demonstrated a servant attitude with others?

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## APPLICATION

The church is a family and each person in it is growing to maturity. We are a body and each one is a part of that body. To be able to apply each of these "One Anothers" you need to depend on the power of the Holy Spirit. Love is the essential ingredient and the essence of the fruit of the Spirit.

1 John 2:10 says, "***Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble***".

A church that is in love with God, worships Him with joy and enthusiasm, demonstrates love for each other, and considers each other better than themselves (Romans 12:10), will be a church that is attracting new people (Acts 2:47) and glorifying God in this world.

This is the kind of environment in which you will grow. In the next lesson you will learn about growing as a disciple and sharing Christ with others.

**MY DAILY TIME WITH GOD**

Week of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

This Week's Memory Verse: (Review Each Day)

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Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Day 1 Bible Reading Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Most Meaningful Verse \_\_\_\_\_

What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

My Response Is \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2 Bible Reading Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Most Meaningful Verse \_\_\_\_\_

What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

My Response Is \_\_\_\_\_

Day 3 Bible Reading Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Most Meaningful Verse \_\_\_\_\_

What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

My Response Is \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 4 Bible Reading Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Most Meaningful Verse \_\_\_\_\_

What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

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God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

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My Response Is \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 5 Bible Reading Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Most Meaningful Verse \_\_\_\_\_

What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

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God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

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My Response Is \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 6 Bible Reading Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Most Meaningful Verse \_\_\_\_\_

What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

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God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

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My Response Is \_\_\_\_\_

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## MESSAGE OUTLINE

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Reference \_\_\_\_\_

List Main Points and Key Thoughts for Each

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What Impressed Me Was \_\_\_\_\_

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God is Teaching Me \_\_\_\_\_

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My Response is \_\_\_\_\_

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