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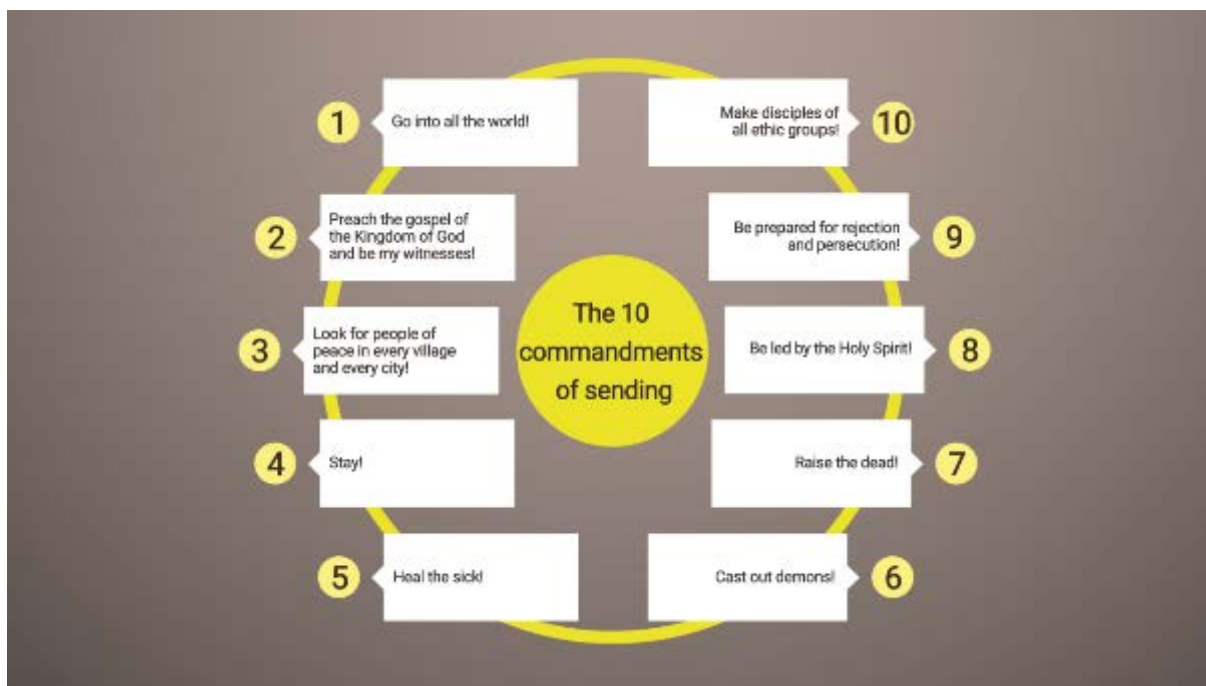
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2nd Commandment of sending: Preach V: Methods of evangelism (DBS: Discovery Bible Study)



➔ Preach the gospel of God's Kingdom Part V

One of the best methods to proclaim the gospel of God's Kingdom is the evangelistic Bible study method, where people hear or read the Gospel themselves directly from the Bible!

We call this kind of evangelistic Bible study the:

DBS = Discovery Bible Study

To proclaim the gospel of God's Kingdom means:

- To introduce/preach/proclaim Jesus
- To introduce Him thoroughly: A) Jesus as Savior/healer
- To introduce Him thoroughly: B) Jesus as Lord and King

We do that by...

- Proclaiming the word of God
- Sharing about Jesus
- Testifying what we've experienced with Jesus

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

In the Gospels and in the book of Acts, FAITH OFTENTIMES took place very quickly (Pentecost, Acts 10). Repentance, baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit followed quickly.

→ People in the New Testament must have had great spiritual authority, because their message moved quickly among people and faith arose in the hearts of the listening people.

BUT when we bring the word of God to people today, people's hearts are at completely DIFFERENT points:

There are people who

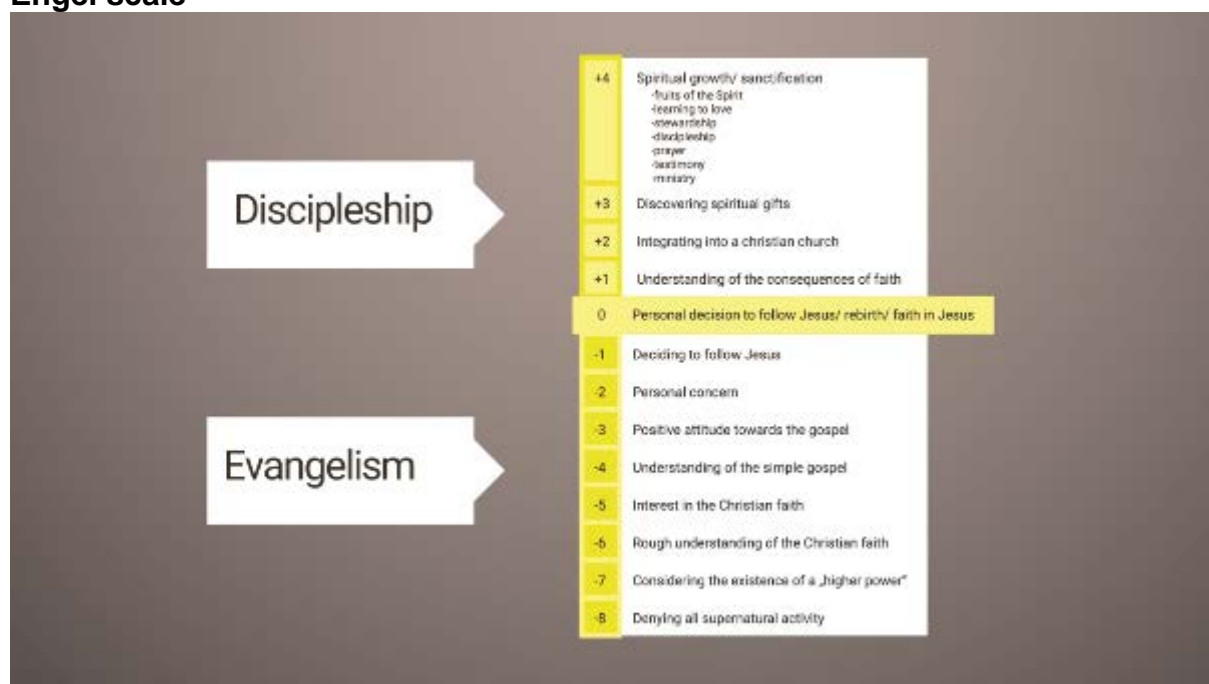
- Heard a lot about Jesus when they were kids
- They also know that they are sinners
- But they've never heard that you can/must repent and turn to God
- As soon as they hear the message of repentance, they turn to God and are born again

→ Some have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit

→ Others have never heard about Jesus

Knowing that, Dr. James Engel developed the "Engel Scale"

Engel scale



He splits people that don't know Jesus yet into 8 categories from -8 until -1. People in the -8 categories, are far away from the Kingdom of God and people within -1, are much closer to the Kingdom. As Jesus says: «not far from God's Kingdom». If we now meet people that are within -8, **OFTENTIMES** much more proclamation and time is required for the word of God to break and destroy the walls of unbelief and to create faith in the hearts of people.

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

If somebody is within -1, one word can be enough and the person will turn to Jesus, as mentioned in the book of Acts several times. If someone nowadays turns directly to Jesus, he/she has probably heard something about faith, the Bible or Jesus already in a certain context. But many times, a short talk on the streets, at a house door or a 15-30min proclamation on a market square DOES NOT provide enough time and space to release the word in such a way that «enough» faith for a true and complete new birth can happen.

➔ **Evangelism TODAY is not so much a specific moment in time anymore but a process**

The observation that for many people time and several opportunities to hear the word are necessary until true faith arises in the heart, has influence on the way we can and should evangelize today. In that case, evangelism is not so much a specific moment anymore but rather a process. Within that process, we can walk through the Bible together with open people to hear WHAT they see, learn and say about Jesus.

And then after 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 evangelistic Bible studies the Holy Spirit creates FAITH in the hearts of people!

➔ **True faith comes from hearing the word of God – faith in salvation**

Acts 16:31

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

When faith arises in Jesus as Savior AND Lord within the hearts of people, we can lead them to practical steps of repentance, baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

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."

Faith in salvation versus faith in miracles

This faith in salvation from the hearing of the word of God is not to be confused with the faith in miracles that comes from seeing and experiencing miracles. This kind of «faith in miracles» doesn't come from HEARING the word but only from SEEING.

John 2:23-25

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

This "faith in miracles", where people experience the supernatural, will oftentimes break hindrances and doubts towards God. However, it will never replace the faith in salvation and can't bring salvation, forgiveness of sins or eternal life.

➔ **The true faith in salvation can only be created within our hearts through hearing the word of God.**

We have several descriptions in the book of Acts where **supernatural acts** of God «blow away» all hindrances against the Gospel.

When people's hearts are opened by seeing a miracle, they are quickly ready to hear the Gospel, to receive it and to turn to Jesus thoroughly!

Examples:

- at Pentecost, people from the streets heard the disciples speak in «their» own languages
- in Samaria, many powerful deliverances and healings happened
- Paul was blind and then could see
- the Governor of Cyprus or the prison guard of Philippi

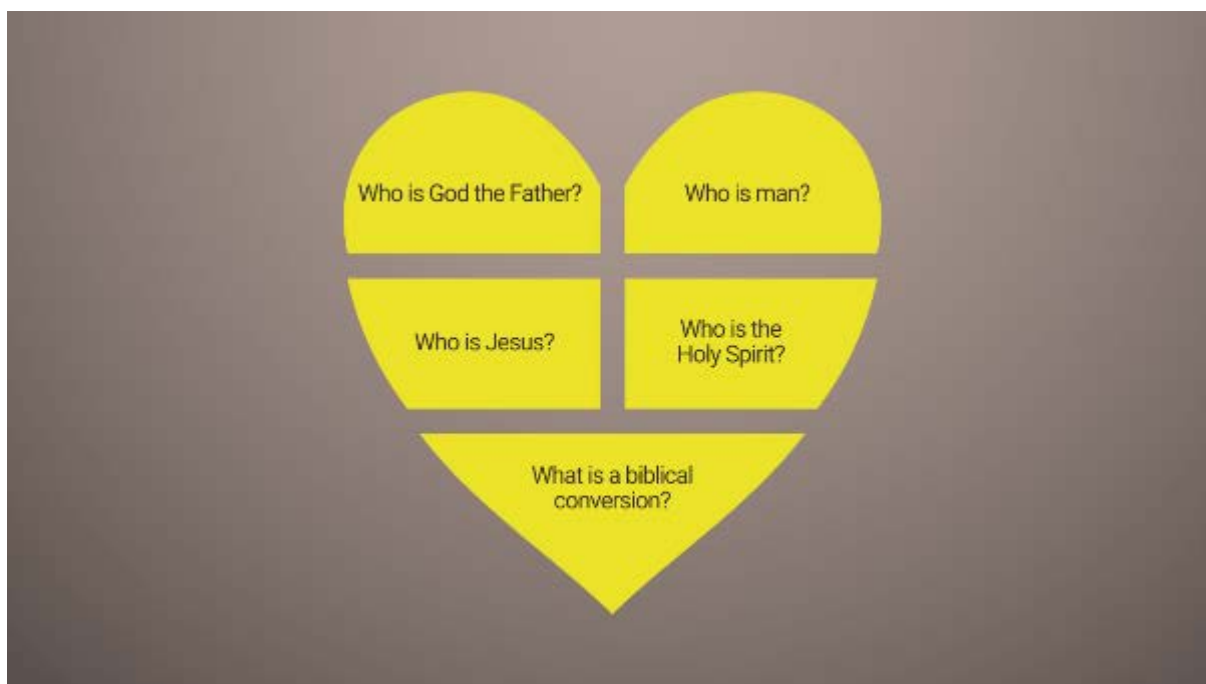
Repeated proclamation of God's word

Experience shows that for many people that don't know God or his word yet, the Gospel sometimes must be preached several times until true faith arises and true spirit led repentance can happen.

Sometimes it's even necessary that the word of God be proclaimed, or testimonies be shared in 5-10 different areas until true faith arises and true spirit-led repentance or a new birth can happen.

What should be read and heard when we evangelize through reading the Bible (DBS)

- The stories from the Bible, from creation to Jesus
- Life and ministry of Jesus
- Who is God?
- Who is man?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What does turning to God/new birth really mean?



If we ask people to make a feeling or event-based decision for Jesus without true faith in the hearts of people, or even when people experience a miracle or they were touched by the Holy Spirit, unfortunately many times they were not really born again. It's only a religious act or an external (and not internal) new birth. So, in reality, they don't know a new, transformed, living, powerful life with Jesus personally yet.

→ With those people, it's not (yet) possible to practice true discipleship, even if they come on a quite regular basis to some Church meetings and seem to be born again.

2 Timothy 3:5

...having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

Such people more or less behave like Christians, but spiritually they are dead. That sounds harsh, but Jesus himself had to declare judgment over an entire church:

Revelation 3:1

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead."

Methodology and practice of evangelistic DBS

«Faith comes by hearing the word of God»

→ We work with DBS

The so-called **DBS (Discovery Bible Study)** became quite popular on many mission fields within the last years.

The goal of DBS essentially is that people of peace can DISCOVER much of the Bible THEMSELVES and that they directly PUT INTO PRACTICE what they learn in their everyday lives.

DBS is a method in which a group of interested people practically "draws/scoops" from the Bible and implements the word of God heard in everyday life.

The five steps of DBS

1.Step	2. Step	3. Step	4. Step	5. Step
HEARING	UNDERSTAND	OBEDIENCE	TRANSPARENCY	SHARE
<p>Exchange in the group <i>What can we be thankful for? What can we pray for? What inner fights are we going through? What did we experience with Jesus the last weeks?</i></p> <p>Feedback from the last DBS <i>What were we able to put into practice since last time?</i></p> <p>Read a new passage Read the Bible passage (10-15 verses) each person by themselves and once again together in the group.</p>	<p>Someone summarizes the passage just read in their own words and others add to that (if you do a DBS by yourself, write down a summary in your own words).</p> <p>We ask the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did something attract your attention in this passage? 2. What do you like about this passage? 3. What provokes you? 4. What does the passage say about God? 5. What does the passage say about us people? 6. What does the passage say about how we can please God and obey him? 	<p>How does the passage challenge us specifically? What can we learn and apply to our lives? If this passage is true, how does this passage change my perspective on God? How does it change the way I treat people and the way I live?</p> <p>I will statement What do you want to specifically put into practice within the next 24-48h?</p>	<p>Who do I want to be accountable to in putting this into practice what I just said?</p> <p>-The DBS-Group -The disciple maker -Another Christian friend</p>	<p>Do you know somebody that should also know about the passage just read? How would you explain this passage to him/her?</p> <p>Practical help for one another in the group <i>How could you help each other practically within the group?</i></p>

Methodology for DBS with open people of peace

For evangelistic Bible Studies we have basically taken the DBS-Method and adapted it a little bit. After we made sure that the person of peace/group received a good Bible translation, we go 6 - 7x through the evangelistic text with the person/group.

1.Step HEARING	2. Step UNDERSTAND & INTERPRET	3. Step PERSONAL POSITION FINDING	4. Step UNDERSTOOD OBEDIENT APPLY	5. Step TRANSPARENC Y	6. Step SHARE
<p>Person of peace reads the text 2 times</p> <p>1st Time through the text</p>	<p>Person of peace summarizes the text in his/her own words</p> <p>2nd time through the text</p> <p>Person of peace reads verse by verse and says what he/she reads there</p> <p>3rd time through the text</p> <p>The person of peace and you can draw the text together</p> <p>4th time through the text</p> <p>Person of peace goes through the text verse by verse and finds out the meaning of the verses and the application for him/herself for each verse</p> <p>We ask the following questions:</p> <p>I) Did something attract your attention in this passage?</p> <p>II) What do you like about this specific passage?</p> <p>III) What provokes you about this passage?</p> <p>IV) What does the passage say generally and spiritually?</p> <p>V) What does the passage say about God?</p> <p>VI) What does the passage say about us people?</p> <p>VII) What does the passage say about how we can please God and obey him better?</p> <p>5th Time through the</p>	<p>Where do YOU (person of peace) discover yourself within the text?</p>	<p>What did you (as a person of peace) understand? What can/should you put into practice (obedience)?</p> <p>We ask the following questions:</p> <p>I) What challenges does the text demand from us?</p> <p>II) What can we learn and apply in our lives?</p> <p>III) If this passage is true, how does this passage change my perspective of God?</p> <p>IV) How does it change the way I treat people and the way I live</p> <p>V) I will statement What do you want to specifically put into practice within the next 24-48h?</p>	<p>Who do I (person of peace) want to be accountable to in putting this into practice what I just said?</p> <p>-The DBS-Group</p> <p>-The Disciple Maker</p>	<p>Do you (person of peace) know somebody that should also know about the passage just read? How would you explain this passage to him/her?</p>



passage

Example of an evangelistic DBS

Topic: **Who is God?** - He is a Father: Luke 15:12-24

1st Step: HEARING

- Person of peace reads the passage 2 times

Luke 15:12-24

The prodigal son

12 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.

The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

- Now we have gone through the text once

2nd Step: UNDERSAND & INTERPRET

2a) Person of peace summarizes the text in his/her own words

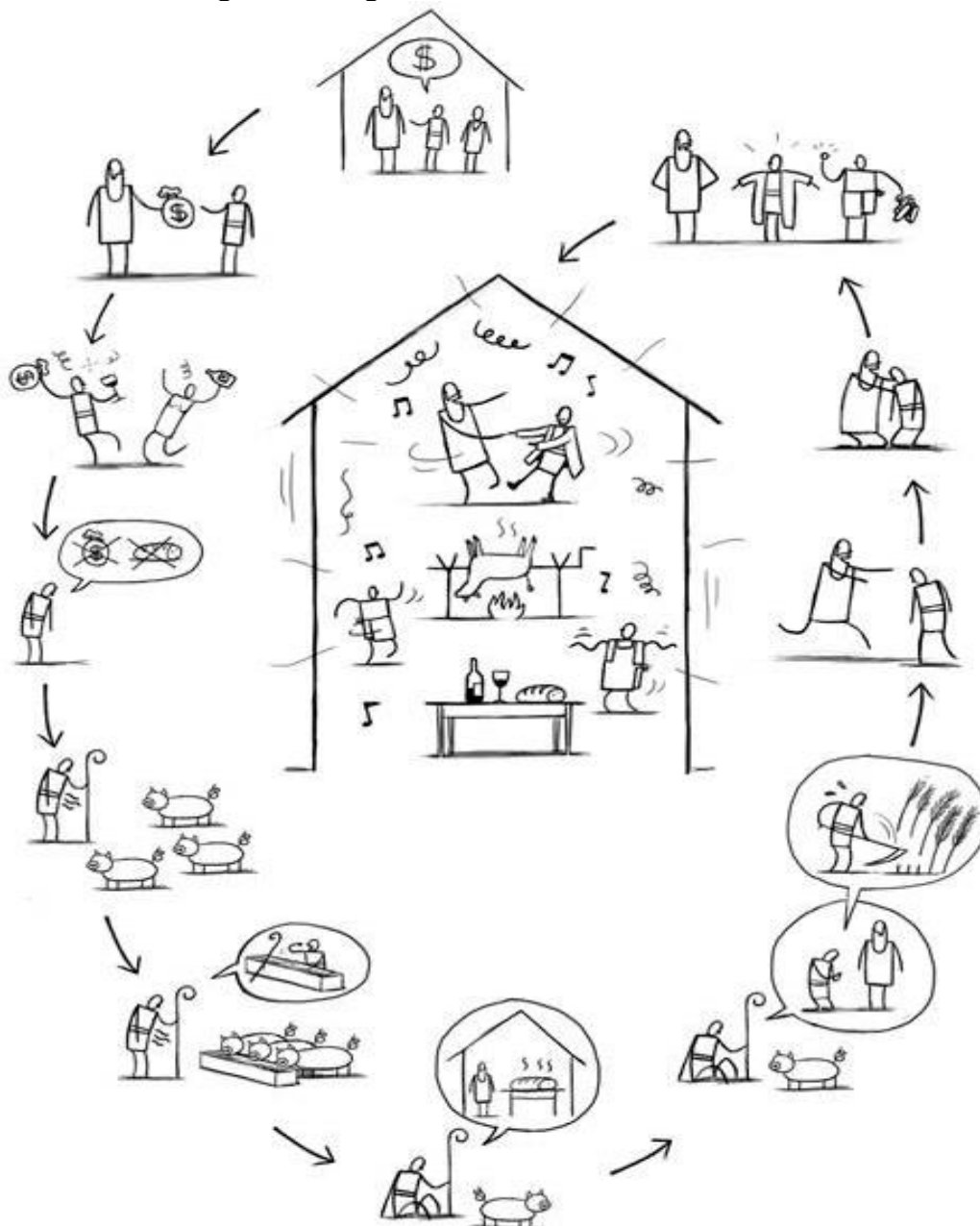
- Now we have gone through the text a second time

2b) Person of peace reads verse after verse and says what he/she reads there

➤ **Now we have gone through the text a third time**

2c) Person of peace and you can draw the text together

➤ **Now we have gone through the text a fourth time**



Person of peace goes through the text verse for verse and finds out the meaning of the verses and the application for him/herself for each verse

We ask the following questions:

- I) Did something attract your attention in this passage?
- II) What do you like about this specific verse/ passage?
- III) What provokes you about this verse/passage?
- IV) What does the passage say generally and spiritually?
- V) What does the verse/passage say about God?
- VI) What does the verse/passage say about us people?

VII) What does the verse/passage say about how we can please God and obey him better?

Luke 15:12-32 «**The behavior of the son and the heart of a father**» is the core content/topic of this story.

Spiritual interpretation

Verse 11: And he spoke: “A man had two sons.”

Man = God or Jesus

Two sons = generally us people

The younger son loves life and the exciting world. The older son is the religious guy.

V12: The younger asked his father to give him his share of the estate. So, the father divided his property between them.

Natural inheritance = according to Deuteronomy 21:17, the elder son inherits 2/3 and the younger son inherits 1/3 of the property. Spiritual inheritance = the gift of life we have from God. The Father is quiet and gives it to his son (silence as an expression of his pain?). God is very sad that people don't want to live with him in a relationship and want to live their own lives independently. In the Bible, God says: “All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations” (Isaiah 65:2). Nevertheless, God lets people go and gives them a free will to choose for themselves!

V13: Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and squandered his wealth in wild living there.

Distant country = away from God into «full life», in squandering and sin. He moves more and more away from the blessings of God.

V14: After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country and he began to be in need.

Famine = All celebrations («Let us go, eat and drink, tomorrow we will be dead» or «wine, girls and singing») leaves the heart empty. Internal famine. Apart/away from God there is ALWAYS spiritual famine.

V15: So, he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

Pigs = unclean animals (Leviticus 11:7) pig farmer – you couldn't offer any worse job to a Jew ever!

V16: He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

Pods = fruit of the carob tree which is food for very poor people. When he saw the pigs eating these pods, he was jealous.

But then the famine turned out to be a blessing.

V17: When he came to his senses, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death.”

He came to his senses: he recognizes his sins – regret

V18: I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.”

Desire to repent and to confess his sins to the Father

V19: I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants!

This is a key passage because it reveals what the son really thinks. Despite true repentance, he doesn't understand the FATHER'S HEART at all – he never understood it! He has an entirely wrong understanding of the father. Wrong ideas of God are nowadays wide spread among society!

V20: So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The first step of a new birth is to turn around and turn back to the Father. A turn around – a new birth with surprises:

1. Surprise – The Father saw him a long way off – He had waited for him.
2. Surprise – The Father had a heart full of compassion and willingness to forgive.
3. Surprise – First the kiss and then the confession of sins. God loved us first!

V21: The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

The actual confession of sins. But the second part of his son's phrase “**make me like one of your hired servants**” the father interrupts because this is not what the Father's heart and His amazing plan for us is about!

V22: But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.”

Re-adoption – righteousness:

Robe = re-adoption into community and cleansing

Ring = a seal ring, for the certification of business documents

Sandals = outward sign of free people, slaves don't wear sandals

V23: “Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate! “

Fattened calf = a young animal for very special feasts, kept ready and fattened.

Celebration = a symbol for the Kingdom of God. The son is in the Kingdom of God. Every celebration in the Kingdom of God is a shadow of the largest celebration yet to come when Jesus returns (Revelation 19:7).

V24: “For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

Re-adoption = righteousness: Spiritually dead and now made alive again: New birth!

Now we have gone through the text a fifth time!

3rd Step PERSONAL POSITION FINDING

→ Where do you YOU (person of peace) find/see yourself within the text?

Now we have gone through the text a sixth time!

4th Step UNDERSTAND – OBEDIENCE – APPLY

What did you (as an open person) understand? What can/should you put into practice (obedience)?

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.”

We ask the following questions:

- I) What challenges does the text demand from us?
- II) What can we learn and apply in our lives?

III) If this passage is true, how does this passage change my perspective towards God?

IV) How does it change the way I treat people and the way I live?

V) **I will statement:** What do you want to specifically put into practice within the next 24-48h?

5th Step TRANSPARENCY

→ Who do I (person of peace) want to be accountable to for putting into practice what I just said?

-The DBS-Group

-The Disciple Maker

6th Step SHARE

→ Who do you (person of peace) want to share with what you just learned?

Now we have gone through the text a seventh time!

Overview of 24 especially useful evangelistic texts to use with people of peace

1. Who is God? – HE is a Father
(Luke 15:11-32 The heart of a Father and the two lost sons)
2. Who is God? – HE is a Father
(Ezekiel 16:1-18 The heart of a Father and the lost daughter)
3. Who is God – Who are we people? – HE is Creator and we are made in his perfect image
(Genesis 1:1-2,4 > Creation story)
4. Who is God – Who are we people? – HE is Creator, we were made as man and woman and put into paradise
(Genesis 2:5-24 man and woman in paradise)
5. Who are we people? – We fell into sin and therefore we deserve death
(Genesis 3:1-24 – Fall of mankind)
6. Who are we people? – Growth, explosion, sin
(Genesis 4:1-24 Cain and Abel)
7. Who is Jesus? – HE is unique
(John 8:1-10 Jesus and the adulterous woman – grace and forgiveness – another possible text for the uniqueness of Jesus would be the sermon on the mount, found in Matthew 5:1-10 – the beatitudes)
8. Who is Jesus? – HE has authority to forgive sins and to heal all diseases
(Mark 2:1-12; the lame man: faith, forgiveness of sins and a healing miracle)
9. Who is Jesus? – HE is the Savior
(Isaiah 53:6 The Lord put all our sin unto Jesus - Luke 23:32-43 Jesus' death on the cross)
10. Who is Jesus? – HE has risen from the dead and HE is alive
(Luke 24 resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost)
11. Who is the Holy Spirit? – The Holy Spirit brings us the life of Jesus
(John 3:1-11 Nicodemus, born from water and Spirit)
12. Who is the Holy Spirit? – The Holy Spirit brings the power of Jesus
(Acts 1:4-8 and 2,1-41 Waiting on, the coming of and the power of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost)
13. What do I need to do to be saved?
(Acts 16:30-31 Believe in the Lord Jesus; John 3:16-21 God loves the world; John 1:10-12 Receive Jesus)
14. What do I need to do to be saved? – Acts 2:38 Repent
(2 Chronicles 33:1-13 Sin and repentance of King Manasse)
15. What do I need to do to be saved? – Acts 2:38 Be baptized
(Matthew 3:13-17 Baptism of Jesus; Acts 8:26-39 Ethiopian Treasurer/Minister is baptized by Philip)
16. What do I need to do to be saved? – Acts 2:38 And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
(Acts 19:1-7 12 Men receive the Holy Spirit)

17. Who is God/Jesus? – HE is the judge
(Matthew 25:31-46 The Last Judgment)
18. Who is God/Jesus? – HE is the judge
(Luke 16:19ff The rich man in Hades (=limbo), poor Lazarus in paradise)
19. Who is Jesus? – HE is Lord and King
(Luke 9:57-62 the price of following Jesus; Mark 10:7-27 The rich young ruler)
20. God/Jesus wants you I – HIS heart beats for you and me
(Luke 15:1-7 The lost sheep)
21. God/Jesus wants you II – HIS heart beats for you and me
(Luke 15:8-10 The lost dime)
22. God/Jesus visits you – HE must come and be your guest today in your heart/house
(Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus)
23. Are you going to accept the invitation? – Everything is ready, just come
(Matthew 22:1-13 Invitation for the royal wedding and similarly Luke 14:16-24 The great dinner; YOU are invited – Are you going to accept the invitation?)
24. Don't be distracted by the daily business and forget to serve King Jesus
(Luke 12:16-21 The rich grain farmer)

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

- b) Group discussion.

- c) Write down personal revelations from the teaching.

→ **Task:**

Do an evangelistic DBS with your group with the topic: Who is Jesus? HE has the authority to forgive sins and to heal all diseases (Mark 2,1-12 – the lame man: Faith, forgiveness of sins, healing miracle)

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Part III: Outreach

Regular practice of **GOING** (2-3 times a week, 6-9 hours in total) to the unreached of the ethnic group God put on your heart. This should be accompanied by 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) each week.

1. PRAYER – Prayer walks with the team/a partner ☐
2. GO – (2:2 or as a team) to the unreached God put on your heart ☐
3. PREACH – the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
4. SHARE – the way of salvation ☐
5. EVANGELISTIC DBS with people of peace ☐
6. CALL to repentance and into FOLLOWING Jesus ☐
7. FAITH, repentance, baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit ☐

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!