

# ENGLISH TRAINING FOR MISSION



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**TRAINING UNIT 27** (21.34 MINUTES)

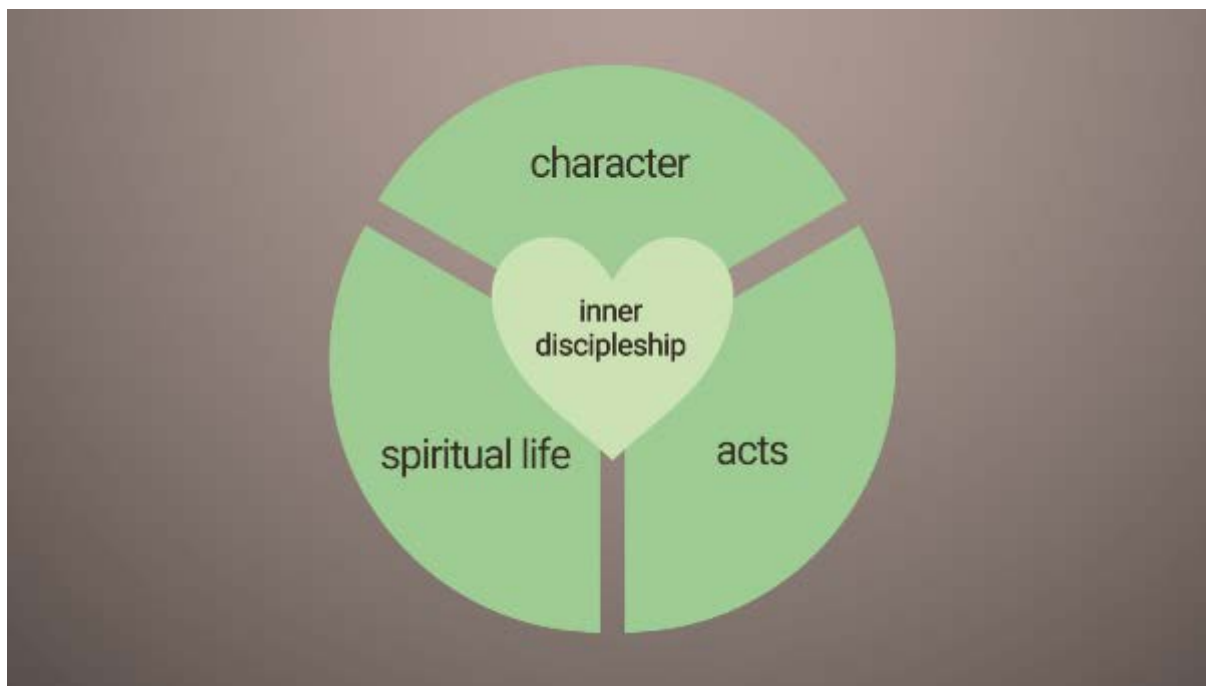
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## Training Unit 27

### 4. Discipleship training lesson: personal spiritual life

#### C) Assurance of salvation



**For every discipleship training lesson, we first need to clarify the following question:** Does this lesson require a one-on-one discipleship or can this be done with the whole discipleship group together?

**Answer:** This fourth discipleship lesson can be taught in a group. However, it also makes sense to ask EVERY SINGLE disciple if he has the assurance of salvation. After that, we go through this lesson according to the pattern in the scorecard.

**The first part of the discipleship training lesson is personal care according to the pattern of the discipleship scorecard**

- 1) Questions about personal condition
  - How are you?
  - What did you learn from God this week?
  - How is your relationship with God?
  - How does your prayer life look like?
  - What are your needs?
- 2) Praise and worship
- 3) Accountability questions on following Jesus and the fishing of men
  - How are you obeying the word of God?
  - How did you put the last training lesson(s) into practice?

- Do you know the **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ** and the **love of the Father** and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit**?
  - Do you do a **Discovery Bible Study** and what has the Lord spoken to you through the word?
  - How is your **prayer** life?
- What is **God doing** in your life right now?
  - Are you a **witness for Jesus**?
  - With whom did you share **what you learned**?
  - Are **they training** others?
  - Is there something **I can help you with**?
  - How **many new groups** were started?
  - Retell the **contents of the last lesson**!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the discipleship training lesson

### B) Training/teaching from the open Bible according to the following 4-steps-pattern:

1. Reading **core texts** twice
2. **Summarizing** core text(s) with own words
3. Finding the **key elements** in the texts
4. Learning **memory verse(s)** by heart

This is the basic pattern we want to follow:

### About assurance of salvation

After the disciples have a living relationship

- ➔ with **Jesus and his grace** and
- ➔ with the Father and his love and
- ➔ with the Holy Spirit
- ➔ and after the disciples can feed themselves from the word of God
- ➔ and cultivate a prayer life,

we want our disciples to embrace this wonderful treasure called **assurance of salvation** personally. It is about the deep knowledge in our heart:

- that we are children of God
- that our sins have been forgiven
- that we have eternal life

This knowledge is one of the greatest gifts of God to our hearts. In no world religion do people have an assurance of salvation. Everywhere I traveled I asked people: do you know that you will be saved or are saved? Do you know you have eternal life? Do you know if you are going to heaven? Neither Muslims nor Hindus nor Buddhists have assurance regarding this. Even some Christian denominations (Catholic Church) deny that one can have assurance of salvation.

The assurance of salvation and the joy coming from it is one of the strongest forces in the heart of a believer. That is why the devil wants to steal this assurance of salvation from as many children of God as possible.

**1 John 5:13**

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

**1 John 3:14**

*We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

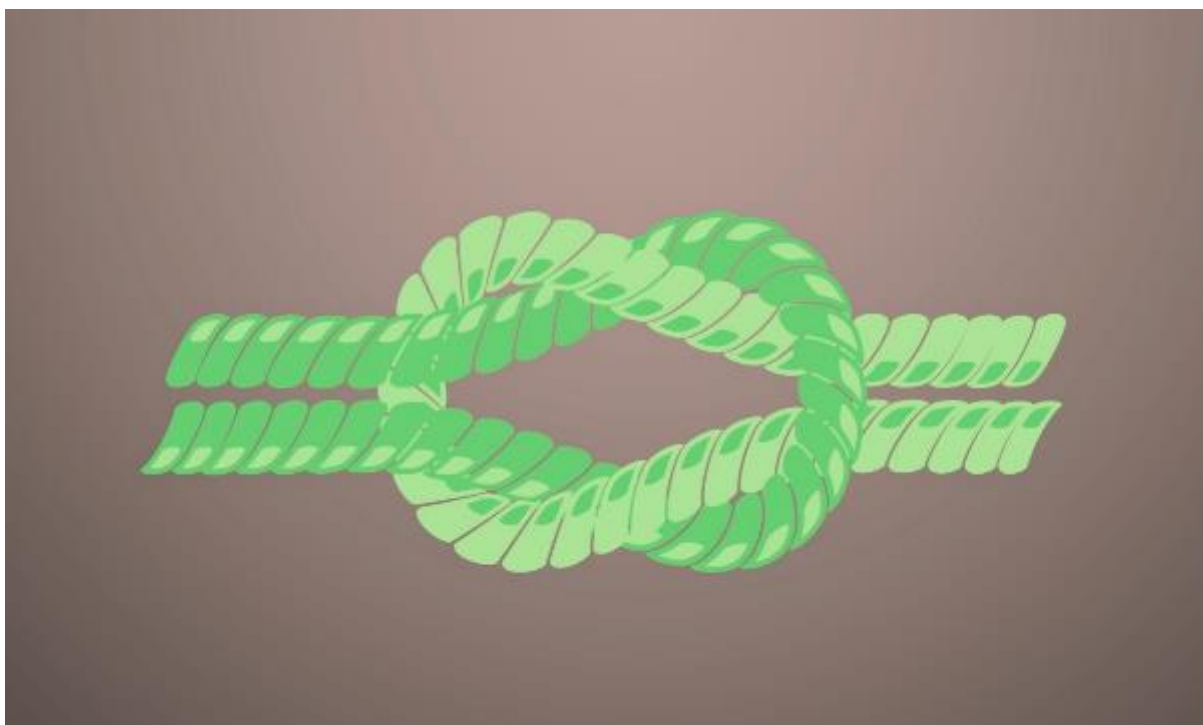
**Romans 8:16**

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

**Job 19:25**

*I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.*

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**Assurance of salvation stays**

A follower of Jesus can know that he is saved. It is like loving someone; you know that inside your heart. It is a knowledge in the heart. We know inside our hearts that we are saved because it is written. Some people experience physical manifestations and have strong feelings when they give their lives to God and experience him for the first time. These experiences and feelings can go away again. However, the assurance of salvation stays because it is written in the word of God and it comes into our hearts through the word of God. It is a knowing and trusting in the word of God.

**1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

**John 1:12**

*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

We know that we have been saved because the Spirit of God himself gives testimony together with our spirit that we are children of God. The memory verse for this lesson is:

**Romans 8:16**

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> part of the discipleship training lesson****C) Implementation in the training room**

1. As **disciple makers** we **tell** about our experiences and **demonstrate** the things learned in a **role-play**.
2. Divide the **discipleship group** into smaller groups of 2 to 3 persons. **Every group** should do a role-play.
3. Retelling and repeating the teaching.
4. **Setting a goal**: what they want to share with someone in the coming week.
5. **Encouragement**, to share the lesson with one's own (spiritual) family.
6. **Praying together with the disciples**: Praying for the needs of the people, they want to share their testimony with.
7. Praying that friends of the disciples would be open for Jesus and make a decision for him.
8. **Praying together with the disciples**: for those they want to share the training lesson with.
9. **Prayerfully listen with your disciples: which goals** they want to reach until the next meeting.
10. **Praying together with the disciples**: for every trainee and for their ministry of sending

**So far the basic pattern we want to follow:**

- During **this training lesson** we as disciple makers want to tell of our own practice of what assurance of salvation is for us and how we experience this.
- Then we want to show the disciples what we do, when doubts attack our assurance of salvation.
  - Examining whether the person without assurance of faith is really saved. Without salvation one cannot have assurance of salvation.
  - Reviewing whether sin in their lives is clouding their joyful assurance of salvation.
  - When in doubt, confront the devil with words of promises from the scripture: "It is written..."

I myself know these doubts very well and experienced them strongly for some time. I was often overcome with such strong doubts when I was supposed to preach that I was not even sure

anymore whether God existed. As soon as I started preaching, the assurance came back. This was an attack of the devil trying to hinder me to joyfully speak about Jesus. When these doubts came again, I decided to confront the devil with the promises of the word of God. The following time, I opened my Bible and read aloud: "It is written that I have the right to be a child of God." In this way the attacks were silenced. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

- The disciples should share in groups about their assurance of salvation and their dealings with doubt.
- Then someone from the group summarizes the teaching in his own words.
- Goal setting: What did they learn and whom do they share it with?
- Encouragement to share one's testimony of assurance of salvation with their own (spiritual) family.
- Prayer together with the disciples for those they want to share their testimony with.
- Prayerfully listen with your disciples what the goals of this lesson are for the coming days.
- Prayer for every trainee and for the sending.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> part of the discipleship training lesson

##### D) Implementation in the field

1. We go and show/practice it – the disciples watch and learn.
2. The **disciples practice** and we watch (and correct if necessary)
3. **The disciples demonstrate it** to their disciples who watch them...
4. It may be necessary to **demonstrate** some parts **several times (10, 20, 50 times)**.

Demonstrating, training, practicing and repeating assurance of salvation

- We go out and ask people around us (unbelievers: Muslims, Buddhists, nominal Christians) if they have assurance of salvation – if they are sure to be saved and that they would go to heaven. We then tell them how we got our assurance of salvation.
- We go out and ask people around us (disciples/believers) if they have a joyful assurance of salvation or if they have doubts, and we tell them how we got assurance of salvation.

## 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.

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b) Group discussion

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c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

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d) Share with the group who exactly you want to train in this lesson

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- e) Every group explains what they have learned and presents their goals of application (outreach).

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### Part III: Outreach

Regular prayer (4 to 6 hours/week), going and preaching (4 to 6 hours/week), discipleship (4 to 6 hours/week).

#### 1. PRAYER:

- A) Prayer walk with a partner or the team ☐
- B) From now on pray 1 hour for your disciples before every discipleship meeting ☐

2. GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐

3. Look for persons of peace ☐

4. PREACH: the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐

5. EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐

6. Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐

7. Share your personal testimony with five other people ☐

8. Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐

9. FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐

10. Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐

11. Raise a dead person if you are led so ☐

12. Seek to hear God's voice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit ☐

13. Pray for the 200 million persecuted Christians in the world, pray for your "persecutors" and bless those who are cursing you. ☐

14. Continue to teach this fourth lesson to the discipleship group



**P.S.: “BEsent” is a training – it is almost worthless without practice!**