

# ENGLISH TRAINING FOR MISSION



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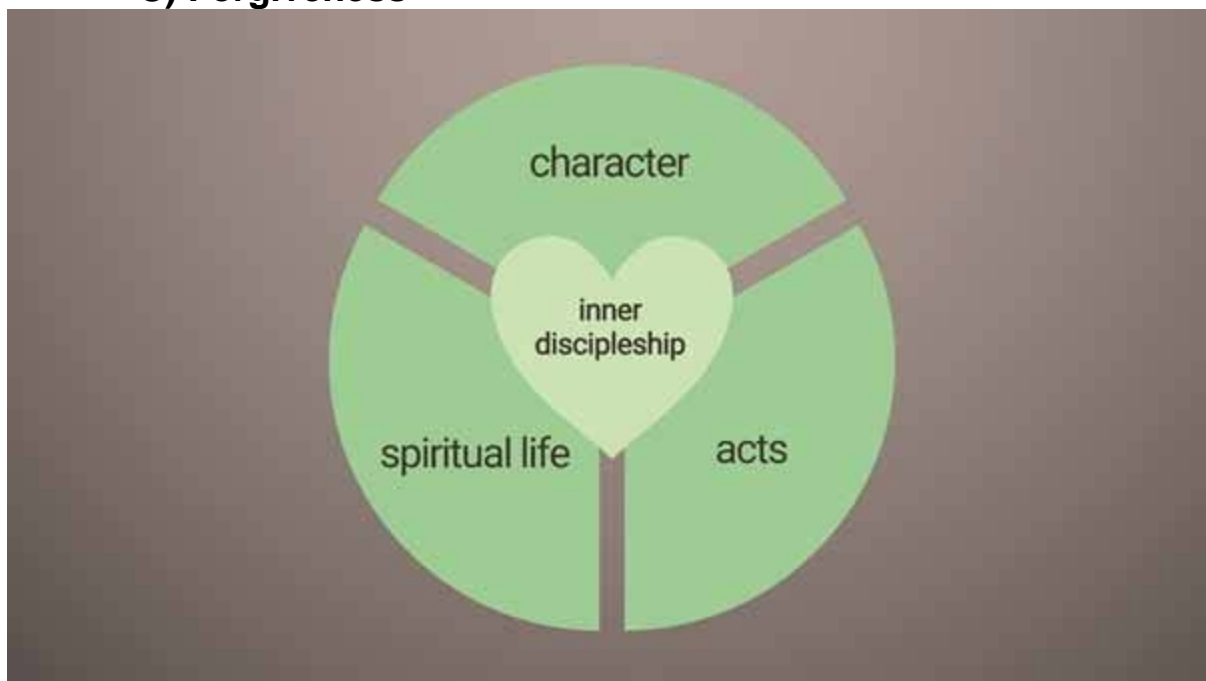
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## Training Unit 37



### 14. Discipleship training lesson: character of a disciple

#### C) Forgiveness



**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:** The topic of the 14<sup>th</sup> discipleship training lesson is a pastoral topic. Therefore, this part should take place in a one-on-one discipleship. Now we go through this lesson according to the pattern of our discipleship 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?
  - Do you have a joyful **assurance of faith** in your heart?
  - How do you experience being continually **filled** with the Holy Spirit?
  - Do you live in regular **community with other followers of Jesus**?
  - Are you a **witness** for Jesus?
  - Are you **preaching** the gospel of the Kingdom of God?
  - Are you practicing the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
  - Are you generously **giving and sharing** your time, treasures, talents, etc. as a steward?
  - Are you making **disciples of others**?
  - Are you obeying **the great commandment to love**?
  - Do you strive for holiness (**take off – put on**) in your 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:

### Key texts on forgiveness

#### **Matthew 18:21-35**

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."*

**Matthew 6:14-15**

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

**Forgiveness – Disciples forgive others just as God forgives them**

- God, through Jesus, forgave a guilty sinner like me. In the same way, we should completely forgive those who sinned against us.
  - If we do not forgive, the Heavenly Father will also withdraw his forgiveness and not forgive us.
  - Forgiveness does not mean that what happened to us was right. Forgiveness means to surrender my “right” to take revenge on those who sinned against me. I surrender my “right” to repay wrong with wrong.
  - Forgiveness is not a feeling but rather a decision. It is a step of obedience.
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

Memory verse to learn by heart:

**Matthew 6:14-15**

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

**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:**

- In **this training lesson**, we as disciple makers want to give a testimony about our experience with forgiveness in our spiritual lives.

- As disciple makers, we demonstrate the things learned in a role-play. Demonstrate a concrete situation in which you forgive someone right now.
- The disciples share in groups of two and practice forgiveness using a concrete example.
- Then someone from the group retells the teaching in his own words.
- Goal setting: what they want to share with someone during the week.
- Encouragement to share this lesson with one's 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 the following:

- Go with a disciple through the practical process of forgiveness in his life.
- If necessary, go with your disciple to a person your disciple needs to forgive and coach him in this process of forgiveness.
- This 14<sup>th</sup> training lesson is about forgiveness in situations in which we were hurt. Since this will happen over and over, forgiveness remains a lifelong process.

## 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) Each group presents what they learned and the specific goals they want to pursue now:  
(outreach/group meeting)

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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 to do 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 14th lesson to the discipleship group and coach them in it ☐

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