

ENGLISH TRAINING FOR MISSION



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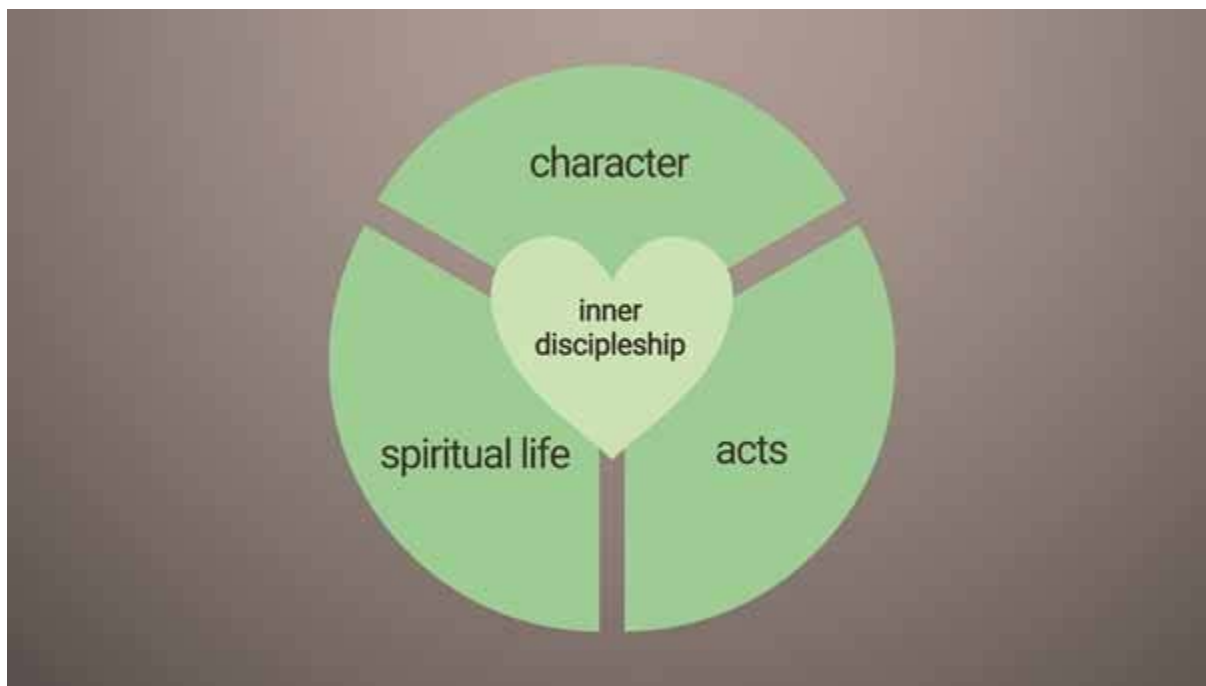
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Training Unit 39



16. Discipleship training lesson: character of a disciple

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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 this 16th discipleship training lesson can be taught in a group. 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 (**put off – put on**) in your life?
 - Do you practice **forgiveness**?
 - Do you **serve** others?
- 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**!

2nd 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



Key texts on living by faith

Acts 16:31

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

Romans 10:14-17

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Hebrews 11:2+6

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Mark 9:23

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Living by faith – key principle in the Kingdom of God

- Without faith there is no salvation.
- Faith comes from the Word/speaking of God, not from witnessing miracles or other occurrences.
- Faith is an assurance of the heart.
- Faith is the key principle in the Kingdom of God. Nothing happens without faith.
- All things are possible for him who has faith. This means that faith in and of itself is invisible, but the consequence of faith is visible, perceivable and can be experienced in space and time. This happens in the so-called faith cycle.



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Memory verse to learn by heart:

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3rd 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 tell of our lessons in faith, of our victories and defeats.
- As disciple makers, we demonstrate the things learned in a role-play. Tell about a concrete situation God spoke to you about, and which you have faith in and are waiting for its fulfillment, while proclaiming the word the Lord has given you.
- The discipleship group or a disciple makes a list of faith lessons he currently is in:
 - Column A: What did the Lord say?
 - Column B: How did you hear him?
 - Column C: What do you know in your heart?
 - Column D: Which steps/deeds of faith have you made in reaction to it?
 - Column E: How did the Lord respond to this step of faith?

- As disciple maker, you should encourage, accompany and coach your disciple in these steps of faith.
- 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.

4th 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:

- Share with your disciples the current challenges, struggles and victories in your faith when you are together with them, be it at home or on the way.
- When you are together with your disciples, let them share their challenges in the faith (struggles and victories) with you. Encourage, accompany and coach them in these processes.
- This 16th training lesson deals with faith, a lifelong spiritual 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.

- b) Group discussion

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

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

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

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 16th lesson to the discipleship group ☐

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