Sharpening Your Sword

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15

If you hold to my teaching, you are truly my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32

Class Objective:

 Help us be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have.

Class Design:

- Topical
- Scripture Based
- Learner Preparation
 - Read assigned scriptures
 - Extract the major points from each scripture
 - Search for other related scriptures and their key points
 - Memorize select scriptures
- Class Format
 - Discussion of the General Study Questions
 - Assignment for next week
- Learner Follow-up
 - Practice memory verses
 - Personal research on additional study topics (as needed)
 - Might consider creating your own cross referrence system

Writing the Scripture on your Hearts - Scripture Memory Program:

For each lesson in this workshop a couple memory verses have been suggested to help you continue to build an active knowledge of the scriptures. The following steps may help you to write the scripture on your heart:

- 1. Look up the verse in your own Bible.
- 2. Pray for God to stamp the verse on your heart
- 3. Read the Verse in context.
- 4. Get the meaning of the Verse.
- 5. Read the Verse aloud.
- 6. Print/Type the Verse on a small card.
- 7. Practice (4 times without mistakes).
- 8. Review Daily.

General Study Questions:

- What do these scriptures reveal about the topic?
- · What additional scriptures shed light on the topic?
- What is the implication for my daily life?
 What additional study is required?

Topic Outline

Week 1	1/12	Introduction Authority of Scriptures
Week 2	1/19	Nature of God Nature of Man
Week 3	1/26	Nature of Sin Natre of Satan
Week 4	2/2	Nature of Christ Plan and Work of the Cross
Week 5	2/9	Confession Repentance
Week 6	2/16	Baptism Conversion Examples
Week 7	2/23	Nature of Holy Spirit (3 in 1)
Week 8	3/2	Saved by Grace/Fall from Grace Role of Works
Week 9	3/9	Nature of the Church (relationship and mission)
Week 10	3/16	Judgment Life after Death
Week 11	3/23	Christian Living Promises
Week 12	3/30	Christian Living Application/Review

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURES

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
2 Tim 3:16-17 *		
Hebrews 4:12-13 *		
2 Peter 1:20-21		
John 12:48		
John 17:17		
Deut 29:29		
John 20:30-31		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF GOD

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
John 4:24 *		
1 John 4:16 *		
Acts 17:24-25		
1 John 1:5		
Jeremiah 31:3		
Romans 1:18		
James 1:17		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF MAN

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Gen 1:26 *		
1 Pet 1:24 *		
Acts 17:26-28		
Jeremiah 17:9		
1 Corinthians 2:14		
Ezekiel 18:20		
Romans 7:14-15		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF SIN

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Isaiah 59:2 *		
Romans 8:13 *		
1 John 3:4		
James 4:17		
Romans 3:23		
Galations 5:19-21		
Romans 1:18-32		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF SATAN

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
1 Peter 5:8-9 *		
James 4:7 *		
Eph 2:1-2		
Eph 6:11-12		
John 12:31		
Gen 3:14-15		
Romans 16:20		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF CHRIST

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Col 1:15-16*		
Acts 4:11-12 *		
John 1:1-5;14		
Matt 7:28		
Matt 28:18-20		
Matt 1:23		
1 Peter 2:6		
Other Related Scriptures		

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PLAN AND WORK OF THE CROSS

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Col 1:19-20 *		
Rom 5:9-10 *		
Hebrews 9:12-14		
Rev 5:9		
Matt 26:28		
Acts 2:23-24		
John 11:25		
Other Related Scriptures		

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CONFESSION

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
1 John 1:9 *		
John 11:27 *		
Prov 28:13		
Matt 16:16		
Isa 59:12		
Psm 107:1-2		
Matt 10:32		
Other Related Scriptures		

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REPENTANCE

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
2 Cor 7:10*		
Acts 17:30-31*		
Luke 15:7		
Acts 3:19		
Psm 51:17		
Isa 55:6-7		
Hebrews 8:12		
Other Related Scriptures		

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BAPTISM

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Acts 2:38*		
Rom 6:3-5*		
1 Peter 3:20-21		
Col 2:11-12		
Gal 3:26-27		
2 Cor 5:17		
Acts 18:24-19:7		
Other Related Scriptures		

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CONVERSION EXAMPLES

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
John 3:5 *		
Acts 22:16 *		
Acts 8:26-40		
Act s 2:36-42,47		
Acts 16:13-15;23-34		
Acts 19:1-7		
Acts 9:1-20		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
John 16:7-8 *		
Romans 8:9 *		
Romans 8:26		
1 Cor 3:16		
2 Peter 1:21		
John 14:26		
Gal 5:22-26		
Other Related Scriptures		

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THE GODHEAD (3 in 1)

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Matt 28:19 *		
2 Cor 13:14 *		
John 15:16		
John 1:1-5;14		
1 Peter 1:2		
John 14:26		
Matt 3:16-4:1		
Other Related Scriptures		

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SAVED BY GRACE/FALL FROM GRACE

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Eph 2:4-5 *		
James 4:6 *		
Titus 3:3-8		
Romans 3:21-26		
Gal 5:4-7		
Heb 3:12		
Jude 24		
Other Related Scriptures		

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ROLE OF WORKS

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
James 2:17-18 *		
Matt 5:16 *		
Rom 11:6		
1 Peter 2:12		
Titus 2:11-14		
Col 1:10-12		
1 Tim 6:18		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF THE CHURCH (MISSION)

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
1 Cor 12:12-13 *		
2 Cor 5:18-20 *		
Acts 2:42-47		
Romans 12:3-8		
Eph 4:11-13		
Heb 13:17		
Romans 8:17		
Other Related Scriptures		

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NATURE OF THE CHURCH (RELATIONSHIP)

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
John 13:34-35 *		
Gal 6:2 *		
Eph 5:19		
John 13:14		
1 Cor 1:10		
Phil 2:2-4		
Eph 4:2		
Other Related Scriptures		

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JUDGEMENT

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
1 John 4:17 *		
2 Cor 5:10 *		
Matt 25:31-32		
2 Pet 3:7		
Heb 9:27		
Rev 20:12		
2 Peter 2:8-9		
Other Related Scriptures		

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ETERNAL LIFE

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
John 8:51 *		
Matt 25:46 *		
John 6:27		
1 Cor 15:53		
2 Cor 5:1		
Rom 2:7		
1 Thes 4:17		
Other Related Scriptures		

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CHRISTIAN LIVING

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
Prov 4:23 *		
James 3:13 *		
2 Peter 3:14		
1 John 5:21		
Deut 4:9		
Jude 21		
Acts 24:16		
Other Related Scriptures		

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PROMISES

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
1 John 1:7 *		
John 3:16 *		
John 15:7		
Isaiah 41:10		
Jer 29:11		
Psalms 32:8		
Rom 12:3		
Other Related Scriptures		

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CHRISTIAN LIVING

Key Scriptures	Major Points	Notes
James 5:16 *		
Phil 4:13 *		
2 Cor 5:17		
Phil 4:7		
Romans 8:37		
James 4:7		
Romans 8:1		
Other Related Scriptures		

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