

# How to get off the bench and into the game!

## Super Saturday Jesus Rally February 7, 2015

### Agenda

1. Record the call
2. Introductions
3. Songs -
  - a. Good to me
  - b. The Solid Rock
  - c. What a Friend We Have in Jesus
4. Prayer
5. Welcome
  - a. Who I am and what is the Bible Team (see previous call)
6. Study - **The Biblical Path to full-time ministry, not the world's**
  - a. Dangers of choosing the world's way (school, mainstream churches)
    - i. Fruitless labor
    - ii. Burn out
    - iii. Usually tied to a pay check
    - iv. No salvation (not knowing Christ)
      1. **Matthew 7: 21** "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.<sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.'<sup>23</sup> But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'
    - v. Let's face it, are people flocking to the church, or leaving it?
      1. This is why we're here today
  - b. **Benefits of the Biblical way**
    - i. **Fruits of the Spirit**
      1. **Galatians 5: 22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
    - ii. **Unmatched Confidence**
    - iii. **Authority from Jesus**
    - iv. **Freedom/Free agency**
    - v. At the end of the day, it's not about natural/intellectual education
      1. **Acts 4:13** The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were **ordinary men** with no special training in the

Scriptures. They also recognized them as **men** who had been with Jesus.

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- c. What I'm teaching today will help you avoid common pitfalls many experience when trying to serve God through conventional means.
- d. Commit (Decide)
  - i. Like signing up for college or boot-camp, only with eternal rewards
  - ii. Commit to seeking the Lord
    - 1. **Psalm 105: 4** Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him.
    - 2. **Jer. 29 13** If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. **14** I will be found by you," says the LORD
    - 3. **MATTHEW 7: 7** "KEEP ON ASKING, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE WHAT YOU ASK FOR. KEEP ON SEEKING, AND YOU WILL FIND. KEEP ON KNOCKING, AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.
  - iii. It is committing to being a full-time disciple
    - 1. 1 Cor. 6: 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

e. Participate (required activity)

- i. Being a disciple
- ii. **We are to seek the Coach's approval, not His staff**
  1. Find Christ's standards for you, not your peers.
  2. Choose your new lifestyle with The Holy Spirit's leading
- iii. Spend alone time with Jesus (This is how we get to know the Head Coach)
  1. **Luke 10: 38** As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.<sup>39</sup> Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. **40** But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." **41** But the Lord said to her, "**My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.**"
  2. **Matt 6: 5** "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. **6** But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.
- iv. Spend time in the Word
  1. Commit to a daily plan if you want to grow spiritually. There is no shortcut here.
- v. Spend time in fellowship
  1. Find people who love God as much or more than you do and intentionally spend time with them regularly.
- vi. Repeat, keep this simple, these 3 activities will keep you in the game. Discipleship is always your foundation, not service.
- vii. Bear Fruit
  1. **Mark 4: 13** Then Jesus said to them, "If you can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? **14** The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. **15** The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. **16** The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. **17** But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. **18** The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, **19**

but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. **20** And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

2. John 15: **5** "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

f. Be Responsible

- i. Luke 12: **48** But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.
- ii. Being an Ambassador of Love
  1. **2 Corinthians 5: 16** So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! **17** This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **18** And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. **19** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. **20** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" **21** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

g. Patiently endure, there will be a test!

- i. Keep up the disciplines

## **Matthew 23:8-12**

8 “Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters. 9 And don’t address anyone here on earth as ‘Father,’ for only God in heaven is your spiritual Father. 10 And don’t let anyone call you ‘Teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you must be a servant. 12 But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.