

**TEACHING PROGRAM FOR NEW
BELIEVERS**

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INTRODUCTION

In North Thailand, tribal people in a number of different and widely scattered villages are turning from animism towards Christ. Often these people turn in groups of families, and occasionally whole villages turn as a unit. Some church associations are sending national workers to teach in some of these villages. This program is an attempt to help these national workers know what to teach in order to lead these new "believers" into a true faith and to help establish a local church in that village that, hopefully, can function at the end of a year without residential help from the national worker.

The basic plan calls for a teacher to reside in a village for a period of one year only. During that year, various goals need to be reached. If these goals are reached as the Holy Spirit works in the hearts and lives of the new believers, then the national worker is freed to move on to another village and continue the same pattern of ministry. If the goals are not reached in a year, a decision will need to be made whether to keep the national worker there for a longer period, or whether it would be better for him to go elsewhere and try to meet the needs of the original village some other way. The knowledge of the "impermanence" of the national worker is an incentive to the new believers to be actively learning how to lead their own church.

The course is designed then, not just to teach new believers but, at the same time, to train them to continue to function as an emerging church when the national worker withdraws. Once the teacher moves away, the ongoing teaching of the church is done by emerging local teachers-leaders. These emerging leaders will have continued training through 3-5 day Leadership Training Schools held periodically.

Before the national workers are given the teaching program, they attend a 2-3 day training seminar to introduce the program to them and to practice using it during the seminar. Every three months the national workers should attend another seminar to discuss progress, problems and alternative suggestions, and to go over the next three months' teaching material. Occasional visits are made by missionaries and association leaders to monitor the program and to encourage the national worker in his village.

GOAL

The goal of the teaching program is to give sufficient teaching necessary to help a group of people recently turned from animism, move through the embryonic church stage to the beginning of the emerging church stage.

Sub-Goals

1. To have a nucleus of born-again, baptized believers
2. To have literate, functioning leadership (though not yet necessarily appointed as elders at this stage)
3. To see the church beginning to develop ministry towards God, towards one another, and to the world

TACTICS

These tactics are designed to fit into the normal practices of the tribal churches with regard to frequency of meetings, and to use what literature is normally available in tribal languages. Probably none of the older people would be literate in any language when they turn from animism though a few of the children may have had some Thai education.

Each Evening	Teach literacy teach only the men since the potential leadership must get literate. Teach hymns
Mid-week Meeting	Teach a portion of the catechism
Sunday Morning Meeting	Teach according to the program
Sunday mid-day	Train the man who will teach at the evening meeting.
Sunday Evening Meeting	Teach according to the program making sure that the application is followed through on.

The national worker needs to select out a few men who appear to be of leadership age and have leadership potential. Each week, right from the first week of the program, one of these men needs to be selected to teach during the evening meeting, the same message as that given by the national worker at the morning meeting. It is important that this pattern be established right from the beginning.

Sometime between the Sunday morning meeting and the Sunday evening meeting, the national worker will need to teach this man privately. The message is likely to be condensed into a few sentences by this new "teacher" when he gives it in the evening meeting but he is beginning to teach! This new teacher can also lead the singing and teach the memory verse as able, and together with the national worker, he should lead the church to follow through on whatever application they agree on.

TEACHING PROGRAM

The teaching program is divided into four quarters. The first quarter is designed to give a basic understanding of what a church is and what a church does. It covers some of the basic needs felt by the tribal person recently turned from animism. The second quarter seeks to show; what a Christian is and how one becomes a Christian, and this quarter is a good time to hold an evangelistic thrust in the village primarily to lead those in the church to a saving knowledge of Christ. The third quarter covers some basic, simple Christian doctrine, while the fourth quarter teaches about various aspects of church life and membership suitable for the beginning of the emerging church stage of Church development

As far as possible the Bible passages read and taught are kept very small, and the teaching drawn from the selected passages. This means that only a superficial covering of the various topics is given. However, this is probably sufficient for the church at this stage of its existence. It also helps teach the new emerging leaders how to get messages from selected

passages. In some instances, it has not been possible to follow through on this ideal and teaching has had to be drawn from several passages.

FIRST QUARTER

Worship
Prayer
Christian Duty
Holy Spirit
New People
What is a Church?
What does a Church do?
God-ward ministries
God-ward ministries
Church Ministries
Church Ministries
World Ministries
World Ministries

SECOND QUARTER

What is a Christian?
True and False Believers
False Worship
Sin
Judgment
Christ Died for Sin
Need for Repentance
God Saves People
"Turn From, Turn To"
Becoming God's Children
Freedom
God's Plan of Salvation
Security

THIRD QUARTER

God
Bible
Angels and Spirits
Creation
Sin and its Effects
God's Plan for the World
Birth of Jesus
Death and Resurrection of Jesus
Church
Second Coming of Christ
Judgment
Heaven
Hell

FOURTH QUARTER

Christian Family
Parents and Children
Christian Ceremonies—Individual Related
Christian Ceremonies - Community Related
Christian Ceremonies - Church Related
Membership
Baptism
Communion
Tithing
Christian Leadership
Teachers
Elders
Deacons

This teaching program is a suggested one only; there is nothing fixed about it. It can, and no doubt will be changed as more national workers use it in their teaching ministry, and as we review it as necessary.

It is however a valuable tool for national workers, many of whom often or not know what to teach each week, nor how to teach towards goals. It is designed for both those national workers who have had a bible school education as well as those who have not. It has been produced with grateful thanks to God for such national workers, and the prayer that it will be of use to them in building up the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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- First Quarter
Morning Meeting
1. Introduction 1. WORSHIP
What did you used to worship before you believed and how did you worship? Who took part? What did they do?
2. Bible Passage JOHN 4:23-24
3. Teaching a) We worship God/father :23
All worship – men and women, worship is not restricted to “specialists”
- b) True worship :23-24
All other worship must cease (spirits etc.). God is the only true God, only He must be worshipped
- c) Spiritual worship :23-24
Spiritual worship is not ceremony. It is loving God, praising God, thanking God, acknowledging God as God
4. Application Discuss some of the differences between spirit worship and true worship of God
5. Memory Verse JOHN 4:24
Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Find out who has brought things connected with demon worship
Discuss whether we can till keep these and still give God true spiritual worship. What must we do with them
Burn these demon things and pray for these people
Again, discuss some of the things we can praise God for and again several people say one of these things to God.
3. Memory Verse JOHN 4:24
4. Revision

First Quarter
Morning Meeting

2. PRAYER

1. Introduction

When you did spirit worship, who spoke to the spirits and what kind of things did he say? Did he use a special language? Did he have to study to be able to speak it? Could any person do these spirit ceremonies or did it have to be special people?

2. Bible Passage

1 THESS 5:17

3. Teaching

a) Prayer

All can pray, all believers pray to the Father using ordinary language, prayer is talking to the Father in heaven.

b) Types of prayer

ACTS 4:24 Praise prayer

JAMES 5:15 Prayer for healing

JOHN 1:9 Confession of sin prayers

EPH. 1:17 Prayers to know God better

LUKE 22: 19 Pray giving thanks before eating

MATT. 6:13 Prayer for deliverance from the Evil One

COL. 4:3 Prayer for outreach

c) Form of prayer

Begin "Our Father in heaven..." MATT 6:9

End "...I ask in Jesus' Name" JOHN 14:13-14

In between - anything

Praise

Thanks

Ask for self and others' needs.

Confession of sin

4. Application

Teach this simple form of prayer to each person, leading them to pray about different things

Teach them to follow up on it by praying before each meal, when they get up and when they go to bed.

5. Memory Verse

1 THESS 5:17 (or COL 4:2)

Evening Meeting

1. Training

The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application

1. Teach the simple form of prayer again and again lead them one by one in prayer.

2. Discuss about prayer outside of meeting times -before eating, getting up, going to bed, when feeling in need of help, or wanting to thank the Lord etc.

3. Memory Verse

1 THESS 5:17 (or COL 4:2)

4. Revision

Briefly review lessons from last week (ask when they worshipped and how)

First Quarter	3. CHRISTIAN DUTY
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	What does your tribe say is the duty of a good person?
2. Bible Passage	LUKE 10:27
3. Teaching	<p>a) Love God Heart and soul - there must be no other God ruling the heart. Strength - keep bodies holy in order to serve God. Mind - keep the mind pure, don't speak filthy language, develop the mind - Get literate, read the Bible. Everything that we do should help us to love God more and more.</p> <p>b) Love people Love others as we love ourselves. Do to others what we want others to do to us Mt. 7:12 Rom 12:13 give material help to those in need. Ph. 2:4 be helpful by looking after the interests of others. Rom 12:15 rejoice and weep with others.</p>
4. Application	What can we do to show love to someone else? Who can we help? How can we help them?
5. Memory Verse	LUKE 10:27
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Continue to discuss whom they can help - choose one person and decide definitely how they will help, then go and do it.
3. Memory Verse	LUKE 10:27 review 1 THESS 5:17 or (COL 4:2)
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week (ask when they are praying and what sort of prayers)

First Quarter	4. HOLY SPIRIT
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	What do the non-Christians believe about spirit possession? In a spirit ceremony is the demon priest controlled by the spirit? Is the spirit always truthful? Can the demon priest be "successful" without being possessed?
2. Bible Passage	EPHESIANS 5:18
3. Teaching	We have talked about worship, prayer, and love - not easy –new way is different from the old. We NEED HELP! a) God sent the Holy Spirit to help us JOHN 14:16-17 He lives in us :17 He is with us always :16 He is our Counselor, Helper :16 b) The Work of the Spirit in us He will guide us to know the truth JOHN 16:13 He helps us when we are in need ROM 8:26 He controls us ROM 8:9 He gives us inner strength to be the kind of people God wants us to be EPH 3:16.
4. Application	Each prays asking the Holy Spirit to live in us, to control and help us. Ask Him to teach us what to pray for. Ask Him to help us to love God and worship Him
5. Memory Verse	EPHESIANS 5:18
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Ask if there is anything, they are still afraid of (e.g. traveling along paths that, when they were still in the demon way, they knew to be inhabited by spirits). We have the Holy Spirit with us now so do we still need to be afraid? Bring these various fears to the Lord and pray for each other
3. Memory Verse	EPHESIANS 5:18 review LUKE 10:27
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week Has the help been given? Was it sufficient? Does something more need to be done?

First Quarter 5. NEW PEOPLE

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Since we broke with the spirits what differences, have there been in our life?

2. Bible Passage 2 COR 5:17

3. Teaching a) New people in Christ 2 COR 5:17
Left Satan/spirits and come to God ACTS 26:18
God is our Father 2 COR 6: 18
We belong to God now 1 PET 2:9

B) God centered people
We should imitate/be like God EPH 5:1
We should find out what pleases God and do that EPH 5:10
We should love God, and prove this by obeying Him JOHN 14:15

4. Application What "old things" have we given up? What is there still to be given up?
Give them up now if you can. What is our relationship to the spirits?

5. Memory Verse 2 COR 5:17

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application Ask what old things of speech and action are still clinging to them?
Pray for each other to be able to give these up.
Ask if there are still any spirit worship things, no matter however small, what they are still tampering with them now

3. Memory Verse 2 COR 5:17 review EPH 5:18

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.
Ask if the Holy Spirit has given them peace in place of old fears or in what ways have they known His help through the week.

- First Quarter 6. WHAT IS A CHURCH?
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction In the tribal language, what does the word "church" mean?
 2. Bible Passage 1 PET 2:9-10
 3. Teaching a) The People of God
 A chosen people - emphasize the word "chosen"
 Who chose us? (God) Why? (to be His people)
 A Royal Priesthood - emphasize "priesthood".
 We have a ministry to God (praise, thanks, good life)
 A holy nation - emphasize the word "holy" - we must forsake sin, keep pure/holy.

 WE belong to God!!

 b) Our response
 We have received mercy, forgiveness of sin, acceptance by God as His people
 We must declare His praises
 We have been taken from darkness to light, therefore praise & worship God
 We need to tell others about God and what He has done for us
 4. Application How do you feel about being one of God's people? What does it mean to you?
 What do you want to do today in gratitude to God for being one of His people?
 (Suggest - praise/thanks, tell someone/evangelism, give up some sin etc.)
 5. Memory Verse 1 PET 2:9
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Discuss what should we be doing now we are God's people?
 Make plans to do these things.
 3. Memory Verse 1 PET 2:9 review 2 COR 5:17
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week. Ask who has been able to give up some "old things" and what new things have been put in their place.

First Quarter 7. WHAT DOES A CHURCH DO?

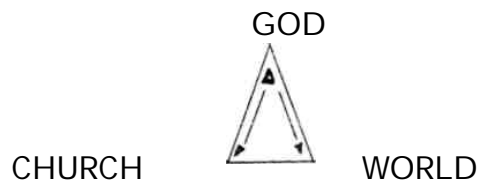
Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What does your tribe think a "good person" must do in the areas of family, village and religion?

2. Bible Passage ACTS 2:42-47

3. Teaching a) God is always at the centre of activities
Therefore, everything a church does must relate to God.

b) "Triangle ministries"
The first believers "devoted themselves"



(i) God
praised God daily :47
prayed to God :42
met daily for worship :42,46

(ii) Church
followed the apostles teaching :42
had fellowship together :42
had common meals :42,46
united and shared their things, helping
each other's needs :44-45

(iii) World
gained the respect of non-Christians by the their lifestyle :47
helped people in need :45
people believed as a result :47

4. Application What are we doing as a church? What else can we do?

5. Memory Verse ACTS 2:42

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application Discuss what else the Church could be doing in each area of the triangle and prepare together to do it.

3. Memory Verse ACTS 2:42 review 1 PET 2:9

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week. (ask what they have been doing in gratitude for being God's people)

First Quarter 8. GOD WARD MINISTRIES

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What have we learned so far about "worship"?
 2. Bible Passage HEBREWS 12:28
 3. Teaching
Worship HEB 12:28
We are members of a kingdom - Christ is King.
We worship this King Jesus
worship with reverence orderly, not noisy confusion 1 COR 14:33
according to God's pattern - all taking part EPH 5:19-20
worship with awe
remember who God is - a consuming fire HEB 12:2
This is acceptable worship HEB 12:28
heart loving God
praising God
thanking God
worshipping God

Worship God in many ways
Sacrifice of praise worshipping God from the heart HEB 13: 15
By doing good and sharing with others HEB 13:16
By giving an offering to God - money/produce 2 COR 12
By giving ourselves to Him ROM 12:1
 4. Application In what practical ways can we worship God?
Are there any of these ways we have not done yet? Do it today.
 5. Memory Verse HEBREWS 12:28
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Ask what are different ways we can worship God? How can they worship God in their homes? Have a time of worshipping God together now.
 3. Memory Verse HEBREWS 12:28 review ACTS 2:42
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week. (Ask what they have been doing in each area of the triangle during the past week.

First Quarter	9. GOD WARD MINISTRIES
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	What do we know about God? Who is He? What is He like? What has He done?
2. Bible Passage	REV 15:3-4
3. Teaching	<p>Worship</p> <p>a) Who God is</p> <p>0 Lord God the Almighty :3 " all powerful</p> <p>0 King of the ages :3 " eternal, ever ruling</p> <p>b) God's character</p> <p>Almighty :3 - nothing greater than God</p> <p>Holy :4 - no sin, or plans for evil</p> <p>Eternal :3 (King of ages) - He has always been</p> <p>c) What God does</p> <p>Great and wonderful deeds :3 " made everything</p> <p>Just and true ways - always good, right in what He does</p> <p>Reveals judgments - makes decisions concerning the world :4</p> <p>d) Response of worship</p> <p>Men fear Him :4</p> <p>Men glorify His name :4</p> <p>Men come to Him and worship</p>
4. Application	<p>What have we learned about God today?</p> <p>When we worship we should use some of this language and say</p> <p>"God you are almighty"</p> <p>"God you are eternal",</p> <p>"God you are the King of ages".</p> <p>We should also worship and say "God you are holy"</p> <p>We should also worship by saying, "God you, have done great and wonderful deeds like creating this world.</p>
5. Memory Verse	REV 15:3
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Have a time of worship together saying some of the things to God that they learnt about in the morning.
3. Memory Verse	REV 15:3 review HEB 12:28
4. Revision	<p>Briefly review lesson from last week.</p> <p>Ask who has been able to give up some "old things" and what new things have been put in their place.</p>

- First Quarter 10. CHURCH MINISTRIES
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction Why did the teacher come and live in your village?
Why does he teach you each week?
 2. Bible Passage EPHESIANS 4:11-13
 3. Teaching God sent the teacher to you :11

He sent the teacher to teach you how to be God's people/ God's church
:12

1. To build up the Body / Church 4:12-13
All members have a part/work to do
They must build one another up as Christians
- unity in Christ (don't split into groups or have enemies in the church)
- grow in the knowledge of Jesus – teach one another
- become mature believers

2. How do we do this?
By putting others first EPH 4:1-3
be humble
be gentle with others
be patient with others
bear with each other in love
keep the peace

By living good lives EPH 4:29-32
speech - helpful to others, not dirty/hurtful
good relationships with others
no anger, bitterness, brawling be kind,
compassionate, forgiving.
 4. Application Go through the list of "putting others first", How can we do this?
What do these words mean?
 5. Memory Verse EPHESIANS 4:2
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application What things should they be doing in life and speech to build up the Body?
Is there anyone they have hurt in speech or action and not put it right?
Encourage them to go and ask forgiveness. Pray for each other in this.
 3. Memory Verse EPHESIANS 4:2 review REV 15:3
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.
Ask how they have been worshipping God during the week.

- First Quarter 11. CHURCH MINISTRIES
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction Do we ever have relationship problems with other people?
What causes them?
What do we do when we have them
 2. Bible Passage 1 THESS 5:12-15
 3. Teaching Let us examine some relationships in the church, and what our attitudes should be towards people.
 - a) To church leaders
they are over you in the Lord :12-13
God put them in authority to labor among you to admonish you when you go wrong
Respect them
Esteem them highly in love
Obey their teaching
 - b) To one another : 13,15
Be at peace :13 don't fight, argue
Do good to one another :15 help each other
 - c) To people in some kind of need :14
Admonish the lazy - remind them of Christian duty to love God with their strength
Encourage the fainthearted
Help the weak - those who find it hard to help themselves

And do all this PATIENTLY!!
 4. Application Do we need to apologize to anyone because of something we have said/done to them? Go and do it.
 5. Memory Verse 1 THESS 5:14
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Are there any needy people we need to help? Who? What help can we give? Go and do it.
 3. Memory Verse 1 THESS 5:14 review EPH 4:2
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week
Ask who has been and put things right with another.

First Quarter	12. WORLD MINISTRIES
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	What kind of people does your tribe respect?
2. Bible Passage	PHIL 2:15-16
3. Teaching	<p>We must WITNESS PHIL 2:15-16 we live in a crooked and depraved world God's children should shine like stars</p> <p>a) Blameless and pure 1 PETER 2:12 by our good lives - the kind of people we are by our good deeds - the kind of things we so</p> <p>b) Daily life 1 THESS 14:11-12 lead a quiet life mind our own business work</p> <p>This will win the respect of people not Christian</p> <p>c) Testify to the Word of Life PHIL 2:16 Tell others about Jesus Do it gently with respect for them, not argumentatively 1 PET 3:15</p>
4. Application	<p>What kind of people are we? What wrong kind of thing are we doing? What right kind of thing are we not doing that we ought to be doing?</p> <p>How can we witness to other people?</p>
5. Memory Verse	1 PET 2:12
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Discuss the wrong things they are doing and the right ones they are not doing and discuss how they can rectify this.
3. Memory Verse	1 PET 2:12 review 1 THESS 5:14
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week. See if the help has been given to the needy person or not yet

First Quarter 13. WORLD MINISTRIES

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Have we ever been in need of some kind of help but nobody helped us?
How did we feel about it?

2. Bible Passage LUKE 10:30-37

3. Teaching Story of the Good Samaritan

a)The need

Man was robbed and beaten
he was far from home
he was beaten up and hurt
he was robbed of all his money

b)The Answer

Another man had compassion on him :34
bound up the wounds - used his- own bandages
put on oil ' used his own medicine
used horse to carry him to a hostel
took care of him at the hotel
Completed what he began
gave money :35 " used his own money
promised more - gave as much as was needed

c)Go and do the same :37

4. Application What needs are there where we are? How can we meet those needs using what we have?

5. Memory Verse LUKE 10:36-37

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application How did you feel when you were in need but nobody helped you?
Is there anyone among the Christians or in the village who you think would be feeling that way now?
What can we do to help that one? Go and do it.

3. Memory Verse LUKE 10:36-37 review 1 PETER 2:12

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.
Ask if any more wrongs have been put right

- Second Quarter 1. WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction What do you think a "Buddhist" is?
How did a person become a Buddhist?
What is a Christian?
 2. Bible Passage 2 COR 6:16-18
 3. Teaching
 - a) The People of God :16
God and God alone, is their God
They are God's people - they belong to Him
God lives with them, and acts among them
 - b) They are a Holy People :17
They are different from other people
They must separate themselves from what other people do
Holy - therefore must forsake sin
God welcomes them
 - c) They have a Relationship with God :18
God creates this relationship
He is their Father
His people are His sons and His daughters
 4. Application A Christian is not someone who does the right ceremonies, but someone with the right relationship.
What relationship do you have with God?
 5. Memory Verse 2 COR 6:18
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application What kind of relationship do we have with God, and what must we do as a result of it?
 3. Memory Verse 2 COR 6:18 and LUKE 11:27
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.
Ask if they have helped any needy person this past week.

Second Quarter	2. TRUE & FALSE BELIEVERS
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	Last week we learned that a Christian is a person who has a relationship with God. What do you think a "false believer" is?
2. Bible Passage	MATT 7:21-23
3. Teaching	<p>a) People claim to be believers :22 They know the right words to say, "Lord, Lord" They do the right things prophecy in Jesus' name cast out demons do mighty works</p> <p>b) But Jesus rejects them :23 "I never knew you" - they had no relationship "Depart from me" - cannot be with Jesus "you evildoers" they were not holy people, separate from sinners</p> <p>c) The test of True and False Believers :21 "Lord, Lord" - must be true relationship, not words One who obeys God and does what God wants them to do True believers have a place in Jesus' Kingdom</p>
4. Application	An animist must always do the right ceremonies, and know the right things to say. In what ways are animists different from Christians? What is a true Christian?
5. Memory Verse	MATT 7:21
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Are there those here who are not true Christians? How does one tell the difference
3. Memory Verse	MATT 7:21-23 review 2 COR 6:18
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 3. FALSE WORSHIP

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Most people have a religion of some kind or another.
Why do you think people have a religion?
2. Bible Passage ROMANS 1:18-23
3. Teaching
 - a) God can be known :19
He is plain to all men everywhere
Because He reveals Himself to people
Creation reveals - :20
God's invisible nature
God's eternal power
God's deity
 - b) People reject this knowledge of God :21
Know God but do not honor Him as God neither do they give thanks to Him
Their minds are darkened
become futile in their thinking
senseless minds are darkened
claim to be wise but in fact are fools
They worship other gods
they reject the glory of the immortal God
they make images of things God has created
they worship these images
 - c) God's Wrath :18
God in heaven is angry with such people
Angry because of ungodliness
wickedness of men
suppression of the truth
4. Application Some people say, "All religions are good". Why are all religions except Christianity not good in God's eyes?

5. Memory Verse ROMANS 1:18

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application What kind of relationship do we have with God, and what must we do as a result of it?
3. Memory Verse ROMANS 1:18 review MATT 7:21
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 4. SIN

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What do non-Christians in your tribe say that sin is?
2. Bible Passage ROMANS 3:10-18
3. Teaching
 - a) Sinful Hearts :10-12
Nobody is righteous - none is totally good
Nobody understands spiritual things
Nobody seeks after God
People have turned away from God - and consequently cannot find Him again
People have gone wrong - strayed from God's truth
Nobody does good preferring to do evil
 - b) Sinful Acts :13-18
Use of the voice :13-14
"throat open graves"; words "kill" people
venomous words
curses and bitterness
 - Actions :15-18
swift to kill and hurt - "shed blood"
bring ruin and misery to others
no peace results from their actions
no fear of God - so actions have no restraint
4. Application Sin is an attitude; this attitude results in evil words and actions.
Who has sinned? How do we know they have sinned?

5. Memory Verse ROMANS 3:12

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Ask is anyone still sinning with words or actions? Where do these come from?
If anyone still has sin in their heart, have a time of prayer for confession
3. Memory Verse ROMANS 3:12 review ROMANS 1:18
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 5. JUDGMENT

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Does your tribe have any story about the judgment of good and bad people after they die?
What is this story?
2. Bible Passage JOHN 3:16-21
3. Teaching
 - a) God wants to save people not judge them :16-17
God loves people :16
God wants them to have eternal life in Jesus :16
God wants all people to be saved :17
Believers will not be judged and condemned :18
 - b) Lack of belief brings judgment :18
Unbelievers are condemned
Because they refuse to believe in God
 - c) Reasons why people won't believe :19-20
Men love darkness rather than light
They do evil things
They do not want evil deeds to be exposed
So men refuse "light" - they refuse God
 - d) Good people prefer light :21
Good people do what is true and right
They come to the light because they are not ashamed
It is clearly seen that their actions are God-centered
4. Application Why does God judge people?
What is the result of this judgment?
How can people escape this judgment?

5. Memory Verse JOHN 3:18

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application How will you escape from judgment?
How can a Christian help a non-Christian escape?
Prepare to go out and witness to someone to help them escape God's judgment
3. Memory Verse JOHN 3:18 review ROMANS 3:12
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 6. CHRIST DIED FOR SINNERS

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction How can people get rid of sin?
What do non-Christians do to get rid of sin?
What do people do if they have offended someone else?
2. Bible Passage ROMANS 5:6-9
3. Teaching a) Christ died for sinners :6,8
While we were yet weak/sinners - bad people-Christ died for us :6
God loved us while we were still sinners :8
And so Christ died for us :8

b) Christ died in order to save us :9
Sinners are made right with God
It is Christ's blood/death that makes us right with God
Christ will save us from God's wrath
4. Application We are all sinners, God must punish sinners, but God loves us too.
How do we know God loves us?
What did He do to show this love to us?
How are people made right with God?
5. Memory Verse ROMANS 5:8

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application How are people made right with God?
Is there anyone here not yet made right with God?
If so, the leader needs explain how, and have prayer with that one
3. Memory Verse ROMANS 5:8 review JOHN 3:18
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.
Did anyone go out during the past week and try to witness to someone?
If so what happened? If not, why not?

Second Quarter 7. NEED FOR REPENTANCE

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What does the word "repent" mean in your language?
What does a person do if he repents?

2. Bible Passage ACTS 2:37-38

3. Teaching a) The people heard the message :37
The message of Jesus
The message of His life, death and resurrection
Heard of the need to repent from sin and turn to God

b) They were convicted of sin :37
"cut to the heart" - aware of their sin.
Aware of the need for salvation

c) They knew they must do something :37
"What must we do?" - action of some kind was necessary

(When people want to believe, often they want to DO SOMETHING. They ask, 'What must I do to become a Christian?' This is a good question, but it must be answered carefully.)

d) They must repent 38
They are aware of sin
Repent means to turn from sin
Must turn to God for salvation
Then people can be forgiven :38
And become one of God's children

4. Application What did you do when you became a Christian?
How does that relate to this teaching message of the need to repent and forsake sin and ask God for forgiveness? Have you ever done this? Would you like to do it now?

5. Memory Verse MARK 1:15

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application What must one do if one truly repents?
Is there anyone here now who wants to repent?
If so, pray with them

3. Memory Verse MARK 1:15 review ROMANS 5:8

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 8. GOD SAVES PEOPLE

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Does your tribe believe in a place called heaven or some similar name?
How do people get there?
2. Bible Passage TITUS 3:5
3. Teaching
 - a) Doing good deeds won't get us to heaven
No matter what you do - righteous/good deeds
Deeds cannot get us to heaven
- attending services, praying, singing, tithing
- none of these will get us into heaven
Heaven is where God is
It is a holy place where there is no sin
Men are sinners, therefore cannot go to heaven
 - b) God saves people
God loves people and is merciful towards them
Mercy implies that the offended person pardons the one who offends/sins
God saves us because He is merciful towards us
Only God can forgive sin
Christ died to take away our sin
Instead of punishing us, God punished Christ
Because of this, God's mercy saves us
4. Application How does God save people?
What do you think God wants people to do?
5. Memory Verse TITUS 3:5

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Do any of you want to be saved right now? Pray with that person
3. Memory Verse TITUS 3:5 review MARK 1:15
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 9. TURN FROM - TURN TO

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Ask someone in the church to come to the front and walk towards you. Then tell him to turn round and walk the other way. Discuss what he has just done.
2. Bible Passage ACTS 26:18
3. Teaching "Open their eyes - help them to understand
 - a) Turn From
Turn from darkness
no understanding of God
no way to heaven
evil, sinful, bad
the things we do as non-Christians
Turn from the power of Satan
bondage to spirits
bondage to evil, sin, sinful practices
 - b) Turn To
Turn to light - understanding of God to what is good, righteous, holy, true
Turn to God - and receive forgiveness of sin become God's people
4. Application Many people call themselves Christians because they have turned FROM Satan, animism, and things they once did; but they have not yet turned TO God. Why is it not enough just to have turned FROM certain things? When did you turn TO God? Have you done so yet?

5. Memory Verse ACTS 26:18

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Discuss when each of you left animism and see if each has a clear understanding of when they came to the Lord. If any have not yet truly come to the Lord, ask if they want to take this next step and pray with them.
3. Memory Verse ACTS 26:18 review TITUS 3:5
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 10. BECOMING GOD'S CHILDREN

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Whom do children belong to?
Why do they belong to these people?
2. Bible Passage JOHN 1:12-13
3. Teaching
 - a) God has Children :13
They are born of God
God is their Father
They are not born spiritually by having a man as their father
We cannot become God's children by ordinary means
 - b) Becoming a Child of God :12
God's children receive Jesus
("Receive" - act out the need to receive something. offer something to someone.
They must reach out and take it. Wanting it is not enough; they have to take it before
it becomes theirs. So it is spiritually receiving means to take Jesus as our Savior.)

God's children believe Jesus
They believe that Jesus died for their sin
They believe He will save them if they repent

They receive the right to be God's Child.
4. Application How then can someone become a child of God?
Do you want to become one?
Confess sin, repent of sin, and ask forgiveness of God.
Believe that Jesus died to save you, and as you, and ask Him to be your Savior and Lord.

5. Memory Verse JOHN 1:12

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application How does one become a child of God?
Do you want to become one now?
Pray with any who do.
3. Memory Verse JOHN 1:12 review ACTS 26:18
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 11 FREEDOM

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Tie someone's hands and feet together. Now, what can and what can't that person do? List as many things as people can think of. Now untie him. Now what can he do? Why can he now do these things?
2. Bible Passage ROMANS 8:1-2
3. Teaching
 - a) No condemnation :1
There is no sin tying/binding this person
No penalty, no punishment
God no longer wrathful towards him
He is now in Christ Jesus
Jesus is his Savior
Jesus is in his heart
When God sees him, He sees Jesus
 - B) Two Laws :2
The law of sin and death
this law binds us
there is no freedom
The law of Spirit and life in Jesus
this law frees us from sin
gives freedom from death
4. Application Put a heavy basket on someone's back.
Talk about how heavy the load is this is like the load of sin we carry.
Take the basket off and put it on your own back.
Jesus takes our sin load off us. He carries it for us, and we are freed from the weight/load of it.
We no longer feel its burden; we are no longer hindered in our walk with God.
5. Memory Verse ROMANS 8:2

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Put the heavy basket on someone again and ask what various sins are in the basket.
Ask if the load of sin is still on us or whether Jesus has taken it away.
If any say, they still have the load, explain the gospel again simply and ask if they want to give their sin load to the Lord.
3. Memory Verse ROMANS 8:2 review JOHN 1:12
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 12. GOD'S WORK

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Read the Bible Reading two or three times.
Ask the people "Who is doing all of this?" Is it something we do? Who does it?
2. Bible Passage ROMANS 8:30
3. Teaching
 - a) God predestinated us
God knows who will believe - He has always known
Because God knows already, He chooses us to be His children
 - b) God calls us
God calls us to leave our sin, our old way of worship
He calls us to be His children, to live with Him
 - c) God justifies us
God puts us right with Himself
He forgives us our sin
He cleanses us from our sin
He makes us holy people
 - d) God glorifies us
He shares His glory with us
He makes us to become like He is
4. Application If God is the One who does all of this, what do you think we must do as a result?
5. Memory Verse ROMANS 8:30

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Discuss what God has done for us and what we ought to do as a result
Have a time of worship thanking God for all He has done for us
3. Memory Verse ROMANS 8:30 review ROMANS 8:2
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Second Quarter 13. SECURITY

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Ask a small child to come and hold your hand. After holding hands for a moment break away from the child. Now grip the hand of that child firmly, and ask the child to try and break away from you. (HOLD TIGHTLY) He can't! It is not our hold on God, but God's hold on us that gives us security as Christians.

2. Bible Passage ROMANS 8:38-39

3. Teaching Nothing can separate us from God :39

God loves us show especially through Jesus
Nothing can separate from God's love
God always loves us
Nothing can stop God from loving us
God holds us with His hand/love

a) Death

Death cannot separate us from God
Even when we die we are still with God

b) Life

All the time we are alive God still loves us
Nothing in life - illness, calamity etc. - can stop God from loving us.

c) Spirits

Evil spirits cannot separate us from God - even though they try to God holds our hand
Powers of evil of any kind cannot separate us either - they try, but God is more powerful

4. Application Is sickness a sign that God has left us and no longer loves us?
When spirits attack us, can they break God's hold on us?

5. Memory Verse ROMANS 8:38

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application Has anyone ever been troubled and felt that God had left them? Tell about it.
Leader asks if God had really left him - if he answers yes, the leader needs to explain security again.
Have prayers of praise that God NEVER leaves us.
His hold on us is greater than anything the evil spirits, sickness etc. can do.

3. Memory Verse ROMANS 8:38 review ROMANS 8:30

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

- Third Quarter 1. GOD
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction Who is God?
What is He like?
What has He done?
 2. Bible Passage 1 TIMOTHY 6:15-16
 3. Teaching
 - a) Three yet One
MATT 28:18-20 Jesus' command to His disciples
Baptize people in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
Not three Gods, just one God who is three persons.
 - b) God is Lord over all 1 TIM 6:15
He is King of kings; Lord of lords
All authorities in the world are under God
God created everything; He rules over everything
 - c) The Nature of God 1 TIM 6:16
Immortal - eternal, everlasting, has neither beginning nor end
He always has been, and always will be.
He dwells in unapproachable light
God lives in light, there is no darkness with God
Everything is pure and holy
Sinful man cannot come into His presence
No man has ever seen Him
He is greater than our understanding of Him
He is to be honored
Only He is God; only He must be honored as God
He has eternal dominion
He has power; He reigns; He has authority over everything
 4. Application Since God is like this, what must we do?
 5. Memory Verse 1 TIMOTHY 6:16
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Have a time of praise and worship for the power and holiness of God.
Let several/many take part.
 3. Memory Verse 1 TIMOTHY 6:16 review ROMANS 8:28
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 2. THE BIBLE

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Do you have any stories about a holy book?
If so, where is it now? What was written in it?
2. Bible Passage 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17
3. Teaching
 - a) The Bible is God's holy book
God told men what to write in the bible 2 TIM 3:16 (see also 2 PET 1:20-21)
God cannot lie, therefore the words in the bible are true.
The words are not the words of the men who wrote them, but God's words.
 - b) Why we should read the Bible 2 TIM 3:16
It is useful for teaching
It tells us God's words of knowledge
We must be obedient and do what it says
It tells us about God and about God's plan for us
It is useful for reproof
It warns us about things we must not do
It is useful for correction
It puts us right if we do something wrong
It is useful in training
It trains us how to be righteous
It builds us up as Christians
 - c) Results of reading the Bible
We become men of God 2 TIM 3:17
We are prepared for whatever God wants us to be and to do
We are equipped for work - "helping us in every good work"
4. Application Why should we read the Bible?
If we read the Bible, why must we obey what it says?
5. Memory Verse 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Learn the names of the first 10 books of the New Testament
3. Memory Verse 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 and 1 TIMOTHY 6:16
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 3. ANGELS & SPIRITS

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What kind of evil spirits are there? Where did they come from?
What do they do? Are there any good spirits?
2. Bible Passage JUDE 6, 9, 14-15
3. Teaching
 - a) Evil Spirits
Evil spirits were once angels - good spirits :6
They did not keep their proper position :6
They became proud, and disobeyed God
They left their proper dwelling place :6
They left heaven and came to earth
Their chief is Satan/Devil :9
He is the Deceiver, the Evil One
Evil spirits are still under God's authority and power :9
They are "kept" by God
Therefore God is more powerful
Their power is limited :9
They are kept in eternal chains
Not able to do all that they want to do
One day God will judge them :9
God will punish them
 - I) Angels
They kept their proper position :6
They live with God, obey God, praise God
They remain in their proper dwelling place :6
They are where God is
Their chief is Michael :9
They contend with the Devil and evil spirits :9
They serve God :14
4. Application Can evil spirits do what they like?
Why should we not live in fear of evil spirits or worship/ placate them?
Angels are good, should we worship them?
Whom alone should we worship?

5. Memory Verse JAMES 4:7

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Ask the people "If evil spirits come bother you what should you do?"
3. Memory Verse JAMES 4:7 and 2 TIMOTHY 3:16
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 4. CREATION

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction How did the world come into being according to your legends?

2. Bible Passage GENESIS CH.1 (or O.T. Storybook - Story of Creation)

3. Teaching a) God made everything GEN. 1:1
God existed before the world was made
The world had no shape GEN 1:2
It had no light GEN 1:2 - everything was dark
God made everything by His word
God said, "let there be" and there was whatever God had said.
Everything God made was good GEN 1:31

b) Six Days of Creation

Day 1 - God made light and darkness

Day 2 - God separated the waters and made heaven

Day 3 - God made earth and vegetation

Day 4 - God made the sun, moon and stars

Day 5 - God made the birds and the fish

Day 6 - God made animals, and then man and woman

On Day 7 God rested and blessed that day as a special day

4. Application Who made this world and who, therefore, does it belong to?

5. Memory Verse GENESIS 1:1

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application Discuss God's creation of the world.
All fields, hills etc. belong to God the Creator
How then should we care for our fields, the forests, and streams, to be pleasing to God?
Is "slash-and-burn" good?

3. Memory Verse GENESIS 1:1 and JAMES 4:7

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 5. SIN

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Discuss again what non-Christians believe sin is.
Who has sinned? Is it really bad to sin?
2. Bible Passage GENESIS 3 (or O.T. Storybook Sin)
3. Teaching
 - a) Garden of Eden
God made man and woman and they were totally good GEN 1:31
God put them in the Garden of Eden 2:15
God forbade them from eating the fruit of the
Tree of the knowledge of good and evil
He said that if they eat it, then they will die 2:17
 - b) Satan deceived Adam and Eve
Satan lied to Eve and told her she wouldn't die if she ate the forbidden fruit 3:4
Satan told her that if she ate the fruit she would become like God and know good and
evil 3:5
So Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit 3:6
They disobeyed God
They obeyed Satan
They knew good and evil
 - c) God punished them
Satan was cursed 3:14
Women would forever have pain in childbirth 3:16
The ground was cursed and it would produce thorns 3:17-18
Man would earn his living by very hard work 3:19
Physical death would come to all men and women 3:19
God drove Adam and Eve out from the Garden of Eden 3:23
They no longer lived with God
They no longer had fellowship with God
They couldn't find their way back to God
They soon began to worship other gods
4. Application How has the sin of Adam and Eve affected everyone including us?
Why is God so hard on sin?
5. Memory Verse ROMANS 3:3

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Discuss "Are our children sinners?"
Must they be born-again?
Can parents believe for them?
3. Memory Verse ROMANS 3:3 and GENESIS 1:1
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 6. GOD'S PLAN

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Discuss making a house.
Someone decides to build a new house. He has a plan in his mind.
The structure develops - frame, roof, walls etc. House gets finished.
Why is it important to have a plan of a house in mind first?
2. Bible Passage EPH 1:3-10
3. Teaching God has a plan EPH 1:10
 - a) He made His plan before Creation
Before God started creating He first had a plan in mind for us :4
God chose us in Christ Jesus :4
He planned for us to become His children :5
He planned that Christ would enable us to become His children :5
He planned that we would be holy and blameless :4
All this was done before God created the world.
 - b) Developing this Plan
God developed this plan by sending Jesus to die :7
Jesus blood/death would redeem us :7
We have the forgiveness of sins :7 (the sin that separated us from God is removed)
We now know God's grace :7-8
 - c) The End of the Plan
To unite everything in heaven and on earth :10
God has planned to unite them in Christ :10
4. Application Do non-Christians know what will happen at the end of time?
Do they know what the end of the world will be like? We Christians know
But what does this knowledge mean to you?

5. Memory Verse EPH 1:14

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application We know what will happen at the end of time.
We should witness to others so that they will be and able to go to heaven.
Plan to witness to one.
3. Memory Verse EPH 1:14 and ROMANS 3:3
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 7. BIRTH OF JESUS

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Discuss the necessity of two people - father and mother - for natural birth.
2. Bible Passage MATTHEW 1:18-23
3. Teaching
 - a) Announcing the birth of Jesus MT 1:18-21
Mary was to be Jesus' mother :18
But Joseph was not to be Jesus' father :18
The Holy Spirit replaces the father :18,20
 - b) The child was to be called Jesus 1:21-23
Angels said that Mary would have a son :21
This baby was to be called Jesus :21
The name Jesus signified one who would save people from their sin :21
Another name given to Jesus is Emmanuel :23
This name means God with us :23
 - c) The miraculous birth
Jesus had a human mother - Mary
He had a divine Father - Holy Spirit (Jesus did not have a human father)
Jesus was born as a human baby, and called Jesus
But He was also God living with people , and so called Emmanuel
Because He was both God and man, Jesus is able to save people from their sin
4. Application Why can't one human person save another person from his or her sin?
Who alone can save people from their sin?
5. Memory Verse MATTHEW 1:21

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Ask who went out and witnessed during the past week. Discuss what happened.
Encourage people to witness again this week.
3. Memory Verse MATTHEW 1:21 and EPHESIANS 1:14
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 8. DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Discuss death and the impossibility of people ever coming back to life
2. Bible Passage LUKE 23:32-38, 44-47, 50-53; 24:1-9
3. Teaching
 - a) Crucifixion LUKE 23:32-38
Jesus was crucified between two criminals :33
Jesus asked God to forgive the people who were killing Him :34
People mocked Jesus saying He couldn't save Himself even though He claimed to be Christ :35
Soldiers mocked Him telling Him to save Himself if He really was the King of the Jews :37
 - b) Death LUKE 23:44-47
From noon to 3pm. sun's light failed - dark :44
Curtain in the temple ripped in two :45
Jesus committed His life to God and died :46
Centurion realized Jesus was innocent :47
 - c) Burial LUKE 23:50-53
Jewish leader Joseph didn't approve of killing Jesus :50-51
He claimed Jesus' body :52
He laid it in a new tomb :53
 - d) Resurrection LUKE 24:1-9
Third day - Sunday morning women went to the tomb : 1
Stone door was rolled away and tomb open :2
Jesus' body was not inside the tomb :3
Two angels announced the resurrection :4-7
Jesus had come back to life!
4. Application Jesus died to save us from our sin. He died to overcome death. Suppose Jesus had never died, or had never come back from the dead, what difference would it make to us?
5. Memory Verse LUKE 24:7

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Ask whom they are concerned about – relatives and friends - who are not yet saved. Everyone pray for these people. Encourage people to tell these friends about the death and resurrection of Jesus and the need to believe in Him.
3. Memory Verse LUKE 24:7 and MATTHEW 1:21
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 9. THE CHURCH

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction The church is God's people. What kind of people then, ought we to be?

2. Bible Passage EPHESIANS 2:1-10 19, 22

3. Teaching

a) Live people :1-5

Once we were dead in sin :1

We lived sinful lives :2

We lived just like anyone else - non-believers :2

We were all under Satan's control :2

Satan controls all people who live in disobedience to God :2

We lived according to the passions of the flesh :3

We were under God's condemnation :3

But God brought us to life :1

God loves us :4

God was merciful towards us :4

While we were dead in sin, He saved us :5

He made us alive together with Jesus :5

b) Exalted people :6-7

Raised up with Christ :6

Made to sit with God in heavenly places in Jesus :6

To show in the future the riches of God's grace towards us in Christ :7

c) Saved people :8-10

God's grace saved us :8

We need to believe/ have faith :8

Salvation is not earned by merit, but is a gift from God :9

God made us into His church :10

Jesus made us Christians so that we could do good deeds :10

God has prepared things for us to do :10

d) God's people : 19-22

We are members of God's family :19

Not strangers or temporary residents, but fellow citizens with all the saints :19

We are the temple of God - God's dwelling place :21-22

4. Application How can we show in our lives and by our lives that we really are God's people?

5. Memory Verse EPHESIANS 2:8

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message

2. Application Read EPHESIANS 2:22. Discuss how we can encourage one another to be like that

3. Memory Verse EPHESIANS 2:8 and LUKE 24:7

4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 10. JESUS' SECOND COMING

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Discuss the idea of the old tribal "gods" - usually people who once lived on earth and then became gods. Will they ever come back to earth and rule over men?
2. Bible Passage MATTHEW 24:3-8, 29-31
3. Teaching
 - a) Promise of Jesus to return again JOHN 14:1-3
Jesus went to Heaven to prepare a place for us :2
He promised to return to earth again :2
He will come and take us to be with Himself :3
 - b) The time of His coming MT 24:3-8
Only God the Father knows the time MT 24:36
But there will be signs telling us His coming is close
many people will claim to be Christ :5
they will lead people astray :5
there will be many wars :6-7
many famines :7
many earthquakes :7
 - c) Signs in the Heavens :29-30
Sun and moon will be darkened :29
Stars will fall from heaven :29
Powers in heaven will be shaken :29
Appearance of a sign (the sign of the Son of Man) in heaven :30
This sign will cause people to be greatly afraid and to mourn :30
 - d) His coming :29-31
Jesus will return on the clouds of heaven :30
Angels will be blowing loud trumpet calls :31
Jesus will gather His people from all over the earth :31
He will gather those believers who are already in heaven :31
4. Application What does this teaching on Jesus' second coming mean to us?
In what way does it help us today?
5. Memory Verse MATTHEW 24:30

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Read 2 PET 3:10-14. Discuss how we can apply those verses to our lives to be ready for Christ's return.
3. Memory Verse MATTHEW 24:30 and EPHESIANS 2:8
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 11. JUDGMENT

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction A father has two sons; one loves the father and seeks to please him, the other hates the father and always disobeys. Which son will the father reward and which will he punish? Why?
2. Bible Passage MATTHEW 25:31-46
3. Teaching
 - a) Time of Judgment :31
When Jesus returns in glory with His angels :31
He will sit on His throne :31
All nations/people will be gathered before Him :32
This is the time of Judgment
 - b) Sheep and Goats : 32-33
There are two kinds of people - "sheep & goats" :32
The two can't live together forever :32
Sheep will be put on the right hand side - the place of acceptance :33
Goats will be put on the left-hand side - the place of rejection :33
 - c) Basis of Judgment :35-45
Sheep loved Jesus and did what He wanted them to do :35-45
Goats did not love Jesus, and did not do what He wanted them to do :42-45
 - d) Rewards & Punishments :34, 41, 46
Sheep/righteous people will get eternal life :46
They are blessed by the Father :34
They inherit the kingdom :34
Goats/cursed people will be sent to eternal punishment :46
They must depart from the Father :41
They are put into eternal fire together with the Devil and his evil spirits :41
4. Application At the Day of Judgment, what will happen to you?
5. Memory Verse MATTHEW 25:32

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application At the Day of Judgment what will happen to unsaved friends and relations? Whose responsibility is it to warn them?
3. Memory Verse MATTHEW 25:32 and MATTHEW 21:30
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 12. HEAVEN

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What does your tribe believe about heaven? What is it like? Where is it? Who goes there?
2. Bible Passage REV 21:1-4; 22:1-5
3. Teaching
 - a) Heaven is the dwelling place of God 21:1-4
New city of Jerusalem coming down from heaven :2
Place where God will dwell with His people :3
 - b) Things that are in heaven 22:1-5
Throne of God and Jesus :1
River of water of life flowing from the throne :1
Tree of Life that heals people :2
No sun or lamp because God is its light :5
God's people will be there - with God's name on their foreheads :4
 - c) Things not in heaven
No tears, mourning or crying 21:4
No death or pain 21:4
Nothing sinful/accursed 22:3
 - d) What do we do in heaven 22:1-5
We will worship God :3
We shall continually see Jesus' Face and fellowship with Him :3
We shall reign with Jesus for ever :5
4. Application How does the true heaven contrast with the tribal idea of heaven?
Which would you rather go to? Why?
5. Memory Verse REV 21:4

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Can non-Christians go the true heaven? Encourage people to go out and witness
3. Memory Verse REV 21:4 and MATTHEW 25:32
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Third Quarter 13. HELL

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What does your tribe say that hell is? Where is it? Who goes there and why do they go?
2. Bible Passage REV 20:10-15
3. Teaching
 - a) What hell is like
it is a place of fire - like a lake REV 20:14-15
it burns for eternity MT 25:41
it is a place of punishment MT 25:46
it is a place of torment day and night REV 20:10
 - b) Who goes there
God is not there - "depart from Me" MT 25:41
Believers are not there MT 25:46
Satan and all the evil spirits are there REV 20:10
All who do not believe in Jesus will be there - their names are not in the Book of Life 20:15; 21:8
 - c) People cannot escape from hell
Great chasm between heaven and hell LUKE 16:26
People cannot pass from one to the other LUKE 16:26
Living people cannot help or comfort people in hell - cannot relieve their torment LUKE 16:24
4. Application The Bible concept of hell is very different from the tribal one. Discuss some of these differences.
If all unbelievers are going to hell, what ought we to be doing right now?
5. Memory Verse REV 20:10

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Plan a witnessing time in your village or in a nearby village and see that it is carried out
3. Memory Verse REV 20:10 and REV 21:4
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

- Fourth Quarter 1. CHRISTIAN FAMILY
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction Discuss tribal husband/wife relationships.
What are some of the problems?
What are some good areas of relationships?
 2. Bible Passage EPH 5:21-25, 29, 32
 3. Teaching
 - a) Mutual Submission :21
Husband submits to the wife
Wife submits to the husband
Because both love/revere Christ
 - b) Wives :22-24
Submit to her husband :22
In the same way as she submits to Christ
Husband is the head of the wife :23
Jesus, is the Head of the church :24
Church is subject to Jesus, so in all things the wife is subject to her husband
Wife must respect her husband :32
 - c) Husbands :25
Must love his wife :25
Just as Christ loves the church
He must nourish his wife :29 - feed her, help meet her needs
Me must cherish his wife :29 - take care of her, protect her
Just as Jesus nourishes and cherishes His church
 4. Application This is very different from tribal culture
If we seek to obey the Bible teaching about husband/wife relationships, what areas will be hard?
How can we make a start improving these relationships?
 5. Memory Verse EPH 5:21
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application How can we love our wives and submit to our husbands? Suggest some very practical ways of doing this.
 3. Memory Verse EPH 5:21 and REV 20:10
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

- Fourth Quarter 2. PARENTS & CHILDREN
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction How do you train children? Why do you train children?
 2. Bible Passage EPH 6:1-4
 3. Teaching
 - a) Bringing up children :4
 - Discipline in the Lord
 - Discipline, correct, guide, control
 - Do not provoke them
 - Do not make them angry
 - Instruction in the Lord
 - Teach them the right way
 - The difference between right and wrong
 - Standard of living
 - Teach the Bible
 - Read the Bible as a family
 - Tell Bible stories
 - Teach obedience to the bible
 - Memorize verses from the bible
 - b) The Result
 - Obedience in the Lord :1
 - Obedience to God
 - Obedience to parents
 - Honor to parents :2
 - Children will honor parents
 - Other people will honor parents
 4. Application If tribal discipline ideas conflict with Bible teaching how can this be sorted out?
 5. Memory Verse EPH 6:1
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Start each family doing Family Devotions at the beginning and end of each day. COL 3:16-17
 - Pray together
 - Parents and children all pray
 - Pray for each other
 - Pray for needs of family
 - Read bible passage
 - Choose and read a small passage
 - Father explain the meaning
 - Sing together
 3. Memory Verse EPH 6:1 and EPH 5:21
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter 3. CHRISTIAN CEREMONIES - INDIVIDUAL RELATED

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What ceremonies do the tribal people have that relate to such things as birth, marriage, adulthood, death etc.?
2. Bible Passage LUKE 2:21-24
3. Teaching
 - a) Birth
Present the child to God LUKE 2:22
Both parents took baby to the temple
They presented him to God
Received blessing from God MK 10:13-16
Jesus blessed the little children
 - B) Marriage
God ordained marriage MK 10:6-9
Christians must marry Christians 2 COR 6:14-15
Live together in a holy and honorable way 1 TH 4:4
 - c) Death
Jesus died and came to life again ACTS 2:23-24
Believers will die and go to be with Jesus 1 TH 4:14-18
4. Application Christians have ceremonies too.
What are some of the differences between Christian ceremonies and the old tribal ones related to the spirits?
5. Memory Verse 2 COR 6:14

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Discuss together the forms of birth, marriage, death ceremonies used in your church.
Can they be made more "Christian"?
3. Memory Verse 2 COR 6:14 and EPH 6:1
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week. How many families have started Family Devotions?

Fourth Quarter 4. CHRISTIAN CEREMONIES - COMMUNITY RELATED
Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What village ceremonies does your tribe have? What are the purposes of these ceremonies?
 2. Bible Passage LUKE 24:1-9
 3. Teaching
 - a) Christmas LUKE 2:8-20
Birth of Jesus
Angels tell the shepherds
Good news of great joy
Shepherds go to see Jesus
Glorify and praise God
Christmas is the remembrance of Jesus' birth
Time of praise, thanks, and giving glory to God
 - b) Easter LUKE 24:1-9
Resurrection of Jesus
Jesus died on the cross
He was buried in a tomb
On the third day he rose again
Easter is the remembrance of Jesus' resurrection 1 PET 1:21
We have confidence in God
We have faith in God
We have hope in God - because of the resurrection
 - c) New House dedication EPH 3: 15:15
Acknowledge God as Head of the house
He is Father - leader, protector, provider
Consecrate the house to God
 - d) Harvest EX 34:22
Harvest Feast
Thankfulness to God for His provision
Acknowledgment of dependence on God
Eat and Remember
Praise and thank God for His faithfulness
 4. Application How many of these Christian ceremonies does your church have?
Talk about them and see how they can be introduced.
 5. Memory Verse 1 PET 1:21
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Plan for the next festival/ceremony
 3. Memory Verse 1 PET 1:21 and 2 COR 6:14
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter 5. CHRISTIAN CEREMONIES CHURCH RELATED

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Why do you think Christian ceremonies are important? (Some answers to help discussion - ceremonies identify the group; they draw us close to God etc.)
2. Bible Passage ACTS 3:36-38
3. Teaching
 - a) Baptism
This is a command of Jesus MT 28:19
Therefore it should be obeyed
It is immersion in water ACTS 8:36-38
It is linked with entrance into the local church as a member ACTS 2:41
 - b) Communion 22:14
This was instituted by Jesus LUKE 22:14
Eat a small portion of rice/bread and drink small portion of tea/water
We do this in remembrance of Jesus 1 COR 11:24-26
To remember His suffering and death
To remember His resurrection, ascension and future return
It is a fellowship meal
Fellowship with God
Fellowship with one another
4. Application Discuss again the Introduction question and seek to get a fuller answer.
5. Memory Verse MATT 28:19

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Discuss "If we don't get baptized, or partake of communion with a true heart, what will be the result?"
3. Memory Verse MATT 28:19 and 1 PET 1:21
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

- Fourth Quarter 6. MEMBERSHIP
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction Discuss the concept of "membership" - membership of the tribe, membership of the village, i.e. membership as being part of something, having rights and responsibilities.
 2. Bible Passage 1 COR 12:12, 25-27
 3. Teaching
 - a) Church has membership ACTS 2:41-42
Members are people who believe
Then they are baptised
The members learn together, fellowship together, and pray together
 - b) The church is Christ's body 1 COR 12:12, 27
Christians are individual members :27
The church group is an expression of the body: :12
There is only one body, but many members :12
 - c) Life in the body
Members should have no discord :25
Members should care for one another :25
Suffer together, rejoice together :26
 - d) Christ is the Head EPH 5:23-24
Members are under Christ's control
 4. Application What are some of the benefits of being a member of the local church?
 5. Memory Verse 1 COR 12:27
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application What are some of the responsibilities of membership?
Are there any responsibilities that we are not doing? Plan to do them.
 3. Memory Verse 1 COR 12:27 and MT 28:19
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter 7. BAPTISM

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction Discuss again what people remember/were taught about baptism
2. Bible Passage ACTS 2:38
3. Teaching
 - a) Baptism is linked with forgiveness of sins
We need to repent of sin and be baptised :38
Then we receive forgiveness of sin

QUESTION - Water can wash a body clean. Can water wash a heart clean? See 1 JOHN 1:7
 - b) Baptism is linked with receiving the Holy Spirit :38
Believe, be baptised, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

QUESTION - Can water give us the Holy Spirit? see ACTS 1:17
 - c) Baptism leads to membership of the Body of Christ
- the church 1 COR 12:13
We are baptised into one body
We receive one Holy Spirit
 - d) Baptism is a sign of obedience MT 28:19
Jesus commanded His disciples to be baptised
We should obey every command
 - e) Baptism is a sign of Sonship GAL 3:26-27
It is a sign that we are God's children
 - f) Baptism is a sign of new birth ROM 6:3-4
Baptised/Buried - died with Christ died to sinful life and old ways
Out of water/Raised - live with Christ live His life, new life, new standards
4. Application God works in a person's heart, and baptism is the public testimony that God's work is taking place. Why be baptised?
5. Memory Verse ACTS 2:38

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Ask - "Is anyone ready for baptism?"
If people are interested then plan a series of teaching times to prepare them for baptism.
3. Memory Verse ACTS 2:38 and 1 COR 12:27
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter	8. COMMUNION
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	Tribal people have blood sacrifices - animals, chickens are killed. Why must the animal be killed? Read HEB 10:8-10 Old Testament animal sacrifices are not wanted by God :9 Jesus was sacrificed in their place :9 We are cleansed from sin :10
2. Bible Passage	1 COR 11:23-28
3. Teaching	a) Body broken for you :24 Bread/rice - broken body of Jesus Broken body - sacrifice for sin We eat the bread/rice to remember what Jesus did in order to take away our sin b) Blood poured out for you :25 Tea/water - (cup) is the blood of Jesus Blood makes possible a new covenant/promise We drink the tea/water to remember the new covenant (promise/relationship) Jesus made with us c) We eat and drink to remember Jesus' death :26 We do it until He comes again We need to examine our hearts before we eat :28 Confess sin and get right with God Get right with other Christians
4. Application	Who can eat communion?
5. Memory Verse	1 COR 11:28
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	What should our heart be like during the communion service? Discuss the method of the service used by other churches.
3. Memory Verse	1 COR 11:28 and ACTS 2:38
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter	9. TITHE/OFFERING
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	How do tribal people make money? Think how dependent we are on God in order to get money He made the land, sends the rain, sunshine, gives health.
2. Bible Passage	2 COR 9:6-8
3. Teaching	<p>a) The church needs money The church should do good deeds It should help those in need It should support evangelists who go to other vi11 ages to preach It can support its own pastor/teacher The church needs money for things too Building and repairs Kerosene for lamps etc.</p> <p>b) Who should give and how should they give All Christians should give money/produce 2 COR 8:1-2 They should give each week -regularly 1 COR 16:2 We must give freely - not under compulsion 2 COR 9:7 Give joyfully not reluctantly :7 Each person decides how much to give on the basis of how much he has received :7 We are to give generously :6</p> <p>c) Why should we give Other people have needs that we can meet :12 We glorify God in our giving :13 It is an expression of our unity and feel with others : 14 It gets the work of the church done :12</p>
4. Application	How can we give to God? Suppose we don't have any money, what can we give instead? How should church money be used?
5. Memory Verse	2 COR 9:6
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Begin tithing this week. Choose people to look after the offering
3. Memory Verse	2 COR 9:6 and 1 COR 11:28
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter 10. LEADERSHIP

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction What kind of "leader" does your tribe like? What qualities should he have?
2. Bible Passage MARK 10:42-45
3. Teaching
 - a) Worldly Leadership :42
These seek power and want to "lord" it over others - they want people to admire them
They exercise authority over others and want to "boss" them about

DISCUSS this kind of leadership
 - b) Church Leadership :43-44
Greatness comes by being a servant - doing things for other people
The leader must be a slave of all - looking after the interests of others rather than his own

DISCUSS this new concept of leadership
 - c) Christ's example of leadership :45
Jesus came to serve others - not be served himself
To give His life, rather than to get something
 - d) Servant qualities
He must be like his Lord Jesus MT 10:25
He must be faithful in his duties 1 COR 4:2
He must be humble LUKE 17:10

4. Application Contrast the tribal concept of a leader and the -bible concept of a leader.

5. Memory Verse MARK 10:44

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Does your church have any members who have these biblical qualities for leadership?
3. Memory Verse MARK 10:44 and 2 COR 9:6
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter	11. TEACHERS
Morning Meeting	
1. Introduction	What is a "teacher"? What do teachers do?
2. Bible Passage	1 TIM 4:11-16
3. Teaching	<p>a) Spiritual gift of "teacher" 1 COR 12:28; 1 TIM 4:4 Gift given by the Holy Spirit To teach the bible in such a way that people are built up spiritually</p> <p>b) Example :12 He is to be an example in his daily life He must be an example spiritually Then nobody will despise the teacher</p> <p>c) Ministry : 1 3 READ - he should read the Bible to people TEACH - he should explain the meaning of the Bible APPLY - he should challenge the people to obey the Bible</p> <p>d) Attitudes He has authority :11 "command" but it must be servant authority He must be diligent, devoted to his duties :15 he must not be lazy or discouraged He must practice what he teaches :15</p>
4. Application	Do you have anyone in your church who could be a teacher? What kind of person is he?
5. Memory Verse	1 TIM 4:11-16
Evening Meeting	
1. Training	The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application	Can you support a teacher full-time or part-time to continue in your church?
3. Memory Verse	1 TIM 4:11-16 and MARK 10:44
4. Revision	Briefly review lesson from last week.

- Fourth Quarter 12. ELDERS
- Morning Meeting
1. Introduction Discuss the village leadership structure – does the culture require village elders?
What are their duties? What kind of person is chosen?
 2. Bible Passage 1 PETER 5:1-4 (see also 1 TIM 3:1-7)
 3. Teaching a) Shepherd and Sheep
Christ is the Chief Shepherd :4
Christ is the Leader of the church
Christ delegates work to under-shepherds :2
Under-shepherds are called "elders"
The church is likened to a flock of sheep :2
The sheep/church belongs to God :2
They do not belong to the elder

b) Tend the flock of God :2
Tend - meet the needs of the church
Care for the church, feed it spiritually, protect it from false teaching, make it strong
There is great responsibility - the church is in the care of the elders

c) Attitudes :2-3
Do the work willingly not as a duty :2
Do it eagerly not for money (not as an escape from doing fieldwork!) :2
Do it by example and not as a tyrant :3

d) The Reward :4
God will reward the elder with a crown of glory
 4. Application Contrast the tribal concept of a leader and the - Bible concept of a leader.
 5. Memory Verse 1 PETER 5:2
- Evening Meeting
1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
 2. Application Discuss the kind of person you would like to have as an elder in your church
 3. Memory Verse 1 PETER 5:2 and 1 TIM 4:12
 4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.

Fourth Quarter 13. DEACONS

Morning Meeting

1. Introduction The elders are responsible for the spiritual well-being of the church. Deacons are appointed for oversight of the material things. see ACTS 6:1-4.
2. Bible Passage 1 TIM 3:8-13
3. Teaching
 - a) Men and women can be deacons
Men 1 TIM 3:8
Women :11
 - b) Ministry ACTS 6:1-4
Deacons look after the material things, physical needs of the local church and members
This could include such things as the money offering, produce offering, building, and any church equipment
 - c) Qua1ifications
They are spiritual ACTS 6:3; 1 TIM 3:9
There are moral qualifications too 1 TIM 3:8,11
Finally there are personal qualities 1 TIM 3:10, 12
4. Application Why is it necessary to have deacons who are not just good businessmen, but also need to be spiritual people too?
5. Memory Verse 1 TIM 3:8-13

Evening Meeting

1. Training The person you have helped prepare now re-teaches the morning message
2. Application Discuss what kind of people you would like to see in your church? What jobs do you have for them to do?
3. Memory Verse 1 TIM 3:8-13 and 1 PETER 5:2
4. Revision Briefly review lesson from last week.