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**FOUNDATIONS FOR NEW BELIEVERS**  
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# INTRODUCTION

'Hi there and welcome to Start Here! I would like to walk you through a quick introduction, focused on why we are doing 'Start Here', what we will be covering during this time, and how we will be going about this.

## WHY SHOULD YOU DO THIS COURSE?

Well, firstly, this is perfect for unbelievers you might not know anything about Christianity, or what it's about. They've heard about this concept of 'sin' - and sin as breaking rules - but really, Christianity is so much more than sin - it's about having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and finding their true meaning, purpose and destiny in Him.

Secondly, maybe you've had a surge of new believers through your church doors, who have given their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the bible says that they are now a new creation in Christ Jesus - yet they don't quite understand what that means, or what has happened to them. This course will help them understand how God now views them, how they should view themselves, and how they should take up their new authority in Christ, to become more like Jesus.

And thirdly, maybe there are seasoned believers in your congregation who feel called to make disciples of all nations. This course will help these individuals work through some of the concepts of salvation; what is sin, what is righteousness, why did Jesus come to die, as well as covering what the fruitful practices of Christianity are, and how these seasoned believers can help other people to walk into the fullness of what Christ has for them.

## WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

We'll be covering the concept of salvation - as outlined in the below memory device illustration - as well as sin, why Jesus came to die for us, believers authority and the fruitful practices of Christianity. We'll also be covering water baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit, unforgiveness, gifts of the Holy Spirit - focusing specifically on speaking in tongues - and then lastly, how to live a fruitful Christian life, within a faith community.



### Salvation memory device

The colours of a watermelon are used to symbolize the four concepts of Salvation:

**Black** - for sin

**Red** - for Jesus' blood and redemptive work

**White** - for imputation of righteousness and believers' authority

**Green** - for fruitful spiritual practices of Christians

## HOW WILL WE GO ABOUT THIS?

The facilitator, equipped with this Facilitators Guide, will take a group through the course. Each session within the Facilitators Guide contains the following:

**Outcome** - The progress you can hope to see in participants.

**Scripture** - Key passages relevant to that session.

**Concept** - A simplified outline of the session.

**Questions** - Discussion prompts, to help you facilitate meaningful conversations and lead participants into prayer and ministry.

There is a video teaching which is available to you, to show to your group. We then encourage you to engage in a group discussion - based on the prompts and questions included within this manual.

Let's jump right in! I trust that the Holy Spirit will work in your life and that we will become more righteous and more like Jesus in this time together!

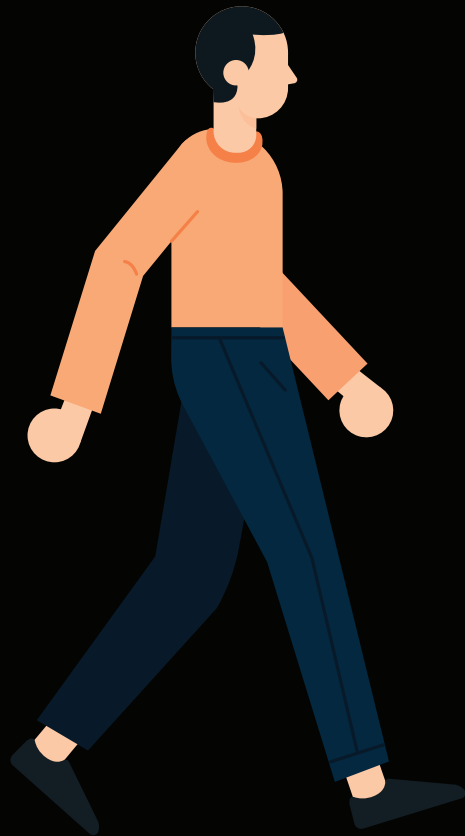
- Morné van der Walt

# SESSION OVERVIEW

- 01:** Salvation - Sin
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- 03:** Salvation - Believer's Authority
- 04:** Salvation - Fruitfulness
- 05:** Baptism in Water - Part 1
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- 09:** Gift of Tongues
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**SALVATION/SIN**

# SALVATION - SIN

## SESSION 1

### OUTCOME

New believers will develop a full understanding of how sin affects their relationship with God. Also, the different forms sin takes.

### SCRIPTURES

Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23

### CONCEPT

We unpack the topic of salvation, starting with 'sin'. What sin is, the impact of sin and how we identify sin within our own lives.

Below are four Greek words used to describe sin in the New Testament, as well as the Old Testament Hebrew for each word. Referenced alongside both the Greek and Hebrew words are their Strong's numbers. (James Strong produced a Bible Concordance in 1890. A useful tool to find each occasion a particular word appears in the bible.)

- Hamartia (Greek; G266) or Chata (Hebrew; H2398)  
A sin or failure. To miss the mark. Sin impacts our purpose, destiny, call and meaning.
- Paraptóma (Greek; G3900) or Chet (Hebrew; H2399)  
A false step, a trespass. Sin brings brokenness in our relationships and roles.
- Parabasis (Greek; G3847) or Pesha (Hebrew; H6588)  
A going aside, a transgression. To revolt, rebel or go against. Breaking of rules. Sin places us under God's wrath.
- Asebeia (Greek; G763) or Avon (Hebrew; H5771)  
Ungodliness, impiety, iniquity, twistedness. Sin twists us out of the image of God we were created in.

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on sin:

- What new understanding did you gain about sin, after listening to this session?
- Sampson's story shows the effects of sin. Sin keeps us going in circles, making the same mistakes, blinds us and weighs us down. Are there any areas in your life where you see the effects of sin?

## NOTES

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**SALVATION/  
JESUS' BLOOD**

# **SALVATION - JESUS' BLOOD**

## SESSION 2

### **OUTCOME**

New believers will understand Jesus' redemptive work. That He has bought us with His precious blood.

### **SCRIPTURES**

1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 7:14-15

### **CONCEPT**

The blood was applied in the following ways:

- Sprinkled for consecration (Exodus 29:21). Set apart for a special use, for inheritance, and participation in the Kingdom. Jesus' blood makes power available to me to wash my robes and makes me useful in God's house.
- Poured for expiation (Leviticus 4:21). Removal of sins' presence and consequence, for peace with God. Jesus' blood removes the identity of sin from me and changes the way God views me and I should view myself.
- Dipped for propitiation (Exodus 12:22). Marks the door of our hearts for protection. Jesus' blood removes God's wrath towards my sin and enables me to come boldly into the presence of God.
- Wrung out for dedication (Leviticus 1:15). Dedicated to mission, like Gideon. Jesus' blood enables me to align with God's salvation plan for mankind. It reconnects me with this plan and restores my call, purpose, and destiny.

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on Jesus' blood:

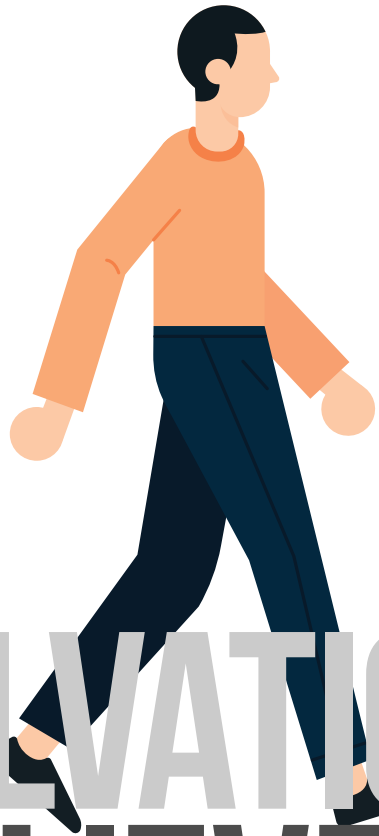
- What is the difference between shame and guilt?
- What in your past has become a false identity in you, that is not how God views you?
- God wants to use us in his Kingdom. What areas do I think might disqualify me?
- Bring these areas to God in prayer and ask for forgiveness and ask Him to come and heal those areas?

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# SALVATION/ BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY

# **SALVATION - BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY**

## SESSION 3

### **OUTCOME**

New believers will understand they have spiritual authority and that their scope of authority grows.

### **SCRIPTURES**

Luke 10:19-20; Revelation 12:11

### **CONCEPT**

There is a responsibility on each of us to walk in the authority that God has given us. In this third session on the topic of salvation, we look at what this authority is and why we have power - in both the physical and spiritual world - to overcome.

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on believer's authority:

- Why do believers have spiritual authority?
- Are there areas in your life that you need to take spiritual authority over?

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SALVATION/  
FRUITFULNESS

# **SALVATION - FRUITFULNESS**

## SESSION 4

### **OUTCOME**

New believers will understand the value of living a faith-filled fruitful life.

### **SCRIPTURES**

Romans 12; Titus 2:12; James 5:16; Revelation 12:11

### **CONCEPT**

Producing fruit as a Christian means living a life of faithful obedience to God. The things we do flow from our relationship with God, through the Holy Spirit - who speaks to us in various ways (scripture, Christian conversations, revelation from observation, a small still voice on the inside).

This living word of God leads to faith-filled actions, evidence of a life aligned with God, His plan, purpose, and destiny for our lives.

Fruitful practices - Daily actions that enable us to hear the living word of God:

- Prayer: alone, or in groups
- Prayer and fasting
- Praying in tongues
- Bible reading to transform our minds
- Listening to preaching and teaching.
- Being exposed to Holy Spirit ministry in the body like prophesy, words of knowledge, words of wisdom and so on

The faith-filled result or actions from hearing God's living word can be:

- Baptism in water
- Forgiveness of someone that hurt me
- Acts of faith and obedience
- Repentance
- Renunciation
- Confession
- Testimony
- Laying on of hands
- Communion

## QUESTIONS

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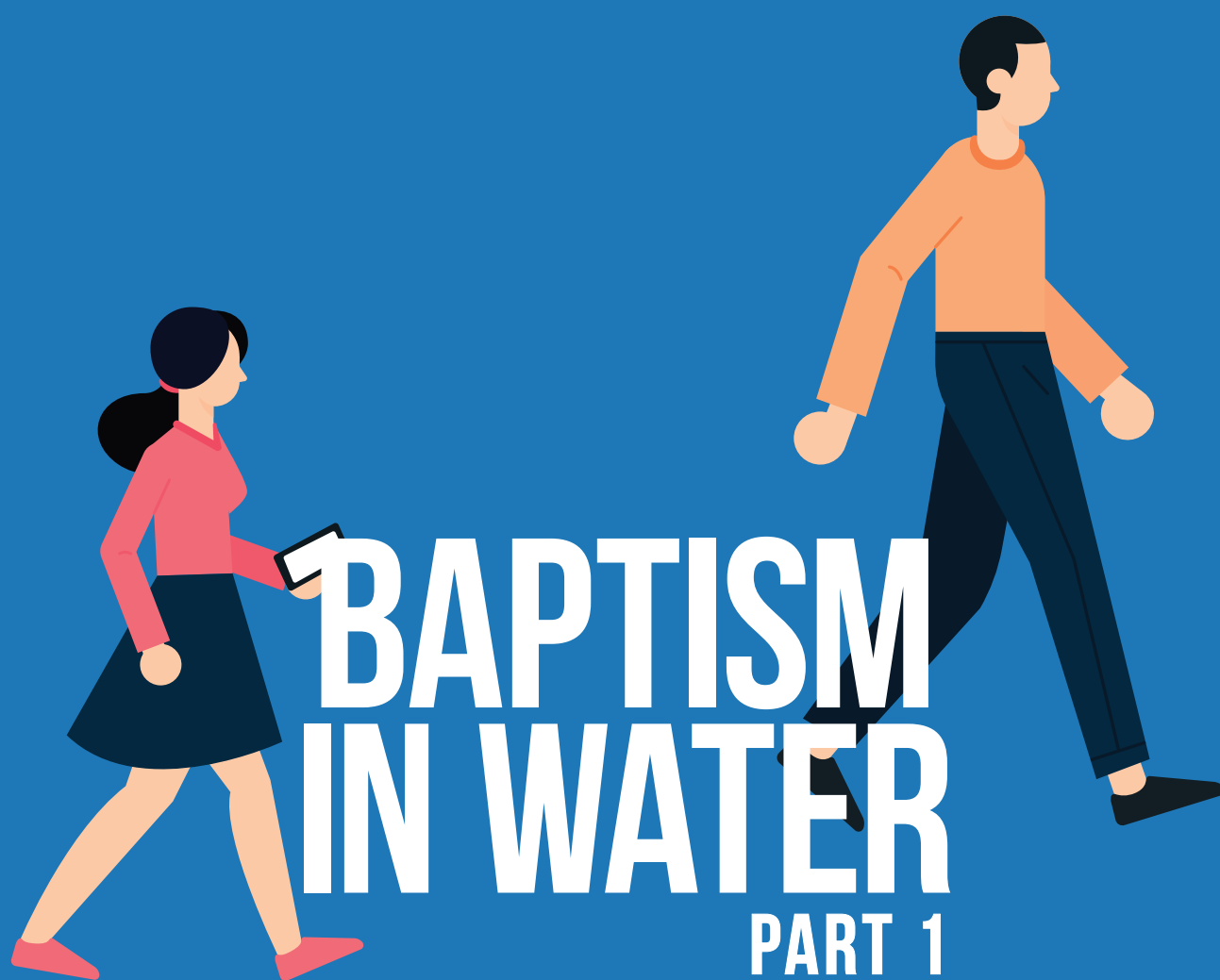
- What is the living word of God?
- What is the Spirit speaking to you about at the moment?
- What is God asking you to do now (act of faith), or has asked you to do in the past that you did (testimony)?

## NOTES

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# BAPTISM IN WATER - PART 1

## SESSION 5

### OUTCOME

New believers will understand the significant effects of water baptism and desire to be water baptised with faith.

### SCRIPTURES

Act 2:37, 38; Romans 6:1-14; 1 Peter 3:18-22

### CONCEPT

Who qualifies for Baptism?

- Those who hear the gospel, are cut to the heart, convicted and convinced about the gospel message, as well as repent and change their mind and view of God and accept Jesus by faith, can get baptised.

What are the effects of Baptism?

- We are baptised in the name of the Father because baptism is a statement of faith that we leave our old life behind and align ourselves with God's plan for our lives.
- We are baptised in the name of the Son because we acknowledge his death and payment for our sins on the cross. Our old life is now buried with Him, our conscience is washed clean, and we are raised to a new life.
- We are baptised in the name of the Holy Spirit because He now leads us into a faith-life with God. He applies Jesus' blood to us, consecrating us for usefulness in God's household.

## QUESTIONS

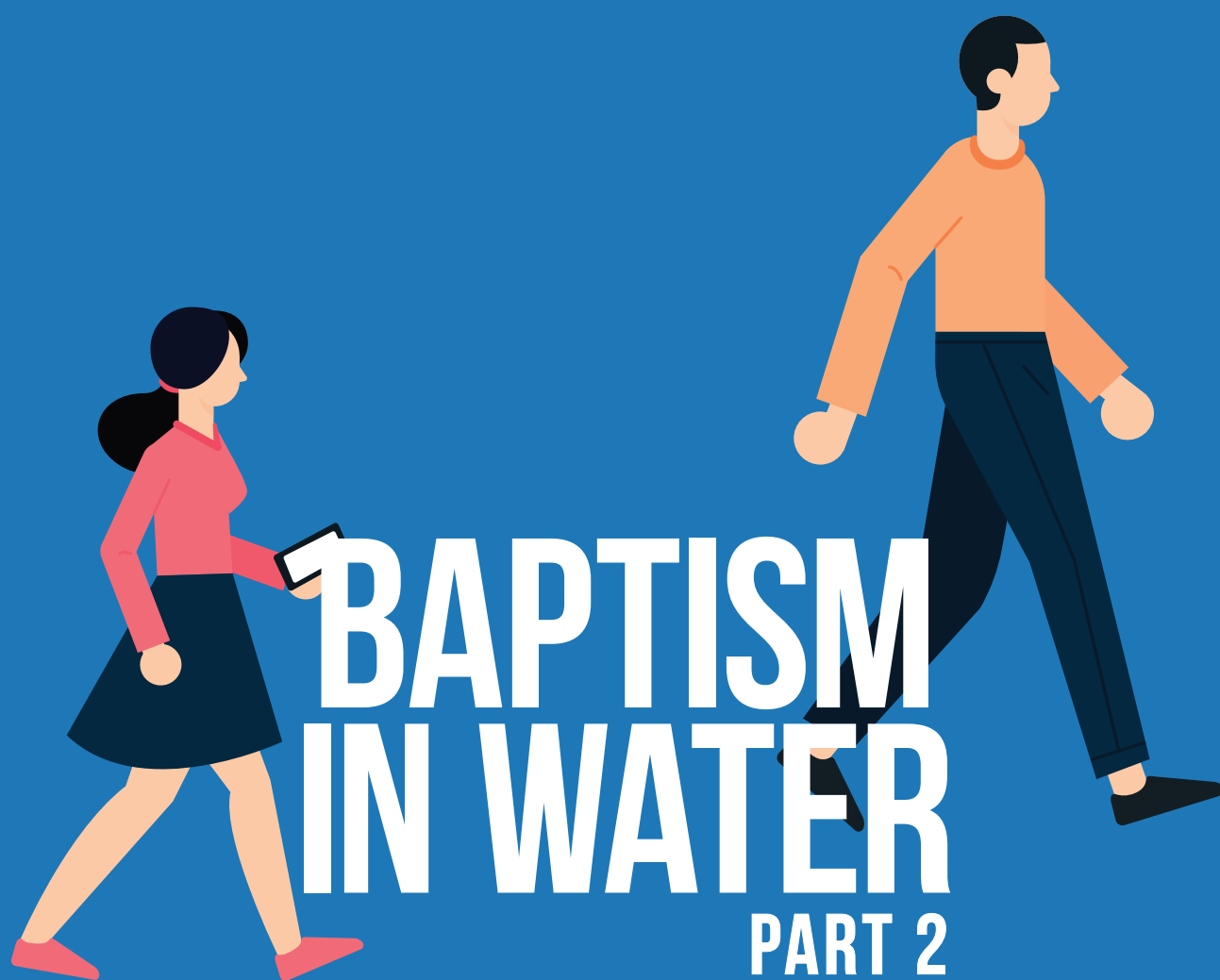
After listening to this section on baptism in water:

- What is the significance, meaning or implication of baptism to you?
- Is there anyone here that would like to get baptised?

## NOTES

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# BAPTISM IN WATER - PART 2

## SESSION 6

### OUTCOME

New believers will understand the need to discern what is good and evil - and repent of and renounce certain practices, and will do so with faith.

### SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 10:1-2; Titus 2:11-12

### CONCEPT

On a deeper level there can be ungodly, non-Christian practices that we were or are involved in that we need to renounce and stop the flow of in our lives.

As Moses delivered Israel from their slavery by bringing them through the Red Sea, so, in baptism, we can renounce and be delivered from the influence of ungodly practices in our lives.

Three principles for discerning good and evil are:

- In what realm is this practice operational?
- With what level of faith or trust do you engage with the practice?
- In what context is this practice taking place in?

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on renouncing:

- What is the difference between repentance and renunciation?
- What principles can we use to discern between good and evil practices?
- Are there practices in your life that you need to renounce?

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# UNFORGIVENESS

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## SESSION 7

### OUTCOME

New believers will embrace forgiveness, removing one obstacle to them living in freedom and experiencing the free operation of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

### SCRIPTURES

Matthew 18:34-35; Rom 12.19

### CONCEPT

To forgive means to let go and to forgive from the heart. It means forgiving like God forgave us. Apply the blood of Jesus to this area of our hearts and towards those that hurt us. The prayer and repentance should include these following areas.

- Consecration - Acknowledge God's grace is good for the offending person. That God can and wants to forgive their sin and bring them into His will, plan, and purpose for their lives.
- Expiation - Don't rehash. Forgive them and set them free from the identity of their sin. Practice self-control to not relive the moment in our thought life.
- Propitiation - Let go of the right to punish them or take revenge. God is a righteous judge.
- Imputation - Ask the Holy Spirit to save them.
- Fellowship - Be open to reconciliation where there is fruit of repentance. (Do this with wisdom, accountability and in relation with a mature Christian.)

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on unforgiveness:

- What is biblical forgiveness?
- What happens when I don't forgive and/or what happens when I do forgive?
- Create a space and pray with people that the Holy Spirit will reveal to them people to forgive and then facilitate a time where they can forgive from the heart.

## NOTES

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# BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## SESSION 8

### OUTCOME

New believers will understand the gift of the Holy Spirit and receive an infilling from Him.

### SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 47:3-12 (Revelation 22:2); Acts 2:1-47; Galatians 5:16-26

### CONCEPT

What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

- He will give you life. Refreshing life of Meribah.
- He will move you along.
- He will give you power, rivers are powerful.
- He will produce evangelism.
- He will produce fruit of the Spirit.
- He will feed you, illuminate the Bible to you, and give you gifts.
- He will heal you with the leaves from the trees.

Barriers to receiving the Holy Spirit:

- On the bank: not saved/critical (John 7:37-39; Acts 2:38)
- Ankle testing: not sure or ignorant (1 Corinthians 12:1)
- Knee deep: fear feel the pull: (Luke 11:9-13)
- Hip deep: desire the Holy Spirit: (1 Corinthians 14:1)
- Fully immersed (Ephesians 5:18)

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in your Christian life?
- What are some of the barriers or questions that you have towards receiving the Holy Spirit?
- Is there anyone here with a desire for an infilling of the Holy Spirit? We would love to pray with you!

## NOTES

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# GIFT OF TONGUES

# **GIFT OF TONGUES**

## SESSION 9

### **OUTCOME**

New believers will understand the gift of tongues and desire to receive it.

### **SCRIPTURES**

Acts 8:17; Corinthians 14; Romans 8; Ephesians 5 & 6

### **CONCEPT**

- Of the nine gifts of the Spirit, one is for building ourselves up: the gift of tongues. Paul desired all the saints to speak in tongues. It is good to desire this gift. When we don't know what to pray, we can pray in tongues. Through the gift of tongues, the Holy Spirit presents our requests to God in the perfect way.
- These may contribute to us receive the gift of tongues:
- Desiring the gift of tongues
- Praying and being patient
- Receiving laying on of hands
- Speaking in faith

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on the gift of tongues:

- What are your thoughts on praying in tongues?
- Is there anyone here that desires the gift of tongues? We would love to pray with you?

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# ABCs

## SESSION 10

### OUTCOME

New believers will realise the importance of relationship with God and his church, and the need to start contributing, to walk in their destinies.

### SCRIPTURES

John 15:1-17; Ephesians 2:19-22; Galatians 6:9-10

### CONCEPT

- It is key we realise the importance of relationship with God, relationship with His church, and the need to start contributing within the Kingdom of God. This is how we start to walk in our destiny with God's body.
- 3 important areas to live a fruitful Christian life are:
- Abide in Christ.
- Belong to the local body through friendships, fellowship, and family.
- Contribute to the local body with our time, talents, and treasure..

## QUESTIONS

After listening to this section on the ABCs:

- What did you take away from tonight's session?
- How can you contribute to the local body?

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