

THE WORD TRAINING – SESSION 4 - FACILITATION

Scripture: Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.” – **Matthew 28:18-20 (MSG)**

God does not want to join you in your ministry. God wants you to join Him in His ministry!

ASSIGNMENT 1 – THE WORD: Each day spend 15 – 20 minutes using the “Word Guide” listening, learning, and talking with God. You can download the Word Guide here: <http://bit.ly/WordGuide>

ASSIGNMENT 2 – EYES OPEN: As you continue connecting with God relationally by listening, learning, and talking, He will bring many people into your life that He wants join with you in “The Word.” He may prompt you to join with just one other person or a number of people on a periodic basis to dig into “The Word.” As God brings people into your mind, please write their names below and then add them to your talking time with God. God will begin preparing people’s minds and hearts to join in “The Word.” Remember: This is God’s act – not yours!

Write down the individuals God has prompted you to pray for to dig into “The Word”

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Leading “The Word”

Scripture: For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. – **Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)**

ASSIGNMENT 3 – TRAIN: Train the individuals that God has led to you in “The Word”

1. **FIRST STEP:** If you are new to “The Word” training, then as God prompts, invite individuals to “The Word” training at your church. However, this is NOT the ultimate goal. Matthew 28:19 is clear...we all are called to train others, which includes you.
2. **NEXT STEP:** The ultimate goal is for you to train others in “The Word.” This is much easier than you might think. The following steps provide a sample guideline to engage in this simple process:
 1. **MEET:** First, simply setup a period meeting time with the individuals God has prompted you to join with in “The Word.”
 2. **EXPLAIN:** Download the training PDFs that explain Learning (Session 1), Listening (Session 2), and Talking (Session 3) with God. Then simply talk with the individual(s) about the assignments. They are self-explanatory so do not feel a need to go into lots of detail. Let the training sheets do the work.
 3. **LISTEN:** Each time you meet, will simply share what was written down on the sheets. Ask the individual(s) these questions: (1) What did you learn? (2) What did God reveal when you were listening to God? (3) What things are you talking with God about? It is NOT your job to teach the person the Bible – God can handle that. Accordingly, you need no formal education to lead “The Word!”
 4. **QUESTION:** Inevitably, questions will rise during your time together – this is good! However, it is not necessary (or preferable) that you know the answers. Leaders should encourage the questioner to do additional study, not give personal opinions. If you have some insight to share – then share, but do not push an agenda. If stuck, then utilize “The Word” teachers at your church to help you find resources to find answers or locate different perspectives – then allow God to reveal His Truth you and those you lead.