

TRT: Training Rural Trainers

Training Rural Trainers, or **TRT**, is designed specifically for work in rural areas or villages that are made up primarily of non-readers (although there is no reason why it cannot be used in urban areas among the educated, semi-literate or those that prefer oral learning). By using TRT you should be able to relevantly share the gospel (*Creation to Christ*), follow-up with new believers in the basics of discipleship, start churches, and lead their believers in initiating a church planting movement in the villages and towns that surround them and beyond.

TRT Strengths & Potential Weaknesses

Strengths:

- It is based on principles that facilitate effective reproduction.
- Sharing the gospel in a story format is proven to be successful.
- It is specifically tailored for those that prefer oral learning. Even the completely illiterate can learn to effectively share the gospel and grow in obedience.
- It can be easily adapted to fit different situations.
- It is story based which is a very natural and non-threatening way for villagers to share spiritual content with others.

Potential Weaknesses:

- More preparation will be required to teach in an oral format as compared to a literate method that relies on printed materials.
- More time and effort is required to ensure that stories are passed on faithfully.

The CPM Story and/or the CPM 10 Steps

TRT is designed to help new believers win their village and start a church. Special efforts may be needed to help them leave their own village and go to neighboring villages. Sometimes this is simply a matter of vision casting to help them walk down a trail to a nearby village (15-60 minutes away) one or more times a week (i.e. in the evenings after work). If churches are not being planted in other villages, we suggest that you incorporate a broader vision for CPM that can be found in to similar methods:

- The CPM Story (an oral modern day drama of the CPM 10 Steps)
- The CPM 10 Steps

TRT Training Process

TRT is a process of training primarily rural, oral learners to witness effectively, disciple others and train these disciples to do likewise. In addition, it helps them to start churches that reproduce, resulting in a Church Planting Movement (CPM). The following lessons are biblical and foundational but just taking someone through these lessons doesn't guarantee a CPM. While the content is important, equally important is the ***training process and the principles reflected in that process.***

Because of this, the BEST way to learn TRT is to watch someone do it. Attend a training session if at all possible. It is more "caught" than "taught."

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TRT emphasizes developing each believer into a “trainer of trainers.” This means that each new believer is expected to be a witness who trains each of his new believers to reproduce this process. This *expectation* with *accountability* is critical. As you train believers in ministry you must ask the right question . . .

- NOT – “Is this person witnessing regularly?”
- BUT INSTEAD – “Is this person training those he/she wins to also be effective witnesses and trainers of others?”

In order to emphasize the process, below are several important principles that you should remember.

Rule of Thirds

Each session includes three parts that should be given relatively equal amounts of time. All three are essential in training trainers who will “train trainers to train....”

First Third: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and often vision-casting.

- Before beginning, remind them that they will re-teach the entire lesson after you finish INCLUDING this first third. This reminder should help them be more diligent as they participate.
- Praise: Model participatory praise and heartfelt worship (as you want them to follow in church). Sing some songs they already know and teach one new song. Encourage the group to create worship songs in their heart language and cultural music style.
- Personal care: Spend time demonstrating your care for the trainees. You can ask questions like these:
 - How are you are doing?
 - How is your family?
 - What challenges or struggles are you facing?
 - Will you share a testimony of how God is at work in your life?
 - How is your relationship with God?
 - What are you learning from God’s word?
 - How is your prayer life?

Pray for any needs and offer any counsel using the Word of God as the only standard. Help them work through any concerns they have. This may need to be done individually or in pairs but it is best to do this in the group so that everyone can learn from and encourage one another.

- Accountability: Ask them about their witnessing to lost and training of believers. Ask them if they have obeyed the main application from the last lesson. These questions should be asked publicly before the entire group. Ask each person individually and wait for their response. Give lots of affirmation to those who have been obedient. If they haven’t obeyed try to discern the reason (lack of confidence, too busy, disobedience, etc.) and then appropriately address those issues. Remember that consistent disobedience is most likely the fault of the trainer’s methods not the trainee.
- Review: Continue to review C2C each time you meet until they are able to share it well. Review the previous lessons with an emphasis on retelling the story and quoting the memory verse.

- Vision Casting: Beginning with the “Calls” a short vision casting component is included here. After each of the calls has been shared, future lessons might include the sharing of your burden for your people group or passages of scripture that will give vision for evangelism and training (2 Timothy 2:2; Revelations 7:9).

Middle Third: New lesson

- Story

In this middle third you include time to learn the story (rather than waiting till the final third). A key benefit to learning the story in this section is it makes the questions you ask more meaningful. Here is the recommended process:

- Tell the story one or two times.
- Ask the first question, “What does the story say?” In reply to this question, you will get a variety of answers that include the details of the story (who was in the story, what were the key events, etc.). As more people respond to this question, you will begin to hear the whole story being retold. This is what you want to happen.
- Help the trainees learn the story using the following process:
 1. Tell the story again.
 2. Instruct the trainees to get into pairs and practice telling the story to each other.
 3. After practicing one time each, have them switch partners and tell it again.
 4. Switch partners and tell the story again.
 5. Keep repeating this process until everyone can tell the story well. You may need to have one of the trainers tell the story again to the whole group in the midst of this process if they continue to leave out important details of the story or are changing the story in any way. While the trainees are practicing telling the story, the trainer(s) should be going from person to person listening as they retell the story. Give feedback on parts that were left out or changed. Encourage the trainees to also give feedback to each other to help encourage an accurate retelling of the story.
- Once everyone in the group can retell the story well, ask two or three to tell the story to the entire group. (If time permits or your training group is small, ask each trainee to retell the story to the entire group.) Don’t forget to clap or appropriately affirm each one after they have retold the story to the group. Giving lots of encouragement will help the trainees gain confidence in retelling the story.
- Ask the second question, “What does this teach you about God?” You should find that the replies to this question are deeper and more meaningful because they have internalized the story already in the learning to retell it process.
- Ask the third question, “How will you obey this story?” Remember that later in the lesson you will have a directive group application. So any answer they give here that is in line with what the story teaches you want to affirm regardless of whether it is the same as the later group application. Part of your goal in asking this question is to teach them how to apply Scripture to their life so give correction or suggestions as needed for any reply that is not appropriate.
- Memory verse
In this middle third you include time to memorize the verse (rather than waiting till the final third). Here is the recommended process:

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- Quote the verse from memory one or two times. Note the trainer must have already memorized the verse prior to the training!
- Ask the first question, "What does the verse say?" In reply to this question, you will likely hear an attempt to put the verse into their own words or what they feel is the main point of the verse.
- Learn the memory verse together. Use the following process:
 1. Always begin by saying the reference. (You want them to memorize not only the verse but also the Bible reference.) Have the trainees repeat after you several times. For example, "John 3:16"
 2. Say the first phrase of the verse. The trainees should repeat after you several times. For example, "For God so loved the world"
 3. Go back to the beginning and say the reference and all that you have learned to this point. The trainees should repeat after you several times. For example, "John 3:16, For God so loved the world"
 4. Say the next phrase in the verse. Again, the trainees should repeat after you. For example, "that he gave his one and only son"
 5. Continue to repeat steps 3 and 4 until the entire verse has been learned. For example, "John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son..."
 6. Once you have taught the entire verse, have the group say the verse simultaneously out loud five times.
 7. Give each trainee an opportunity to quote the verse to the entire group. If they do not quote it *word for word* perfect, come back to them again and give them another chance till they get it perfect. It is better to let each person quote the verse when they are ready rather than going around in a circle as some will need to hear it more before they are confident to quote it to the group. Remember to clap or give other appropriate encouragement after each person says the verse.
- Ask the second question, "What does this verse teach you about God?" If helpful, you can also ask "What does this verse teach you about the Christian life?"
- Ask the third question, "How will you obey this verse?" Again, part of your goal in asking this question is to teach them how to apply Scripture to their life so give correction or suggestions as needed for any reply that is not appropriate.
- Teaching
Your goal here is to give basic biblical instruction of the main truth of the lesson. You want to keep it as simple as possible so that it will be reproducible. Remember that this will be hardest part for the trainees to remember and reproduce to don't expect them to repeat every detail.
- Trainer Testimony
One of the trainers shares a simple testimony about how they have applied the main truth of the lesson to their own life and what the result was. You want them to see that you are not just teaching each lesson but that you obey it too.
- Application ("How to obey")
Your goal here is to help each trainee apply the main truth of the lesson to their life. This is the most important step in the entire training process. If they don't apply the lesson, you have failed as a trainer. Most lessons have applications that can

not be done in the midst of the training group so don't forget to have a time of prayer where each trainee makes a commitment before God to apply the lesson to their life.

Final Third: Trainee practices re-teaching whole session (both of the first two thirds). Give the trainees time to practice the new lesson. This helps them become confident to share it with others.

- The final third is the **most important third**. Never skip it or minimize it. If you do not have enough time, shorten the middle third. For example you may need to divide the middle third into two lessons (teaching half the content this time and the other half the next time you are together). If you use this pattern, practice the final third both times. Never omit the final third!
- Trainees practice first third with each other. Everyone is to be themselves – no role-playing. When they ask each other questions about how they are doing, they should answer honestly.
- Expect that the first third will be quicker when they are practicing it with each other. For example they may not sing as many songs as they have already had a time of worship. They may also not share as much or in as much detail with each other. However, you want them to include every part you modeled for them and to be real with each other.
- Trainees teach the new lesson to each other including retelling the story.
- Trainees set goals (help them look forward and set goals for who they will witness to, who they will train, and which new villages they will go to and repeat the training process).
- Trainers pray for trainees.

If the trainees speak a different heart language than you (for example you are training in a national or trade language but their heart language is a minority language), have them re-tell the Bible story and re-train the lesson in their heart language.

The goal of your training sessions must be to train the person to OBEY, not to teach the content only. When you focus on teaching content only, you tend to focus on yourself – getting all the material in. In this type of thinking, it is easy to structure any training session as *information giving*. Instead, we are trying to develop obedient disciples who train others. We want to develop people, not content.

In order to accomplish this, you may have to give less content and more time for interaction and practice. Your goals for the final third are:

1. Help the disciple **obey** the application.
2. Help the disciple **gain confidence and ability** to train others.
3. Provide **vision** for going beyond their own village or circle of relationships.

By structuring your training session in thirds, you can accomplish these goals.

Vision-casting

It is important to consistently cast vision to those you are training. This can be done three ways:

- Every lesson is immediately practiced by the trainee and then he is to train people during the following week. When he comes back he gives an account of how it

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went. Each new trainer has a goal to win and train people weekly. The trainer and the trainees must be in an accountable relationship.

- The first 4 lessons include a specific short vision-casting element at the beginning. Other lessons can include this as well depending on the need.
- Progressive weekly accountability questions are asked that help get to multiplication of trainers. They are added in gradually depending on the stage of progress the trainees are making:
 - *Who are you witnessing to?*
 - *Who are you training?*
 - *Are they witnessing?*
 - *Are they training others?*

Finally, churches are started by session six (though there is no reason the trainer can't model it before). While there is emphasis on getting churches started, the main emphasis is on everyone being a witness and trainer of others. If people effectively witness and train others, starting churches should be simple. There is flexibility to recognize that not every new trainer must start a new church because often a small village will only have one church, though larger villages may have more.

Frequency of Training

How often should you train? Though once a week is a common pattern, we recommend you train every other week. This pattern will give the trainees time to **apply the training** to their own life and **train others**. In the week you are not meeting, it is hoped they will be traveling to other villages to train other groups so the off week will often times be more busy for them than the week you meet with them. In many situations, it will be difficult to meet together as often as every other week. However make this your goal and work towards it realizing that during busy times (planting and harvest season or holidays for example), this may not be possible.

The importance of grouping

Whether with Christians or non-Christians, it is helpful to start training or witnessing to a group of people rather than just one.

In the case of Christians, you will find that only a percentage obey the lessons in terms of witnessing and training others. It might only be 10-20%. If that is the case, you should start training several so that you can find those who will obey and become trainers of trainers.

In the case of non-Christians, you will do well to witness to a whole group – usually an extended family. Neighbors, friends, and others within their circle of influence can also naturally be included in the group. This helps rural people come to faith *together* and therefore a church can be started from the very beginning. You can do this by just inviting a person of peace (Luke 10) to gather his family and friends before you begin witnessing using the Creation to Christ story and your testimony.

Lessons Overview

TRT or “**Training Rural Trainers**” is made up of the *Creation to Christ* story (evangelism) plus 10 basic discipleship lessons. Each lesson contains a story, a memory verse, simple teaching, and a way to apply the main truth of the lesson. Below is a summary of each lesson.

Beginning: Share the Gospel - *Creation to Christ*

Training #1: Baptism – *Jesus’ Baptism and Command*

Training #2: Assurance – *The Good Shepherd*

Training #3: Prayer – *Jesus Prays*

Training #4: God’s Word – *Build on the Rock*

Training #5: Church – *Jesus Builds His Church*

Training #6: Forgiveness – *The Unforgiving Servant*

Training #7: The Lord’s Supper – *The Last Supper*

Training #8: Love and Serve Others – *Jesus Washes Feet*

Training #9: Persevere – *Garden and the Passion*

Training #10: The Great Commission – *Sending of the 70 and Jesus’ Commission*

TRT Beginning Lesson: Creation to Christ

Section 1: Nothing. [This session does not include the first third, only the latter two sections – new lesson (gospel presentation) and practice by brand-new believer. The vision-casting portion comes at the end of the lesson because this first session is geared toward winning the person to faith, *then* helping him share his faith.]

Section 2:

1. Short Testimony – *"God has changed my life OR God has convicted me OR God has helped me, let me tell you how . . ."* (leading into the C2C story).

- Since these are brand new believers who will share their testimony, God will not have made a lot of changes in their life yet. And they don't need to describe their life before Christ to family and friends. Instead, this is a brief statement (30-60 seconds) of how God convicted them and any change He has brought to them (peace, joy, answered prayer, etc. - see Titus 3:3-7).
- The point is to segue into sharing the C2C story.

2. Creation to Christ Story – The gospel is the story of how God has worked from the beginning of time to bring salvation to man. This story begins with the creation of the world and goes through the resurrection of Christ. Though the story is long, you can learn it in parts. The story is meant to be shared as one complete story which should take about 15 minutes to share. However, if time is limited you can also share the story in parts.

Scriptures the trainer should read (if able) to prepare to share C2C:

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- Psalm 115:3-8
- 1 Chronicles 16:25-28
- Nehemiah 9:6
- Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
- Genesis 1:26-27
- Genesis 2:4-25
- Ezekiel 28:12b-17
- Isaiah 14:12-15
- Genesis 2:8-9, 16-17; 3:1-24
- Isaiah 59:2
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23a
- Exodus 20:1-17
- Hebrews 9:22b
- Leviticus 1:1-3; 4:13-21
- Isaiah 1:11
- John 3:16
- Luke 1:31-37
- Matthew 5:1-7:29
- Mark 4:35-5:20
- Mark 6:30-44
- John 11:1-44
- John 10:7-15
- Psalm 23:1-3
- 1 Peter 2:22
- Hebrews 9:14
- John 1:29
- Luke 23:20-25, 32-48
- Revelation 5:9
- 1 Peter 1:19
- Romans 5:8
- Luke 24:1-50
- Isaiah 53:6
- Luke 15:11-24, 32
- John 14:6
- Romans 10:9,10

The Story:

PART 1

I want to tell you a story. This story is from a book called the Bible. Men did not make up the Bible. It is the word of the Most High God. These stories are true and reliable because they are the words of the Most High God.

There is only one God, and He is the Most High God. The Most High God is more powerful than men and kingdoms. The Most High God is more powerful than other gods such as the fire god, sun god, or dragon god. He is also more powerful than idols made by men. The Most High God is the most powerful.

PART 2

In the beginning the Most High God existed. The Most High God is the Creator. He created everything on earth and in heaven.

When God began to create things, He just used His words. He spoke and everything came into being. He created angels to worship and serve Him in heaven.

God created everything in 6 days. He created the sky, land, water, mountains, oceans, sun, moon, stars, all plant and animals. Finally, He created man according to His image. God loved man and wanted him to enjoy all that He had created. God created everything and saw that it was good. The Most High God is the Creator God. His name is *God* (use the typical Christian name for God in the culture).

PART 3

God placed man in a beautiful garden to live. They had a very good relationship. He told man to take care of the garden and enjoy everything. He gave man a command: "You can eat from every tree in the garden except one. If you eat from that tree, you will die." God gave man a woman to be his companion. Man and woman listened to God and had a wonderful relationship with Him in the garden.

Remember the angels God created? One of the angels was very smart and beautiful. This angel became very proud. He wanted to be like God and to have the other angels worship him instead of God. Only God deserves all the worship and service. Therefore God cast the bad angel, Satan, and the other angels who listened to him out of heaven. These bad angels are known as demons.

One day, Satan tempted them to eat the fruit from the tree that was forbidden. Satan lied to them. (Satan said, "Did God really say you couldn't eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman responded, "We can eat from every tree in the garden except we must not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. If we eat from that tree we will die." Satan said, "You will not die. If you eat from that tree you will be like God." The woman listened to Satan. She thought that the fruit was good. She ate the fruit. Then she gave it to her husband to eat.) They disobeyed God's command and ate the fruit.

Disobeying God's command is sin. God is righteous and holy. He must punish sin. The punishment for sin is eternal death. Death means to be forever separated from God.

God cast the man and the woman out of the garden and their relationship with God was broken. God and man were now separated forever.

All people have sinned by not obeying God's commands. We are all separated from God and will be punished forever in hell.

PART 4

Over time, the number of people on earth multiplied. God loved them very much and wanted them to have a relationship with Him. He gave them 10 commandments to follow. God is perfect and holy, so we must be perfect and holy to live with him. [The 10 commandments teach man how to relate to God and people. Some of the

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commands were: do not have other gods or make idols; honor your parents; do not lie, steal, murder or commit adultery.]

However, no one was able to obey all of these commands. God is righteous and just. He must punish sin. So, each time they sinned, God allowed them to repent of their sins and offer a blood sacrifice to take the place of the punishment they deserved. This sacrifice involved shedding the blood of a perfect, first-born, male animal [for example a bull or male goat]. For God said, "There must be repentance and the shedding of blood for forgiveness of sin."

However, man did not truly repent and kept sinning. The blood sacrifice became a ritual. God was not pleased with the blood of sacrificial animals. God said he'd had enough.

Obedying the commandments and offering of blood sacrifices can not reconcile us to God. What can be done?

PART 5

God still loved man whom He created very much. He was angry that they disobey Him, and sad that they cannot come back to Him. Therefore He gave man the only perfect way to have relationship with Him.

God sent Jesus to show us the way back to Himself. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's son, His one and only son.

Jesus is a wise teacher. [Many people would come to hear Him teach about how they could return to God.]

Jesus is a powerful miracle worker.

Jesus calmed the storm. [On one occasion, He was with His students on a boat. While Jesus was sleeping, a powerful storm arose on the lake. Jesus' students were very afraid. They awakened Jesus and said, "We are about to die!" Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Immediately the wind and waves stopped.] Jesus' power is greater than natural powers.

Jesus fed over 5,000 people. [On another occasion over 5,000 people came to listen to Jesus teach about God. When evening came they had not eaten and were hungry. Altogether they only had five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus used them to feed over 5,000 people.] Jesus' power is able to satisfy man's needs.

Jesus healed a demon-possessed man. [Another time, Jesus saw a man with many demons inside him. The man was very powerful and dangerous. Jesus loved the man and cast the demons out of him.] Jesus is more powerful than demons.

Jesus raised the dead. [Jesus' good friend became sick and died. Four days later Jesus arrived at His friend's house. Jesus felt very sad. His friend was already in the tomb. Jesus went to the front of the tomb and said, "Friend, come out." His friend was resurrected. He walked out of the tomb alive!] Jesus' power is greater than death.

Jesus performed these miracles proving he was God's son.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He loves and cares for people.

Jesus is perfect. He never sinned.

PART 6

Jesus is God's perfect sacrifice.

Many people loved Jesus. They believed in Him and followed Him. However, some leaders hated Jesus were jealous of Him. These men grabbed Jesus and decided to kill Him. They placed Jesus on a cross. A cross is made from two large pieces of wood formed together in the shape of a large *shizi* (Chinese character for "ten"). They took His hands and His feet and nailed them to the cross. His precious blood flowed from His hands, feet and body. Jesus suffered much pain on the cross.

Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. Jesus was perfect and did not deserve to die. Instead, Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of all people. Jesus died on the cross in our place. Only through the shedding of Jesus' precious blood is God able to forgive our sin. Jesus death demonstrates God's love towards us. However this story doesn't end here. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead!

PART 7

Before His crucifixion, Jesus told a story to his followers.

A father had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the inheritance." So he divided his property between them. The younger son went to a distant country and squandered his wealth in wild living.

After he had spent everything, he began to be in need. So he got a job feeding pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'"

So he went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him. He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

We are all like the younger son.

PART 8

We all have sinned and because of our sin are forever separated from God. We all must repent and return to God. Do you want to go back to God's side?

Jesus can lead us back to God's side. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We must go through Jesus to return to God. How can we go through Jesus? You must believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord.

God wants you and your whole family to return to Him. To do this, you must go through Jesus. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. Only through Jesus can your

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relationship with God be restored. Do you want to go through Jesus to return to God's side? Yes or no.

If you want to, you must believe in your heart and confess, *"God, I have sinned. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who died for my sins then resurrected. I repent and ask You to forgive me. I accept Jesus as the Lord of my life. From now on, I will follow Jesus."*

Does what I just said represent your heart? In the same way, now you talk to God with me and tell Him that you believe. I'll say each part and you repeat after me. *"God, I have sinned. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who died for my sins then resurrected. I repent and ask You to forgive me. I accept Jesus as the Lord of my life. From now on, I will follow Jesus."*

Great! Now your relationship with God is restored. Jesus has led you back to God.

I know you care about your family. God loves them too and wants them to return to his side. You should go home and tell your family and friends this good news. Are you willing to go and tell others?

3. Prayer for needs in the lives of the listeners (Luke 10:9)

- Emphasis from the moment of first witness is placed on verbally praying for the needs of the listener in the name of Jesus – *in front of the listener*. An expectation is that God will intervene and reveal His love and power to the lost person.

Section 3:

1. Practice testimony - If the person accepts Christ, ask him/her:

- "What did God convict you about?" or "Has God changed you in any way?"
- This is the person's testimony. Encourage him to share this short testimony with his friends and family.
 - You will need to help him think through all of his family and friends that are lost
 - It will probably only be 30-60 seconds.

2. Practice C2C Story (using the C2C Card if available)

- Using the C2C card, review the C2C story with the new believer.
- He practices re-telling the story until he has the basic parts and *can lead someone to faith*.
 - *He may not be perfectly proficient in telling the story, but in the next two sessions, you will review the C2C story with him.*
- You may need to help him witness the first time especially if there are not partnering believers.
- Have trainee practice re-telling *Creation to Christ* in his heart language (if a national language or trade language was used to share with him).

3. Call Out in the Name of Jesus

Help the trainee to pray expectantly in the name of Jesus for the needs of people he plans to witness to that God will begin preparing them to receive the Good News.

4. Trainer Testimony

Trainer shares how he recently shared a testimony and *Creation to Christ* with someone from within his circle of influence.

5. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: “Whom is God telling you to share this with?”
 - Encourage the believer to share with an entire family at one time when possible.
- **Vision-casting: *Call from Above:*** Because we love God, we want to obey His commands. God commands us to make His love known to others. One way you can show your love is to share the gospel with others. God commands us all to tell others how to come back to Him. Jesus said, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15)

Note: If you find a resistance to go and tell immediately because “I don’t know enough,” tell them the story of the demon-possessed man from Gerasenes (Mark 5:1-20, especially verses 19-20) and how Jesus commanded him to “go home to your family and tell them” immediately after he had been healed from the demon.
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 1: Baptism – *Jesus' Baptism and Command*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

- 1. Praise:** Remember this is a new concept to a new believer. Teach them that the Bible commands us to praise and honor God through our actions and thoughts and also through praising him (words) and singing to Him. When we sing we are praising God and making declarations about Him. Many songs are meant to be sung to God. Teach them a song (suggestion: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*). Pray for your time together.
- 2. Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship to God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
- 3. Accountability**
 - *Question:* "Who did you share with? Did they believe? How can I help you?"
 - Pray about needs that come up.
- 4. Review:** Go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling.*
- 5. Vision casting: *Call from Below***
 - Review the *Call from Above*.
 - *Call from Below:* In the C2C story, you mentioned hell. Tell them that all who die without knowing Jesus are in hell.
 - Story (Luke 16:19-28): *The Bible tells the story of one man who died and went to hell. He was in so much pain that he called out to heaven, begging them to send someone to warn his living family members not to go to hell.*
 - What do you think those who are dead relatives of the people in this village would say to you? [To go share the good news with their family.]
 - When we love God, we obey the call from above to share the gospel. When we love others, we obey the call from below also. Our love for them means that we don't want them to go to hell!

Section 2:

1. Story (Matthew 3:11, 13-17; 28:18-20):

Just as Jesus began to teach and heal people, he went out to the Jordan River. A prophet named John was there calling people to turn from their sins because the savior they had been waiting for was coming soon. Jesus was the savior they were waiting for.

Jesus had no sins to repent from, but he wanted to be baptized by John in order to give an example for us to follow and to show that he agreed with John's message. Initially John didn't want to baptize Jesus. John told him, "I need to be baptized by you!" John knew that Jesus was greater and that he wasn't even worthy to carry his sandals. However, John agreed to baptize Jesus after he told John that it was the right thing to do.

John baptized Jesus. Jesus went all the way under the water. When he came up out of the water, God's voice from heaven said, "This is my son whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Toward the end of his ministry on earth Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all peoples of the world and to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They were also to teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded them. His disciples did as commanded and everywhere they went they baptized those who decided to become Jesus' followers.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?

Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:38*

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

At this point, you will want to demonstrate how a baptism is done. Have someone stand and pretend they are with you in the water. Show how they will pinch their nose with their right hand and how their left hand will grab their right wrist. You will put your right hand on top of their hands and your left hand in the middle of their shoulder blades and lower them momentarily under the water and back out again. Tell them to bend their knees as you put them under water.

Say, "I baptize you in the name of Jesus."

While placing them under the water say, *"You have been buried with Christ in death."*

After raising them out of the water say, *"and you have been raised to a new life."*

After having just demonstrated the act of baptism you can now better explain its significance and meaning.

The Significance and Meaning of Baptism

What is baptism?

Baptism is a picture/reminder of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:1-11). When we go down under the water, it reminds us that our old self (our sin) has been buried with Jesus. When we come up out of the water, it reminds us that we have been raised with Jesus to a new life.

Baptism is also a special sign to God and others that we love Jesus and want to follow him. When people marry, they often take on a sign that expresses to their spouse and others that they are married. [At this point, you can use an illustration from the culture in which you work.] When you follow Jesus, you want to say to God and everyone else how much you love Him and want to belong to Him only.

Why be baptized?

- Jesus was baptized. (Matthew 3:13-17)
- Jesus commands us to. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Use the following **optional** sections only when dealing with existing Christians or those who have already been exposed to a mode of baptism different from immersion or those who have been exposed to a practice of delayed baptism (a waiting period).

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Why immersion?

- It is what the New Testament word means.
- It is what pictures death, burial and resurrection
- John 3:23 – “much water”

When?

- Immediately after believing (never before)
- All commands to be baptized are immediate
- All baptisms in Acts were immediate

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share what your baptism was like.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Baptism

Before a person is baptized, as a sign of their repentance, ask if they have any idols or idol worship items in their house. If so, or if they have practiced idolatry in any fashion, lead them through a time of destroying their idols and renouncing idol worship. Explain to them that this is because they are taking on the sign of a love commitment to Jesus. To continue to worship idols is like committing spiritual adultery. God will not tolerate this!

Idol Worship: Idols represent demons

- Demon worship represents spiritual adultery – cheating on our commitment to God. (See Judges 2:17, 8:33; 1 Chronicles 5:25; Psalms 106: 38-39; Ezekiel 23:37, etc.)
- **Remove all idols from your home:** Say: “What if when you got married your spouse asked if their former lover could live in the house with you? How would you feel?” *You would not tolerate this! You would demand that they leave your house permanently!* In the same way, we can’t keep idols in our house after we belong to God. You must tear down all that is associated with idols in and around your house. You must renounce your allegiance to them. Ask God to bless your home as a place of worship of Him
- **Stop all idolatry practices:** Say: “What if your spouse told you, ‘I’m going to sleep with someone else, but it will only be once a year.’ How would you feel?” *You would not tolerate any adultery (not 1 night a year or ever!)* In the same way, we cannot even dabble in a little idolatry, because God is a jealous God. His presence will not fully dwell with us if we practice idolatry.
- **Do not fear:** No matter what the devil may do, he can never steal your salvation. God is the Most High. The Bible promises God will be with us no matter what difficulty Satan brings to us.

Pray with each person in the training group about being baptized. Help them to commit to being baptized as soon as possible (preferably the same day).

Set a time to be baptized

- Set a time as soon as possible (later that day or within a few days)
- Ask them the 4 baptism questions (see below) *privately*. Resolve any questions prior to going into the water.

Baptism Questions:

1. Have you put your trust in Jesus who died on the cross for your sins and on the third day rose again?
 2. Do you know Jesus has forgiven all your sins?
 3. Are you telling everyone here that you will follow Jesus and never turn back?
 4. Will you keep following Jesus even when they curse you, hit you, arrest and imprison you and threaten to kill you? (Or, "When you encounter difficulties or if others curse you, hit you, arrest and imprison you or threaten to kill you, will you continue to only rely upon Jesus and will not worship idols or _____?" [typical behaviors that are practiced when facing difficulties])
- Practice baptizing ("dry baptism")
 - Ask 4 questions *publicly* before the witnesses.
 - Verbally *pray for them* in the presence of the witnesses.
 - Ask for an assistant if the person being baptized is large (larger than you).
 - *Baptize* them in the "*name of Jesus*" placing their entire body under the water.

Say: "I baptize you in the name of Jesus. You have been buried with Christ in death and raised to a new life."
 - *Celebrate* with them when they come out of the water!
 - Don't forget to set a time for the actual baptism as soon as possible!

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups (each group re-trains one trainer).

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- **Praise:** teach them a new song (*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*). Pray for your time together.
- **Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
- **Accountability:** "Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?"
- **Review:** Go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
- **Vision casting:**
 - Review *Call from Above*.
 - *Call from Below:* In the C2C story, you mentioned hell. Tell them that all who die without knowing Jesus are in hell.
 - **Story** (Luke 16:19-28): *The Bible tells the story of one man who died and went to hell. He was in so much pain that he called out to heaven, begging them to send someone to warn his living family members not to go to hell.*
 - What do you think those who are dead relatives of the people in this village would say to you? [To go share the good news with their family.]

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

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3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?" Give them time to listen to God's answer.
 - This is your "household" – those in your circle of influence who you are responsible for.
 - Remember the *call from below* to go share with them.
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 2: Assurance – *The Shepherd and His Sheep*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

1. **Praise:** Sing the song from the last training and teach them a new song. Pray for your time together.
2. **Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God? What challenges or problems are you facing? How have you seen God at work?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
3. **Accountability**
 - *New question:* "Were you baptized? Please share about it." (obedience from the last lesson)
 - Question: "Who did you share with? Did they believe? How can I help you?"
 - *New question:* "Who are you training in what I trained you?" (Who did you teach the baptism lesson to?) "How can I help you?"
 - Pray for needs that come up.
4. **Review:**
 - Go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling.*
 - Review Baptism lesson (especially the story & memory verse)
5. **Vision casting: *Call from outside***
 - Review the *call from above* and *call from below.*
 - **Call from outside:** In the Bible there is a story of how a follower of Jesus named Paul. *He had a dream. In his dream people that didn't know God were calling him to come tell them the Good News. Paul obeyed his dream and went and told them and many people were saved. (Acts 16:9,10)* Today we will learn a story about sheep and the good shepherd. There are lost sheep that haven't come to the good shepherd yet. God wants to use you to tell them the Good News. Without God, they are lost and going to hell. But like a sheep calls out for help, they too are calling out for help. When you see people each day, you should not hear the words from their mouth (e.g. "help me in my field."; "Those vegetables cost 1 kuai."), but the cry from their heart ("I am lost and need saving."). This is the call from outside: lost people calling to us to tell them the Good News.

Section 2:

1. Story (John 10:11-18, 27-30):

One day Jesus was talking about sheep and their shepherd. He said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. When a hired man is watching the sheep he is not concerned about the sheep. When a wolf comes, the hired man runs away leaving the sheep. The wolf catches the sheep and scatters them."

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just like the Father knows me and I know the Father. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I lay down my life for the sheep. I give eternal life to them. They will never perish. No one will take my sheep out of my hand. My Father has given them to me and He is greater than all. No one is able to take them out of the Father's hand."

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?
Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

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2. Memory Verse:

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

Jesus is like a good shepherd who loves his sheep. We are his sheep.

- He knows us by name.
- He will never leave us.
- He loved us so much he was willing to die for us.
- His power is great.
- No one can take us out of his hand.
- Our relationship with him is secure for eternity.

We should be like the sheep of the good shepherd.

- We should know Jesus in an intimate/personal way.
- We should listen to his voice and follow his leading in our lives.

When you believe in God you become part of God's family. God's Holy Spirit, who you receive when you believe in Jesus, agrees with your spirit to assure you that you are a child of God. Nothing can change your relationship with Him. You belong to the good shepherd.

Your salvation/relationship is secure. No matter what the situation may be you can take comfort in the fact that you can call on Him and He hears you. You will never be taken out of His hands.

4. Trainer Testimony:

It is suggested that the trainer share a personal story about a time when they disobeyed their parents (or if they have children a time when their child disobeyed them) and the results. The testimony should emphasize that in being disobedient their *fellowship* with their parents hurt but their *relationship* was secure. Even though the parents were unhappy, you were still their child. In the same way, once we are adopted into God's family nothing can destroy that relationship.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Thank God: Thank God daily that you are part of His family. Spend some time praying with each person in the training group about their salvation.

Trust in God: Remember that God loves you very much. Trust that He is able to protect you. Cry out to Jesus when you are fearful. Is there anything you are fearful about? Let's pray together now.

Every time this week and after it, when the devil lies to your mind to tell you that he has power over you, pray in the name of Jesus that you belong to God and ask God to protect you.

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups with each group training one trainer.

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
 - This is your "household" – those you are responsible for.
 - Remember the *call from outside* to go share with them.
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 3: Prayer – *Jesus Prays & Teaches Us to Pray*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

- 1. Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
- 2. Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
- 3. Accountability**
 - Question: "Did you obey the previous lesson?"
 - Question: "Who did you share with? Did they believe? How can I help you?"
 - Question: "Who are you training in what I trained you?" (Who did you teach the assurance lesson to?) "How can I help you?"
 - *New* question: "Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?"
 - Pray for needs that come up.
- 4. Review:**
 - Go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
- 5. Vision casting:**
 - Review the previous three calls (above, below and outside). Have them explain these calls to you and share how God has convicted them.

Section 2:

1. Story (Mark 1:29-39; Luke 6:12-13):

Jesus went to the home of Peter, one of his followers. Peter's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. Jesus took her hand, helped her up; the fever left and she began to serve them. That night many came to the door as Jesus healed many who had diseases. He also drove out many demons.

Early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a lonely place. He prayed there. Peter and the others went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." But because Jesus prayed he knew he needed instead to go to the nearby villages to preach the good news. After that he continued traveling throughout the area preaching, healing, and driving out demons.

Another time Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray. He spent the whole night praying to God. He knew he needed to ask for God's wisdom in order to make a big decision. In the morning, after praying, he called his disciples. He chose twelve of them and called them apostles.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?
Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

When we have a relationship with someone we love to talk to that person. Now that you know and love God, you can talk to Him. We call this praying. Learn to pray three ways:

- **Express your love for God** and share with Him anything that is on your heart.
- **Persistently ask** your Father for help.
 - Seek God for guidance like Jesus did.
 - Seek God's help to meet the needs of others.
- **Expectedly believe** your Father to give you what is best for you.

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share a personal story about prayer and answered prayer.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Practical plan to pray

Take out a piece of paper and trace around the trainee's hand (if using paper is not appropriate, simply use your fingers). On each of the fingers and thumb write out the five parts of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, confession, asking for the needs of others, asking for personal needs. This picture helps us remember the five parts of prayer:

- **Praise God** for the great God that He is. Tell Him how wonderful He is.
- The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. **Confess sin** that you have committed since the last time you prayed. Ask God to forgive you and make a commitment to change.
- **Thank God** for how He is working in your life and for answering your prayers.
- **Ask God** to meet the needs of **others**.
- **Ask God** to meet any needs in **your life**.

When we pray we should be listening for God to speak to us. Take your hand and cup it behind your ear as one does when trying to hear better. This **cupped hand** reminds us to listen to God as we pray. But always remember the most important way God speaks to us is through His word.

Now pray together: The trainer starts with a short sentence of praise. Each trainee follows with his own short sentence. Then the trainer says a short sentence of confession. Each trainee follows. Continue with thanksgiving and requests until through all the fingers. At the end, the trainer closes the prayer saying, "In Jesus' name we pray, amen".

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*

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- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups with each group training one trainer.

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 4: God's Word – *Build on the Rock*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

1. **Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
2. **Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
3. **Accountability**
 - Question: "Did you obey the previous lesson?"
 - Question: "Who did you share with? Did they believe? How can I help you?"
 - Question: "Who are you training in what I trained you?" (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) "How can I help you?"
 - Question: "Among those that you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?"
 - *New* question: "Among those that you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?"
 - Pray for needs that come up.
4. **Review:**
 - Go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially story and memory verses).
5. **Vision casting:**
 - In Matthew we learn that as Jesus went through all the towns and villages, he taught in their synagogues, preached the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
 - God wants all people to know him and his love. That happens as believers go to the lost to share the good news.
 - Last week we learned about prayer. Let's take some time and pray asking that God would send more workers to lead people to know him.

Section 2:

1. Story (Matthew 7:24 – 29):

Jesus often taught people how to live God's way. One day a large crowd was listening. Jesus said, "Everyone who hears my words and practices them is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. When it rained, the streams flooded, and the wind blew hard against the house, but the house did not fall. It remained standing because its foundation had been built on the rock. But everyone who hears my words and does not do them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. When it rained, the streams flooded, the wind blew hard against the house and the house fell down. It fell with a great crash.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?
Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

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"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?
Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

Jesus tells us that we express our love by obeying His commands. His commands are found in the Bible – the Word of God. The Word of God is the highest authority in life to be obeyed.

- The Bible is the primary way God speaks to you and shows you how to live.
- The Bible is the standard of Truth (in opposition to false teachers and false teaching).
- The Bible is to be obeyed by all Christians.

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share a personal story about how God spoke to you through the Bible and how you obeyed it.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Practical plan to study and obey the Word - everyday

Take out a piece of paper and trace around the trainee's other hand. (One hand used for prayer, the other hand used for the Word illustration). On each of the fingers and thumb write out the five ways to put the Word of God into your life. This picture helps you remember how to put the Word of God into your life.

Finger 1: Listen/Read

- Listen (or read) the Bible story or passage 2-3 times and listen carefully for the meaning.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding. Listen to him.
- If you are in a group study, listen to the group. Understanding the Bible is more effective when we have godly brothers and sisters to learn it with.

Finger 2: Meditate

- Think about the story or passage.
- Ask the 3 questions (What does it say; what does it teach you about God; what should you obey?)
- As you go about your day (working in the field, shepherding your goats, etc), continue to think about the Bible story and its meaning.

Finger 3: Memorize

- Memorize one verse each week.
- Mentally review all the Bible verses you have memorized a few times each week.

Finger 4: Obey

- What should you obey?
- What do you need to stop?

- What do you need to start?
- What do you need to do today?

Thumb: Teach/Share with Others

- One of the best ways to learn and remember the Bible is to teach it to someone else.
- Teaching others is God's way of making sure all have a chance to know him.
- Who will you share these insights with this week?

Pick up the Bible with your hand using all the fingers and your thumb. When the complete hand grasps the Word of God, it cannot easily be grabbed away. When the Bible is firmly grasped in your hand using all the fingers and the thumb you can give (teach and share) the truths of the Word of God to others.

Pray with each person in the training group about obeying God's Word.

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups with each group training one trainer.

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 5: The Church – *The Early Church*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

- 1. Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
- 2. Personal care:** “How are you doing? What are you learning from God’s Word? What is God teaching you as you pray?” – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
- 3. Accountability**
 - Question: “Did you obey the previous lesson?”
 - Question: “Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?”
 - Question: “Who are you training in what I trained you?” (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) “How can I help you?”
 - Question: “Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?”
 - Question: “Among those you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?”
 - Pray for needs that come up.
- 4. Review:**
 - As needed, go over the C2C story and the person’s testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
- 5. Vision casting:**
 - ***Call to Multiply Trainers.*** In the book of Acts, we see how believers trained one another to be trainers of others. One of the first followers of Jesus was a man named Barnabas. He found a new believer named Paul and encouraged him. He believed God could change Paul’s life to make him into a great apostle in the church. Several years later, Paul was preaching the gospel in another country. He found a young man named Timothy who believed in Jesus. Paul believed that Timothy could be useful servant in God’s kingdom even though he was a young Christian. Paul took Timothy with him to share the gospel in many places leaving him in one. Later, Paul wrote to Timothy and told him that he should train these faithful men to find other younger Christians to train.
 - God wants each believer to be a trainer of other believers who will train more trainers. In this way the gospel spreads rapidly!

Section 2:

1. Story (Matthew 16:18, Acts 2:37-47):

Jesus taught his disciples the importance of meeting together as fellow believers. He said, “I will build my church and all the powers of hell will not be able to defeat it!”

After Jesus ascended to heaven, his followers began to meet regularly with other believers as a church. They also spread the good news to many people.

On one occasion three thousand people heard and accepted the gospel and were baptized. These believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching which Jesus had given to them and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe, and the apostles did many wonders and miraculous signs. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They gave sacrificially, even selling some of their possessions and goods, in order that they could help and give to those who were in need. They continued to meet together daily in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord blessed the believers by bringing more and more people to them who became saved.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?

Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

The Bible tells us that believers should meet together regularly (at least weekly) as a body called the church. There can be more than one church in a village.

- The people of God gathered together in one place is called a church.
- The church is a group of local baptized believers who meet together with each other consistently and agree to be a family of God—they see themselves as a church and they also function as a church. (They can also give their church a name.)
- A church can meet anywhere and at any time that is convenient (e.g. a home or a shop).
- When you meet together as a body, Jesus (as the head of the body) is there and he builds you!
- As a body, the church meets together to praise God, love and serve one another. They do this by being unified in worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer and ministry. This can be easily remembered with the following phrase: "Love God, Love People, Make Disciples."
- The church regularly (at least once a month) eats the Lord's Supper together. We will learn more about this later.
- The church is made up of people who have repented of their sins, believed in Jesus Christ and followed him in baptism.
- **"This lesson is about what we've been doing all along as we've been meeting together!"**
 - If there is no church in their village, they can commit to starting a church with other new Christians.
 - If there already is a church in their village, they can join, but the best is for them to begin another church with new Christian friends.
 - When the church grows too big, they may want to start a new church so they can continue to meet safely and intimately in homes.

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4. Trainer Testimony:

Share about how God has used your meeting together regularly with other Christians in His church to encourage, strengthen, and challenge you.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Become a church

Pray together as a group about becoming a church.

Give the believers a very concrete format for church:

- Help the new believers decide on a meeting time to start and a name for their church.
- Commit to meet with other believers at least once a week, but more often if possible, in a home.
- As churches begin to grow, God raises up men who are growing in character to lead the church. Each church should strive to have at least 2 male leaders. However, every Christian is to participate and can help by serving in some way in the church.
- In the story we just heard, there are some important things that every church should do. Even if a church has only a few people, it can do these things.
- *Use a format such as:*
 - **Fellowship:** Spend time with other Christians. Open your heart to them and share your needs and concerns (one way you do this is by asking how each person is doing). Hear their needs and care for them. If there are physical needs, you as a part of the church can serve one another by meeting their needs and taking care of them.
 - **Prayer:** Pray together about things that concern you, especially for any needs that surface
 - **Review:** Last week's lesson (Bible story, memory verse, application), witnessing opportunities, training opportunities.
 - Include time for accountability about obeying the last lesson and your witnessing to and training others
 - **Praise:** Worship God in your singing of praise songs and while giving thanks to Him together. Always try to write new praise songs in your own language using your own musical style.
 - **Word:** Regularly read or hear God's Word, the Bible. Discuss what it means and how to obey it. Every Christian should obey the Bible. When they read or listen to a new passage, they can answer these questions:
 - What does it say?
 - What does it teach you about God?
 - What should you obey?
 - **Memory Verse:** Memorize a verse together.
 - **Lord's Supper:** Eat the bread and drink from the cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus. Confess your sins to one another and recommit yourselves to follow Christ. This is so important that we will talk more about this later.
 - **Baptism:** If someone in the group is a new believer and has not been baptized, set a time for them to review the baptism lesson and be baptized.
 - **Offerings:** Sacrificial giving to meet the needs that arise.

- **Evangelism:** Commit to obey and to witness to more and more lost people to help them know Jesus and become a part of churches.

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups with each group training one trainer.

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 6: Forgiveness – *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

1. **Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
2. **Personal care:** “How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?” – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
3. **Accountability**
 - Question: “Did you obey the previous lesson?”
 - Question: “Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?”
 - Question: “Who are you training in what I trained you?” (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) “How can I help you?”
 - Question: “Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?”
 - Question: “Among those you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?”
 - Pray for needs that come up.
4. **Review:**
 - As needed, go over the C2C story and the person’s testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
5. **Vision casting:**
 - In Acts 10, God told Peter, who was a Jew, to leave his village and go to people that were a little different from him in another village to share the good news. Peter was reluctant, but obeyed God. When he got there, he found that God had already prepared a Roman man named Cornelius to hear the gospel. In fact, Cornelius was so excited he invited all his family and friends to hear the good news. When Peter shared the good news with them, they all believed and were baptized! They all rejoiced together!
 - Are there other villages that you should share the gospel in? Will you do this even if they are a different minority?

Section 2:

1. Story (Matthew 18:23-35):

Jesus told this story to his disciples: There was a servant who owed his master a great amount of money. This servant was not able to pay the master back so the master ordered that the servant, his wife, children, and all his belongings be sold to pay his debt. This servant fell on his knees before his master and begged, “Be patient with me and I will pay back everything.” The master had mercy on this servant and forgave him for the whole amount and allowed him to go.

However, this same servant later found another servant who owed him just a small amount. He grabbed this fellow servant and said, “Pay back what you owe me!” The fellow servant fell on his knees before him and begged, “Be patient with me and I will pay you back.” However, the servant angrily refused and had his fellow servant thrown into prison.

The master later found out what had happened and called the first servant back to him. “You are a wicked servant,” he said, “I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on

you?" Then the master had this servant thrown into prison until he could pay the master in full.

Jesus told this story about the unforgiving servant to show his followers the importance of seeking forgiveness from God and of generously forgiving each other as God has forgiven us.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?
Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?
Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

The Bible tells us not only to love God but to love our neighbors. This means we want to have a good relationship with them. Forgiveness can be powerful, but it's hard to do.

Forgiveness occurs at two levels:

1. We seek forgiveness from God and from other people.
2. We forgive other people.
 - Forgiving other people does not necessarily mean that we can forget the sin—we must actively choose to not hold that sin against the offender.
 - We need to forgive others who have offended us whether or not they come to us seeking forgiveness or regardless of how we feel. (Remember that they will ultimately face God's judgment.)

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share about a time when God convicted you of sin. How did you realize you were wrong? When you asked God and/or others for forgiveness, how did that help your relationship to be restored?

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Remember, forgiveness occurs at two levels:

1. Seek forgiveness from God and from other people.
 - **Pray and ask God** to show you where you have offended him and others.
 - **Confess them to God**, seeking his forgiveness.
 - **Confess them to others**, seeking their forgiveness.
 - **Receive forgiveness** and freedom from God and others.

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- **Practice saying these words:** sometimes it is hard to say these words, so I want you to practice saying these words by repeating after me: "I made a mistake; I was wrong; I'm sorry; please forgive me."
2. Forgive other people.
- Forgiveness is a choice. You must choose to forgive the other person. (This does not necessarily mean that you can always forget the sin.)
 - **Ask God** to show you who you have not forgiven.
 - **Forgive others** who have offended you whether or not they come to you seeking forgiveness or regardless of how you feel. (Remember that they will ultimately face God's judgment.)
 - **Pray:** If there is anyone you know of right now who you have not forgiven, now is the time to pray and ask forgiveness from God and strength to forgive. If there is anyone you know of right now who you need to seek forgiveness from, now is the time to ask God for forgiveness and ask for strength to confess and ask forgiveness from the other person. If you cannot think of anyone, you can also pray to ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is anyone you need to ask forgiveness from or if there is anyone you need to forgive. Let's pray together silently now.

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
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1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 7: The Lord's Supper – *The Last Supper*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

1. **Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
2. **Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
3. **Accountability**
 - Question: "Did you obey the previous lesson?"
 - Question: "Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?"
 - Question: "Who are you training in what I trained you?" (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) "How can I help you?"
 - Question: "Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?"
 - Question: "Among those you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?"
 - Pray for needs that come up.
4. **Review:**
 - As needed, go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
5. **Vision casting:**
 - Review the Cornelius story (Acts 10).
 - What other villages did you share the gospel in? Did you have any problems?

Section 2:

1. Story (Matthew 26:17-30):

The night before Jesus was crucified, he celebrated a very special meal with his closest followers. It was his last supper with them before his crucifixion. This was an important festival for the Jewish people in which each family killed a lamb as a sacrifice. God arranged for Jesus to be crucified during this festival so that people would realize that Jesus was the Lamb sacrificed for us!

When they were all at the table together, Jesus told his followers, "I'm telling you very plainly—one of you will betray me tonight!" His followers were very upset. Each of them asked Jesus, "I would not betray you, would I?" Judas, who had already been planning to betray Jesus, asked him the same thing as the others. Jesus said to him, "Yes, it is you!" And Judas immediately went out to betray him.

While they were eating their meal, Jesus then told his disciples, "I have earnestly desired to eat this special meal with you." He then took some bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave a piece to each of them. He said, "Take and eat it. This is my body which I am giving for you! Eat it to remember me."

Jesus then took a cup. He gave thanks for it and said, "Each of you drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out to bring forgiveness for your sins. I will not drink this again with you until I drink it with you in the kingdom of God!"

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?
Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.
2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

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2. Memory Verse:

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. I Corinthians 11:26

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

The Lord's Supper is an important activity for Christians. Jesus gave two special activities to the church to help us remember his death and resurrection: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is done only once when we become a Christian and serves as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord's Supper is done over and over so that we never forget the price Jesus paid for us. It is very healthy for your church to have the Lord's Supper at least once a month; some do it every week or every time they meet together!

Like baptism, the Lord's Supper is a picture. The bread and the juice are not really the body and blood of Jesus, but they provide a picture to remind us of the body and blood of Jesus. Jesus' sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross demonstrated his love for us.

The Lord's Supper should do three things when you eat it—past, present, and future:

- Remember the *past*: We should remember Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord's Supper is a *reminder*.
- Share a testimony in the *present*: By eating the supper, you are making a *testimony* to all you eat with that you are following Jesus.
- Hope in the *future*: Jesus promised that He would return for us. No matter what happens to you in this life, He will be with you and He will take you to be with him in heaven. We *look forward* to Jesus' return.
- The Lord's Supper is a holy time. As Christians, we do not want to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner. The Bible strongly warns that one who takes the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner may become sick and even die. You want to make sure that you confess your sin to God and ask Him to forgive you before eating the supper ("Love God"). In addition, if there are people around you that you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from, you should do that first ("Love People") before participating in the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper helps keep us all pure and holy.

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share how the Lord's Supper has been a blessing in your life or what it means to you personally.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Practice the Lord's Supper this week:

1. Retell the story about the Lord's Supper.
2. Spend time in prayer asking God to forgive your sins.

3. Spend time with other Christians around you asking them to forgive you if you have hurt them in some way. Go and seek forgiveness from anyone you have offended.
4. Pass the bread around the group. Each baptized Christian who has sought forgiveness from God and others may take some.
 - Someone in the group should give thanks for the bread.
 - That person should say, "Jesus said, 'This is my body which I am giving for you! Eat it to remember me.'"
 - Everyone eat the bread.
5. Take out the cup with the juice.
 - Someone in the group should give thanks for the cup.
 - That person should say, "Jesus said, 'This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out to bring forgiveness for your sins. Each of you drink it.'"
 - Pass the cup around and each person may drink.
6. Sing a hymn to celebrate the hope you have in Jesus. He died, rose from the dead and will return for you!

Section 3:

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1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 8: Love and Serve Others – *Jesus Washes Feet*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

1. **Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
2. **Personal care:** “How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?” – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
3. **Accountability**
 - Question: “Did you obey the previous lesson?”
 - Question: “Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?”
 - Question: “Who are you training in what I trained you?” (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) “How can I help you?”
 - Question: “Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?”
 - Question: “Among those you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?”
 - *New Question:* “What new villages are you sharing the gospel in?”
 - Pray for needs that come up.
4. **Review:**
 - As needed, go over the C2C story and the person’s testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
5. **Vision casting:**
 - ***Gospel spreads to an entire province:*** Acts 19:10 tells the story that in one city where Paul started a church, they had a vision for sharing the gospel all over their province. They didn’t just go to one village, but many villages. In two years time, every person in every village and city in the province had heard the Word of God! God can use us to share His love for this whole province!

Section 2:

1. Story (John 13:3-17):

After Jesus and his followers ate the last supper together, he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

When Jesus came to Peter, he said, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” Peter replied, “Then Lord not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”

For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

After Jesus had prayed for them, they sang a hymn together. Then they went out into the night.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?

Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

Jesus is our Lord and our example. He gave up everything to bring us back to God. He made Himself nothing and took on the form of a servant.

- Jesus was a humble servant.
- Love your neighbor in the same way you love yourselves. In doing so we should consider others better than ourselves.
- Look to the needs of others.

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share how you served someone recently and what it meant to you and them.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Every Christian should become a servant to others.

Find ways each week to meet the needs of other people around you.

- This means that each time the church meets, various believers should take responsibility for different parts (lead the song, lead the prayer, etc.)
- As the family of God (the church), we should look for opportunities to serve one another.
- This also means that every Christian should serve non-Christians by sharing the Gospel and identifying and meeting their *needs* when able either as an individual or as a church.

Each church should strive to have at least two men who lead it by serving the others in the church.

- The servant leader should be obeying all he has learned so far (demonstrating godly character especially in the way he relates to his family).
- He must be able to teach others (by telling stories and explaining their meaning).
- He should serve the needs of the people in the church and put them first.

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups with each group training one trainer.

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 9: Perseverance – *Garden and the Passion*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

- 1. Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
- 2. Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
- 3. Accountability**
 - Question: "Did you obey the previous lesson?"
 - Question: "Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?"
 - Question: "Who are you training in what I trained you?" (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) "How can I help you?"
 - Question: "Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?"
 - Question: "Among those you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?"
 - Question: "What new villages are you sharing the gospel in?"
 - Pray for needs that come up.
- 4. Review:**
 - As needed, go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
- 5. Vision casting:**
 - Review the story of the gospel spreading to an entire province (Acts 19:10).
 - When you go to new villages to share the gospel, do you share the vision of seeing your entire county reached with them? Are they beginning to go to new places to share the gospel?

Section 2:

1. Story (Matthew 26:36-28:10):

After Jesus had washed his follower's feet and eaten the last supper together with them, they went to a garden to pray. While in the garden Jesus prayed three times to His Father. He asked God to not allow Him to suffer the terrible persecution He was about to face but Jesus said he was willing to do God's will.

That night Jesus was betrayed by one of His disciples into the hands of religious leaders. These religious leaders brought false charges against Jesus. The religious leaders were determined to put Jesus to death. So, they flogged and spit upon Jesus and had Him sent to the Governor to be tried and put to death.

The Governor handed Jesus over to his soldiers who stripped him naked, spit upon Him, beat Him, placed a crown of thorns upon His head, and led him to the place of crucifixion.

The soldiers took Jesus to a hill where they nailed His hands and feet to a wooden cross. The religious leaders were there to mock and make fun of him. Jesus suffered pain and humiliation on the cross and finally died and was buried. However, Jesus' Father God honored His Son's perseverance in suffering by raising Him from the dead on the third day. After his resurrection, Jesus was seen by over 500 people and met with his disciples several times. Then He returned to His Father. Now Jesus is in heaven where He lives and reigns forever in peace and glory.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?

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Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. Matthew 5:11-12

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

- We will face persecution and endure suffering as part of the Christian life. Jesus told us that those that follow him will be persecuted.
- The Holy Spirit will teach us what to say when we are questioned by those persecuting us and He will give us strength to endure suffering.
- We shouldn't fear persecution, suffering, or death because we know that we will be rewarded in Heaven.
- **Why does God allow us to be persecuted?**
 - God's will.
 - For our benefit.
 - So we can know and rely on Jesus more deeply.
 - To test and purify our faith.
 - So that more people will come to know Jesus.

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share how you have faced difficulties and how you responded.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Learn to persevere in times of difficulty, trials, etc.

- Pray asking God for strength and endurance.
- Focus on Jesus and your desire to please him.
- Remember you have hope in a future reward.

Learn to persevere in times of persecution. How should you respond?

1. Don't be surprised.
2. Think/meditate on Scripture you have learned/memorized. God has promised to be with us and take care of us. So remember the promises of the Bible.
3. Flee if God allows.
4. If you can't flee then what?
 - a. Pray
 - b. Trust in God (meditate on Scripture and sing praise songs)

- c. Persevere
- d. Be thankful
- e. Rejoice and be glad
- f. Be a good witness in the midst of persecution
- g. Don't seek persecution

Section 3:

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1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

TRT Training 10: The Great Commission – *Sending of the 70 and Jesus' Commission*

Section 1: Praise, personal care, accountability, review and vision-casting

1. **Praise:** Sing the songs from the previous trainings and teach a new song. Pray for your time together.
2. **Personal care:** "How are you doing? How is your relationship with God?" – Give biblical counsel and pray for needs.
3. **Accountability**
 - Question: "Did you obey the previous lesson?"
 - Question: "Who did you share with? Did they believe? Any ways I can help you?"
 - Question: "Who are you training in what I trained you?" (Who did you teach the previous lesson to?) "How can I help you?"
 - Question: "Among those you are training, who is now witnessing? How are they doing?"
 - Question: "Among those you are training, who is training others? How are they doing?"
 - Question: "What new villages are you sharing the gospel in?"
 - Pray for needs that come up.
4. **Review:**
 - As needed, go over the C2C story and the person's testimony helping them to become *more proficient and accurate in the telling*.
 - Review previous lessons (especially stories and memory verses).
5. **Vision casting:**
 - No vision casting in this lesson here (whole lesson will cast vision).

Section 2:

1. Story (Luke 10:1-12; Matthew 28:18-20):

The Bible teaches that Jesus came to bring all people back into relationship with God. While on earth he trained some of his key followers to pray for more workers because many people would be receptive to the gospel.

Jesus sent them out in pairs to tell people how they could be reconciled back to God. He told them that when they went into a new village they should look for a person of peace who was receptive to their message that they could stay and eat and share the Gospel with day after day.

They were not only to preach the Good News, but also to use Jesus' authority to cast out demons and heal the sick. Jesus warned them that they would be like sheep among wolves and that when people rejected their message they should shake the dust off their feet, warn them about the grave eternal consequences of rejecting the Good News, and move on to a new location.

After Jesus rose from the dead and immediately before he returned to heaven, his final words to his disciples reminded them again that they should help all people be reconciled to God. He told them, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

After Jesus returned to heaven, his disciples obeyed his command and began traveling all over the world telling people how they could be reconciled to God.

Questions:

1. What is this story saying?

Everyone practices retelling the story until they can do so confidently.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

2. Memory Verse:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Questions:

1. What is this verse saying?

Memorize the verse together until everyone can say it perfectly.

2. What does it teach you about God?
3. What should you obey?

3. Teaching:

As you go out to share the gospel, remember the following:

- Go in pairs to give mutual encouragement and support.
- Know that the harvest is plentiful! Jesus has prepared many to receive the Good News you bring.
- Pray for more people to go and share the gospel.
- Those who you know (your family, your relatives, your friends & neighbors) and have seen your changed life will be most responsive.

4. Trainer Testimony:

Share your burden for your people group.

5. How to Obey:

Today, how do you need to obey God? [Let the group members share.] I would like to discuss with you an important way to obey.

Identify and begin to make plans to reach those close and far:

1. Jerusalem: your village
2. Judea: other villages or towns around with people you already know (your same people group)
3. Samaria: other villages with people you do not know but are nearby (different people groups)
4. Ends of the Earth: places outside your valley or district

Follow the plan Jesus gave in Luke 10 for going to new areas:

- Go to new villages and look for persons of peace. These will be people who receive you and are willing to hear the gospel message.
- Stay in their home and gather their family together.
- Pray for needs including healing the sick and casting out demons
- Proclaim the Good News and invite them to believe
- Love & serve those you are trying to reach
- Move on to other villages if they reject you.

Section 3:

- *Remember this is the most important section. Never omit it!*
- The trainees should now teach the entire lesson back to the trainers. If the group is large, you may need to divide the trainees into multiple groups with each group training one trainer.

Training Rural Trainers

1. Practice re-teaching section 1.

Trainees should imitate the entire first section with each other.

- Praise
- Personal care
- Accountability
- Review
- Vision casting

2. Practice re-teaching section 2 (lesson):

- Story
- Memory Verse
- Teaching
- Trainer Testimony
- How to obey?

3. Who will you share with? Prayer time!

- Pray together with the new believer. Ask him: "Whom is God telling you to share this with?"
- Pray for the new believer to have boldness to witness to 5 people this week.

Teaching Tips for This Lesson

To further solidify this lesson and build the confidence of those you are training you may likely find it helpful to supplement it with any of the following activities:

1) Role Play Using Luke 10 – the sending of the 70.

a) Pick 2 people to be "Goers" and have them leave the room. Pick one person in the group to be a Person of Peace. Then ask the "Goers" to re-enter the room and try to find a Person of Peace. Once they find them they should group them with others interested and then share the Good News with them. They should also look for ways to serve people through praying for the sick and casting out demons. Debrief the role-play as a group.

b) Pick 2 new people to be "Goers" and have them leave the room. This time tell the group that no one will be a Person of Peace and that everyone will be cold and eventually antagonistic toward them and the Gospel. Then ask the "Goers" to re-enter the room and try to find a Person of Peace. Once they realize that there is no Person of Peace and they and their message is being clearly rejected by the people, they should warn the people, shake the dust off their feet, and leave the village. Debrief the role-play as a group.

2) Listen to and discuss the 8 episodes of the CPM Story – a radio drama that tells the interesting story of how one house church successfully plants multiplying churches in a number of villages. Each episode is about 10-20 minutes long.

3) Review the story below about Barnabas, Paul and Timothy and 2 Timothy 2:2 as a memory verse story to cast vision for multiplication (training of trainers).

Story:

One of the first followers of Jesus after he rose from the dead was a man named Barnabas. We don't know how he first believed. Most likely he heard the gospel from Jesus or from one of Jesus' 12 followers and was eventually trained by them. He was called by them "The Encourager" because he encouraged many people.

While Barnabas and the other Christians were growing in their faith a great persecution broke out against the believers. Many Christians had to flee from Jerusalem. However, wherever they went they preached the gospel to others.

One of the fiercest persecutors was named Paul. For a long time he persecuted the church. One day as he was traveling on a road to persecute some Christians, Jesus appeared to him in a vision. Paul began to follow Jesus and was very excited about his new faith. But other Christians were afraid of him. However, Barnabas found Paul and encouraged him. He believed God could change his life. He trained Paul to become a great apostle in the church.

Several years later, Paul was preaching the gospel in another country. He found a young man named Timothy who believed in Jesus. Paul believed that Timothy could be a useful servant in God's kingdom even though he was a young Christian. Paul took Timothy with him in his travels and trained him to be a preacher of the gospel.

Later, Paul left Timothy in a city (Ephesus) where the gospel was spreading rapidly. Timothy began to look around and draw to himself faithful men who were newer believers than himself. He trained them to begin to lead God's people in His kingdom.

Paul wrote to Timothy and told him that he should train these faithful men to find other younger Christians to train. In this way the gospel spreads rapidly!

Memory Verse:

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

TRT Next Steps (TRT 11 and beyond):

1. Continue to use the same training process ("rule of thirds") in all the lessons you do from this point forward.
2. We suggest using the following set of 42 stories for study beyond the 10 TRT lessons. These stories will complement the ones already learned while giving better insight into the overall story of the Bible. The Scriptures referenced in the parenthesis after the story title are the basis for the story. (When this story set is complete by the summer of 2008, all references will be available along with transcripts of each story.)
 - Introduction – bible (Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:16; Ps.90:1-2; Is 43:10b; Neh. 9:6; Col. 1:16; Rev. 5:11; Ps. 103:20; Job 38:4-7; Isa.14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17; Rev. 12:7-9; Rev. 12:4; Jn. 8:44; Ps. 95:3)
 - Creation (Gen 1:1-25)
 - Humans (Gen 1:26; 2:7-10a, 15-25; 1:27-2:3)
 - Fall (Gen 3:1-24)
 - Murder (Gen 4:1-16)
 - Flood (Gen 6:5-9, 12-16a, 16c, 17-22; 7:1a, 4, 7-9, 16b, 10, 11b-12, 17-19, 21-24; 8:1-4, 6-12, 15-22; 9:8-17)
 - Babel (Gen 11:1-9)
 - Abraham (Gen 12:1-3; 11:31; 12:4-7; 15:1-6; 17:1-8, 15-17, 19, 21b; 18:10c-15; 21:1-3, 5-8)
 - Isaac (Gen 22:1-19)
 - Joseph (Gen 28:10-22; 46:1-7; 37:10-11; 40:1-23; 41:1-40)
 - Egypt (Gen 25:19-21, 24-26b; 35:22c; 37:3-4, 23-24, 28, 36; 46:2-7; ex. 1:6-2:1-15b)
 - Moses (Ex 2:23-3:22; 6:28-10:29)
 - Passover (Ex 11:1; 12:3, 5-7, 12-14, 21-24, 28-33, 35-38; 13:18a, 21-22; 14:8-31)
 - Law (Ex 19:1-5, 17-19; 20:1-3, 4a, 5a, 7a, 8, 12a, 13-17a, 17c, 18-19, 22-24; 24:13, 15-18; 32:1-4, 6-8, 17-19a, 20-24, 35; 33:1)
 - Tabernacle (Ex 40, Lev. 1, 10, 16-17)
 - Canaan ()
 - Judges ()
 - Elijah (1 Kings 16:29-33; 17:1; 18:1-2, 5, 16-39, 46)
 - Daniel ()
 - Prophecy (Is 6:1-10, 44:6-20, 59:1-8; 2 Kings 17:7-18; Is 44:6-20, 59:1-8; Jdg 2; 2 Kings 17:7-18; Jer 25:4-7)
 - Angels ()
 - Birth (Luke 1:26-2:20, 2:52)
 - John the Baptist ()
 - Approval (Luke 3:1-33; John 1:19-37; Matt 3:13-15; Mark 1:12-15; Heb 4:15)

- Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
 - Well ()
 - Storm (Mark 4:35-41)
 - Demoniac (Mark 5:1-20)
 - Feeding (Matt 14:13-36; John 6:1-9)
 - Lazarus (John 11:1-53)
 - Temple ()
 - Last Supper (John 13:26 – 14:31; Matt 26:1-5, 14-35; Luke 22:14-20)
 - Spirit Promised ()
 - Trial (John 18:15 – 19:16)
 - Death (John 19:16-42; Luke 23:32-48; Mark 15:37-39; Matt 27:51-66)
 - Resurrection Luke 24:1-49; John 20:24-31; Heb 1:1-3, 8:1-6, 9:1-28, 10:11-23*
 - Appearances ()
 - Ascension (John 21:1-25 – Acts 1:1-11; Matt 28:18-20)
 - Church (Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-41)
 - Witnesses (Acts 4:1-37; Acts 5)
 - Return (Rev 21; Jn 14:2-3; Matt 13:39; Jn 5:22, 27-30; Rev 20:7-10; Lk 16:19-31)
3. After completing lessons based on the above story set, you may want to consider a passage by passage study through a book of the bible. We suggest you begin with the book of Mark. The following is a suggested break down of the passages in Mark.
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| a. Mark 1:1 - 20 | n. Mark 7:1 – 23 | aa. Mark 12:13 – 34 |
| b. Mark 1:21 - 45 | o. Mark 7:24 – 37 | bb. Mark 12:35 – 44 |
| c. Mark 2:1 – 12 | p. Mark 8:1 – 21 | cc. Mark 13:1 – 37 |
| d. Mark 2:13 – 28 | q. Mark 8:22 – 30 | dd. Mark 14:1 – 9 |
| e. Mark 3:1 – 12 | r. Mark 8:31 – 9:13 | ee. Mark 14:10 – 31 |
| f. Mark 3:13 – 35 | s. Mark 9:14 – 29 | ff. Mark 14:32 – 42 |
| g. Mark 4:1 – 20 | t. Mark 9:30 – 50 | gg. Mark 14:43 – 72 |
| h. Mark 4:21 – 34 | u. Mark 10:1 – 16 | hh. Mark 15:1 – 20 |
| i. Mark 4:35 – 5:20 | v. Mark 10:17 – 34 | ii. Mark 15:21 – 47 |
| j. Mark 5:21 – 43 | w. Mark 10:35 – 52 | jj. Mark 16:1 – 8 |
| k. Mark 6:1 – 13 | x. Mark 11:1 – 14 | kk. Mark 16:9 – 20 |
| l. Mark 6:14 – 29 | y. Mark 11:15 – 33 | (optional) |
| m. Mark 6:30 – 56 | z. Mark 12:1 – 12 | |
4. After completing Mark, you may want to study the same way through the book of Acts.