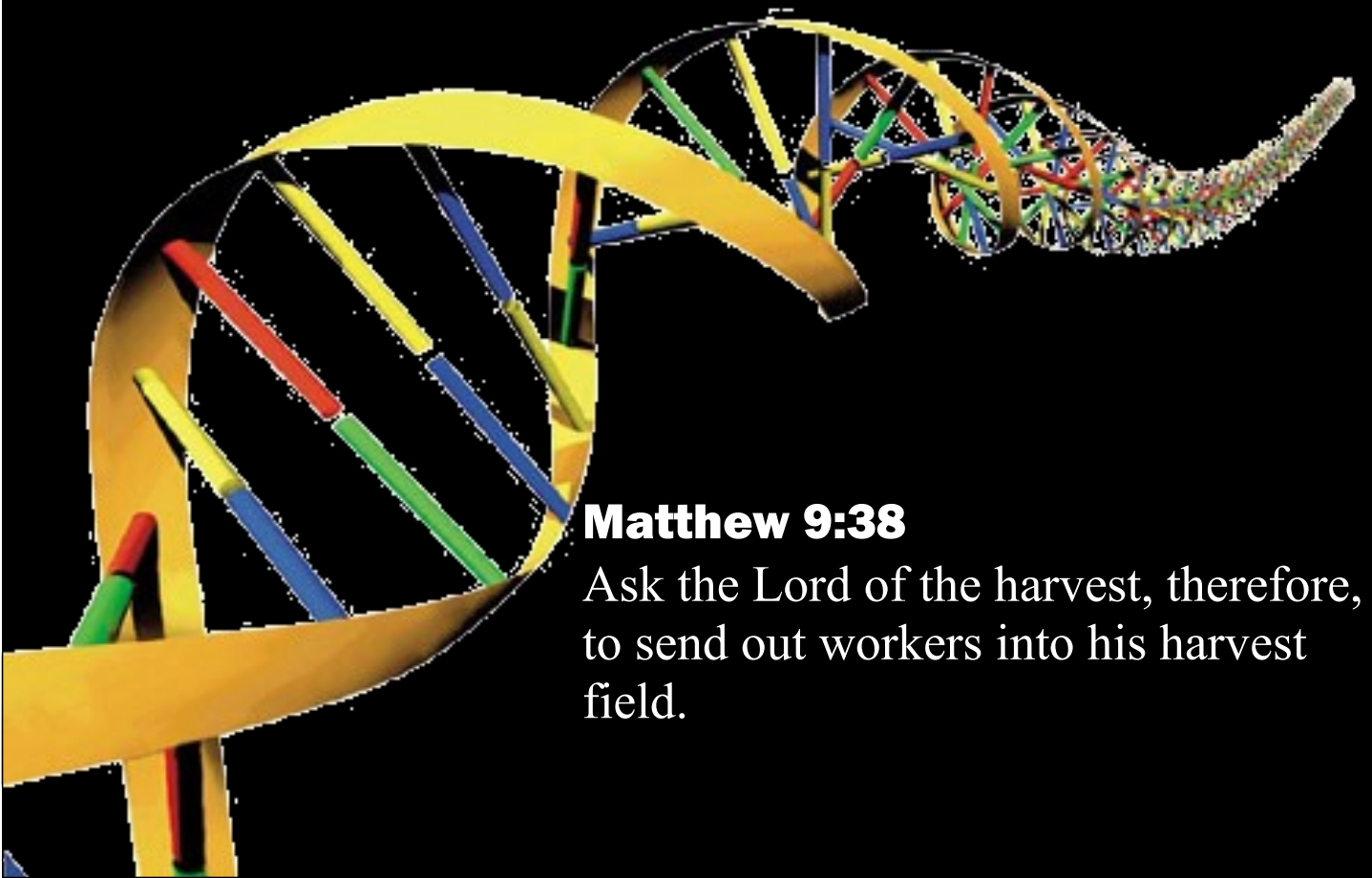


Evangelistic Bible Study Training



Matthew 9:38

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.



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SCHEDULE

8:30am Breakfast

9:00am Overview of Evangelistic Bible Study

9:40am Personal Reflection

9:55am Teaching Through Indirect Methods

10:30am Break and Refreshments

10:45am Experience Session 1 of “Good News for You”

11:45am Dismiss

“Thank you for coming today. You are an answered prayer. I believe that God will do amazing things through your life as you are willing to reach people with the gospel.”

Pastor Fred

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

After Jesus rose from the dead, and before He ascended back into heaven, He spoke these words to His followers.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1. God has given us the responsibility of _____, _____, and _____.

2. Notice the verse does not say “Go and make _____.” It says to make _____.

Unfortunately, churches tend to focus on “decisions” instead of “disciples.” The result is that many people who want a relationship with the Lord are not given the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Him because they remain ignorant of what the Bible teaches. They feel inadequate to live out their faith, much less share their faith with someone else. Making disciples, maturing followers of Jesus, takes more time and effort at the beginning, but pays off in the long run because a mature follower of Christ will share his faith with others—winning others to faith in Jesus.

How can God use Berkeley Avenue reach Turlock for Jesus?

According to Matthew 28:19-20 He is going to use us to do it in the method He described. Discipling, Baptizing, Teaching

DEFINING EVANGELISTIC BIBLE STUDY

3. Evangelistic Bible Study is a Bible study that is started for _____ friends. It's purpose is to introduce those friends to Jesus through _____ Bible studies.

4. Today we live in a culture in the United States that is not _____ literate, meaning that while most people in the U.S. say they believe in God, they do not know what He is like, or how He can be known. Furthermore, they haven't learned Christian theology basics like sin, grace, and repentance—much less the great stories and people in the Bible. This makes it difficult to share a brief gospel presentation with someone and expect that they can process where you are coming from. Therefore, we must treat our approach to reaching people for Jesus much like our missionaries in foreign countries do.

**We live in a
Biblically illiterate
culture**

5. This approach is based on the work of a former missionary to the Philippines named Charles Brock who started over _____ churches in 20 years. He now runs an organization called Church Growth International which produces the materials we will use. Other concepts for adapting this to our church have been created by Ted Lindwall from Church Starts International.

WHO? WHERE? HOW?

6. WHO SHOULD BE INVITED? Your _____ neighbors, friends, family, classmates, and colleagues. This study is designed to help them understand the basics of the gospel and the Christian life. Those not invited are your friends who already are plugged into a local evangelical church. This will take away from the opportunity your unchurched friends will have to express themselves.

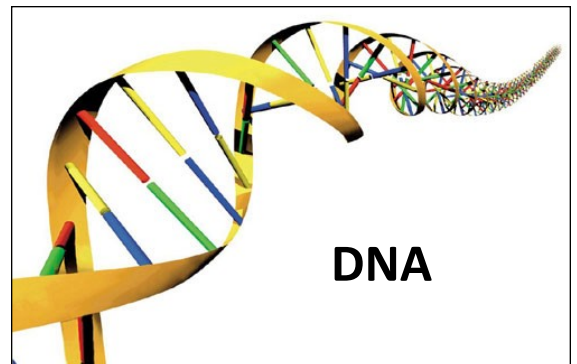
Do not invite your churched friends. It can take away from what you want to accomplish.

7. WHERE AND WHEN IS IT HELD? It can take place _____ — a house, a park, an office building, etc. The time is totally up to the members of the class. (Even during Sunday School? Sure! Why not. Perhaps one day after Bible study they will go with you to worship.)

8. HOW IS IT TAUGHT? It is taught through a method called “_____Methods.” Indirect Methods lets the Bible teach itself. The first book is called “Good News for You.” It is taught by taking turns reading verses from the book of John and filling in the blanks. Yes, it is just that easy.

DOING THE MATH + + + + + = Turlock Discipled

9. HOW LARGE SHOULD MY GROUP BE? It can range from _____. Also, Charles Brock shared that _____% of those who work through the “Good News for You” book in the U.S. become Christians! It is not unusual for these new Christians to _____ their own groups in a few months! Reaching more people for Christ is built into the _____ of the class.



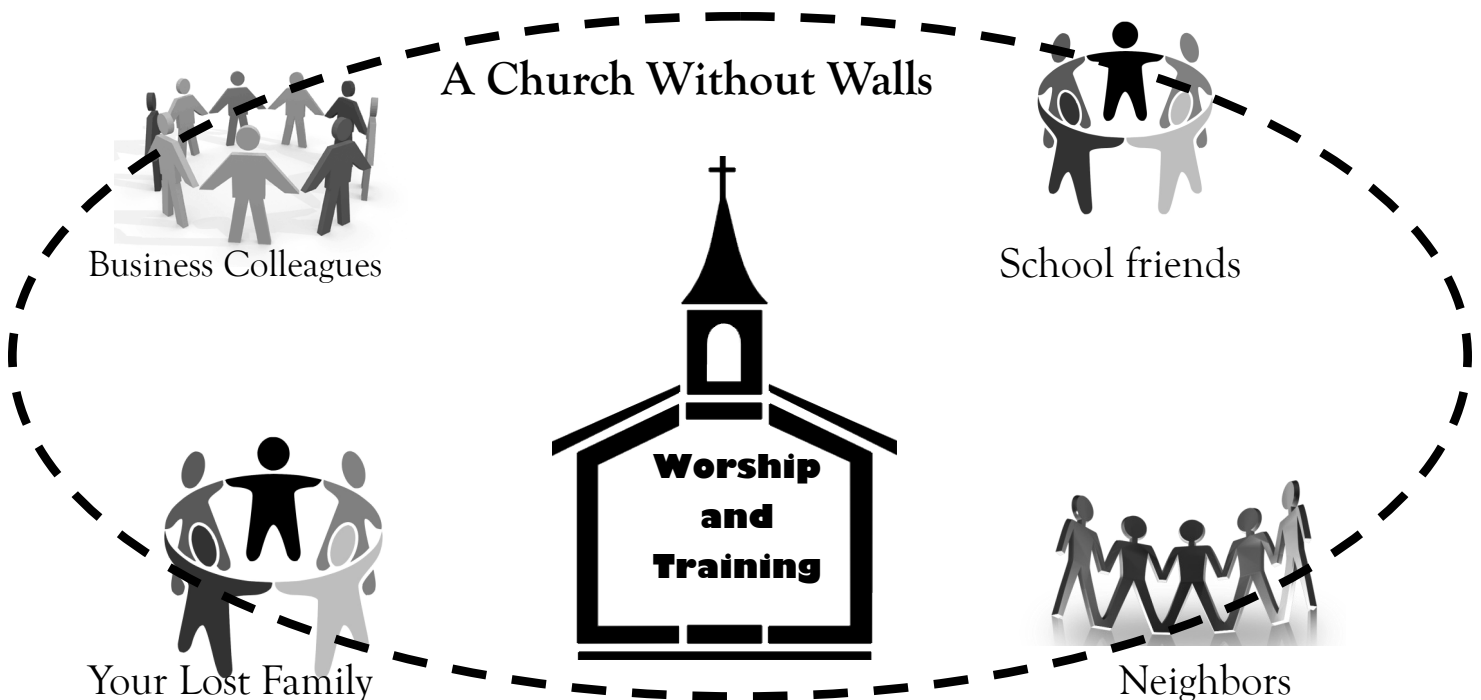
FUN WITH A SPREADSHEET

If our church goal was to start 12 groups this year, and the average group has one participant who comes to know Christ as Savior, then 12 people will be saved this year. If we train the new Christian to disciple a friend then we will double every year. That means the city of Turlock and surrounding area would be reached for Christ in 14 years. Now that is something to get excited about.

year	# discipled
1	12
2	24
3	48
4	96
5	192
6	384
7	768
8	1536
9	3072
10	6144
11	12288
12	24576
13	49152
14	98304

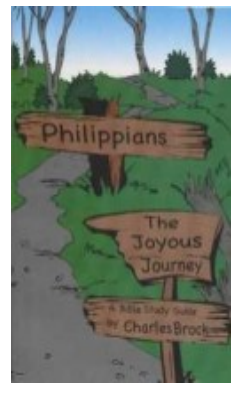
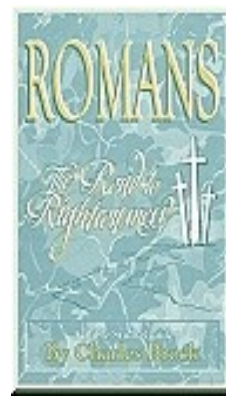
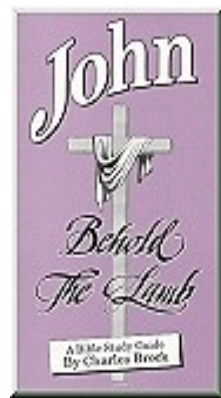
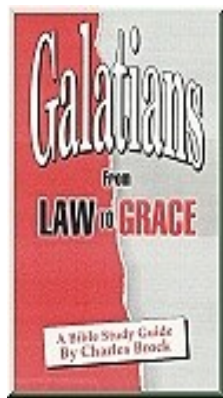
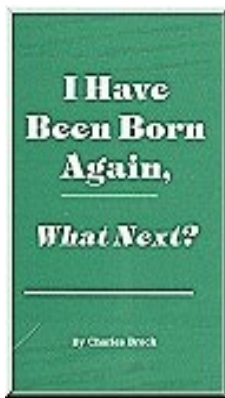
ROCK Groups

10. HOW WILL EVANGELISTIC BIBLE STUDY LEADERS BE SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED? Each group leader will meet at BABC once a week with other group leaders for a time of _____, _____, and _____ in what is called a ROCK group. As new groups are birthed from your group, those leaders will also come to ROCK group meetings. We can think of discipleship as happening all over town, and our church building as a Center for _____ and _____.



BIBLE STUDY CURRICULUM

There is enough curriculum to keep you busy for over a year. Book 1 “Good News for You” presents the gospel over seven sessions and is based on the book of John. Book 2 “I Have Been Born Again. What Next?” teaches a new Christian about prayer, baptism, personal Bible study, using their gifts, tithing, church membership, and more. The other books are Bible book studies on Galatians, John, Romans, and Philippians. (The books are cheap and can be ordered from churchgrowthinternational.com)



STARTING YOUR GROUP

HOW CAN I GET A GROUP STARTED? OR BUILD INTEREST?

11. First — _____ for God's leading. Tell God you are available and look for the opportunities he will give you. Take the pressure off of yourself and give it to the Lord. _____ is Lord of the harvest. It is His harvest.

A group can be built from people you already know well. If you would like to do something to draw interest you could throw a party in your home. Introduce a Bible study that addresses a need in your neighborhood like marriage, parenting, weight loss, dealing with grief, etc. (Pastor Fred can hook you up with some good video driven curriculum.) After you cover the topic of interest you can invite them back for "Good News for You."

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What advantages do you see to Evangelistic Bible Study for reaching people with the gospel?

What might be your biggest obstacle in starting a group?

Would you stop and pray right now for God to help you overcome that obstacle?

Who do you know that could be invited to a Bible study? Take time to pray for those people you have listed below.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

How do you think it would feel to watch someone in your Bible study get excited about their faith and start another Evangelistic Bible Study?

Where would you like to start an Evangelistic Bible Study? At the office... a neighbor's house... at your favorite restaurant...

What are some changes you and/or your family would have to make in order to make time for an Evangelistic Bible Study?

How soon would you like to start your Bible study?

Would you commit to pray everyday for the Lord to help you begin one of these groups, or to use another method He leads you to?

ANSWER KEY

Page 3 The Great Commission

1. discipling, baptizing, and teaching
2. converts, disciples

Page 4 Defining Evangelistic Bible Study

3. unchurched, simple
4. Biblically
5. 3,000

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6. unchurched
7. anywhere
8. Indirect

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9. 1 to 10, 90, start, DNA

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10. prayer, encouragement, training
Worship, Training

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11. Pray, He