



# NEXT **STEP**

DISCIPLESHIP

PERSON-TO-PERSON DISCIPLESHIP

## **SPIRIT-LED LIVING**

Five Talk Sheets Designed to Help You Have a Conversation About Spirit-Led Living

# USING P2P TALK-SHEETS

The idea of being a disciple-maker can be intimidating; but it doesn't have to be. Person-to-Person (P2P) Talk-Sheets are designed to help you have a conversation with another person about key faith topics. These pages are designed to be used anywhere, whether you're sitting in your home or meeting in a coffee shop. In addition, you can move through this conversation at whatever pace you think is best, spending as much time as you need on developing the associated habit.

Each P2P sheet is packed with resources that help you move from conversation to action: key scripture to read, discussion questions, and application activities.

A brief introduction to the conversation that this P2P Talk-Sheet will be guiding you through.

A key verse that you and your conversation partner can memorize together. Memorization of Scripture is a valuable way to carry God's Word with you at all times.

Two to three passages of Scripture to read together. Don't just sum it up - read the passages out loud together.

Several questions to begin the discussion. Don't hesitate to dig further in and ask some of your own.

If your conversation partner has a family, check out the Family Time activity. It includes some simple ideas on how you can carry this conversation into your home.

Each P2P sheet includes one or two Live It application activities. It's critical to move beyond words to developing life-changing habits in your life. When you next get together, take time to talk over the Live It action items from the previous conversation. Be a source of encouragement and accountability to one another.

P2P\_EARTH'S ENDS

In Acts 1:8, Jesus calls His disciples to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. What does this command mean to us today? These words define our mission as followers of Christ. Everyone who accepts Christ is tasked with living their life as a missionary. God calls some to become foreign missionaries like Paul, and just like the early church, we can support them financially and through prayer. The rest of us are to share Jesus' story whenever and wherever we have the opportunity, starting with our surrounding area. We may never personally travel 'to the ends of the earth'. However, as we share Christ with others, it will eventually get there - just like a baton passed in a relay eventually makes it to the finish line as it passes from runner to runner.

**MEMORIZE**

**Acts 1:8**

*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.*

**FAMILY TIME**

Look up Jerusalem and Ethiopia on a map. Trace the Ethiopian eunuch's route back home from Jerusalem. How long was the journey? (1,593 miles) What other countries did he pass through on his way home? (Egypt, Sudan) What percentage of Ethiopia is Christian? (The majority - over 60%) Do you think this may have begun when the Eunuch returned home and shared his newfound faith?

**READ IT**

- Acts 1:1-11
- Acts 8:26-39
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- The Witnesses
- The Ethiopian Eunuch
- Becoming All Things

**DISCUSS IT**

1. What is our primary purpose while on this earth?
2. How can understanding your role as a missionary help you be more effective in Christ's kingdom?
3. According to Acts 1:8, in whose power do we witness to others? What is the cost of being a witness for Christ?
4. What do you think the Ethiopian Eunuch did after he returned home?
5. Who has been a witness of Christ to you? Who can you be a witness to?

**LIVE IT**

Make a map of your personal mission field starting from your closest sphere of influence and working your way out. It may begin in your home (if your spouse is not saved) and then with your neighbors, co-workers etc.

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This week, be intentional about praying for discernment regarding someone with whom you can enter into a discipleship relationship.

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This particular packet is designed to introduce your conversation partner to the Core Value of Spirit-Led Living. In these pages, you'll find conversations about who the Spirit is, what the Spirit does in our life, and how we can begin to move towards following Him with our lives.

# P2P\_SPIRIT

## MEMORIZE

**John 14:26**

*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

Throughout both the Old and New Testament we are shown the power of God's Holy Spirit. God used the gifting of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles in Acts 2 to mark the beginning of the Church. Every Christ follower is promised this same Spirit in Acts 2:38. What exactly is the Holy Spirit? The Bible reveals that the Holy Spirit is our advocate, teacher, encourager and helper. He reveals God's heart to us both by convicting us of sin and urging us to action on God's behalf. He is the seal of our salvation. The Spirit can also be deeply grieved by sin or when He is silenced or ignored by us. This is a mere glimpse into the incredible Spirit that God places into our lives upon salvation. The Holy Spirit is simply a part of our Christian walk that we cannot choose to forget or discard.

## FAMILY TIME

The concept of the Holy Spirit can be confusing to children. 'Introduce' your child to the Holy Spirit by sharing His characteristics.

Make a chart listing the following: advocate, teacher, encourager and helper.

Next to each ask your child for example's of what that characteristic looks like in action and write it down. For example, a helper may set the table or wash the dog.

## READ IT

- Acts 2:38-39
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 16:7-15
- The Spirit Promised
- Children of God
- Jesus Describes the Spirit

## DISCUSS IT

1. According to what you have read, what can we know about the Holy Spirit?
2. Why did God give us the Holy Spirit?
3. What characteristic of the Holy Spirit do you most identify with? Why?
4. Are there any aspects of the Holy Spirit that are difficult for you to understand?
5. Have you ever been clearly urged to action by the Holy Spirit? What action did you take as a result?
6. Has there been a time you silenced or ignored the Holy Spirit? Why? What were the results?

## LIVE IT

Part of developing a relationship with the Spirit comes with knowledge of what God's Word says about who He is and what His purpose is. This week, spend some time researching who the Bible says the Holy Spirit is.

Over the course of this talk sheet, there have been numerous references to characteristics of the Holy Spirit. Choose one of these characteristics (or any other that you've discovered in God's Word) and get to know the Holy Spirit intimately in that way.

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## MEMORIZE

**1 Peter 2:9**

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

## FAMILY TIME

Discuss what you have learned about holiness with your family. Then, as a family look at your lifestyle and identify any areas in which you need to make the choice to pursue righteousness. For example, you might decide a show your family watches does not hold up to the holiness of God.

The word holy means "separate." One of God's most unique characteristics is His consummate holiness. He is described as majestic in His holiness. In Leviticus 18:2 we are commanded: "Be Holy For I am Holy." But what does that mean? To be holy involves the pursuit of righteousness; not just in some areas of our life but in all areas of our life. God disciplines us that we may share his holiness. This quote by Jerry Bridges very accurately describes our personal call to holiness,

*Many Christians have what we might call a "cultural holiness". They adapt to the character and behavior pattern of Christians around them. As the Christian culture around them is more or less holy, so these Christians are more or less holy. But God has not called us to be like those around us. He has called us to be like himself. Holiness is nothing less than conformity to the character of God.*

## READ IT

- Psalm 29 - God is wholly holy
- 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:6-10 - Children of God are holy
- Colossians 1:21-23 - Moving from brokenness to holiness

## DISCUSS IT

1. How is holiness viewed in our culture? How is it different from the holiness described in the Bible?
2. Describe God in terms of His holiness.
3. What is the only way we are able to attain holiness? What does a holy life look like? Why should Christ's followers strive towards being holy?
4. What are some things in our lives that might contribute to our un-holiness? Why do you think that God cannot abide un-holiness in His people?
5. What can you do to live a life that better conforms to God's vision of holiness?

## LIVE IT

Read Matthew 5.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is a call to live a righteous life - a life that reflects God's holiness (v.48). As you read, consider which areas of your life do not line up with Jesus' words.

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Draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper and write 'Unholy' on one side and 'Holy' on the other. On the side labeled 'Unholy', list things in your life that do not have any place in God's Kingdom. For each item, write an alternative action that it can be replaced with on the side labeled 'Holy'.

Choose one item to work on this week.

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# P2P\_CHARACTER

## MEMORIZE

### Galatians 5:22 - 23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

The word character comes from the Greek word charakter, meaning to scratch or engrave. It is the mark or distinctive qualities that make up a person. In Jesus Christ, God gave us the example of the perfect character. Our life is not just to reflect Jesus, rather it is to have the mark of Jesus. As we mature, we literally become a 'little Christ'. The Holy Spirit, as God's representative in our lives, is one of the main forces shaping us into the character of Christ. As we spend time in prayer and in the Word, we give the Spirit the ingredients necessary to change our lives in a very meaningful way. As a result of the Spirit in our lives, the character dictated to us by this world will gradually give way to the character given to us by God.

## FAMILY TIME

Talk with your family about what you have learned. Put it in terms they can understand based on their age.

For example an athlete might endorse/bear the mark of Nike.

Have your children create a symbol that can represent the Holy Spirit. Place each symbol somewhere in your house as a physical reminder of the mark of Christ that we bear in our lives.

## READ IT

- Ephesians 4:11-16 - Maturity in Christ
- Romans 8:1-11 - Life in the Spirit
- Psalm 51:10-12 - Clean and Pure Hearts

## DISCUSS IT

1. Make a list of the defining qualities of Christ's character.
2. The name Christian literally means 'little Christ'. What does it mean to you to carry that title?
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in shaping our hearts and the resulting character?
4. Describe what maturity in Christ looks like. Who is a person that you have met that meets this criteria?
5. How does your character line up with Christ? How does it not?
6. Does your life have the mark of Christ or is He more like a temporary tattoo?

## LIVE IT

Look hard at your own character and write down any inconsistencies you notice. Spend time and write a prayer to God asking Him to help you develop the character of Christ.

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This week, find or create a visual reminder that you are bearing the mark of Christ in your life.

Place it in an area of your home that you frequent (on the dashboard of your car, or in your workplace) as a reminder that you are to be a 'little' Christ' in this world.

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# P2P\_SUFFERING

## MEMORIZE

### Romans 8:18

*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

Many popular preachers teach a 'health and wealth' gospel. While this concept is very appealing, it is a lie. Christ promises us He will never forsake us, He will never allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear and He will intercede for us; but He never promises our life will be easy or that we will be wealthy in this life. In fact, scripture promises just the opposite. Paul tells Timothy that everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:10-12). The early disciples were examples of this: beaten, persecuted and martyred for His name. We will experience suffering, but God's Word tells us to rejoice (1 Peter 4:13), pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:45) and be encouraged knowing, "Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).

## FAMILY TIME

It is important that our children understand this message from a young age. The Voice of the Martyrs website will send you a free global prayer map of the persecuted church or you can download one. Use it as a tool to discuss suffering and adversity of Christ followers with your children, being very careful to keep the conversation age-appropriate. Actively pray as a family daily for these believers.

## READ IT

- 1 Peter 4:12-19 - Do Good in the Midst of Suffering
- Philippians 1:20-30 - Suffering as a Christ Follower
- 1 Corinthians 4:8-12 - Our Suffering Glorifies Christ

## DISCUSS IT

1. Why is the 'health and wealth' gospel so popular in our culture?  
How does it not line up with the Scripture you just read?
2. Who does the Scripture say will suffer for the name of Christ?  
Have you personally ever suffered for Christ? Explain. What are some ways a Christ follower might suffer in our day and age?
3. What do the above passages say our response to suffering should be?
4. How can our suffering advance the Gospel of Christ?
5. Why can we rejoice in our suffering? How can you do this?

## LIVE IT

Are you suffering for Christ? Do a topical search on the words suffering and persecution using BibleGateway or a similar Bible search engine. Read each applicable Scripture and write down the ones that give you strength to bear up under your suffering.

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Do some research to find how brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering throughout our world today. Some places to start:

- [www.voiceofthemartyrs.com](http://www.voiceofthemartyrs.com)
- Jesus Freaks, DC Talk (book)
- [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org)

Find some specifics and start praying for Christ's Church that is suffering worldwide.

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# P2P\_CONQUERORS

## MEMORIZE

### 2 Corinthians 3:17

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is, there is freedom.*

## FAMILY TIME

Make or print off a visual representation of each of the parts of armor. Label them with your children and discuss the importance of each one with them. Put them somewhere the whole family can see and work on memorizing the parts of the armor and their role this week.

To understand how to conquer sin we must look at how Jesus dealt with temptation. Matthew 4 tells that after His baptism the Spirit led Jesus into the desert where He fasted for 40 days and prepared for the ministry He would undertake. Satan waited until the end of the fast when Jesus was physically at His weakest to tempt Him. Jesus at no time engaged Satan. Rather, each time He was tempted He quoted scripture to make His attack. In Ephesians 6:11, we are told to put on the full armor of God so we can take a stand against the devil's schemes. In this chapter, both the defenses and weapons of the believer are described. Knowing that they are there is simply not enough - we must learn how to use them to effectively defend ourselves and counter Satan's schemes in this world. We have also been given an ally in this battle: the Holy Spirit, which has been gifted to us. He is an integral ally in the spiritual warfare we face. Between the ally we have been given and the armor with which God has equipped us, we can be 'conquerors' in our culture and world.

## READ IT

- Galatians 5:16-25 - The Spirit vs. the World
- Ephesians 6:10-18 - Our Equipment for Spiritual Warfare
- Romans 8:26-27 - Our Ally: The Spirit

## DISCUSS IT

1. How do you prepare yourself daily to resist the devil and temptation?
2. How do you perceive the world attempting to undermine your relationship with God?
3. What areas in your life have you left most open to temptation?
4. Explain how each part of our armor protects us. Which of these are you most comfortable with? Which of these are you least comfortable with?
5. How can you better rely on the ally God has given you?
6. What do you need to do to better arm yourself?

## LIVE IT

Pray for God's power to overcome sin everyday before you walk out the door. Every day this week, ask Him to give you discernment between what belongs to Him and what belongs to the world.

Invest in training yourself to use one of the pieces of equipment that God has given you this week (Ephesians 6). Choose a piece that you are less comfortable with and take some time to learn a bit more about it. Find some practical ways to use that God-given equipment in your life this week.

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## DISCIPLESHIP

Each of us is on a journey towards becoming like Jesus. Along that journey, we will encounter key milestones that will lead us to new growth. Discover your Next Step today!

### KNOW JESUS

Discover a life-giving relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Know Jesus* conversation guide at the Next Step Station.

### SERVE LIKE JESUS

Explore your natural gifting by serving like Jesus. We can help you discover the Ministry Team that's right for you.

### LEARN THE BASICS

Learn the basics that you'll need (how to read the Bible, pray, and share your faith with others) during this 12-week study.

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Learn how to manage your resources in a way that honors God. We offer Financial Peace University multiple times each year.

### PARTNER WITH THE CHURCH

Gain an idea of who CCW is and how you can become a team member in our two part Foundations series (offered quarterly).

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Make an impact by starting down the path of leadership in our Servant Leadership Training (offered quarterly).

### JOIN A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Discover authentic community by joining a Discipleship Group, an environment where you will grow in relationship with God and others.

Whatever your Next Step is, let us help you. Stop by the **Next Step Station** (located in the Foyer) to discover the people and resources that you need to keep growing.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### RIGHTNOW MEDIA

### ONLINE//APPS

### BOOKS

*Forgotten God (Chan)*

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