

Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS
11 AM Bible Study: "Transformative
Purpose Series" - June 18th - July 9th

4 Week Agenda

Session 1 - Spiritually Transform Our Community (S.T.O.C.)

Preparation / Homework for the Evangelism Session:

#1 – Narrow down your salvation testimony to a two-minute story (See Appendix for help) (*hint* - you'll share it in groups of two next week)

#2 – Study the **R.B.R.** gospel sharing method and try to memorize the two verses associated with **Repent, Believe, and Receive**. (See Appendix)

Session 2 - Continue: S.T.O.C. & Begin Evangelism

Session 3 - Evangelism Continued

Preparation / Homework for the Discipleship & Incarnational session:

#1 – If you don't already have one, Signup for a free rightnow media account by going to: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fabcnola> - Then **test** the "**watch together**" feature on a smartphone, tablet, or laptop with me or someone else with a rightnow media account. (login to rightnow media using a web-browser not the app because the app doesn't support the watch-together feature yet)

Instructions for testing out the "watch together" feature: choose any bible study series, click session one, pause the session at the beginning, look for an icon that says "watch together." Click "watch together," watch-now, copy your watch together link, email it to yourself and me wllloyd@franklinabc.com or someone else with a rightnow media account, and then join your session, allow your "voice to be heard and video to be seen" on your phone/tablet/laptop when your browser asks you for permission for rightnow media.

Session 4 - Discipleship & Incarnational

Preparation / Homework:

#1 - Pray for our Hope Day Outreach Project

Appendix Documents:

1. How to Narrow down your Two-Minute Salvation Testimony
2. Evangelism Sharing Method
3. Script to Say to a New Believer When Inviting Them Into a Virtual Discipleship Group
4. Someone Just Said Yes To Jesus - Foundational Topics
5. Observation Interpretation Application - O.I.A. Method of Bible Study
6. Waiver Hope Day Outreach Project (Participants must sign and return to Pastor Will)

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Spiritually Transform Our Community

Matthew 22:34-40

Question for Dialogue: When did you first give your heart to God? Tell me the moment you were like, "God, I Really, Really love you!"

John 14:21 / 1 John 4:7-11 / James 2:14-26

Question for Dialogue: Abraham and Rahab demonstrated faith in assignments that would benefit others while testing their trust in God. *What will help us live lives that obey Jesus' command to share with others how they can be born again?*

1 John 2:15-17

Question for Dialogue: What are some things we crave that can keep us from doing God's will?

Matthew 6:25-34

Question for Dialogue: Can anyone describe a time of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty that was overcome when you decided to seek God's Kingdom and obey His will first?

John 16:33 / John 15:4-5 / Acts 1:8 / Matthew 28:18-20

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Mark 16:15

Question for Dialogue: Outside of Jesus' selfless act for us, can you recall the last selfless act someone did for you? If so, describe how it made you feel?

Romans 3:23 / Romans 6:23

Question for Dialogue: What does reciting verses that "we all have sinned, penalty of sin, and God's gift over sin" do for the gospel conversation?

1 John 3:16-19

Question for Dialogue: What will our Church's practice of being among, meeting needs, and serving the community do for the gospel conversations we have with them?

Group Activity: [Break into groups of 2] Let's try to have **males with males**, and **females with females**.
1st one person shares their 2-Minute Salvation Story, and then the other person shares their 2-Minute Salvation Story. **I will let you know when to begin and stop, and also when to switch.**

Tips & Tools On Evangelism:

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Discipleship & Incarnational

John 17:17, NKJV

Question for Dialogue: Who was your community of believers when you first accepted Jesus? How did that community help you grow in your faith?

Matthew 5:14-16 / Titus 2:7, NLT

Question for Dialogue: Can anyone recall a believer whose lifestyle positively affected you either prior to being saved or as a young believer? If so, who were they and how did their lifestyle positively influence you?

Matthew 25:24-27, NIV / Matthew 25:20-21, NIV

Question for Dialogue: Once we know our God-given purpose, we experience a tremendous freedom and contentment. In addition to this training, what will assist you to obey God's Great Commandment and Great Commission, so that when you get to The Judgment, you can hear those words, "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant?"

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Appendix 1

Two-Minute Salvation Testimony

Got Saved as an Adult

How to narrow down your salvation testimony to a Two Minute Story? (*Salvation as an adult*)

Instructions: Write each point down on paper in your own words. It's your story so you know it like the back of your hand. Then begin to say it verbally to yourself. After saying it verbally to yourself, ask someone if you can share it with them. If you want to practice on me first, give me a call and I'll listen.

1. Express your emotional and mental state prior to accepting Jesus
2. Express how you tried to live upright in your own strength & failed
3. Express your biggest sinful issues
4. Express how God got your attention, what was the final straw, and how it made you feel
5. Express how you repented, believed, and received
6. Express how you felt afterwards, and how Jesus can do the same for them.

Got Saved as a Child

How to narrow down your salvation testimony to a Two Minute Story? (*Salvation as a child, and then how you recommitted either as a teen or an adult*)

Instructions: Write each point down on paper in your own words. It's your story so you know it like the back of your hand. Then begin to say it verbally to yourself. After saying it verbally to yourself, ask someone if you can share it with them. If you want to practice on me first, give me a call and I'll listen.

1. Express that you were raised in the church and learned about Jesus' forgiveness of sins
2. Express that you knew you were a sinner and needed forgiveness, so you repented, believed, and received God's Holy Spirit.
3. Express how your faith was as you grew up (typically those who get saved and baptized early are pulled by the world at some point) - express some of your biggest sinful issues
4. Express how God got your attention while drifting, what was the final straw, and how it made you feel
5. Express how you returned to Jesus through repentance, and the Holy Spirit's empowerment
6. Express how you felt afterwards, and how Jesus can do the same for them.

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Appendix 2

Evangelism Sharing Method

Entering a relationship with Jesus requires **Repenting, Believing, and Receiving.**

We **Repent** by turning from our way of living to Jesus' way of living. It's like being Born Again. We die to our life, and are born to a new life in Christ. **John 3:3, Luke 13:3**

We **Believe** by believing the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. And accepting Jesus as Lord of our life. **John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10,13**

We **Receive** by receiving God's gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts after **Repentance** and **Belief**, which **empowers** us to live for Jesus. **Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 1:13,** *(secondary supporting verses only, Acts 2:36-38, Romans 8:9)*

Short Salvation Prayer - Jesus I repent of my sins, which means I'm turning from my way of living to your way of living. I believe the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and accept you as Lord of my life. I receive the Holy Spirit in my heart, which marks me as God's child, fills me with God's presence, and empowers me over sin. Thank you Jesus for saving me. It's In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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Appendix 3

Script to Say to a New Believer When Inviting Them Into a Group

Hello, I'm _____ from Franklin Avenue Baptist Church.
May I speak with _____?

Hey

I'm reaching out to you on behalf of our community outreach team to help new believers of Jesus to grow in their faith with other believers.

Is this a good time to talk?

Ask: How have things been since you got saved?

I'm reaching out to you for an opportunity to grow in your faith with a couple of other new believers. The primary goal would be for you to be strengthened in your faith and also equipped to turn around and help a few others grow in their faith after our time together. We'll do some virtual discipleship sessions from time to time that you can do on your phone.

If this sounds like something you're interested in, we can set a time to have our first call to cover the details of how this will work. What do you think? Does this sound like something you're interested in?

Also, we'll discuss if you know of another person around your age who isn't saved, but could potentially be interested in coming into the faith, joining the virtual group, and growing as well.



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Appendix 4

Someone Just Said Yes To Jesus - Foundational Topics

(In addition to the 10 Minute video, cover the below, very briefly in the designated sessions.)

Initial Phone Call - Get to know one another - a. Share Two-Minute Salvation Stories, b. Express that the group will be **a place of accountability for mutual growth**, c. Establish a safe place & trust

1st Session - Remaining / Abiding With Jesus - a. In the beginning of the session prior to the prayer, ask about any sins or areas of struggle. Encourage where encouragement is needed and then pray for strength. **b. Give the Why for Remaining / Abiding with Jesus.** c. give some practical ways they can do it. Encourage reading the bible in the NLT version to start. (Some great books to begin reading in the NLT version of the Bible are John, Romans, & Galatians)

- **John 15:4-6**, 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

2nd Session - Prayer - a. In the beginning of the session prior to the prayer, ask about any sins or areas of struggle. Encourage where encouragement is needed and then pray for strength. **b. Teach them how to pray. It's just talking to God. One easy method is the A.C.T.S. method.** A for Adoration, C for Confession, T for Thanks, and S for Supplication (make requests)

- **Philippians 4:6-7**, 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

3rd Session - Share The Role of Transformed People - a. In the beginning of the session prior to the prayer, ask about any sins or areas of struggle. Encourage where encouragement is needed and then pray for strength. **b. Share with them the Great Commandment & Great Commission**, c. Summarize how God used the Apostle Paul in your own words, d. Tell them you're only effective in investing your time in them if they do the same for someone else once your series is over, **e. Encourage them to share their two-minute salvation story with someone they know who's far away from God.**

- **Matthew 28:19-20**, 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

4th Session - How To Study The Word - a. In the beginning of the session prior to the prayer, ask about any sins or areas of struggle. Encourage where encouragement is needed and then pray for strength. **b. Encourage them to read the bible in the NLT version (youversion app or physical NLT version).** There's a free faithlife study bible available in app stores. c. share the **O.I.A way of studying the word.** O for Observation, I for Interpretation (**when meaning isn't understood you can commonly find help in the study bible notes as a start before using other resources**), and A for Application. (See a separate resource from Pastor Will for further info on O.I.A.)

- **2 Timothy 2:15**, 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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Appendix 5

Observation Interpretation Application - O.I.A. Method of Bible Study

(Keep in Mind Most questions can be answered in the free faithlife study bible available in app stores)

Observation

What does the passage say?

After reading the passage, look back and observe what the passage is saying. Try to look for repeated words, key phrases, and cross-references. Also, think about questions that you have after reading. Allow your curiosity to lead you further in understanding.

Who? What? When? Where? Why?

What other questions arise from the passage?

Interpretation

What does the passage mean?

After observing what was said in the text, interpretation seeks to understand what God, or the book's author, is seeking to communicate through the passage. Context is crucial to determining the meaning of the text. Outside resources like Bible dictionaries and commentaries also help when seeking historical context for passages.

What is the context?

Why is the author bringing this up?

What is God saying through this passage?

Application

How do I need to respond?

It's easy to breeze through passages, especially those familiar to us, without taking time to stop and think about how we can practically apply the truths we studied.

How should I live my life in light of this passage?

How does this truth compel me to be transformed?

What does it look like to put this into practice?

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Appendix 6

EVENT: ___HOPE DAY - Giving Hope Food Pantry & Nazareth Inn Senior Home

Participant Name (Print): _____

Alternate Contact and Phone Number: _____

Date: ___7-10-Thursday-2025___

Time: ___8:00 AM – 1:00 PM___

1st Location: ___Giving Hope Food Pantry: 13040 I-10 Service Rd, New Orleans, LA 70127 - and (see below) -

2nd Location: ___Nazareth Inn: 9630 Hayne Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70127

Purpose: We will give back to the community by preparing food boxes, cooking and serving hot meals, and engaging with seniors. We'll offer listening ears for encouragement, prayer, and open doors to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as our testimonies.

We will meet at FABC at 7:45AM, if you're taking the Van (room for the 1st 13 respondents), leave FABC at 7:55AM, and arrive at the Giving Hope Food Pantry at 8:00AM. Those driving can meet us at the food pantry for 8:00 AM.

We'll begin serving at Giving Hope Food Pantry by packing food boxes for distribution, and then a couple of us will join Giving Hope Staff to cook hot meals. The rest of us will continue to pack food boxes in the pantry until the hot meals are done. Some of us will engage those waiting in their cars by offering them cold water, chips, and prayer. As we pray with them, God may open doors to share Jesus. Once the hot meals are done, we will all transition to Nazareth Inn to serve hot plates to seniors, talk to them, offer prayer, listen to them share their hearts, and share Jesus as God leads.

Tentative Schedule: 8:00am: Team meet up at Giving HOPE headquarters @ 13040 I-10 Service Road, New Orleans, LA 70128. We will need 2 volunteers to go to the kitchen to help cook, and the rest of the team will be helping in the warehouse, or praying with clients and sharing Jesus with them while they are waiting to receive food. We'll offer those waiting to receive food ice-cold water and chips, which is a great way to open a door to share the love of Jesus.

10:30am: We all meet up at the Giving Hope headquarters to go to the Senior Living Facility.

11:00am: We will serve lunch, fellowship, and share stories with the seniors of Nazareth Inn.

Means of Transportation: ___Church Vans or your own vehicles once the van's 13 slots are full. _____

CONSENT

I, _____, agree to participate in an off-property church ministry event. I understand that the leaders of this activity will take all reasonable safety precautions and that the possibility of an unforeseen accident does exist. I further agree not to hold Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, its officers, leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for any and all liabilities, damages, losses, diseases, injuries, or gross negligence that may be incurred.

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____