My Heart of Revival

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## **VIDEO OVERVIEW**

### **GETTING STARTED WITH GOD**

Three Video Segments, 24 mins.

In three segments, the fundamentals of the gospel are covered using a simple and memorable outline:

- The ABC's of what you must do to become a Christian
- The 3R's of essential things to believe about Jesus
- The 3R's of what Christ does when you believe

Watch Getting Started with God.

### **GETTING STARTED WITH THE BIBLE**

Five Video Segments, 34 mins.

Ten basic questions about the Bible are answered in five video segments. Questions addressed include:

- Why should I believe the Bible?
- Who wrote it?
- Should I take the Bible literally?
- Where should I begin reading?

Watch Getting Started with the Bible.

#### GETTING STARTED IN PRAYER

Two Video Segments

This inspirational teaching on prayer should be watched with a Quiet Time Guide in your hands. Specific suggestions on how to Praise/thank, Repent, Ask, and Yield (P-R-A-Y) are given. Watch *Getting Started in Prayer*.

### HIDING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

Three Video Segments

The benefits of memorizing Scripture, instructions on how to memorize verses and creative strategies for remembering things are covered in this teaching. Watch *Hiding God's Word in Your Heart*.

### **NOTE-TAKING PAGES**

Included in your booklet are note-taking sheets (fill in the blanks) for three of four main video topics. For the "Getting Started in Prayer" video, a Quiet Time Guide is included.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTION PAGES**

There are questions for discussion for each video segment that can be used to lead a small group or class.

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### THE GOSPEL ABC'S

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VERSE: Isaiah 57:15 For this is what the high and lofty One says - he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

PASSAGE: Isaiah 57:14-21

#### B in Jesus

VERSE: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

PASSAGE: John 3:1-18

### C\_\_\_\_\_ the Cost

VERSE: Luke 14:33 Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

PASSAGE: Luke 14:28-33

### THE 3R'S OF BELIEVING

PASSAGE: Romans 10:9-10

Believe in Jesus as your R
VERSE: Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
PASSAGE: Romans 5:1-11
Believe in Jesus as R
VERSE: 1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
PASSAGE: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Believe in Jesus as R
VERSE: Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

### THE 3R'S OF WHAT CHRIST WILL DO?

R	_ you to God
VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:20b "be	reconciled to God"
PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21	
Make you R	through faith
VERSE: Ephesians 2:8 For it is by through faith-and this not from y God	
PASSAGE: Ephesians 2:1-10	
Give you R	
VERSE: Titus 3:5 He saved us, no things we had done, but becaus through the washing of rebirth a	e of his mercy. He saved us
PASSAGE: Titus 3:3-8	

# GETTING STARTED WITH GOD

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**Discussion Questions** 

### THE ABCS

What is the bad news that sets up the good news of the gospel? (See Isaiah 53:6)

What does believing in Jesus involve?

What is the cost of becoming a Christian? (See Luke 14:33)

### THE 3R'S OF BELIEVING

How does the story about the identical twins illustrate replacement?

What is the significance of the resurrection?

What difference should the fact that God is Ruler make in our lives?

### THE 3R'S OF WHAT CHRIST WILL DO

How do you think reconciliation with humans is similar to, and different from, reconciliation with God?

What does the reference to Monopoly money illustrate?

Why do each of us need rebirth?

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## TRANSLATIONS, TESTAMENTS AND AUTHORS

### **BIBLE CONTENT AND LAYOUT**

What is the Bible mainly about?

How is the Bible arranged?

### FOR YOUR USE

#### **Old Testament**

Law: Genesis to Deuteronomy

History: Joshua to Esther

Poetry (Wisdom): Job to Song of Solomon

Major Prophets: Isaiah to Daniel Minor Prophets: Hosea to Malachi

#### **New Testament**

History: Matthew to Acts

Letters: Romans to Jude

Prophecy: Revelation

### **UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE**

Should I take the Bi	ble literally?	
How can I understa	nd what the Bible me	eans?
	? (Observation) ? (Interpreta to my life	
FOR YOUR US	SE	
Questions for Bible about people?	study: What can I le	arn about God?
SPICE: Are there a	ny	
S to avo	oid?	
P	to claim?	
I		to understand?
C	to obey?	
Е	to follow?	

### **HOW TO BEGIN**

Where should I begin reading?

How should I approach my bible reading?

# GETTING STARTED IN THE BIBLE

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**Discussion Questions** 

### WHY BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

What are some reasons that the Bible is believable?

If the Bible's claims about itself are true, what difference should that make in our lives?

## TRANSLATIONS, TESTAMENTS AND AUTHORS

Why are there different translations?

What was the problem regarding the law contained in the Old Covenant?

### **BIBLE CONTENT AND LAYOUT**

In short, what is the Bible about?

How do newspaper sections parallel parts of the Bible?

### UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

What is a basic principle that helps us determine whether or not to take a section of the Bible literally?

If the Bible was not written to us, but it was written for us, what difference should that make?

What are some things you can do to understand the Bible?

#### **HOW TO BEGIN**

What significant change happened in Pastor Ed's approach to the Bible?

How should we approach reading the Bible so that the result is a changed life?

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Quiet Time Guide

### **PRAISE**

Name things that are true about God:

"Lord you are..."

- A. Almighty, Abundant, Alive, Approachable
- B. Beautiful, Bountiful
- C. Caring, Character building, Comforting, Compassionate
- D. Death destroying, Dependable
- E. Encouraging, Equipping, Everlasting
- F. Faithful, Friend, Father, Forgiving
- G. Generous, full of Grace, Glorious, Gift-giving, God
- H. Head, Healing, Heavenly, Holy, Hope-giving, Helper
- I. I Am, Incarnate
- J. Just, Joy-giving, Judge
- K. Kind, King, full of Knowledge
- L. Life-giving, Loving
- **M**. Merciful, Meek, Mighty, Miracle working
- N. Nurturing
- O. Overcoming, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient
- P. Pure, Perfect, Powerful, Promise keeping, Purposeful
- Q. Qualified
- **R**. Righteous, Reconciling, Reigning, Reliable, Restoring, Revealing, Reviving
- **S**. Sanctifying, Sovereign, Strong, Sympathetic
- T. True, Trustworthy, Transforming
- ${f U}$  . Understanding
- V. Victorious
- W. Wise, Worthy

#### Pray one or more of these praise passages:

- 1. 1 Chronicles 16
- 2. Psalm 23
- 3. Psalm 62
- 4. Psalm 63
- 5. Psalm 100
- 6. Psalm 145
- 7. Romans 8:28-39

#### Names and Titles of Christ:

ADVOCATE, ALMIGHTY, ALPHA AND OMEGA, AUTHOR AND PER-FECTOR OF OUR FAITH, AUTHOR OF SALVATION, BLESSED AND ONLY RULER, BREAD OF LIFE, CAPSTONE, CHIEF SHEPHERD, COUNSELOR, CREATOR, DELIVERER, DESIRED OF ALL NATIONS, EVERLASTING FATHER, FIRST AND LAST, GATE, GLORY OF THE LORD, GOD, GOOD SHEPHERD, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, HEAD OF THE CHURCH, HEIR OF ALL THINGS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, IM-AGE OF GOD, IMMANUEL, KING ETERNAL, KING OF KINGS, LAMB OF GOD, LAWGIVER, LIFE, LIGHT OF THE WORLD, LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, LORD OF ALL, LORD OF GLORY, LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, MAN OF SORROWS, MEDIATOR, MES-SENGER OF THE COVENANT, MESSIAH, MIGHTY GOD, MORNING STAR, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES, ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, OUR PASSOVER, PRINCE OF PEACE, REDEEMER, RESURRECTION AND LIFE, RISING SUN, ROCK, RULER OF GOD'S CREATION, RULER OF KINGS, SAVIOR, SHEPHERD AND OVERSEER OF SOULS, SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUE LIGHT, TRUE VINE, TRUTH, WITNESS, WORD OF GOD.

### **THANK**

- 1. Thank God for your body parts and functions that work: eyes, ears, voice, heart, breathing, digestive system, etc. Thank Him for basic physical needs being met, such as food, shelter, and clothing.
- 2. Thank God for the various people that He has brought into your life.
- 3. Give thanks for creation, the cross, salvation, heaven, His church, scripture and prayer.
- 4. Thank Him for faith, hope, love, power, and self-control.
- 5. Thank God for things that start with the letter A through H. For example, answered prayer (A), your baby (B), your Car (C), deliverance (D), and so on.
- 6. Thank God for things that begin with the letters I through P.
- 7. Thank God for things that begin with the letters Q through Z.

#### REPENT

**1. Meditate on Psalm 139:23-24:** "Search me, O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is an offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Prayerfully ask yourself these questions: How am I spending my spare time?

Is my conscience bothering me about anything?

- **2. Am I being selfish?** Is my thought life pure? Do I lack compassion (James 4:2-3, Proverbs, 21:13)
- **3.** Do I have harmony with those that I spend the most time with? Am I prideful? (1 Peter 3:7, Job 35:12-13) Am I irritable or touchy?
- **4. Am I disobeying God?** Do I lack faith? (1 John 3:22, James 5:15)

Am I seeking to win the lost to Christ?

**5. Is there someone I need to forgive?** (Matthew 5:23-25) Is there an un-confessed sin in my life? Have I been dishonest about something?

- **6.** Is there any situation in my life right now in which I have a bad attitude? Am I being hypocritical? Am I in the habit of arguing or complaining?
- **7. Am I lukewarm having lost my first love?** Do I have a critical spirit? (Revelation 3:16, Matthew 7:1-5) Are my expenditures of money pleasing to God?

### **ASK**

## When praying for yourself or others the following passages give excellent lists of things to pray for:

- 1) Matthew 5:3-10
- 2) Galatians 5:22-23
- 3) 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- 4) Ephesians 3:16-21
- 5) Philippians 1:9-11
- 6) Colossians 1:9-11
- 7) 2 Peter 1:5-8

### Who/what to pray for daily:

- 1. Self (commit your thoughts, words, and actions to God, and pray for at least one of the things on the list above on how to pray for yourself or others). Pray about any present problems in your life. You may want to make a list of your concerns and then pray for each one.
- 2. Immediate family.

- 3. Unsaved people you know.
- 4. People who have asked you to pray for them about specific situations.

#### Who/What else to pray for:

- 1. Revival.
- 2. Local church families and coming events.
- 3. A Local church ministry and that God would raise up workers.
- 4. A Christian Church in your area and (One way to pray for a church is that they would fulfill the Great Commandment to love God and love our neighbor and pray that we would fulfill the Great Commandment to make disciple of all nations).
- 5. Your extended family.
- 6. Authorities in city, county, state, and federal governments including social issues (1 Timothy 2:1).
- 7. People you live or work with.
- 8. World missions.
- 9. New believers.

- 10. Local church leaders including the pastor(s).
- 11. Worship services.
- 12. Spiritual leaders.

#### YEILD

### 1. Yield your time and your plans to the Lord. Pray through the following Scriptures:

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun (Psalm 37:4-6).

"And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor. 5:15).

## 2. Yield your thought life to the Lord. Pray through the following Scriptures:

"Phil 4:8-9. Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me, put it into practice and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:8-9).

"May the words of my mouth and mediation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14)

### 3. Yield your marriage and family to the Lord. Pray through the following Scripture:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Prov. 3:5-6).

### 4. Yield your talents and ministry to the Lord. Pray through the following Scriptures:

"Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that you labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace" (Acts 20:24).

## 5. Yield the things you are concerned or worried about to the Lord. Pray through the following Scriptures:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:4-7).

"Cast all your cares on Him for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

## 6. Yield your body, including your tongue, your eating habits and your sexuality to the Lord. Pray through the following Scripture:

"Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God which is your spiritual worship" (Rom. 12:1).

### 7. Yield your money and employment circumstances to the Lord.

Pray through the following Scripture:

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well" (Matt. 6:33).

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**Discussion Questions** 

### PRAISE/THANKS AND REPENTANCE

What effect do you think praising and thanking God might have on your prayer life and on your life in general?

What is the purpose of repentance in prayer?

### **ASKING AND YIELDING**

Why is it good idea to base your praying on Bible passages?

Why is it difficult to yield certain areas of our life to God?

# HIDING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

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## INTRODUCTION TO MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

Key #1:			

Key #2:

### **HOW TO MEMORIZE:**

1.	Learn one at a time.
2.	Work on it for short periods each day.
3.	learn it.
4.	Have someone check you.
5.	old verses.
6.	Meditate on it and apply it to your life.

### **NOTES ON STRATEGIES:**

## HIDING GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

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**Discussion Questions** 

### **INTRODUCTION**

How can you overcome a poor memory?

What makes it worth the effort to memorize Scripture? In other words, what are the benefits?

### **HOW TO MEMORIZE**

What strategies for memorizing Scripture presented in the video did you find most helpful?

What do you think are reasons some people give up on memorizing Bible verses?

### **MEMORY STRATEGIES**

In addition to ages, dates, stations and athlete's numbers, can you think of some other ways to remember Scripture references?

In what ways was the imaginary walk-through-a-house strategy helpful to you?



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