



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK

Sample Conversations

▲ Parents in South Africa studying with their children

●○○ INITIAL CALL

Question: How can we know what the future holds?

Scripture: Isa 46:10

Link: What Bible prophecies are we seeing fulfilled today?



●●○ FIRST RETURN VISIT

Question: What Bible prophecies are we seeing fulfilled today?

Scripture: Mt 24:6, 7, 14

Link: What will happen after “the end”?



○○● SECOND RETURN VISIT

Question: What will happen after “the end”?

Scripture: Re 21:4

Link: Where will this Bible prophecy be fulfilled?

- Song 95 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Jesus Fulfilled Prophecy”:** (10 min.)
Mr 15:3-5—He remained silent when accused
Mr 15:24, 29, 30—Lots were cast for his clothing, and he was mocked (*nwtsty* study notes on Mr 15: 24, 29)
Mr 15:43, 46—He was buried with the rich (*nwtsty* study note on Mr 15:43)
 - **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
Mr 15:25—What may account for the seeming discrepancy as to when Jesus was nailed to the stake? (*nwtsty* study note)
- Mr 16:8—Why does the *New World Translation* not include the long or the short conclusion in the main text of the Gospel of Mark? (*nwtsty* study note)

What has this week’s Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Mr 15:1-15

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call Video:** (4 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **First Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) *jl* lesson 2

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 63
- **“Follow Christ’s Steps Closely”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Jehovah’s Name Is Most Important* (video category INTERVIEWS AND EXPERIENCES).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 23, box on p. 60
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 140 and Prayer

Follow Christ’s Steps Closely

Jesus set an example for us to imitate, especially when we face trials or persecution. (1Pe 2:21-23) Although Jesus was insulted, he never retaliated, even when undergoing suffering. (Mr 15:29-32) What helped him to endure? He resolved to do Jehovah’s will. (Joh 6:38) He also focused on “the joy that was set before him.”—Heb 12:2.

How do we react when we are mistreated because of our faith? True Christians do not “return evil for evil.” (Ro 12:14, 17) When we imitate the way Christ endured suffering, we can rejoice because we have God’s approval.—Mt 5:10-12; 1Pe 4:12-14.

WATCH THE VIDEO *JEHOVAH’S NAME IS MOST IMPORTANT, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:*

- How did Sister Pötzing* wisely use her time while in solitary confinement?

- What sufferings did Brother and Sister Pötzing endure while in various concentration camps?

- What helped them to endure?




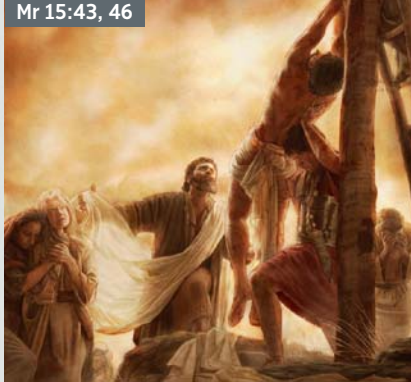
* Name is also spelled Poetzing.




When suffering, follow Christ’s steps closely

MARK 15-16 | Jesus Fulfilled Prophecy

Match each event in Jesus' life with the prophecy that it fulfilled

EVENT		PROPHECY
<p>Mr 15:3-5</p> 	<p>Mr 15:24</p> 	<p>Ps 22:7</p> <input type="text"/>
<p>Mr 15:29, 30</p> 	<p>Mr 15:43, 46</p> 	<p>Ps 22:18</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Isa 53:7</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Isa 53:9</p> <input type="text"/>

BUILD YOUR FAITH

 What other prophecies did Jesus fulfill? (*w11 8/15 17; bhs 209*)

- Song 137 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Imitate Mary’s Humility”:** (10 min.)
[Play the video *Introduction to Luke.*]
Lu 1:38—She humbly accepted her assignment (ia 149 ¶12)
Lu 1:46-55—She praised Jehovah by referring to his Word (ia 150-151 ¶15-16)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
Lu 1:69—What is the meaning of “a horn of salvation”? (nwtsty study note)

Lu 1:76—In what sense would John the Baptist “go ahead of Jehovah”? (nwtsty study note)

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What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Lu 1:46-66

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) Use the sample conversation.
- **First Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **Second Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Use the sample conversation.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 92
- **Local Needs:** (8 min.) As an option, review information regarding the yeartext for 2018. (w18.01 8-9 ¶4-7)
- **Organizational Accomplishments:** (7 min.) Play the *Organizational Accomplishments* video for June.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 24
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 58 and Prayer

LUKE 1 | Imitate Mary’s Humility



Jehovah chose Mary for an unparalleled privilege because she had a remarkable heart attitude.

1:38, 46-55 ✎

How do Mary’s words highlight her . . . humility?

deep faith?

knowledge of the Scriptures?

appreciation?

FOR MEDITATION:

Do I completely trust Jehovah to work matters out for me according to his will?
How can I better imitate Mary’s example?

- Song 133 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Young Ones—Are You Growing Spiritually?”:** (10 min.)
 Lu 2:41, 42—Jesus attended the annual Passover festival with his parents (*nwtsty* study note on Lu 2:41)
 Lu 2:46, 47—Jesus listened to the religious leaders and asked them questions (*nwtsty* study notes)
 Lu 2:51, 52—Jesus “continued subject” to his parents and gained favor with God and men (*nwtsty* study note)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Lu 2:14—What is the meaning of this verse? (*nwtsty* study notes)

Lu 3:23—Who was Joseph’s father? (*wp16.3 9 ¶1-3*)

What has this week’s Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Lu 2:1-20

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then respond to an objection that is common in your territory.
- **Second Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.
- **Talk:** (6 min. or less) *w14 2/15 26-27*—Theme: What Basis Did First-Century Jews Have for Being “in Expectation” of the Messiah?

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 134
- **“Parents, Give Your Children the Best Chance to Succeed”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *They Took Every Opportunity* (video category INTERVIEWS AND EXPERIENCES).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 25
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 17 and Prayer

LUKE 2-3 | Young Ones—Are You Growing Spiritually?

From childhood on, Jesus set a fine example in seeking spiritual interests and in showing respect to his parents.

 Young ones, how can you imitate Jesus in each of the following ways?



2:41, 42

Participating in spiritual activities:



2:46, 47

Growing in spiritual understanding:



2:51, 52

Respecting your parents:

- Song 37 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Resist Temptations as Jesus Did”:** (10 min.)
 Lu 4:1-4—Jesus did not yield to the desire of the flesh (w13 8/15 25 ¶8)
 Lu 4:5-8—Jesus was not enticed by the desire of the eyes (w13 8/15 25 ¶10)
 Lu 4:9-12—Jesus was not tempted to make a showy display [Play the video *Battlement of the Temple.*] (nwtsty media; w13 8/15 26 ¶12)
 - **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Lu 4:17—What shows that Jesus was thoroughly familiar with God’s Word? (nwtsty study note)
- Lu 4:25—How long did the drought last in the days of Elijah? (nwtsty study note)

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What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Lu 4:31-44

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY


- **Second Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then leave a JW.ORG contact card.
- **Third Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Choose your own scripture, and offer a study publication.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) *jl* lesson 28

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 28
- **“Social Networking—Avoid the Pitfalls”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Be Social-Network Smart* (video category TEENAGERS).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 26
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 105 and Prayer

LUKE 4-5 | Resist Temptations as Jesus Did

Satan tries to break our attachment to Jehovah by corrupting the desires of our heart. He adapts his tactics to each person’s inclinations and circumstances.

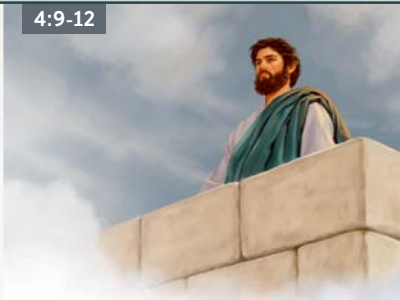
 What powerful weapon did Jesus use to resist three common temptations? (Heb 4:12; 1Jo 2:15, 16) How can I imitate his example?



4:1-4
“The desire of the flesh”



4:5-8
“The desire of the eyes”



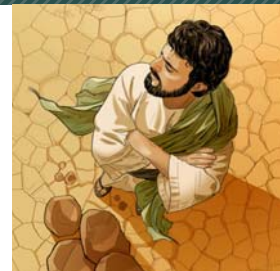
4:9-12
“The showy display”

Social Networking—Avoid the Pitfalls

WHY IMPORTANT: Like most tools, social networks can be helpful or harmful. Some Christians choose not to use social networks. Other Christians use social networks to keep in touch with family and friends. However, the Devil wants us to use social networks unwisely, which could damage our reputation and our spirituality. Like Jesus, we can use principles from God’s Word to identify dangers and avoid them.
—Lu 4:4, 8, 12.

PITFALLS TO AVOID:

- **Using social media excessively.** Spending countless hours using social networks or social media can deprive us of precious time needed for spiritual pursuits
- **Viewing questionable material.** Looking at provocative images can lead to pornography addiction or immorality. Reading apostate material or blogs can damage one’s faith
- **Posting improper comments or photos.** Because the heart is treacherous, a person may be inclined to post improper comments or photos on a social network. However, this could damage someone’s reputation or cause him to stumble spiritually



Bible principles:
Eph 5:15, 16; Php 1:10

Bible principles:
Mt 5:28; Php 4:8

Bible principles:
Ro 14:13; Eph 4:29

 WATCH THE VIDEO *BE SOCIAL-NETWORK SMART*, AND THEN REVIEW HOW TO AVOID THE FOLLOWING SCENARIOS:



Parents, Give Your Children the Best Chance to Succeed



God-fearing parents long to see their children become faithful servants of Jehovah. Parents can help them to do so by impressing Bible teachings on the hearts of their children from infancy. (De 6:7; Pr 22:6) Does this require self-sacrifice? Most certainly! But the rewards are worth the effort.—3Jo 4.

Parents can learn much from Joseph and Mary. They “were accustomed to go from year to year to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover,” even though this required effort and expense. (Lu 2:41) Apparently, they gave priority to their family’s spiritual needs. Similarly, parents today can point their children in the right direction by taking every opportunity to teach them by word and example.—Ps 127:3-5.

DID YOU KNOW?

Although raised in a spiritual household, Jesus’ half brothers did not put faith in him until after his death. (Joh 7:5; Ac 1:14) Later, two of them, James and Jude, wrote the Bible books bearing their names.

WATCH THE VIDEO *THEY TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How did Jon and Sharon Schiller keep Kingdom interests first while raising a family?

- Why must parents tailor their discipline to the needs of each child?

- How can parents prepare their children to withstand tests of faith?

- What tools provided by Jehovah’s organization have you used to help your children grow spiritually?

