



Our Christian Life and Ministry

MEETING WORKBOOK

Sample Conversations

●○○ INITIAL CALL

Question: What help can the Bible give married couples?

Scripture: Col 3:12

Link: What help can the Bible give parents?



○●○ FIRST RETURN VISIT

Question: What help can the Bible give parents?

Scripture: Col 3:21

Link: What help can the Bible give young people?



○○● SECOND RETURN VISIT

Question: What help can the Bible give young people?

Scripture: Pr 2:11

Link: Why does the Bible's advice always work?

- Song 18 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **"Show Gratitude":** (10 min.)
 Lu 17:11-14—Jesus healed ten lepers (*nwtsty* study notes on Lu 17:12, 14)
 Lu 17:15, 16—Only one of the lepers returned to thank Jesus
 Lu 17:17, 18—This account highlights the importance of showing gratitude (*w08* 8/1 14-15 ¶18-9)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Lu 17:7-10—What is the point of Jesus' illustration? (*nwtsty* study note on Lu 17:10)

Lu 18:8—What kind of faith is Jesus referring to in this verse? (*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) Lu 18:24-43

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) *fg* lesson 4 ¶1-2

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 39
- **"Remember the Wife of Lot":** (15 min.) Discussion.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 32
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 117 and Prayer


LUKE 17-18 | Show Gratitude



17:11-18

What do we learn about gratitude from this incident?

- We should not only feel gratitude but also express it
- Sincere expressions of appreciation give evidence of Christian love and are a sign of good manners
- Those who wish to please Christ owe love and appreciation to all, regardless of nationality, race, or religion

 When was the last time I thanked someone for helping me?

When was the last time I wrote a thank-you note?



Remember the Wife of Lot



Why did Lot's wife look back as she was fleeing Sodom? The Bible does not say. (Ge 19:17, 26) The context of Jesus' warning indicates that she may have longed for the things she left behind. (Lu 17:31, 32) How can we avoid losing God's favor as Lot's wife did? We must not allow a quest for material comforts to become our priority. (Mt 6:33) Jesus taught that we "cannot serve for God and for Riches." (Mt 6:24) But what if we detect that material things are starting to crowd out spiritual things in our life? We can pray to Jehovah for discernment to see where we need to make changes and for the courage and strength to do so.

RECALL THE THREE-PART VIDEO *REMEMBER THE WIFE OF LOT*, AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How did pressure to make more money influence Gloria's thinking, speech, and actions?

- How is Lot's wife a warning example for us today?

- How did applying Bible principles help Joe and his family?

- How did Anna's association at work affect her spiritually?

- Why do we need courage if we are pressured to put money first in life?

- How did Brian and Gloria once again give priority to spiritual things?

- What Bible principles did you see illustrated in this video?



How can I show by my actions that I "remember the wife of Lot"?

- Song 84 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Learn From the Illustration of the Ten Minas”:** (10 min.)
 Lu 19:12, 13—“A man of noble birth” told his slaves to do business until he returned (*fy* 232 ¶12-4)
 Lu 19:16-19—The faithful slaves had different abilities, but each one of them received a reward (*fy* 232 ¶17)
 Lu 19:20-24—A wicked slave who failed to work experienced loss (*fy* 233 ¶1)
 - **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Lu 19:43—How were Jesus’ words fulfilled? (*nwtsty* study note)
- Lu 20:38—How does Jesus’ statement strengthen our confidence in the resurrection? (*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 19:11-27

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.
- **Talk:** (6 min. or less) *w14* 8/15 29-30—Theme: Do Jesus’ Words Recorded at Luke 20:34-36 Refer to the Earthly Resurrection?

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 83
- **“Improving Our Skills in the Ministry—Navigating JW.ORG”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *fy* chap. 33
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 116 and Prayer


LUKE 19-20 | Learn From the Illustration of the Ten Minas

19:12-24

What do the different features of the parable represent?

- 1 The master pictures Jesus
- 2 The slaves picture Jesus’ anointed disciples
- 3 The money, which the master entrusts to the slaves, pictures the precious privilege of making disciples

This parable contains a warning about what would happen if Christ’s anointed disciples developed the characteristics of a wicked slave. Jesus expects his disciples to use their assets fully in making more disciples.

 How can I imitate faithful anointed Christians in the work of making disciples?



- Song 27 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- **“Your Deliverance Is Getting Near”:** (10 min.)
 Lu 21:25—Awe-inspiring events will occur during the great tribulation (*kr* 226 ¶9)
 Lu 21:26—Enemies of Jehovah will panic
 Lu 21:27, 28—Jesus’ coming will mean deliverance for the faithful (*w*16.01 10-11 ¶17; *w*15 7/15 17-18 ¶13)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Lu 21:33—How might Jesus’ words in this verse be understood? (*nwtsty* study notes)

Lu 22:28-30—What covenant did Jesus make, with whom did he make it, and what does it accomplish? (*w*14 10/15 16-17 ¶15-16)

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

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Lu 22:35-53

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Respond to an objection that is common in your territory.
- **First Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Show how to respond when the householder is busy.
- **Second Return Visit Video:** (5 min.) Play and discuss the video.

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 136
- **Local Needs:** (15 min.)
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *jy* chap. 34
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 41 and Prayer

LUKE 21-22 | “Your Deliverance Is Getting Near”



21:25-28

Jesus will soon come as Executioner and Deliverer. We must prepare spiritually so that our deliverance will be assured.

HOW DO WE PREPARE?

By developing **TRUST IN JEHOVAH**,
 which gives us **COURAGE**,
 which leads us to a **POSITIVE ATTITUDE**,
 which coupled with **BROTHERLY LOVE**
 enables us to **ENCOURAGE** fellow believers

- Song 130 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Be Ready to Forgive Others”:** (10 min.)
 Lu 23:34—Jesus forgave the Roman soldiers who nailed him to the stake (*cl* 297 ¶16)
 Lu 23:43—Jesus forgave a criminal (*g* 2/08 11 ¶5-6)
 Lu 24:34—Jesus forgave Peter (*cl* 297-298 ¶17-18)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
 Lu 23:31—What is Jesus apparently referring to in this verse? (*nwtsty* study note)

Lu 23:33—What archaeological evidence indicates that in executions nails were likely used to fasten a person to a stake? (*nwtsty* media)

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 23:1-16

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Second Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then offer a publication from our Teaching Toolbox that meets the needs of the householder.
- **Third Return Visit:** (3 min. or less) Choose your own scripture, and offer a study publication.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) *fg* lesson 4 ¶3-4

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 20
- **“Jesus Died for Your Brother Too”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Become More Beautiful!* (video category **THE BIBLE**).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *gy* chap. 35 ¶1-11
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 82 and Prayer


LUKE 23-24 | Be Ready to Forgive Others



24:34

What does it mean to be “ready to forgive”? (Ps 86:5) Jehovah and his Son look for any change of heart that would provide a basis to extend mercy to sinful humans.



 Whom should I forgive?

Jesus Died for Your Brother Too



Jesus sacrificed his life for imperfect people. (Ro 5:8) No doubt we personally appreciate that Jesus showed his love for us by giving his life in our behalf. Nevertheless, at times we may need to remind ourselves that Christ died for our brother too. How can we show Christlike love to our brothers and sisters, who just like us are imperfect? Consider three ways. First, we can expand our circle of friends to include those whose background is different from ours. (Ro 15:7; 2Co 6:12, 13) Second, we can be careful to avoid saying or doing things that may offend others. (Ro 14:13-15) Finally, if someone sins against us, we can be quick to forgive. (Lu 17:3, 4; 23:34) If we work hard to imitate Jesus in these ways, Jehovah will continue to bless the congregation with peace and unity.

WATCH THE VIDEO *BECOME MORE BEAUTIFUL!* AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How did Miki initially feel about her congregation?

- What caused her feelings to change?

- How did Jesus' example help Miki to adjust her viewpoint? (Mr 14:38)

- How can Proverbs 19:11 help us to view fellow Christians in a positive way?



FOR MEDITATION:

Am I holding on to specific offenses committed against me that I should overlook?

IMPROVING OUR SKILLS IN THE MINISTRY

Navigating JW.ORG



WHY IMPORTANT: Every publication in our Teaching Toolbox refers to jw.org. In fact, the main purpose of the contact card and the tract *Where Can We Find Answers to Life's Big Questions?* is to direct people to our website. You can place a publication from our Teaching Toolbox with someone by using jw.org to e-mail an electronic copy or share a link. This can be especially helpful when witnessing to someone who speaks another language. Additionally, people may ask questions that are answered by publications not found in our Teaching Toolbox. If we can navigate the website, we can be more effective in our ministry.

HOW TO DO IT:

- ▶ **Use the “BIBLE TEACHINGS” tab.** Suppose that you are witnessing to a parent who would like more information about child-rearing. Go to BIBLE TEACHINGS > MARRIAGE & FAMILY.
- ▶ **Use the “PUBLICATIONS” tab.** Suppose that you are witnessing informally at school and you want to share with a classmate the brochure *Answers to 10 Questions Young People Ask*. Go to PUBLICATIONS > BOOKS & BROCHURES.
- ▶ **Use the “ABOUT US” tab.** Suppose that you are witnessing to a coworker who would like to read a brief explanation of our beliefs. Go to ABOUT US > FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

WATCH THE VIDEO *NAVIGATING JW.ORG*, AND THEN CONSIDER WHERE YOU WOULD GO ON THE WEBSITE TO HELP:

- an atheist

- someone who has just suffered a tragedy

- an inactive brother or sister

- a return visit who wonders how our work is financed

- a person from another country who wants to attend a meeting in his homeland



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