

TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

“Are You Prepared Pt.1a”

Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

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Opening Prayer/Welcome

If this is your first time joining us and you did not give your name earlier, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has three purposes:

1. A PLACE TO CONNECT – I Corinthians 9:22 TLB

We were not made to do life alone. God created us for community, and Touch Groups provide a place to connect with others, share life, and grow in faith together.

2. A PLACE TO PROTECT – 1 John 3:16

It is through life together that our problems become smaller, and God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Touch Groups become a place where others don't just know your name, but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.

3. PLACE TO GROW – Proverbs 27:17

We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Touch Groups are a place you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.

Icebreaker:

1. When you think about the end times or the return of Jesus, what is the first feeling that comes to your mind—fear, excitement, curiosity, or something else? Why?

Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?

1. What are you thankful for?

WOF's Purpose:

1. We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
2. We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
3. We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international

Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday

1. Share one or two main points that really stood out to you.
2. Share how you can apply that word to your life this week.

Facilitation of Notes:

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The Lord doesn't tell us about future events in advance to scare us, but rather to prepare us. The end times may seem frightening to some people, but Paul himself said, when speaking about end-time events:

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (KJV): “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

The unknown is scary, but the known brings comfort. We want to prepare you with sound biblical teaching. The Bible talks about the last days:

2 Timothy 4:2 (KJV): “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

This is what Pastor Walker has been commissioned to do preach and teach the Word. The Scripture says to do it with *longsuffering*, which is the Greek word *makrothymia*, meaning patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, and slowness in avenging wrongs. People are going from church to church, always searching for something new. These are the signs of the times that the Bible speaks about:

2 Timothy 4:1 (KJV): “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.”

This is referring to the rapture of the Church—it says *at His appearing*. Then in verse 3:

2 Timothy 4:3–4 (KJV): “For the time will come [that time is now] when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

People today do not want to be challenged to live right. They do not want to serve or do anything for the Lord. They do not want to submit to authority, and they do not want correction. Because if they are corrected, they are ready to leave. They will run to another church that will comfort them and allow them to remain inactive.

Questions:

1. Should we be afraid of end-time teaching? Why or why not?
2. What are the responsibilities of preachers?
3. What should we expect to see among Christians in the last days, and why?

Paul writes that there are certain doctrines that we, as a church, should be aware of:

Hebrews 6:1 (KJV): “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.”

These foundations should already be settled in your heart. He goes on to say:

Hebrews 6:2–3 (KJV): “Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.”

Question:

1. What doctrines should already be embedded in our hearts?

Let’s see what Paul said about the rapture of the Church:

1 Thessalonians 4:15–18 (KJV): “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

As you know, we are living in serious times. Things are rapidly taking place all around us. The last of the last days has come, and lawlessness is on the rise and increasing even now. A day is coming when the lawless one the Antichrist will be revealed to the world. That is what we are learning during our Wednesday services.

But before he comes on the scene, another event will take place—the rapture of the Church.

Question:

1. What do you see rapidly taking place around us?
2. What is on the rise?
3. What happens right before the Antichrist comes on the scene?

What is the rapture of the Church? It is an event when Christ will descend into the lower atmosphere above the earth, and the dead in Christ will be supernaturally resurrected. At that time, or immediately afterward, Christ will supernaturally catch away, rapture, the Church.

I am talking about the authentic Church, those in Christ “which are alive and remain.” He will snatch that remnant from harm’s way at the very end of this present age.

Paul writes in First Thessalonians about the rapture of the Church. It is one of the clearest doctrines in the New Testament. People have different views about when it will occur some say pre-tribulation, some mid-tribulation, and some post-tribulation. But regardless, the reality of the rapture is undeniable in Scripture.

Paul wrote about this event in three of his epistles: 1 and 2 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, he addressed the rapture in depth. Then he wrote the second epistle shortly afterward. Five years later, he wrote his first letter to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 15:51–52 (KJV): “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

We will examine this in more detail later. All three accounts are important.

Questions:

1. What is the rapture of the Church? Explain.
2. What are the different views concerning the rapture? What is your view?
3. How many times did Paul write about the rapture? Name them.

Our primary focus will be on what Paul wrote in First Thessalonians about this event. This was likely Paul’s first epistle, which tells us that even in the early days of Church history, he was teaching about the mystery of the rapture.

Some argue that the word *rapture* does not appear in the Bible, so it is not a New Testament doctrine. However, we will discover that the concept clearly appears in Scripture.

Returning to:

1 Thessalonians 4:15 (KJV): “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.”

Notice he says, “alive and remain.” He repeats it again in verse 17:

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (KJV): “Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Since he says it twice in the same way, we must understand its meaning and significance. The word *alive* in the Greek conveys those who are fully alive, robust, thriving, vibrant, and vigorous. It does not refer only to those who are physically living. It describes those who are spiritually alive, spiritually robust, thriving, vibrant, and strong.

This contrasts with those who are merely physically alive but spiritually inactive. This word tells us that Christ is coming for those who are spiritually engaged. He is not coming for those who merely have a form of godliness. He is coming for those who are alive in their faith spiritually robust, thriving, vibrant, and vigorous.

Questions:

1. Why is understanding the Greek meaning so important?
2. Why is it important to know when Paul began writing about the rapture?
3. When the Bible says “alive,” what does that mean? Does it refer to every believer?

What does this mean for those who are not spiritually engaged? We will answer that later in this series.

The Greek meaning shows us prophetically that there will be a fully alive and vibrant people of God at the time of the rapture. These are those who stand on the Word of God, know the power of the Holy Spirit, and radiate the glory of God.

Questions:

1. What does the word *alive* reveal to us prophetically?

Time of Prayer: Submit your Prayer Request

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Touch Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Mr. Josef & Minister Promise Fielder, Brittany and Christian, Carmelo, Mom Cuyler and Mom Walker and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler
 - c. Reverend Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

Have you reached out to your circle today?

Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?

Announcements:

1. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone celebrating in the **Month of March 2026.**
2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of March 2026.**
3. Join us for our next Touch Group meeting, **Thursday, March 26th.** Touch Groups are small gatherings of believers who come together every Thursday on Zoom for prayer, the Word, and fellowship. We invite you to be part of this life-changing experience by joining one of our groups:
 - Generation 6:20 Youth Touch Group at 6 pm
 - VIP Silver Saints at 7 pm
 - Covenant Partners & Single's at 7 pmTo get connected, simply call the church office or speak with a ministry leader right after service. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith and family through a Touch Group!
4. Join us every Sunday for Pastor Walker's series, "*Are You Prepared?*" and on Wednesday night for his series on "*What about the Antichrist.*" Invite your family and friends. You don't want to miss these series.
5. Join Pastor and Evangelist Walker every **Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** as they minister the Word at Roy L. Schneider Hospital. For more information call the church office.

6. Calling everyone dealing with sickness or disease from seniors to children! Join us **Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m.** for **“I Am Healed School” with Evangelist Sharon Walker.**

Come expecting the healing power of God and believe to **spring forth with brand-new organs and complete restoration** through Jesus Christ!

7. Join us for Iron Sharpens Iron and Ladies in Love with God on **Friday, March 20th at 7pm.**
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 - The ladies are having a **“Demonstrate your Love Night.”** Bring a friend, bring a dress or something to sew and also bring a dish. Together we will learn how to relieve stress through knowing your identity in Christ, foam rolling, massages, pampering, shopping and games.

For more information contact the church office at **(340) 774-8617** or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com.

8. The SWAT team has won **211 Souls** for the year. Join the SWAT Team for their next **SWAT outings on March 28th**. For more information or to join the SWAT team see **Minister Julie Francis.**

9. Join us for our **Palm Sunday Service on Sunday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m.** as we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Come and worship with us as we lift up the name of Jesus. All are welcome bring your family and friends!

10. Join us for our **Good Friday Service on Friday, April 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and reflect on His love and redemption through the cross.

Come and worship with us on this sacred day. **All are welcome bring your family and friends.**

11. Word of Faith St. Thomas has adopted 20 homeless men and women who live in the hospital. On **April 3, Good Friday at 1:00 p.m.** Word of Faith will hold a Good Friday service and bless them with the items they need.

Scan the **QR Code** to see the list of items needed. You can purchase things locally, directly through Amazon or give a monetary donation.

Residents need: *deodorant, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, socks, body wash, toilet paper, and tissue and snacks.* For more information see Evangelist Walker.

12. Volunteers are needed for every auxiliary, Children's Church, Youth Ministry, the Media Team, God's Green Hands, Ushers & Hostesses, ZEST Team, the Sound Team and the Parking Lot Ministry. To join an auxiliary, speak with a ministry leader.

13. Join us for Early Morning Prayer – Monday – Friday at 6:00 am and Saturday at 10:00 am. Join us in person or on Facebook, YouTube, the Word of Faith website.

Dismissal: