

# TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

*“Are You Prepared Pt.1b”*

**Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

*Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching*

**VIP Silver Saints ZOOM Meeting ID: 812-5415-5963, Passcode: 558495**

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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. What's one thing you can't leave the house without?

## 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.

## “Are You Prepared Pt. 1b”

### Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:15

*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.*

The word *alive* conveys those who are fully alive, robust, thriving, vibrant, and vigorous. It pictures those who are spiritually living those who are spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, spiritually vibrant, and spiritually vigorous. This word tells us that Christ is coming for those who are spiritually engaged.

Paul then added that he was specifically referring to those who *remain*, which depicts the remaining outer remnant of a garment a fragmented, leftover end of a piece of a garment, or a residue. It denotes a smaller amount that is left over from a larger original piece. Typically, this Greek word was used to picture a remnant piece of material. It indicated that the greater part had been used, removed, or destroyed, and now only a remnant is left and remains.

It is also important to note that in early New Testament times, when Paul wrote these words, they were also used militarily to describe soldiers who had endured or survived a battle. Hence, those men were the residue or remaining soldiers. This use of the word in a military context meant the larger majority of soldiers had been lost along the way, but there was a remnant who had endured, remained, and survived.

### Question:

1. Define the word *remain* according to the definition. Explain the example!

Paul was a brilliant linguist who knew exactly what these words meant as he penned them. Their use clearly implies that only a remnant of authentic believers may exist at the time of the rapture of the church. Those who remain will be a faithful remnant who endured, remained faithful to the end, and survived the storms of life—and possible persecution—yet kept the faith.

This remnant Paul describes is qualified by the word *alive*. The remnant who will be raptured are those who are spiritually alive, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, spiritually vibrant, and spiritually vigorous.

The Greek words Paul used in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 for the word *remain* literally mean the remaining ones, the surviving ones, or those who are left. This could indicate a remnant of all those who have ever been saved—or possibly a small number of believers who are left on the earth.

The foremost idea expressed in these verses is that at the end of the age, there may be only a surviving remnant of “in-faith” believers at the time we call the rapture.

**Question:**

1. Who are those who remain? Explain!
2. Does this include all Christians? Why or why not?

Paul wrote in **2 Thessalonians 2:3**:

*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.*

Before the Day of the Lord, or the seven-year tribulation period begins, there will first be a falling away. This falling away will be a worldwide apostasy—not only in the church, but also throughout society at large. It describes a turning away from the Lord and rebellion against God.

This agrees with **1 Timothy 4:1**:

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.*

The Holy Spirit, speaking through Paul, foretells that there will be a defection from the Christian faith in the time before Jesus returns for the church at the end of the age. We are seeing signs of that even now. Christians have sided with the world on the most basic issues that were once considered common sense.

**Question:**

1. What does Paul mean when he says there must be a falling away first?
2. What is going to happen in the latter times? Explain!
3. What signs are we seeing now of this happening?

**Read: 2 Timothy 3:5**

*Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

Paul wrote that at the end of the church age, there will be a number of false believers in the church at large. In this verse, he wrote that they will be present, “having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.”

The word *form* in this verse is translated from the Greek word *morphosis*, which depicts an outward shape or outward form. This verse prophetically states that in the last days, many so-called Christians may possess the right words and the correct forms in their religious practices, but inwardly, they will be empty.

Let’s use the example of a mannequin. Today’s mannequins look so human that, to a casual observer, they can be mistaken for a real person. The outward form is correct, yet it is nothing but an empty form with no life. This example perfectly captures the meaning of the word *form*.

The Holy Spirit foretells that some so-called Christians at the end of the age will have a form of godliness, but inwardly lack the power that produces real faith. They may look right and speak the right words, but because they are devoid of spiritual power, they will be mere mannequins of genuine Christianity.

**Questions:**

1. How does the form of godliness compare to a mannequin?
2. What is the Holy Spirit telling us?

The word *godliness* comes from a Greek word that denotes piety or religiosity. The “outer form” of these spiritual mannequins may include clerical clothing, religious actions, religious language, religious symbols, and other external trappings that people associate with someone or something that is religious.

The outer attire and appearance may seem correct and impressive, but if that person’s inner life is devoid of the life of God, he or she only has the form of godliness.

In the context of **2 Timothy 3:5**, we see that the Holy Spirit prophesied there will be people at the end of the age who have all the external trappings of godliness—the right symbols, words, and actions. They may even wear religious clothing, have a cross around their neck, and hold a Bible in their hands.

However, many will be like spiritual mannequins who have an outward form of godliness but lack the life-giving power of God. Imagine a mannequin dressed in religious attire, with a gold-chained cross draped across its chest and posed with a Bible in its hands. A skilled artist could make it resemble a real Christian so closely that someone might mistake it for a true believer.

Yet, it would be nothing more than a shell—a form dressed in religious clothes. In 2 Timothy 3:5, Paul was prophesying by the Spirit that a time would come at the end of the age when some within the church would dress themselves in religious paraphernalia and look the part—but, like mannequins, they would be empty shells, inwardly lifeless.

**Questions:**

1. How is the word *godliness* defined?
2. What is the Holy Spirit prophesying will happen at the end of the age?
3. Do we see examples of this today? Explain!
4. At the end of the age, name some characteristics that we may witness!

**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?**

1. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone celebrating in the **Month of April 2026**.
2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of April 2026**.
3. Touch Groups are canceled **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Touch Groups will resume Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. To 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's 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.
7. Come expecting the healing power of God and believe to spring forth with brand-new organs and complete restoration through Jesus Christ!
8. 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. Please note that Early Morning Prayer is canceled Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
9. 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.

10. You can purchase things locally 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.

11. Join us on **Sunday, April 5th** for Resurrection Day Worship – ONLY JESUS and Holy Communion Service! Join us at **9:00 AM** for a powerful time of worship and celebration!

Immediately following service, stay and enjoy our “Sweets Tings” Fellowship. Bring a friend and come ready to fellowship! The Menu Includes: Honey Butter Cornbread, Keto Banana Bread, Tuna, Butter bread, drinks and more “tings”! Please sign up on the sheet in the back.

12. The **SWAT Team won 19 souls on Saturday** and **15 souls at the hospital**. Which brings the total for the year to **245 Souls**. **Join the SWAT Team for their next outings on April 11th and April 25th**. For more information or to join the SWAT team see Minister Julie Francis.

13. Join us for Baby Dedication, **Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 am**. To register your child call the church office at (340) 774-8617.

14. Join us for Iron Sharpens Iron and Ladies-N-Love with God, **Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a powerful evening designed for both men and women! Iron Sharpens Iron, A time of strengthening, growth, and brotherhood for the men and Ladies in Love with God, A time of encouragement, connection, and refreshing for the women.

Come expecting a meaningful time of fellowship, empowerment, and the Word!

15. Join us for a fun-filled day of fellowship, food, and sunshine! **For the Word of Faith Beach Day Picnic at Magen’s Bay Beach – Shed #1, Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM**. Bring your family and invite your friends for an amazing day at the beach! Food donations and volunteers are needed! Please sign up with Evangelist Walker.

16. **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.

17. 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:**