

# TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

*“Are You Prepared Pt.2a”*

**Thursday, April 23, 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. If Jesus returned today, what would you want Him to find you doing?

## 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.

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We are seeing what Paul said about the rapture of the Church. So, going back to **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 *unto* in the Greek pictures the time leading right up to the very last moment of the age. This is what Paul was describing. Paul was prophetically pointing to the very end of the Church age and to those who will be spiritually alive, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, spiritually vibrant, and spiritually vigorous at that time—those who will have survived everything and remain engaged in the faith at the time of the rapture of the Church.

Paul also lets us know that those who fall into the category of spiritually engaged, vibrant believers “shall not prevent them which are asleep.” In the Greek, the word *not* is a negative particle, and the word *prevent* comes from a Greek word meaning “to precede others.” As a phrase, these words indicate “first things first.” In other words, we who are spiritually alive and engaged in the faith at that moment will be second in line to be miraculously transformed and caught up, after the dead in Christ.

**Questions:**

1. Who was Paul prophetically pointing to?
2. What does Paul mean when he says “shall not prevent”?

When it comes to the death of believers, Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 5:8**:

*“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”*

Paul is using the words *absent* and *present* to describe the Christian experience after death. The word *absent* in the Greek pictures one who has made an exit from home. By using this word, Paul lets us know that when a true believer dies, he exits his body, which had been his temporary, natural human home.

Then Paul explains that at that very moment of death, a real Christian is instantly present with the Lord. The word *present* in the Greek describes being at home. So, by using this word, Paul declares that when a person dies in the faith, his human spirit makes an exit from his natural human home—his body—and immediately finds himself at home with the Lord.

This scripture teaches that the moment an authentic Christian dies, his spirit exits the body he lived in during his natural life, and instantly he is transported into the presence of the Lord. Although his mortal, corruptible body lies as an empty shell, his spirit is immediately at home in

the presence of the Lord. There, with the Lord, he along with others who have died in faith before him awaits the moment when Jesus returns to resurrect his mortal body from the grave, something that will occur just before the rapture of the Church.

At that time, all the spirits of those who have died in faith will be miraculously reconnected to their transformed, resurrected bodies.

**Question:**

1. What happens when believers die? Explain in detail.

We have seen that at the moment of Christ's descent into the lower atmosphere of the earth, on the cusp of the rapture of the Church, those on the earth who are spiritually living, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, spiritually vibrant, and spiritually vigorous will not be the first to experience transformed bodies.

First, Paul said the dead bodies of those who have died in faith will be raised and changed. Then next in line are those who are spiritually living, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, spiritually vibrant, and spiritually vigorous (the remaining remnant who have endured). They will immediately afterward be caught up into the air with their bodies supernaturally transformed as they join those who were just resurrected before them.

**Question:**

1. Explain the order of events during the rapture.

Paul elaborates further in **1 Thessalonians 4:16**:

***“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven...”***

The word *descend* in the Greek means to step down, to come down, to move downward from a higher place to a lower place. It pictures one who makes a downward movement with a dominating and subjugating force.

Then it says *from heaven*. The word *from* is translated from the Greek word *apo*, which means directly from. The word *heaven* comes from the Greek word *ouranos*, which speaks of the highest heaven.

So, when Paul wrote that the Lord shall descend from heaven, he meant that Christ Himself will move from the highest heavens to the air above the earth and when He does, He will come with a dominating and subjugating force.

At that moment, He will rouse the dead in Christ, snatch those who are actively engaged in faith, and begin the process of dominating and subjugating evil powers as the worst of times unfold on the earth for a season during the Great Tribulation according to God's prophetic timetable.

## **Questions:**

1. What did Paul write about Jesus?
2. Where will He come from and how? Explain.
3. What will happen at that moment?

Jesus will make a move from His highly exalted position in the highest heavens. Turn to **Ephesians 1:21:**

***“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”***

It says *far above*. The word *above* in the Greek means high above or far above, referring to both rank and dignity. In this context, it means that no one in the universe has a higher rank, name, or position than Jesus Christ.

To affirm Jesus’ highest position above all, Paul added the word *all*, meaning anything and everything. By using the phrase *above all*, Paul is saying that Jesus Christ holds the highest and most exalted position in the entire universe—any known world or sphere. He is literally and supremely above all

## **Question:**

1. What does Paul mean when he says “far above”?

Paul then describes the exact categories that Christ is above:

First, Paul states that Christ is above all *principality*. In the Greek, this refers to rulers of the highest level. It includes human rulers such as kings and politicians as well as angelic beings. Paul is declaring that Christ’s exalted rank is far above all human rulers and all angelic beings.

Both the natural and spiritual realms are under the dominion of Jesus Christ. There is absolutely no one in any realm more highly exalted than Him.

Then he mentions *power*, which in the Greek describes those who have received delegated authority. It refers to people who hold public office and exercise authority given to them by superiors or through election. Paul is declaring that although such individuals wield influence, their authority cannot compare to the authority and exalted position of Jesus Christ.

Next, Paul writes *might*, which in the Greek denotes explosive power and was often used to describe the full strength of a military force. This shows that Jesus is exalted above all military power in the world.

Then he adds *dominion*, which in the Greek means lordships. This can refer to any system political, financial, or otherwise. Paul is declaring that no system anywhere outranks the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, to include everything and everyone, Paul adds:

***“...and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”***

In other words, Paul is declaring that Jesus is Lord over all. He is superior to rulers, elected leaders, military powers, and all worldly systems. He is literally Lord over all.

### **Questions:**

1. What are the exact categories Christ is above? Name and describe each one.
2. To ensure Paul included everyone and everything, what did he add? Explain.

### **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 April 2026.**
2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of April 2026.**
3. Join us for our next Touch Group meeting, **Thursday, April 30th.** 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 & Singles 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 the SWAT Team for their next outings on **April 25th**. For more information or to join the SWAT team see Minister Julie Francis.
8. 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**.
9. Join us for **Holy Communion, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am**. If you will be joining us online, prepare your communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
10. **Join us for Membership Class – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. To register call the church office at (340) 774-8617.
11. Join us for **Water Baptism, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** at Brewer's Beach. To register call the church office.
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:**