

# TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

*“Are You Prepared Pt.3c”*

**Thursday, May 21, 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. Have you ever missed something important because you were not prepared?

## 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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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. Also, at that time, or immediately afterward, Christ will supernaturally catch away, or rapture, the church.

The Vulgate version calls this event in Latin *rapture* (*Rapiemur*), and the King James Version translators translated it from the Greek as “caught up” or “caught away” (*Harpadzo*). This word was used to describe an event so important that we are going to look at some of its usages in the New Testament. We see where Paul used it in **1 Thessalonians 4:17**: “*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up...*” (*Harpadzo*).

Once again, he is describing the future moment when the church will be suddenly and supernaturally transported into heaven.

Read: **Matthew 11:12**

*“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”*

“Take it by force” is translated from *Harpadzo*. It pictures a sudden seizing or an abrupt taking by force.

Read: **Matthew 12:29**

*“Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.”*

“Spoil” is translated from *Harpadzo*, and here it means to suddenly plunder, suddenly seize, or suddenly take away. It carries the idea of immediacy and suddenness.

**Question:**

1. Describe the use of the Greek word *Harpadzo* in **Matthew 11:12** and **Matthew 12:29**.

Read: **John 10:28**

*“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*

“Pluck” is translated from *Harpadzo*, and it pictures one who attempts to forcibly take or forcibly seize someone from the hand of Jesus.

We see the word “pluck” again in **John 10:29**:

*“My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”*

“Pluck” here pictures one who attempts to forcibly take or forcibly seize someone from the hand of the Father.

Read: **2 Corinthians 12:2**

*“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.”*

“Caught up” is exactly translated from *Harpadzo* and is used by Paul to describe that earlier event in his life in which he was suddenly and supernaturally transported into the third heaven.

### **Question:**

1. Describe the use of the Greek word *Harpadzo* in **John 10:28–29** and **2 Corinthians 12:2**.

Last one, but there are more. Look at **Revelation 12:5**:

*“And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”*

The words “caught up” are translated from *Harpadzo* and describe one who is abruptly, suddenly, and supernaturally transported to God and His throne.

All of these scriptures demonstrate that the word *Harpadzo*, used by Paul in **1 Thessalonians 4:17** to describe the rapture of the church, portrays someone or something that is abducted, carried away, carried off, caught up, forcibly grasped, or suddenly snatched away out of danger just in the nick of time. That is the Church. The Lord will instigate a divine rescue operation to transport the church into the clouds to join those whose bodies have just been resurrected.

We live in a day when some mock those who believe in this event. However, the idea of the rapture is well established in scripture and can consistently be seen from Genesis to Revelation.

### **Questions:**

1. Describe the use of the Greek word *Harpadzo* in **Revelation 12:5**.
2. What do all these scriptures demonstrate about the word *Harpadzo*?

Read: **1 Thessalonians 4:17**

*“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds...”*

Here we see that Christ will not physically touch the earth until He returns in His visible Second Coming (or Second Advent) at the end of the Tribulation. But at the time of the resurrection of those who died in faith and of the rapture of the church, Christ will descend into the clouds. And He will do it to suddenly and supernaturally seize, snatch, and transport the church from imminent danger as God’s prophetic timetable continues to unfold.

We are firm believers in a pre-Tribulation rapture. But because the word *Harpadzo* means “to snatch out of danger in the nick of time,” it strongly implies that it will be so dark before the

rapture of the church that it might feel as if the Tribulation has already started. Experiencing hardship is emphatically not on the same level as God's wrath being aggressively poured out on the earth during the seven-year period of the Tribulation.

**Questions:**

1. How will Christ appear at the time of the rapture?
2. How will He do it?
3. How does the hardship we experience today compare to the Tribulation?

Because *Harpadzo* describes a rescue operation, it alerts us that the world may become very dark before the rapture actually occurs. And just when it seems things could not get any darker, that is when the Lord will descend to spectacularly snatch the church out of imminent danger. He will do it just in the nick of time. It will be a divine rescue operation to transport us into His glorious presence.

Read: **1 Thessalonians 4:17**

*“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.”*

The word “meet” pictures a grand encounter, or a royal or VIP reception. It is a word that specifically describes the reception of a newly arrived official or newly arrived royalty. In history, when such individuals arrived, the red carpet was rolled out and they were given a VIP reception. Paul understood the usage of this word when he used it to tell us that when we see Jesus in the air, Christ is going to roll out the red carpet to give us a grand and glorious VIP reception.

**Question:**

1. What does the word “meet” picture?

And then Paul writes in **1 Thessalonians 4:17**:

*“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.”*

The phrase “ever be” means at all times, all the time, always, continually, or perpetually. In this moment, when we are suddenly and supernaturally snatched into heaven, we will find ourselves at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Over the course of the next seven years, each believer will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to be rewarded for his faithfulness in obeying God's plan for his life.

**Question:**

1. When the Word says “ever be,” what happens? 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 May 2026.**
2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of May 2026.**
3. Join us for our next Touch Group meeting, **Thursday, May 28th.** 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 pm
 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 Happens Next?*" 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. The SWAT Team has won **279 souls for the year.** Join the SWAT Team for their next outings in **June 2026.** For more information or to join the SWAT team see Minister Julie Francis.

8. Join Pastor Walker and Evangelist Walker for *Iron Sharpens Iron* and *Ladies-N- Love with God* on **Friday May 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a powerful evening designed for both men and women!

- **Iron Sharpens Iron**, for a time of strengthening, growth, and brotherhood for the men and
- **Ladies-N-Love with God**, for a time of encouragement, connection, and refreshing for the women.

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

9. Join us for a powerful night in the presence of the Lord! On **Friday, May 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**, we are coming together for a Night of Prayer a time to seek God and press into His presence.

If you are believing God for healing, direction, restoration, or divine intervention, this night is for you. Come expecting. Come ready. Come believing. Invite a friend and let's go before the Lord together!

10. Get ready for a powerful **Father's Day Celebration** on Sunday, June **21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** as we come together to honor the **men of God, fathers, leaders, mentors, and legacy builders** in our lives!

This is going to be an uplifting and life-changing service you do not want to miss. Ministry of the Word will be by Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr.

Men, bring your sons. Families, bring your fathers. And everyone — invite a friend!

11. Get Ready for the **Word of Faith God's BeYOUties Women's Conference, June 25-27, 2026. Speakers include: Pastor Deborah Butler, Pastor Brenda Timberlake, Dr. Dee Dee Freedman, Pastor Michele Ferguson, and Pastor Kristina Jenkins.** Come be refreshed. Come be strengthened and Come and let's flourish together. To Register for the conference text "**FLOURISH**" to **(248)266-9990**.

12. Join Keith A. Butler and Deborah Butler for the **Word of Faith Convention and Ministerial Conference**, taking place **October 1–2 and October 4th.**

Featured speakers include **Bishop Keith A. Butler, Pastor Ivan Hazarbassanov, and Minister Miga Rodriguez** during the morning sessions, with **Pastor Nancy Dufresne and Pastor Jonathan Shuttlesworth** ministering during the evening sessions. Special guest speaker **Jesse Duplantis** will minister on **Sunday, October 4th.**

You do not want to miss these powerful meetings filled with faith, teaching, and impartation. To register, visit: [convention.wordoffaith.cc](http://convention.wordoffaith.cc)

13. **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.
14. 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.
15. Pray for an Hour in Tongue every Sunday with Evangelist Walker at 7:30 am. Ministerial prayer at 8:50 am and auxiliary prayer at 9:00 am. For more information see Evangelist Walker.

**Dismissal:**