

TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

“Are You Prepared Pt.4a”

Thursday, May 28, 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 your spiritual life had a “fuel gauge” today, would it read Full, Half Full, Running Low, or Empty? 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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From what we have already studied, we can confidently declare that there will be a day when the bodies of the righteous dead will rise and there will be a generation of Christians who will never taste death but will be raptured, caught up to meet the Lord in the clouds.

In a split second, they will be transformed from natural, physical bodies into immortal, indestructible beings.

Read: *1 Corinthians 15:51*

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”

Paul calls it a mystery. The rapture of the Church was a mystery that was unknown in Old Testament times. Paul clearly stated that it was revealed in the time of the New Testament along with other mysteries that were not previously known. You will find that the word “mystery” appears multiple times in the New Testament to describe truths that were not known in Old Testament times.

The word *mystery* itself denotes a hidden thing, a mystery, or a secret that is not naturally knowable and can only be divinely revealed. Paul used this Greek word, *musterion*, to inform us that mysteries and secrets that were previously unknown have now been revealed in Christ.

Questions:

1. What does the word *mystery* describe?
2. Why did Paul use this word?

So, what did Paul write about the rapture of the Church in *1 Corinthians 15:51* when he said:

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”

Let’s break it down so that we can gain an understanding of what is actually going to happen, so that it will not remain a mystery to us.

Notice Paul begins with the word *behold*. It conveys a sense of amazement, bewilderment, shock, and wonder. The use of the word is the equivalent of Paul saying, “Wow! Wow! Wow! Hold on and listen to what I’m about to tell you because it’s going to blow you away!” Even Paul was amazed by what he was about to describe.

Again, in *1 Corinthians 15:51*, Paul says:

“Behold, I shew you a mystery.”

Paul was about to unwrap one of the greatest mysteries of the ages. He then says: *“We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”*

Paul says we will not all sleep. The phrase *all sleep* describes the sleep of death. Paul used these exact words in:

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.”

Paul was talking about the dead in Christ those who died in the faith of Jesus. But in ***1 Corinthians 15:51***:

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”

Paul is explicitly stating that not everyone will sleep or die there will be a generation of authentic believers who will escape death.

Questions:

1. Why did Paul have that “wow” moment?
2. What does Paul mean when he says we will not all sleep?
3. Who is he talking about?

But then he says: *“But we shall all be changed.”*

The word *changed* means to alter, to change, to exchange one thing for another, or to completely transform. This means that at this moment, both the dead bodies of the righteous and the living bodies of vibrant believers will be miraculously altered, changed, exchanged, and transformed into a new type of body. In each case, it will be an instantaneous, miraculous, and supernatural transformation.

Question:

1. What was Paul describing when he used the word *changed*?

Read **verse 52: *1 Corinthians 15:52***

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...”

The word *moment* is a word that describes an indivisible moment, a split second, or an instant. It is where we get the word *atom*. It denotes something very tiny or microscopic.

Paul describes this tiny moment as *“the twinkling of an eye.”* The word *twinkling* describes a twitch, a blink, or something that happens so fast it is undetectable.

One scholar notes that the speed of an eye twitch or the blink of an eye is one-tenth of a second, or 100 milliseconds. To try to understand how fast this event will be, blink your eyes right now. Paul used this word to describe how fast these miraculous events will take place. In a microscopic, indivisible moment of time like the twinkling, twitch, or blink of an eye, the bodies of the

righteous dead will be raised, and those who are alive and vibrant in the faith will be transformed in their bodies and caught up to meet the Lord.

The transformation of the bodies of the resurrected and living saints will be so quick that it will happen before one can shut his eyes and open them again. It will occur without the least sensation of pain and will be quickly and amazingly carried out in a microscopic, nearly indivisible moment of time.

Questions:

1. How fast will this rapture event take place?
2. Give an example.
3. Describe what will happen.

Just as we saw in *1 Thessalonians 4:16*, all of this will be triggered by the sound of a trumpet. *“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.”*

We know that the word *trump* is called a *salpinx*. Paul uses the word again in *1 Corinthians 15:52*:

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound...”

It depicts a war trumpet that boldly announces victory and the vanquishing of God’s enemies at the outset of a military campaign.

Questions:

1. What will trigger this event?
2. What does it announce?

We see that when the *salpinx* was blown, its menacing sound struck terror in the hearts of the enemy as a signal of their soon demise. It reverberated through the atmosphere with wave after wave of an acoustic war cry.

This trumpet was also used to call people to break camp, to assemble, and to move forward and upward. This means that when this last trump is blasted, it will summon the bodies of the dead in Christ to be raised and call those who are still alive at that time to break camp and gather for upward and forward movement.

When this trumpet is blasted, the bodies of the righteous dead will be raised out of their graves with newly transformed bodies that are no longer subject to the effects of wear, tear, and age. Now, when it says *“the last trump,”* the word *last* denotes the consummation or the close of things.

When the resurrection of the dead and the rapture of the Church occur, there will be a final blast of the trumpet to announce the official closure of the present age.

That means the next epoch, the seven-year period known as the Tribulation will have begun, when the wrath of God will be poured out upon the earth.

Questions:

1. What will the *salpinx* sound like?
2. What kind of call will it send?
3. What is unique about the righteous dead?
4. What is the meaning of the phrase *last trump*?
5. What does it signal?

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. Word of Faith would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to the graduating Class of 2026! We celebrate your hard work, dedication, and accomplishments. All graduates, please stand and be recognized — graduates of Preschool, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Trade School, College, University, and Graduate School. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!
4. Join us for our next Touch Group meeting, **Thursday, June 4th**. 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!

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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!

8. The SWAT Team has won **296 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.
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. Don't forget your prayer shawls! Invite a friend and let's go before the Lord together!

10. Join us for **Holy Communion on Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 am**. If you will be joining us online prepare your communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
11. Join us for **Baby Dedication, Sunday, June 14th at 10:00 am**. To register call the church office at (340) 774-8617.
12. 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!

13. 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**.

14. Join Keith A. Butler and Deborah Butler for the **Word of Faith Convention and Ministerial Conference**, taking place **October 1st–2nd and Sunday, 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

15. **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.

16. 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.

17. **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: