

TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

“Are You Prepared Pt.3a”

Thursday, May 7, 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. What's your go-to snack during a long church service or Bible study?

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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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.

This event will begin with a shout.

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:16

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel...”

This verse says that, in addition to Christ’s shout, the voice of the archangel will also be heard. The word *voice* describes a voice, sound, or noise, but it also means to whirl, depicting the sound of wind, wings, or rushing water. It pictures the sound of a massive multitude or an overwhelming sound. Paul does not tell us if everyone on earth will hear this sound, but God’s people and all the hosts of heaven will hear it. This mighty voice of the archangel will also be part of the process of rousing all God’s troops to full attention and calling them into action.

Paul said this massive voice comes from the archangel. The word *archangel* refers to a chief angel, a principal angel, or one who holds special authority among the heavenly host. Archangels are portrayed as warriors who are dispatched to carry out God’s decrees with great authority and power.

Questions:

1. In addition to the shout, what else will be heard?
2. Will the whole world hear it? Explain!
3. What is the purpose of this sound?

Paul does not say which angel this is, but it is generally believed to be Michael the archangel. So, at the time of this event, the voice of a mighty archangel will also be heard and will galvanize heaven’s troops into action. They will summon the dead bodies of the righteous from their graves and alert those who are spiritually alive, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, vibrant, and vigorous. We are talking about the remaining remnant of believers who have endured and are still around at the time of this event. We are talking about the long-awaited moment when we meet the Lord in the air. This angelic voice will sound the proclamation that the battle of the ages is about to begin.

Questions:

1. Who will be summoned by this voice? Detail, please!
2. What will it kick off?

Then Paul added in **1 Thessalonians 4:16**, *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God...”*

In the Old Testament, trumpets were used for multiple reasons. First, a trumpet blast was used to call God's people to assemble. Second, it was used as a command for Israel's troops to march forward into full-scale war. We will see other purposes as well.

Read: **Numbers 10:1-10**

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. 3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 4 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. 5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. 6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. 7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. 8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations. 9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. 10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.”

So, in this passage, God commanded His people to blow the trumpet for the purpose of breaking camp, advancing, assembling, and fighting against an enemy until victory was won. The overpowering sound of a trumpet blast caused the enemy's heart to shake and tremble because the enemies understood what that blast meant. They knew it meant the onslaught of war was about to commence.

So, Paul states that when the trump of God is blasted at the end of the age, it will be God's call for His people to break camp, move onward, and gather for a final assembly.

Questions:

1. What were trumpets used for in the Old Testament?
2. What were the effects of the sound of the trumpet?

This explains what Paul was talking about in **2 Thessalonians 2:1** where it stated, *“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him...”*

That is the rapture! That trumpet sound will be a signal that war is commencing and that it will be consummated in complete victory. No army, no power, and no force, physical or spiritual, will be capable of withstanding the onslaught of invincible power that will be released in that moment.

Question:

1. What will the sound of the trumpet signal in **2 Thessalonians 2:1**?

What is the historical meaning of the Greek word for *trump* that Paul used in this verse? This word was very well known in the Greek and Roman world, and Paul, being a linguist, was familiar with all the connotations and images associated with it.

In Greek, the word *trump* is *salpinx*, and it depicted a war trumpet that announced the commencement of battle. This word is found in the writings of ancient Greek authors. This particular trumpet was a long and slender instrument that the blower held to his lips and pointed downward toward the ground. The sound of this trumpet was enormous, and because it was pointed downward, its sound reverberated through the ground so that it was not only heard, but also physically felt.

Have you ever heard a sound system so loud that it caused your body to vibrate? That gives a sense of the effect of the *salpinx*.

Question:

1. How loud was the *salpinx*? Explain!

This instrument filled the ears with an overpowering sound and literally caused enemies to quake. The sound sent a message of dominance, and at the hearing of its blast, enemies knew they would need to surrender or suffer annihilation. It was considered to be the loudest sound produced by the breath of a human without some form of surrounding mechanical reverberation. No other sound compared to the *salpinx*. It could be clearly heard from long distances.

It sent waves of fear across the bodies and minds of enemies, as that invincible sound announced the onslaught of battle, the plundering of the opposition, and imminent destruction soon to come. That supernatural sound was a prophetic declaration that triumph would surely be achieved and all adversaries would be conquered. It prophesied their doom!

Questions:

1. What effect did it have on the enemies of Israel?
2. What did it prophesy? Explain!

This instrument was also used in the courtroom. It was blasted to signal the commencement of court and the execution of justice. It caused terror in those who were about to be judged in the court of law. It was a signal that serious legal action was about to take place and that inescapable judgment was about to occur.

How does all this relate to the trump of God?

Read **1 Thessalonians 4:16** again,

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God...”

Because Paul used the well-known Greek word *salpinx* in this verse, it means that:

- In the moment this trumpet is blasted, it will not be a mere trumpet; it will be the blasting of a war trumpet.
- In the moment this trumpet is blasted, its deafening, invincible sound will send terror to the enemies of God in every realm, spiritual and physical.
- In the moment this trumpet is blasted, God will summon His people to break camp, advance, and move upward.
- We know that this refers to the resurrection of the bodies of the righteous dead and the rapture of the living remnant of authentic Christians who remain at that time.
- In the moment this trumpet is blasted, its sound will signal and muster all of heaven’s troops to engage in the war of the ages.
- In the moment this trumpet is blasted, it will not only be a declaration of war against God’s enemies, but also a declaration that the battle will be consummated in total victory.
- In the moment this trumpet is blasted, it will mean that the judgments against the ungodly from God’s court of law are about to be carried out as righteous judgment is prepared to be poured out on the earth.

All of these points are the exact reasons Paul used the word *salpinx* to describe the trump of God.

Questions:

1. How else was this trumpet used? Explain!
2. What happened the moment this trumpet was blasted? List all the moments!

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 14th**. 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. The SWAT Team has won **272 souls for the year**. Join the SWAT Team for their next outings on **May 9th**. For more information or to join the SWAT team see Minister Julie Francis.
8. Join us on **Sunday, May 10th, 2026 at 10:00 AM** for our **Mother's Day Celebration with Ministry of the Word by Evangelist Sharon L. Walker!** Come and experience a powerful time in the presence of the Lord as we celebrate and honor the strength, love, and grace of our mothers. Come and be empowered by the word.

Bring your family and come ready to worship, celebrate, and receive what God has prepared! **For more information, contact the church office at (340) 774-8617.**

9. Join us for **Baby Dedication, Sunday, May 10th** during our Mother's Day Celebration. To register call the church office at (340) 774-8617.
10. **Join us for Membership Class – Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 am.** To register call the church office at (340) 774-8617.
11. Join us for **Water Baptism, Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 p.m.** at Brewer's Beach. If you are interested in being water baptized call the church office.
12. 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!

13. 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!

14. 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.
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. Join us for the **National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7th at 6am** as we come together in unity to seek God and declare His glory. This year's focus calls us to lift our voices and proclaim who God is and what He has done.

The Word of God declares in **1 Chronicles 16:24 (NASB)**:
"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."

- Come ready to pray.
- Come ready to declare.
- Come expecting God to move.

Invite someone and join us for this powerful time of prayer!

Dismissal: