

TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

"Are You Prepared Pt. 5a"

Thursday, June 18, 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 you could witness any event in the Bible, which one would you choose and 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.

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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. On that day, first the dead in Christ will be raised, and then those who are alive and still vigorously engaged in faith will suddenly be caught up in the air to meet the Lord.

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. 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”*?

Questions:

1. Why did Paul call the rapture of the Church a mystery?
2. Why is it being revealed?

We have broken it down so that we can gain an understanding of what is actually going to happen, so that it will no longer be a mystery to us.

Notice that Paul begins with the word *Behold*. He is saying, “Hold on and listen to what I am about to tell you because it is going to blow you away.” Even Paul was amazed by what he was about to describe.

1 Corinthians 15:51 – *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”*

Paul says, *“We shall not all sleep.”* The words *all sleep* describe the sleep of death. Paul was talking about the dead in Christ—those who died in the faith of Jesus. Paul is explicitly stating that not everyone will sleep or die; there will be a generation of authentic believers who will escape death.

But then he says, *“We shall all be changed.”* This means that at that 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.

Questions:

1. Why was Paul so amazed at what he was about to describe?
2. What is the meaning of the words “*not all sleep*”? Explain.
3. What does Paul mean by saying, “*We shall all be changed*”?

Then, in verse 52, Paul says:

1 Corinthians 15:52 – “*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...*”

Paul describes this tiny moment as *the twinkling of an eye*—a blink. He used this phrase to describe how fast these miraculous events will take place. The transformation of the bodies of the resurrected and living saints will happen so quickly that it will be completed before one can shut his eyes and open them again.

Then he says:

1 Corinthians 15:52 – “*...at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound...*”

When this last trumpet 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 sounded, the bodies of the righteous dead will be raised out of their graves with newly transformed bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:52 – “*...and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*”

The dead bodies of those who previously died in faith will suddenly and miraculously be raised, or resurrected.

Questions:

1. What is the description of “*the twinkling of an eye*”?
2. What happens when that last trumpet is blasted?

But then Paul says again:

1 Corinthians 15:52 – “*...shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*”

The word *incorruptible* means incapable of decay or incapable of suffering the effects of wear, tear, and age.

The phrase “*we shall be changed*” means to exchange one thing for another or to transform. Those who are alive and in faith at that moment will undergo a supernatural exchange. Their mortal bodies will be exchanged and transformed into timeless, immortal, and indestructible bodies.

Verse 53 says:

1 Corinthians 15:53 – “*For this corruptible must put on incorruption...*”

The word *corruptible* depicts that which is naturally subject to decay or suffering from the effects of wear, tear, and age.

When Jesus descends into the lower atmosphere with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, it will summon forth the dead and decaying bodies of those who died in Christ. They will be raised incorruptible, and at the same time, those who are alive and in faith will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. In that transformative moment, both the dead and the living will put on incorruption.

Questions:

1. What is the meaning of the word *incorruptible*? Explain.
2. What does Paul mean by “*we shall be changed*”? Explain.
3. What happens when Jesus descends into the lower atmosphere?

This is what Paul taught in:

1 Corinthians 15:53 – “*For this corruptible must put on incorruption...*”

The bodies of the righteous dead and the righteous living will be supernaturally re-clothed. That is what the words *put on* mean.

The word *incorruption* describes that which is incapable of decay or incapable of suffering the effects of wear, tear, and age. Whereas before we lived in mortal bodies that suffered the effects of wear, tear, age, and death, we will suddenly find ourselves re-clothed with new, transformed bodies that are completely incapable of decay or any effects of wear, tear, age, or death.

Question:

1. Why should this give us hope?

Paul goes on to say:

1 Corinthians 15:53 – “*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*”

What does this mean? Why did Paul add this?

The word *mortal* pictures human beings who are subject to death or who will inevitably die. The word depicts the fragile and temporary nature of the human body and the fleeting nature of mortal life.

Paul declared that for those who either die in faith or are caught into the Lord’s presence at the time of the rapture, “*this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*”

The reason human beings are called mortals is that all humankind is subject to death. Like it or not, this is reality. But Paul unquestionably declared that there will be one generation that will never taste death.

Rather than die as other generations before them died, that singular generation who is alive at the time of the resurrection of the righteous dead and the rapture of the Church will suddenly and miraculously put on immortality.

When Paul used the words *put on*, he repeated the word *enduo*, which again points to putting on a new set of clothes.

Questions:

1. Why are the words “*this mortal must put on immortality*” important to us?
2. What is Paul declaring?

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 June 2026.
2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the Month of June 2026.
3. Join us for our next Touch Group meeting, Thursday, June 18th. 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!

3. 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.
4. 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!
5. Get ready for a powerful night of growth, connection, and spiritual strengthening! Join us on Friday, June 19th at 7:00 PM for Iron Sharpens Iron and Ladies in Love with God. Two Rooms. One

Purpose. Men and women will meet separately, yet united with one goal to grow stronger in Christ.

Men will gather for Iron Sharpens Iron a time of empowerment and spiritual sharpening. Women will gather for Ladies in Love with God a time of encouragement and growth. Invite a friend and come ready to grow, be encouraged, and walk in purpose!

6. 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!

Volunteers are needed to serve in children's church on Father's Day. Please sign up with Evangelist Walker.

Also, Join us at the Westin Hotel for a Father's Day Brunch. The cost for adults is \$75.00 and the cost of children is \$35.00. The cost includes slow-roasted prime rib, rotisserie jerk chicken, whole suckling pig, rack of lamb, stewed oxtail, goat water soup, seafood callaloo, salad bar, cole slaw, pasta salad and so much more. Sign up today!

7. 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.
8. 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

9. Do you desire to grow deeper in God's Word? Do you want to strengthen your faith and gain a greater understanding of the Bible? We invite you to join Layperson's Bible School, There is a sign-up sheet in the back. For more information see Pastor Walker.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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: