TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

"Have Faith In God (Back To The Basics)"

Thursday, Oct. 15, 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. Have you ever believed something someone told you without seeing it for yourself? What made you trust their word?

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:

"Have Faith In God (Back To The Basics), Pt. 5"

Your faith should always be growing, never declining.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (KJV)

*"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your **faith groweth exceedingly**..."*

When you are not consistent in the things of God, you will find that you begin to go backward instead of forward. Your faith is not growing as it should.

Read: **John 20:24–25 (KJV)**

***24** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.*

***25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said [THOMAS] unto them, Except **I shall see** in his hands the print of the nails, and **put my finger** [TOUCH] into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, **I will not believe**.*

Then, when Jesus appeared, He said to Thomas in **John 20:27–28 (KJV)**

***27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and **be not faithless, but believing**.*

***28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*

What did Jesus say in **verse 29**?

***29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou **hast seen me**, thou hast **believed**: blessed are they that **have not seen**, and **yet have believed**.*

In other words, Thomas wasn't believing in the same way you and I believe in Jesus' resurrection. He believed because he saw Jesus with his physical eyes. We believe because the Word of God says it is so.

Question:

1. What is the difference between the way Thomas believed and the way we believe? Explain.

Some people miss this without realizing it. They say, "Well, I believe in divine healing because I saw so-and-so healed." That's not the reason I believe in divine healing. I believe in divine healing because the Word of God says it is so. Likewise, I don't believe in speaking in tongues simply because some people believe in it and speak with tongues. I believe what the Bible says, not merely what I see and hear. My faith is not in what I see and hear. **My faith is in what God says.** When we get our faith to that point, we are right and in order, and that brings results.

Thomas said, in effect, "I will not believe until I see." And Jesus said, "Thomas, thou hast believed because thou hast seen; blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe."
Those are the ones who are blessed!

Questions:

1. Should you believe something only after you have seen someone else experience it? Why or why not?
2. What did Thomas say, in effect?
3. What is the result for those who believe without seeing, unlike Thomas?

I want you to compare Thomas' faith with the faith of Abraham.

Read: **Romans 4:16–21 (KJV)**

16 *Therefore it is of* ***faith****, that it might be* ***by grace****; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the* ***faith of Abraham****; who is the* ***father of us all****,*

Abraham is considered the father of faith. Look at **verse 17-21.**

17 *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and* ***calleth those things which be not as though they were****.*

18 *Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

19 *And being* ***not weak in faith****,* ***he considered not*** *his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:*

20 *He staggered not at the promise of God through* ***unbelief****; but was* ***strong in faith****, giving glory to God;*

21 *And being* ***fully persuaded*** *that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

Notice the difference between Thomas' faith and Abraham's faith. Thomas had a natural, human faith that said, *"I'm not going to believe unless I can see and feel*." Abraham, however, believed God's Word, considering not his own body.

If he didn't consider his own body, he didn't allow physical sight or physical feelings to determine what he believed. Then what did he consider? **He considered the Word of God!**

Questions:

1. Why is Abraham considered the father of faith? Explain according to this passage.
2. What is the difference between Thomas' faith and Abraham's faith?

Let's say you're dealing with heart trouble. Those symptoms seem to keep coming back, especially at night when you're trying to sleep. Although you are praying and standing on the promises of God, you still can't sleep. You may even say, "Lord, help me! I have to have some relief." Do you know what the Lord will say? He will remind you, "Consider not thine own body." So, you relax and say, "Thank You, Lord." You take your mind off your body and drift off to sleep. Then, in the middle of the night, you experience the same symptoms. And you say, "Lord, I'm not considering my own body. What am I going to do?" Then He will remind you to consider Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith, your High Priest. **God will tell you what not to consider, and then He will tell you what to consider.**

Question:

1. When you don't see a manifestation of what you are believing God for and begin to experience doubt, what should you do? Explain.

If you get your mind on Him and begin to consider what He has done for you, your attention will shift from the symptoms to the promises of God.

Read: **Matthew 8:17 (KJV)**
*"...Himself took our **infirmities**, and bare our **sicknesses**."*

As you consider not your own body but get your mind and attention on Him, you can rest in His Word, trusting Him for healing and relief. Too often, we focus our attention on the wrong things. When it comes to healing, we consider the body and the symptoms. That's what we think about and look at. The more we focus on the symptoms, the more discouraged and fearful we may become. Some will even say, "Well, God hasn't heard my prayer yet. I'm getting worse. I guess I'll wind up having an operation." Their attention has shifted from God's promises to what they are experiencing in their bodies. We talked about this on Wednesday when discussing the creative power of words. Someone may come to me and say, "I believe I'm catching a cold." Rather than continually confessing sickness, we should learn to speak in agreement with God's Word and trust His promises.

Questions:

1. What should you consider, and what should you avoid focusing on when you are going through difficult circumstances?
2. Where should our attention be?

Notice what Jesus said to the blind men. Read: **Matthew 9:28–29 (KJV)**

28 *And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them,* ***Believe ye that I am able to do this?*** *They said unto him, Yea, Lord.*
29 *Then touched he their eyes, saying,* ***According to your faith be it unto you.***

It works both ways in the sense that what we choose to believe influences how we respond to our circumstances. If you continually focus on sickness, fear, and negative expectations, those things can begin to dominate your thoughts and words. Instead, choose to believe God's Word, speak in agreement with His promises, and keep your attention on Him. **Do not allow what you see or feel to become greater in your thinking than what God has said.**

Question:

1. How does the principle of "according to your faith" work in our lives? 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 October 2026.**

2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of October 2026.**

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. October is **Pastor Appreciation Month!** Throughout the month of October, we invite you to help us honor and celebrate our pastors with **words of encouragement, expressions of appreciation, cards, and gifts of love**.

   From **October 1st through October 31st**, let's make every Sunday an opportunity to shower our pastors with love and blessings for their faithful service, leadership, and dedication to the ministry.

   Then, join us on **Sunday, October 22nd for our special Pastors' Appreciation Celebration**, as we come together as a church family to honor and thank God for our pastors.

6. **Touch Group meetings resume, Thursday, October 15th.** 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!.

7. Join Pastor Walker for **Iron Sharpen Iron Men's Grill Night, Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** For more information or to donate contact Pastor Walker.

8. Ladies, get ready for a night of sharing, laughter, and sisterhood! Join **Ladies-N-Love with God** on **October 23** for our **"My Favorite Thing and Enough to Share" Night!** Bring one of your favorite things and enough to bless someone else. Bring a friend and come enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and the joy of giving! Sign up with Evangelist Walker.

9. The SWAT Team won **3 souls** on Saturday, October 10th. Join the **SWAT Team** for their next SWAT Outing, **Saturday, October 10th and October 24th at 11:00 am.** For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.

10. Join us for **Thanksgiving Praise and Worship Day Service, Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m.** Join us as we lift our voices, magnifying the Lord, and giving God thanks for His goodness, His faithfulness, His protection, and all that He has done for us.

    Invite your family and friends and join us for a powerful evening in the presence of God.

11. Join us on **Friday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m.** for a **special Night of Prayer.** We will lift up **our families, our communities, our government leaders, the Virgin Islands, and the upcoming elections** in prayer. Let us stand together believing God for His will to be done in our Territory. Come ready to **pray, believe, and stand in faith together!**

12. 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.

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: