TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

"Have Faith In God (Back To The Basics) Pt.7"

Thursday, Nov. 05, 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. If someone asked you, 'Who are you?' how would you describe yourself? Would you describe your physical appearance, your personality, or something deeper?

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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Let's talk about the heart of man. Read **Romans 10:10**: *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Notice that it says, *"with the heart."* Now read **Mark 11:23**: *"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* Notice that this verse says, *"shall not doubt in his heart."* Both verses speak of believing with the heart.

People want to know what it means to believe with the heart. But first, you must understand that the word *heart*, as used in Scripture, does not refer to the physical organ that pumps blood through the body and keeps us alive. The word *heart* here cannot refer to the physical organ because, if it did, these verses would indicate that you could believe with your body. You can no more believe God with your physical heart than you can believe Him with your physical hand or finger.

The word *heart* is used here to convey a thought. Consider how we use the word *heart* today. When we talk about the heart of a tree, what do we mean? We mean the center, the very core. When we talk about the heart of a subject, what do we mean? We mean the most important part of that subject, the center of it, the main part around which everything else revolves. When God speaks of the human heart, He is speaking about the main part of man, the very center of man's being, which is his spirit.

Questions:

1. What must we understand when the Bible tells us to believe with our hearts? Explain.
2. What is the Bible not referring to when it speaks of the heart? Explain.

Man is a spirit. Look at **1 Thessalonians 5:23**, where it says: *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* The terms *spirit of man* and *heart of man* are used interchangeably throughout the Bible. We know that man is a spirit because of what God said in **Genesis 1:26**: *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."* We were made in the image and likeness of God. Well, Jesus said in **John 4:24**: *"God is a Spirit."* It is not in our physical bodies that we are like God, for the Bible says that God is not a man.

Notice what Paul says in **Romans 2:28–29**: *"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."* Notice that it says, *"of the heart, in the spirit."*

Speaking to Nicodemus, Jesus said in **John 3:7**: *"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."* Read **John 3:4–6**: *"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* We also read in **John 4:24**: *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* We cannot contact God through our physical bodies or our minds alone. We contact God through our spirits.

Questions:

1. What scriptural evidence do we have that man is a spirit? Explain.
2. What was Jesus referring to when He told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again"? Explain.
3. How do we contact God?

The spirit is not the mind. **1 Corinthians 14:14** tells us: *"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful."* Some people mistakenly think that the mind is the spirit. However, as this verse indicates, when we speak in tongues, the prayer does not originate from our natural minds or human reasoning. Rather, it comes from our spirits, our innermost beings, as the Holy Spirit enables us.

Paul goes on to say in **1 Corinthians 14:15**: *"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."* Notice that Paul said, *"I will pray with the spirit,"* and then he said, *"I will sing with the spirit."* He is talking about your spirit man, not your physical body or your mind. The real you is a spirit. You live in a physical body, and you possess a soul, which includes your mind, will, and emotions.

Questions:

1. How do we know that the spirit is not the mind?
2. What is the three-part makeup of man? Explain.

The following passage speaks of *"the spirits of just men made perfect."* Read **Hebrews 12:18–24**: *"For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more."*

Back in the Old Testament, when God descended upon Mount Sinai and spoke to the children of Israel, they could not endure it. His voice frightened them, and they thought they were going to die. The passage continues in **Hebrews 12:20–21**: *"(For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)"* They were living under the Old Covenant. They had not experienced the new birth that became available through Jesus Christ.

Now notice what the Scripture says concerning us in **Hebrews 12:22–24**: *"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."*

Notice that **verse 22** says, *"But ye are come unto mount Sion."* He is talking about us! Under the New Covenant, we have been born again. Our spirits have been made new through Jesus Christ. Notice that **verse 23** speaks of *"the spirits of just men made perfect."* As we continue studying God's Word, I want you to become conscious of this important truth: **You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body.**

Questions:

1. Why were the children of Israel afraid of God's presence at Mount Sinai, and how is our relationship with God different under the New Covenant?
2. According to Hebrews 12:23, what has been made perfect?
3. What important truth should we become conscious of concerning our identity?

There is an inward man and an outward man. The outward man is the body, while the inward man is the spirit. Man also possesses a soul, which includes the mind, will, and emotions. Look at **2 Corinthians 4:16**: *"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."* So, there is an outward man who will eventually perish should Jesus tarry. But the inward man lives on. The inward man does not cease to exist when the physical body dies. Your inward man is your spirit—the spirit part of you!

Look at what Paul says in **1 Corinthians 9:27**: *"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."* Now, notice something important here. If the body were the real you, Paul would have said, "I keep myself under; I bring myself into subjection." But Paul refers to his body as **"it."** He says, *"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection."*

Who is the **"I"** that Paul is referring to? The **"I"** is the man on the inside—the inward man who has been born again. Paul is saying, in effect, "I, the inward man, do something with my body. I, the inward man, bring my body into subjection." You see, the outward man whom we look at is not the real man. The outward man is simply the house in which the real man lives. **The real you is the inward man—your spirit!**

Questions:

1. What is the difference between the inward man and the outward man?
2. What important truths should we understand about the inward man?
3. What does 2 Corinthians 4:16 teach us about the inward man?
4. What should the inward man do with the outward man, and why?

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 November 2026**.

2. Pick up a copy of the Bible reading calendar for the **Month of November 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. Join a Touch Group, the next meeting is **Thursday, November 12th.** 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!

6. Word of Faith International Christian Center is preparing to bless **100 senior citizens** this Thanksgiving with food and essential items.

   Collections begin immediately! We invite our church family to donate nonperishable food and essential supplies to help make this outreach a success.

Drop-Off Locations:

- Roy Lester Schneider Hospital
- Word of Faith International Christian Center – Old Mill

Distribution Day: Saturday, November 21, 2026
Together, let's share God's love and be a blessing to our seniors this Thanksgiving!
For more information see Pastor Walker, Evangelist Walker and Minister Creque

7. Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m.** as we gather to give God thanks for His goodness, faithfulness, and countless blessings. Come with a grateful heart, ready to praise and worship the Lord!

   Psalm 107:1 *says, "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."*

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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: