TOUCH GROUP LESSON PLAN

"Have Faith In God (Back To The Basics) Pt. 8"

Thursday, Nov. 12, 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 your body says, "I want to sleep," your mind says, "I have too much to think about," and your spirit says, "Get up and pray!" who usually wins the argument in your house? ?

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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You see, the outward man, whom we look at, is not the real man, but only the house in which the real man lives. We can now more easily understand Paul's writings to the saints at Rome. Look at **Romans 12:1–2:** *1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

He mentions your bodies and your minds! Paul is not writing this to unbelievers; he is writing this to Christians.

He tells us in **Romans 1:7:** *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints…*

So, he is writing this letter to men and women who have been born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. Yet, he says to them, "You need to do something with your bodies and your minds." We can see here that these people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, yet their bodies and minds had not been affected. The new birth is not a rebirth of the human body but a rebirth of the human spirit. And the filling of the Holy Spirit is not merely a physical experience but a spiritual experience. Can you see that?

Questions:

1. What distinction does Paul make between your body and your mind? Explain.
2. What is the new birth? Explain.

So, according to these verses of Scripture, **Romans 12:1–2:** *1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

We have to do something with our bodies. We have to present them to God as living sacrifices. And we have to do something with our minds. We have to get them renewed with the Word. This is something that we do, not something God does for us. God gives us eternal life. He offers us His Spirit. But God does not automatically do anything with our bodies. If anything is done with your body, you will have to do it. The Word says for you to present your body unto God. Nobody else can do it for you. The Word says you are transformed by the renewing of your mind. And your mind is renewed through the Word of God.

Questions:

1. What responsibilities do you have concerning your body?
2. What are you to do with your mind?

Man is a spirit. He is in the same class of being as God, made in the image and likeness of God. Some people believe that man is on the same level as an animal. Even though a man may act like a dog, that does not make him a dog. If that were true, it would be no more wrong to kill a man and eat him than it would be to kill a cow and eat it. Man has a physical body in which he now lives, but he is not an animal. He is much more than just mind and body. He is spirit, soul, and body. He is a spirit; he has a soul; and he lives in a body. It is the fact that man is a spirit that makes him different from animals.

Some false cults point out that in Genesis, the Hebrew language uses a word associated with the souls of animals. They get this from **Genesis 2:19:** *And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*

The Hebrew word *nephesh* means "living creature" or "living being." They say that since animals have souls, as we do, then when we die, we are dead just as a dog is dead. They interpret all Scripture from a natural viewpoint. And it is true that animals have souls, but they are not spirits! In Christendom, we have not defined these terms as clearly as we should have. There is nothing in animals that is like God in the same way that man, created in God's image, is like Him.

Questions:

1. What makes us different from animals? Explain.
2. What makes the argument of these false cults wrong? Explain.

God took something of Himself and put it into man. **Genesis 2:7** says: *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground [that was his body], and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

The word translated as "breath" in this passage concerning man's creation means breath or spirit. Related Hebrew terminology is also used in reference to the Spirit of God in the Old Testament. God is Spirit, so He took something of Himself, which is spirit, and put it into man. When He did, man became a living soul. He was not alive until then! But he became a living soul; he became conscious of himself.

Animals have souls, for the soul possesses intellectual and emotional qualities, and animals have these qualities. However, in animals, it is all physical, and when the physical body dies, all is gone. Man's soul—his intellectual and emotional qualities—is not based solely upon the physical but upon the spirit. And when the body dies, the spirit, along with its soul, still exists.

Questions:

1. What did God do to man in the beginning?
2. According to this teaching, what makes animals different from man? Explain.

A good illustration of this is found in **Luke 16:19–31.**

Luke 16:19–22: *19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom:*

Who was carried away? The beggar, not his body was carried away. His spirit is the real person. His body was put into a grave, but he was in Abraham's bosom.

Then it says in **Luke 16:22–23:** *The rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

The rich man died also, but in verse 23, it says that he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, with Lazarus in his bosom. Abraham's body had been in the grave for many years, yet the rich man saw him and recognized Lazarus. That tells us that in the spirit realm, man's appearance is similar to his appearance in this life. You can recognize him. You can know who he is.

Question:

1. In this account, what did you learn about the body and spirit? Explain.

Notice what the rich man cried out in **Luke 16:24:** *And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

He could feel the torment. Hell still did not change his attitude.

Luke 16:25–26: *25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*

Notice that Abraham said, "Son, remember." In other words, there is no parole in hell.

Luke 16:27–29: *27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.*

Luke 16:30: *And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.*

Your loved one is not coming from the dead to talk to you.

Luke 16:31: *And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

We see in this passage that his soul is still intact. It never separated from his spirit. He can still remember. He is still as selfish as he was while living on the earth. He still has emotions. He is concerned about his five brothers.

Questions:

1. What does this passage explain concerning the soul of man at death?
2. Do people change when they are in hell? Explain.
3. Do people come back from the dead? Explain your answer, whether yes or no?

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 19th.** 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 - the drop box is in the back by the table.

   Distribution Day: Saturday, November 21, 2026 - Volunteers are needed to assist with distribution. Together, let's share God's love and be a blessing to our seniors this Thanksgiving! For more information see Pastor Walker, Evangelist Walker or 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 informa .

Dismissal: