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# *Introduction to*

## **BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY**

The “Be Fruitful and Multiply” (BFAM) course is a discipleship method and curriculum designed to help Christ followers and those who desire to become a follower of Christ understand the special relationship they can have with the one true living God. BFAM is a course designed to show Christ followers the abundant life they can have in relationship with Jesus.

People were created for relationship with each other. More importantly, people were made to live in relationship with God. The consequence of sin is broken relationships with each other and with God. Our broken relationships cause people to live in disharmony with each other, with the rest of creation, and with God. It is for this reason that in this world we experience war, famine, violence, disease, illness, unjust rulers, and unjust societies. Without an understanding of how to deal with sin and how to restore relationships, we are destined to live a life of despair.

The Good News is that God has provided a way to account for sin and to restore relationships. BFAM seeks to teach people how to read and discover the Good News found in God’s Holy Word, the Bible. As people discover the Good News found in Bible stories, essential biblical truths are revealed. These essential biblical truths enable the Christ follower to live in a deeper relationship with God. The BFAM method for discovering biblical truths helps guide people to know how to study and understand the Bible.

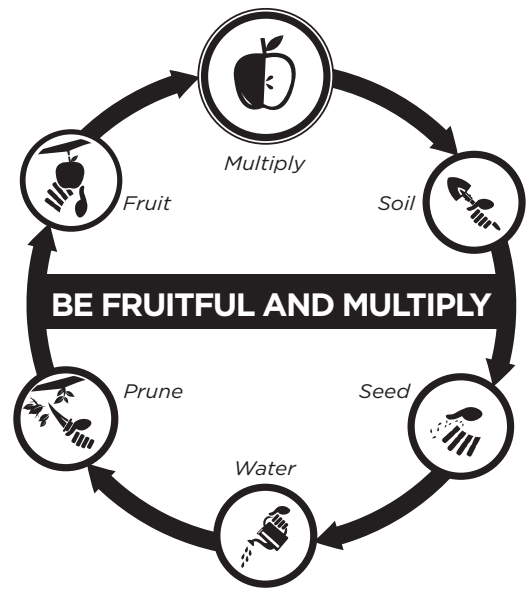
In the Bible, God makes a promise to those who sincerely seek to know the truth: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; those who seek find; and to those who knock, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8). The BFAM course teaches people how to ask, seek, and knock. It teaches people how to read the Bible and look for God’s truth. The truth is that God has accounted for our sin and wants to restore our relationships. For those who are sincere in searching for God’s truth and who live out the truths found in the Bible, they are promised to be reconciled back to God. When people’s relationship with God is reconciled, they can live an abundant life.

The reason that this course is titled “Be Fruitful and Multiply” is that the first step in living a life in relationship with God is to recognize that God created us to live a life of fruitfulness. We are called to live a life of fruitfulness both physically and spiritually (See Genesis 1:27-28 and Matthew 28:18-20). Similar to caring for our physical children unto maturity, we are also responsible as Christ followers to care for the growth of our spiritual children. For example, individuals and discipleship groups who grow in spiritual maturity will disciple, lead, and correct others according to the truth and authority of God’s Word. BFAM’s focus and final goal is to develop mature and fruitful lives because a life of fruitfulness will lead to spiritual multiplication.

# The BFAM Process Defined

## FIVE STEPS OF EACH LESSON

Each lesson is comprised of five steps and each step coincides with a particular aspect of harvesting fruit.



### LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

The Lesson Theme is designed to prepare the soil of your mind and heart as you begin the process of finding the truths given by God in the Bible.



### BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

The Bible Story is a seed being planted into the soul that will germinate, sprout, and grow in knowledge and truth. Prior to reading the story be sure to spend time in prayer, asking God to open your mind and heart to the truths of the Bible.



### DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize*

Use these 9 questions to water and fertilize the seed, God's Word, in order to help draw out the truths found in the story. Put yourself into "the shoes" of the characters.

1. Who are the **Characters**?
2. What are the **Actions** of each character in the story?
3. What are the special **Details** in the story?
4. What **Emotion** might each character be experiencing?
5. What **Choices** does each character have?
6. What is the **Motive** for the choices each character makes?
7. According to this story what are right Biblical thoughts and actions?
8. What does this story teach me about God that will help me to love God with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength?
9. What does this story teach me about myself or others that will help me to love others to the same degree that I love myself?



### ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

The Additional Study Scriptures are included to help prevent false doctrines that might be formed out of the story alone. Read through these scriptures to help answer any questions you may have about the Bible story.



### APPLICATION QUESTIONS AND CONCLUSION - *Harvest Fruit*

The Application Questions and Conclusion help in the process of harvesting the truths found in every story and then applying the truths to our lives. Based on the right biblical thoughts and actions you found during the discovery process respond to the following questions. (Training)

1. **Rebuke** (Past): Have I loved God with all my heart, soul and mind? Have I loved my neighbor as myself?
2. **Correct** (Present): How can I correct my thoughts and actions?
3. **Train** (Future): How can I prepare myself to continue to love God with all my heart, soul and mind?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting** and **training** in righteousness so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)



# *Introduction to*

## **BFAM SCHOOL OF PRAYER**

Prayer is one of the most basic activities of the Christian faith. Prayer is simply talking with God. While at times people or religions have made prayer seem very complex, prayer is no more complex than speaking with a good friend, with your spouse, or with a relative. To talk to God, we don't need complex methods in order to pray. In order to communicate with God, we don't need a priest or someone to talk to God on our behalf. Prayer does not require advanced education. We do not need to have a lot of knowledge to pray. Today, all that we need to pray is to take the time to talk to God. We can always talk to God, wherever we are and in whatever situation we are in.

Even though prayer is very simple, many times we forget to pray! We get distracted with so many other things. Sometimes we even get distracted doing "good" things and forgot to talk with God. We often have to remind each other of the importance of prayer and how vital it is to each of our lives.

When Jesus walked on the earth, Jesus' followers were able to watch how Jesus lived. They saw Jesus eat and do very normal things; they saw Jesus teach; they saw Jesus heal the sick; they saw Jesus cast out demons; and they saw Jesus do miracles. On at least one occasion we also know that Jesus' followers also saw Jesus pray. Can you imagine seeing Jesus, the Son of God, pray to His Father in Heaven? God was talking to God! What an amazing sight it must have been to see!

As Jesus' followers saw Jesus praying, they asked, "Lord, teach us how to pray just as John taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1). Jesus' followers never asked Jesus to teach them to heal the sick. Jesus' followers never asked Jesus to teach them to teach or preach to the masses. This is one of the only occasions when Jesus' followers saw Jesus do something, and then asked how to do it for themselves. Certainly the way Jesus talked to His heavenly Father must have been something so spectacular they wanted to do it for themselves.

In response to this question, Jesus gives us a brief glance into His conversation with the Father, and shows us how to pray! Jesus taught that when we talk to God, there are three general themes that should constitute our prayers.

This special School of Prayer Edition of BFAM is created to be used along with other BFAM materials. This special collection of stories highlight the importance of prayer using stories specifically about Jesus.

# RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

*Relationship with God is Essential in Prayer*



## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus showed us how to pray. As Jesus lived on the earth, He often times prayed to His Father in heaven. Jesus saw the importance of talking with His heavenly Father throughout His life on earth. Jesus demonstrated for us that prayer is important, and also that relationship with God is an essential part of prayer. Prayer isn't a religious duty. Prayer is talking with a God who knows us well.

**Key Scripture:** *"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."* (Matt. 6:5-8)



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

**The Introduction provides information to help you understand the story.**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, Jesus and the disciples went to the Mount of Olives. Jesus has previously warned His disciples that they would abandon him. Jesus then asked his disciples to pray with Him. In this story, Jesus was very distressed. He cried out in prayer to His Father.

**The Bible Story begins here.**

*Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."* (Matt 26:36-46)



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

(Eph. 6:18; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:26; Hebrews 2:18)



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - Jesus often prayed to His Father. Jesus lived as though prayer as an essential part of His relationship with His Father. Even though Jesus knew that He had to go through the difficult trial of the cross, Jesus was strengthened and comforted by His relationship with God. Prayer is essentially about being in a relationship with a God and not a religious duty.



# TAKING NEEDS TO GOD

*Prayer is a Response to Injustice*



## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

There are many problems in our world today. We see injustice all around us and many times we do not know how to respond. In Scripture we see that praying to God is the right response to the injustice that we encounter in our lives. Because of our relationship with God, we can continually ask of God for help.

**Key Scripture:** *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6)*



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

**The Introduction provides information to help you understand the story.**

Jesus was teaching his disciples about important spiritual things by telling them parables. The Bible says that this parable was meant “to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”

### **The Bible Story begins here.**

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:1-8)*



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

*(Colossians 4:12; James 4:2-3; James 5:16; 1 John 3:21-22; 1 John 5:14-15)*



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - Prayer is the right response to the needs we see around us everyday. Even though many times we want to defend ourselves, Scripture clearly tells us that we are supposed to respond to injustice by taking our needs to God. As followers of Christ we are instructed to pray for the ending of injustice. God never ignores his children who cry out to him. God says he will bring about justice quickly for his chosen ones.

# PRAYER IMPACTS THE WORLD

## *Praying for the Harvest*



### **LESSON THEME** - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus spent His life ministering to the lost. We can get overwhelmed by the great need for more ministers in the harvest. Jesus says that the answer to this problem is prayer. Jesus has great compassion for lost people. We should be willing to serve just like Jesus, but we should obey Jesus by making prayer our first step.

**Key Scripture:** *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone" (1 Tim. 2:1)*



### **BIBLE STORY** - *Sow the Seed*

**The Introduction provides information to help you understand the story.**

Jesus traveled throughout Israel. He preached about the kingdom of heaven and ministered to the people. Large crowds followed Him.

**The Bible Story begins here.**

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:35-38)*



### **DISCOVERY PROCESS** - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



### **ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES** - *Prune*

*(Col. 4:2-4; Romans 10:14-15; John 4:35-38; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 7:7-8)*



### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS** - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - Jesus taught, preached, healed, and served people because He had compassion on them. Jesus is our example for ministry. Jesus was a worker in the harvest. Jesus commanded His followers to pray that God would send more workers to the lost.



*“When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’” (Luke 11:2-4)*

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# WE PRAY TO OUR FATHER

*Giving Attention to God*



## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus reminded us that God's relationship with us is like a loving father with his children. It is important that we remember this truth when we pray. God cares for us and always hears our prayers. Sometimes our prayers are not answered immediately. God will give good gifts to us when we do not give up and keep on asking Him. We should be ashamed or afraid to keep asking our Father.

**Key Scripture:** *He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Father...'" (Luke 11:2)*



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

After Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples asked him to teach the disciples to pray. Jesus told them this story to teach them about prayer.

### **The Bible Story begins here.**

*Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; those who seek find; and to those who knock, the door will be opened." Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:5-13)*



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

*(Philippians 2:3-4; Philippians 4:6; James 1:17; James 4:3)*



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - God is our loving Father. Jesus does not tell us to pray to an evil master. God tells us to pray to our Father. We know that as our Father, God desires to give us what is best for us. When we pray, we know that God will respond by giving us good gifts.

# WE PRAY TO A HOLY GOD

*Giving Attention to God*



## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus told His followers that when we pray we are praying to a God who is holy. To be holy means to be completely different than anything else we know on earth. Scripture says that God is so great that He is beyond our knowing. God is our father and loves us very much, but we must always remember that God is also the creator of all things and much more powerful than anything we know of on earth. Scripture says that all are invited to belong to the kingdom of God, but only some people will accept this invitation.

**Key Scripture:** “... hallowed be your name. ...” (Luke 11:3)



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

John was a follower of Jesus. When John was an old man, John had a special vision of heaven and what would happen at the end of time. In this spiritual vision, one throne is surrounded by twenty-four more thrones. God is the one on the throne in the center.

**The Bible Story begins here.**

*And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever.”*  
(Revelation 4:3-10)



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

(Revelation 15:4; 1 Peter 1:16; Revelation 3:7)



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - Jesus said that He is Holy. We must remember that we are praying to the God who sits on a throne and who is the king of the universe. God is unlike anything else we know of on earth.

# WE PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME

*Giving Attention to the Needs of the World*

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## **LESSON THEME** - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus told His followers to pray that His kingdom would come. Scripture says that God's kingdom is not of this world and is not like the kingdoms of our world. In God's kingdom there will be no more tears, no more death, and no more pain. God will one day completely reign over the earth, and when He does He will completely destroy all the effects of sin. As believers we are told in scripture that we are to live with our minds set on the day when God completely destroys sin and the effects of sin.

**Key Scripture:** "...your kingdom come..." (Luke 11:2)



## **BIBLE STORY** - *Sow the Seed*

Jesus used a parable to teach a truth about the kingdom of heaven. Parables are stories that have a deeper meaning. The kingdom of heaven in this story is the same as the kingdom of God.

### **The Bible Story begins here.**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:1-14)



## **DISCOVERY PROCESS** - *Water and Fertilize* (See Page 4)



## **ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES** - *Prune*

(Revelation 11:15; Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:60; Luke 10:9; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Luke 13:18-30)



## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS** - *Harvest Fruit* (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)

**CONCLUSION** - The kingdom of God is something that as followers of Christ we should desire. Jesus instructed us to pray that His kingdom would come. We know that when God's kingdom comes to the earth everything will be better.



# WE PRAY FOR PROVISION

*Giving Attention to Our Needs*



## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus told His followers to pray for their daily provision. God knows and cares about what we are in need of and wants us to look to Him to provide us with what is needed. Every day we are to pray that God would give us the food we need.

**Key Scripture:** “...Give us our daily bread. ...” (Luke 11:3)



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

Jesus often times taught the crowds for a long time. In this story, they had been listening to Jesus for a long time and no longer had any food to eat.

### **The Bible Story begins here.**

*During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.” His disciples answered, “But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?” “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied. He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 9 About four thousand were present. And having sent them away, he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha. (Mark 8:1-10)*



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

*(Luke 12:30; Matthew 6:8; 2 Corinthians 9:10)*



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - God instructed His followers to pray for provision. We know that many times we have needs, and when we have needs sometimes we think that God has abandoned us. Jesus taught that we know our needs, and if we pray, he will help us in our time of need.

# WE PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS

*Giving Attention to Our Needs*



## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus told His followers that when they pray they should ask God to forgive their sins. In prayer we recognize that we need God to forgive us when we sin. When we pray, we also realize that we need to forgive other people who sin against us. We can forgive other people who sin because we realize that God forgives us.

**Key Scripture:** : “ ... *Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. ...*” (Luke 11:4)



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

A traditional teaching during the time that Jesus lived said that people were supposed to forgive someone only a few times.

### **The Bible Story begins here.**

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. “The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive a brother or sister from your heart.” (Matthew 18: 21-35)*



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

*(John 20:23; Acts 13:38; 2 Corinthians 2:10; 1 John 1:9)*



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - Jesus instructed us to pray that our sins would be forgiven. He also instructed us to forgive others. In prayer, we should be concerned with the condition of our hearts and if we have sin in our lives.

# WE PRAY TO BE LED AWAY FROM TEMPTATION

*Giving Attention to Our Needs*

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## LESSON THEME - *Prepare the Soil*

Jesus told His followers to pray that they would not be led into temptation. In our lives, the devil would like to tempt us to do many things that are not good. The devil would like us to be disobedient to God and to follow our own desires. Jesus taught His followers that we are to pray that God would help us not be tempted. When we pray, we are reminded that we need God's help to live as followers of Christ.

**Key Scripture:** " ...And lead us not into temptation..." (Luke 11:4)



## BIBLE STORY - *Sow the Seed*

Jesus had not yet started His public ministry. Before starting public ministry Jesus went into the wilderness.

### **The Bible Story begins here.**

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'People do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (Matthew 4:1-11)



## DISCOVERY PROCESS - *Water and Fertilize (See Page 4)*



## ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES - *Prune*

(Mark 14:38; Luke 20:40-46; 1 Corinthians 10:13)



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS - *Harvest Fruit (2 Timothy 3:16-17; See Page 4)*

**CONCLUSION** - God is our loving Father. Jesus does not tell us to pray to an evil In this story, Jesus used Scripture to stand strong while being tempted. In our lives, Jesus said we are to pray that we are not led into temptation. When we are being tempted, we can pray and use the scriptures to stand strong.





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## BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY

In creation we see that God created every living thing with the ability to be “fruitful” and to “multiply.” The biblical account of creation declares that all living things were created to reproduce “after their own kind.” When God created man, the principle of fruitfulness and multiplication did not change. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.” (Genesis 1:27-28)

We were first created by God and then “blessed” by God to be fruitful and to fill the earth. For over 6,000 years the human race has fulfilled this command and has filled the earth.

When Jesus Christ walked the earth He spoke of the need for people to experience a second birth or a spiritual rebirth. In fact, Jesus said you are not able to enter the kingdom of God without this rebirth. Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” (John 3:5-6)

Christ called us to a new life. This new life is birthed by the Holy Spirit. We publicly acknowledge our new birth by baptism in water. The command of God to be fruitful and multiply applies to our rebirth in the Spirit. In our new life in Christ we are given the privilege and the command to reproduce our new spiritual lives. “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

We have been called by Christ to make disciples and to baptize them into the kingdom of God. We are called to live a life that produces spiritual fruit, which will lead to the reproduction of spiritual rebirth.

The Be Fruitful and Multiply Discipleship Model and Curriculum has been designed to disciple followers of Christ, leading them to a life of spiritual fruitfulness that results in multiplication. “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” (1 Peter 1:23)

May the Lord truly bless you with incredible fruit and a multiplication of spiritual rebirth in your own life and ministry. May we see this earth filled with those who have been born into the kingdom of God!

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