

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF BFAM

1 DISCOVERY BASED — LUKE 10:1-12

- If you **TELL** me, I will **FORGET**
- If you **SHOW** me, I will **REMEMBER**
- If you **INVOLVE** me, I will **UNDERSTAND**

2 OBEDIENCE BASED — LUKE 10:17-20

- If I **OBEY**, I will **BECOME**

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Those who listen to the word but do not do what it says are like people who look at their faces in a mirror and, after looking at themselves, go away and immediately forget what they look like. But those who look intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continue in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. (James 1:22-25)

3 PERMISSION BASED *Each Participant in a Discovery Group has permission to ...*

- ...Think for yourself
- ...Ask questions for understanding
- ...Hear from the Holy Spirit
- ...Have a personal relationship with Jesus
- ...Share discoveries with others

4 BIBLE STORY BASED

*“Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, **I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.**’” (Matthew 13:34-35)*

- Bible stories have hidden truths.
- Jesus told stories and asked questions.
- Focus on the primacy of Scripture.
- 70% of the Bible is stories or narratives. BFAM values all Scripture, and uses Bible stories as the primary teaching method.
- Stories are easy to remember and to retell with accuracy.

THE ESSENTIALS SERIES

The first 52 lessons of the BFAM curriculum is called The Essentials Series. This series is a one-year study that is made up of four lesson sets which have 13 lessons each. Following is a description of each of the four lesson sets.



THE CORNERSTONE LESSON SET

Reconciled Relationship

The Cornerstone Lesson Set is focused on the story of reconciliation. These lessons explore God's great plan to redeem and reconcile people back into relationship with Him.



THE FOUNDATION LESSON SET

Abiding in Christ

The Foundation Lesson Set shows how to establish a firm biblical foundation based on an obedient lifestyle.



THE WALLS LESSON SET

Abundant Life

The Walls Lesson Set is focused on the important purposes of the family of God on earth.



THE ROOF LESSON SET

Essential Truth

The Roof Lesson Set, the final set in The Essentials Series, is designed to keep out false teachings by showing the primary biblical truths of the Christian faith.



Cornerstone



Foundation



Walls



Roof

THE INTERIOR SERIES: Additional lesson sets, beyond The Essentials Series, can be found online at www.iBFAM.org



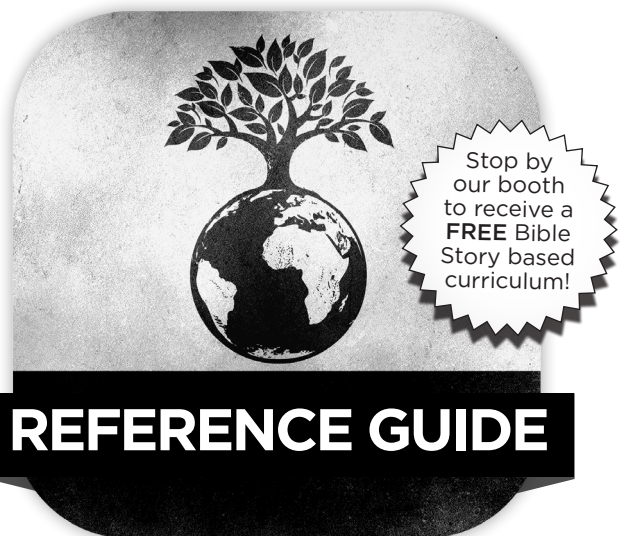
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DISCOVERY

Discovering the truths found in Scripture, based on Luke 11:5-13



ASK — SEEK — KNOCK

- 1** KNOW THE STORY — **ASK**
 - Who are the Characters?
 - What are their Actions?
 - Note any special Details?
- 2** UNDERSTAND THE STORY — **SEEK**
 - What Emotions might there be?
 - What might be the Motives?
 - What other Choices were there?
- 3** DISCOVER THE TRUTH — **KNOCK**
 - What are right Biblical thoughts and actions we learn from the story?

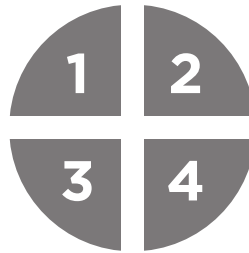
APPLICATION

Now that Scripture has taught right Biblical thoughts and actions, apply according to 2 Timothy 3:16

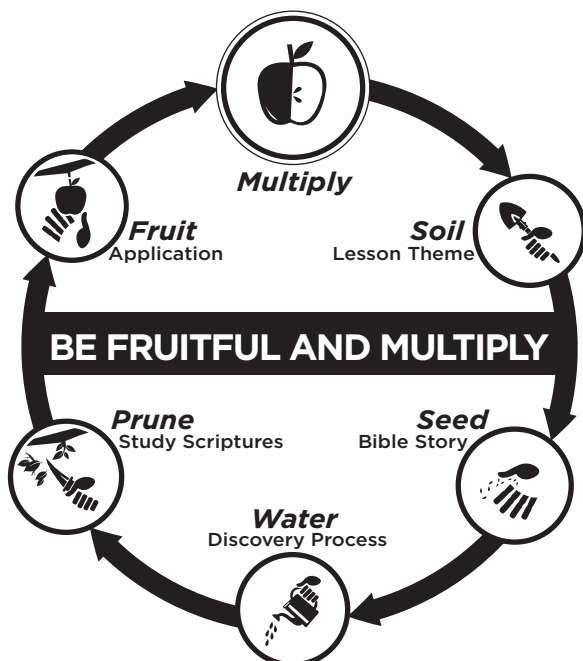


REBUKE — CORRECT — TRAIN

- 1** **REBUKE** — THE PAST
 - How do my thoughts and actions compare to the right Biblical thoughts and actions learned from Scripture?
- 2** **CORRECT** — THE PRESENT
 - What do I need to do to fix wrong thoughts and actions in my life?
- 3** **TRAIN** — THE FUTURE
 - How will I respond the next time I encounter a situation that challenges right Biblical thoughts and actions?



THE PRINCIPLES OF PLANTING AND HARVESTING



Each lesson has five steps. Each step perfectly corresponds to the essential steps of harvesting fruit.

CONDUCTING DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

- Invite God to be at the center of the meeting through prayer and group worship.
- Provide for a time of thanksgiving and public testimony.

DISCOVERY LESSON AND APPLICATION

- BFAM Discovery Lesson & Application

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

GROWING IN CHRIST

- *Ask the group*, how did it go with **applying** what was learned from the last discipleship meeting?

SHARING TRUTH WITH OTHERS

- *Ask the group*, how did it go with **sharing** what we learned from the last Bible story?
- *Ask the group*, who will you **share** this story with between now and the next disciple group meeting?

CARING FOR NEEDS

- *Ask the group*, how did it go with responding to our group and community needs from the last discipleship group meeting?
- *Ask the group*, are there any new concerns or problems within our group or community to be aware of?
- *Ask the group*, how can the group respond to the concerns or problems?