**Who We Are and What We Are About**

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**The pearl is a symbol of beauty and purity, and often a strand of pearls is passed down through the generations as a family heirloom. Just before His return to Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ entrusted a treasure to His first disciples. It's called the Great Commission. Their faithful obedience to His mission would ensure that the Gospel treasure would be passed from generation to generation.**

**Strand of Pearls is a group of women from different nations who are joined together like a strand of pearls, and the Strand that binds us together is the Lord Jesus. Through sharing our lives and the pearls of wisdom found in the Word of God, we're making disciples of all nations, beginning in our homes. If we are faithful to the Lord's mission, the treasure of God's Wisdom will be passed from generation to generation, and the nations will be given to the Lord Jesus Christ as His inheritance. (Psalms 2:8)**

**Our Strategy**

    Our strategy is a systematic series of lessons that correspond with the above 5 phases of spiritual growth. Used in consecutive order, the aim of these Biblical lessons are to move us forward as we grow together and become equipped to reproduce these truths into the lives of others.

**Our Curriculum**

Phase 1 Spiritually Dead: Gospel Lessons and Test for Salvation (6 weeks of lessons)

(link to The Good News for You)

* The Gospel of the Three Crosses
* Spiritual survey
* The Well Who Came to The Woman
* Alabaster Box
* Perishing in the Pew
* Signs of Life / Assurance of Salvation

Phase 2 Infants in Christ: New Identity and introduction to the Father and Son (6 weeks of lessons)

(link to God Sent Me Tulips)

* New Identity
* Saints in Christ
* Abba Father
* Holy Habit of Quiet Time
* Twelve Things the Bible Says About the Bible
* The Health of My Countenance

Phase 3 Child in The Faith: Foundational lessons to Grow on (4 Weeks of lessons)

(Link to Christian to the Core)

* She Who Has Ears, Let Her Hear
* Basics of Bible Study
* Doctrine of Suffering
* One Nation in God

Phase 4 Young Adult: Growing up and learning to live for others (3 Weeks of Lessons)

(Link to Master Plan of Evangelism)

* Who Are Your Yous
* Woman of God Prepared for Battle
* Promised to One Husband

Phase 5 Spiritual Parent: Time to multiply (3 Weeks of Lessons)

(Link to Tally Ho the Fox)

* Cast the Vision God’s Great Commission
* God’s Multiplication Table
* 5 Phases of Spiritual Growth

**Getting Started**

**Step One: Find someone to join you**

You can’t do this alone. You need to find a person who you can disciple you and someone you can grow with. So follow Jesus' example and pray about who the Lord might have to join you and then extend an invitation. If they are willing, you may want to use the signed commitment form we have provided. It’s simply an agreement between the two of you that you are in this together. It is all about building relationships and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

**Step Two: Fill out Spiritual Survey**

The spiritual growth survey forms will help you get to know each other and assess the areas for growth. After you have completed the applicable survey and evaluated the results, you will have a better idea of where you are on your spiritual journey.

    Everything you will need as you begin the process can be found by clicking on each of the 5 phases. This includes some audio and video teaching sessions, as well as, the links to 5 key resources comprised of books and workbooks. If possible, print a copy of each lesson to study. At the end of each lesson will be a set of questions for personal application and discussion. So whether you are learning with one person or a group of people, start in Phase 1.

**Note to leaders:**

It brings us great joy to know that your love for the Lord Jesus has prompted your obedience to the Great Commission. As you "Go make disciples of all nations," we want you to know we are here to offer you prayer support and practical help in this process. Please send us a request on the "contact us" page.

    We recommend the following things prior to teaching a lesson:

* Study and pray over the lesson one week prior to teaching it.
* Review the "Digging Deeper" passages throughout each lesson. They can provide further insight into the main points.
* Contemplate the questions in the "Think about these things," at the end of each lesson and be prepared to share your answers.
* Remember, you don't have to have every lesson memorized to start this process; you only have to be one lesson ahead of the ones you teach.
* Some of the lessons include personal testimonies. Please feel free to use them or replace them with your own stories and examples. However, you may want to make your own outlines for each lesson.
* In order to give you every possible tool you will need, we have included wonderful resource materials to be used as you work your way through each of the five phases. Click on the links below to order directly from each of the following resources.

Finally, as you live the lifestyle of Jesus by making disciples - He has made you an incredible promise. Based upon the authority of His last words in the Great Commission, you can know for certain that His power, provisions, and most importantly, His presence will be your guide every step of the way!

Matthew 28:20b (NIV)

"...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."