

## **Look to Jesus**

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# Disciple's Victory

- Week 1: Overcoming the Enemy
- Week 2: Truth and Faith
- Week 3: Rely on God's Word
- Week 4: Pray in Faith
- Week 5: Look to Jesus
- Week 6: Stand Victorious

# The importance of staying focused

- People who aims at nothing usually hits it.
- "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).
- Great accomplishment can be traced to people with a vision, or a life purpose.
- A Christian's life purpose and goals must be Christ-centered.

# **Discovering Your Life Purpose**

- Life is like a jigsaw puzzle, the pieces do not fit together if you have no vision of the <u>finished</u> product.
- What is your vision of your life's finished product, or your life purpose?
- Life Purpose defined:
  - A life purpose is an overarching goal for you to accomplish in your lifetime. It provides direction for everyday activities and determines your priorities.

### The Great Commandment

- Life purposes defined by Jesus in the Great Commandment:
  - 1. Love God: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.
  - 2. Love people: Love your neighbor as yourself.

### **Westminster Confession**

- (The <u>Westminster Confession of Faith</u> is a Reform confession of faith, drawn up by the 1646 Westminster Assembly.)
- The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

# Life purpose and Life goals

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### Life goals

 A life goal is a specific objective for an important area of your life. Achieving all of your life goals should equal achieving your life purpose.

### **Characteristics of Life Goals**

- 1. From God: Life goals are God-revealed rather than conceived by you.
- 2. With God: Life goals are too big to achieve without God's power.
- 3. For God: Life goals arrange your life so that you can achieve your life purpose.

# Jesus' life purpose and life goals

- Jesus' life purpose (John 4:31-34)
  - To glorify the Father and to accomplish God's plan for the redemption of humankind.
- Jesus' life goals (John 17)
  - 1. Revealing the Father;
  - 2. Reconciling the world to himself;
  - 3. Discipling those the Father gave him to carry out his work.

### What is your life purpose and life goals?

- My life purpose is...
  - To glorify God and do the work he sent me to do.
- My life goals are...
  - To build a Christ-centered, Bible-based, mission-mined church.
  - To make disciples of Christ.
  - Repeating the above if God willing.

# My goals for CBCWLA

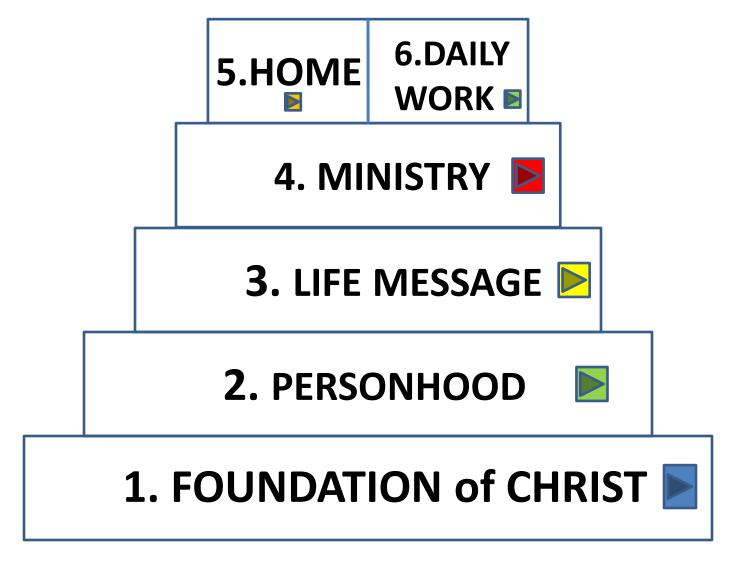
### 1. To lay the foundation of truth...

- through expository preaching;
- through Bible-teaching classes and a well-established
   Christian education system;
- through mission-activities;
- through discipleship training.

### 2. To build a building for future ministry...

- useful and visible;
- debt free.

#### 3. To ordain deacons.





### 1. Foundation of Christ

- Matthew 6:33
  - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- Question for me:
  - Are Christ and his kingdom my first priority?



### 2. Personhood

#### Matthew 5:1-12

– Blessed are those who are poor in the spirit...those who mourn...the meek...hunger the thirst after righteousness...the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers---persecuted for righteousness' sake.

### Question for me:

— What kind of person am I becoming?



# 3. Life Message

#### Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

### Question for me:

- What do others see in my life?
- What does my life say to others?



# 4. Ministry

- Matthew 5:40-48
  - ...whosoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him two...you have heard that it has been said, you shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you...
- Question for me:
  - How can I share my life with others?



### 5. Home

- Ephesians 5:21; Matthew 7:24-27
  - Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
  - Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock

#### Question for me:

- How can I make my home a platform for my ministry?
- Who is the best person I can marry in order to have the most effective ministry together?

# 6. Daily work

#### Matthew 6:19-34

– Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...no man can serve two masters, you cannot serve God and mammon...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you...

#### Question for me:

- How can I allow Christ to use my career to minister?
- What career would best enable me to have an effective ministry in the world?



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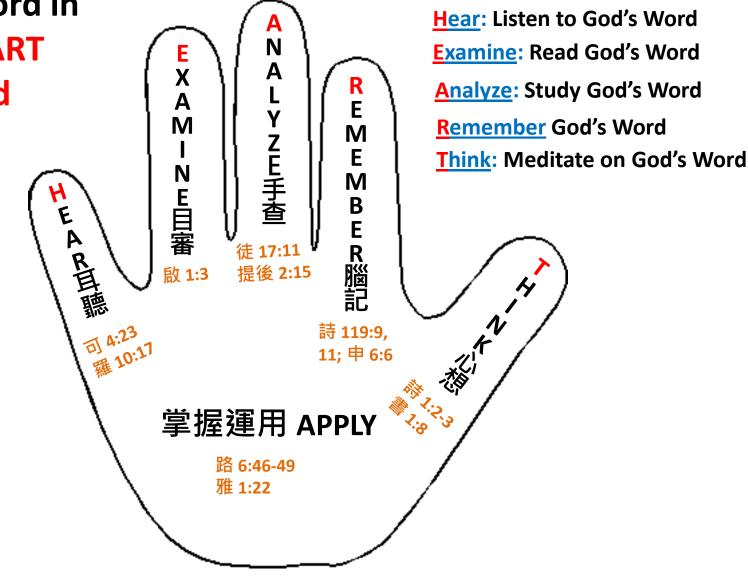
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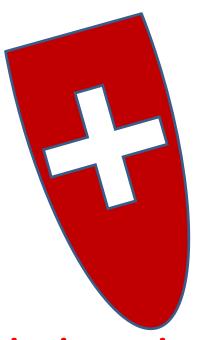
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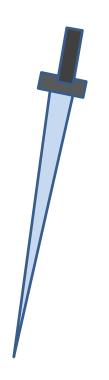


- 1. Be prepared. Always be prepared to share your personal testimony and God's salvation plan.
- 2. Pray for the lost. Pray for your lost friends and family members. Pray for the mission fields.
- 3. Share the gospel. Put on the gospel shoes. Take action. Share the gospel with someone.



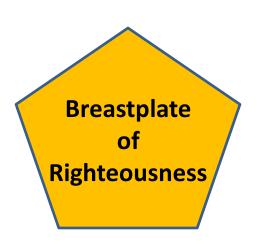
# Put on the Shield of Faith

- 1. Put on a winning attitude: Claim the victory by faith.
- 2. Put on your steps: Faith without works is dead. Walk the talk. Just do it.
- 3. Put on the defense: D-E-F-E-N-D! Quench all of the fiery darts from Satan by faith.



Put on the Sword of Spirit—
The Word of God

- 1. Put on a grasp on the Word: Hold it to your HEART.
- 2. Put on the Holy Spirit to use the Word: It is His sword.
- 3. Put on a basis to your prayers: Base your prayers on God's Word.



Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness

- 1. Put on a "heart search": Ask God to search your heart to reveal any wicked way in it.
- 2. Put on your confession: Confess any sin.
- 3. Put on Christ's righteousness: Claim Christ's righteousness to cover your sins and to give you right standing with him.



- 1. Put on your Identity: Thank God that you are his child.
- 2. Put on your assurance: Praise God for your eternal life.
- 3. Put on the mind of Christ: Claim the mind of Christ.

**Christian Soldier of CBCWLA Helmet of Salvation** The Spiritual **Armor of God** Shield of Faith Sword **Breastplate** of of Spirit -Righteousness the Word of God **Gospel Shoes** 

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# Next week's assignment

- Complete "my walk with the Master" on page 107.
- List what you should pray about during the Prayer Workshop.
- Share with someone your personal testimony or a witness presentation.
- Be a servant to someone who needs your help.
- Memorize Ephesians 3:20-21.
- Learn "the Belt of Truth."
- Review "the helmet of salvation," "the breastplate of righteousness," "the sword of the Spirit," "the gospel shoes," and "the shield of faith."

# Mark your calendar

- Prayer Workshop: October 1, Saturday, 8-12 am.
- Scripture Test: October 2, Sunday, class time.

# **Small Group Time**

- 1. Check each other's "my walk with the Master this week."
- 2. Recall the two broad life purposes from Mark 12:29-31.
- 3. Explain the relationship between life goals and life purposes.
- 4. Share your life purposes and life goals with each other.
- 5. Quote Ephesians 6:18 to each other.
- 6. <u>Pray.</u>