NEW BEGINNINGS/NEW LENS

OUTLINE FOR SURVIVING YOUR FAITH

*(AKA OUTLINE OF NEW BELIEVER’S CLASS)*

Workbook used: “**Survival Kit: Five Keys to Effective Spiritual Growth**” by Ralph Neighbour and Bill Latham (Lifeway Press, $7.99).

1. First Group Meeting (Orientation)
	1. Arrival Activity.
		1. Opening Prayer.
		2. Welcome Group members.
		3. The teacher gives personal testimony.
	2. Orientation.
		1. Members’ introduction.
		2. Explanation of how course is designed to help students.
		3. Identify stages that new Christians face: ***Honeymoon; Fight; Doubting; Panic Search for Truth and Silent Christian* OR *The Indwelling Christ- Controlling all: One Body; Two Natures; Three Aspects of Salvation; Four sources of authority; Five and Five Principle****.*
	3. Course Requirements: Students must do.
		1. Spend 30 to 40 min. daily for five days each week in a workbook.
		2. Have a notebook for personal journal and prayer requests.
		3. Have a Bible.
		4. Attend all meetings.
		5. Class will meet approximately six to eight weeks.
		6. Scripture Memory verse.
		7. Distribute Survival Kit workbooks to students.
	4. Looking Ahead to Next Week
		1. Read John 17:1 – 26.
		2. Reminder to Pray everyday.
		3. Reminder to students to read the Scriptures and complete assignments in Foundation Week.
	5. Closure.
		1. Prayer concerns.
		2. Closing Prayer.
2. **Second Meeting**- Foundation Week. *Members will discuss joys and problems they’ve experienced in establishing a quiet time and the impact in their lives.*
	1. Arrival Activity.
		1. Opening Prayer by a class member
		2. Welcome.
		3. Scripture Memory Verse of the Week.
	2. Survival Kit Lesson on Foundation Week.
		1. Quiet Time (Day One).
		2. Using Your Bible as a source of Christian growth (Day 2).
		3. Learning to Pray (Day 3).
	3. Looking Ahead to Next Week- *One Body*.
	4. Closure.
		1. Prayer concerns.
		2. Closing prayer by a class member.
3. **Third Meeting**- One Body- Its Life and Service. *Learning to live a new relationship.* ***Danger****: Being a “****Lone Ranger****” Christian.*
	1. Arrival Activity.
	2. Survival Kit Lesson on One Body of Christ. 
		1. Being in the Body of Christ
		2. Functioning in Love
		3. Gifts in the Body of Christ.
		4. Truths about Spiritual Gifts.
		5. 10 suggestions of ways you can serve the Body of Christ.
	3. Looking ahead to next week (Two Natures- Old vs. **New Nature**).
	4. Closure.
4. **Fourth Meeting**: Two Natures- The Old and the New. *Learning to deal with the inner conflict with* ***sin****. Members will identify* ***good fruit****.*

 

* 1. Arrival activity.
	2. Survival Kit lesson.
		1. Controlled by the indwelling Christ.
		2. Make Christ king.
		3. Fruit of the Spirit (No Reformation).
		4. Victory through surrender.
	3. Looking ahead to next week (Three Aspects of Salvation-***Past, Present and Future***).
	4. Closure.
1. **Fifth Meeting**: Three Aspects of Salvation- Past, Present and Future. *Resolving doubts about your salvation experience.* ***Danger****: Ceasing to grow as a Christian.*
	1. Arrival activity. 
	2. Survival Kit Lesson
		1. Beginning event.
		2. Continuing process.
		3. The final event.
	3. Looking ahead to next week (Four sources of authority).
	4. Closure.
2. **Sixth Meeting**: Four Sources of Authority. *Finding a dependable authority for discovering truth and making right decisions.* ***Danger****: being sidetracked by false teachings and causes.*
	1. Arrival activity.
	2. Survival Kit lesson 
		1. Three inadequate sources- *Intellect, tradition and experience*.
		2. Scripture- The True and Only Source of Authority.
	3. Looking ahead to next week (Five and Five Principle).
	4. Closure.
3. **Seventh Meeting** (Five and Five Principle). *Learning to share your faith effectively with lost people.* ***Danger****: becoming a silent Christian.*
	1. Arrival activity.
	2. Survival Kit lesson
		1. Prayer and Faith.
		2. Sharing your faith (Witnessing).
	3. Looking ahead to next week.
	4. Closure.
4. **Eighth Meeting (OPTIONAL**). Lessons from “How to Study Your Bible” by Thomas Lea.
	1. Arrival activity.
	2. How to Study Your Bible lessons:
		1. Three types of Bible students.
		2. **What is keeping you from studying God’s Word?**
		3. A teachable attitude.
		4. Discipline.
	3. Closure.
5. **Ninth Meeting: (OPTIONAL**). Continued lessons from How to Study Your Bible.
	1. Arrival activity.
	2. Lessons:
		1. Understanding the context.
		2. Limits of revelation.
		3. The Bible as interpreter.
		4. Practice word study.
	3. Closure.
	4. **Graduation. Students receive Certificate of Completion**.

Note: An Introduction study on Spiritual Gifts and questionnaire could be done in lieu of “How to Study Your Bible” for the optional two weeks OR be included with the Survival Kit course study.