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Story 1: The Great Commandment

Verses: Luke 10:25-37 and Mark 12:31

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Review Questions.
1. What question did the religious man ask Jesus, and why did he do it?
2. What is the greatest commandment, and which one is equal to it?
3. What question did the religious leader ask in order to justify himself?
4. What was the reaction of the two religious men who found the wounded man?
5. What was the reaction of the stranger?

1. Do you think the religious leader's question was genuine? Was he interested in hearing the answer?
2. Why do you think Jesus did not respond by saying He himself is the way?
3. Do you think the religious leaders today understand the story?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe in eternal life? What do you know about it?
2. Do you think the commandments need to be fulfilled word for word?
3. Would you accept calling someone your "neighbor" even if they do not believe the
same thing you do?
4. Do you think stories are good for teaching a truth? Why or why not?

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Story 2: The Great Commission

Verses: Mark 16:14-20

- 1. For what reason did the religious leaders reject Jesus?
- 2. What was the disciples' reaction when they heard Mary's account?
- **3.** What did Jesus do when he appeared to the disciples?
- **4.** What did the resurrected Jesus commission the disciples to do?

- 1. Do you think the disciples firmly believed Jesus was going to resurrect?
- **2.** Do you think the Great Commission is as valid today as it was when it was given?

2. Do you think the Great Commission is as valid today as it was when it was given:
3. Why do you think signs and miracles are no longer manifested as frequently as they were at the beginning of time?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you think the resurrection was physical, spiritual, or both?
2. If Jesus appeared to you, would he accuse you of having "stubborn unbelief"?
3. What does it mean to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel"?
4. Would you dare to believe that God can confirm your word with signs?



Story 3: The Talents

Verses: Matthew 25:14-28

The common way Jesus used to teach was by telling easily reproducible and transferable stories.

REVIEW Questions:
1. What responsibility did the man in the story give to his three employees?
2. What did these three employees do with the responsibility that was given to them?
3. When the man came back, what account did his three employees give him?
4. What price did the man give to those who had doubled what was given?
5. What was the punishment for the negligent employee?

NEI EESTISIA Questionis.
1. What is Jesus trying to teach us with this story?
2. Do you think that for those who do better on earth, it will be better in heaven?
3. What do you think should be our motivation to do our best for God?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you feel God has given you a responsibility, as well?
2. What's more important to you: to accomplish something for God, to obey Him, or to love Him?
3. Do you think it's important to present God with the best results for the responsibilities you've been given?



Story 4: The Sower

Verses: Matthew 13: 1-9

REVIEW Questions:
1. What frequent communication style did Jesus use to teach?
2. What story did Jesus reference with those that were listening to him?
3. Do you remember the types of soil where the seed fell?
4. What question did the disciples ask Jesus? What did Jesus answer?
5. Do you remember the spiritual meaning of each area where the seed fell?

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1. Why do you believe Jesus used stories or parables when He talked?
2. Do you believe the story of the sower is useful in urban areas?
3. Do you believe that even if we use stories or parables, there are people who won't understand the Gospel?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe the use of stories continues to be useful today? Do you use them?
2. Do you consider yourself fertile ground? Have you measured the percentage of fruit
3. Would you use the story of the sower with those around you? Would they understand?
4. Are you discouraged when people don't seem to care as you share the Gospel?



Story 5: Isaiah in the Temple

Verses: Isaiah 6:1-9

The Lord Jesus expressed the purpose for His coming:
Our reconciliation with God and the Kingdom of Heaven
for all those who believe in Him.

REVIEW Questions:
1. What was the situation of the people of Israel when Isaiah had this vision?
2. What did the prophet see in this vision?
3. What was the prophet's first reaction?
4. What did the Seraphim do with Isaiah?
5. What did the Lord ask and what did the Prophet respond?

1. What do you think of this situation in comparison with Israel during that time?
2. Do you think only the servants of God need a cleaning like Isaiah?
3. If God made a similar call, do you believe the Church would react the same?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. If God did a test of your faith today, do you think you could pass?
2. Would you like to have an experience like Isaiah's? For what reason?
3. If you had a spiritual vision, would your dedication or surrender to God's service increase or deepen?
4. Have you ever said to God, "Send me"? If you have, have you fulfilled your promise?

MODULE 2

PRE-EVANGELISM

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





Story 1: The Call - Macedonian Call

Verses: Acts 15:36-41 and 16:1-5

The Call is when God sends, through a vision, a call to the Apostle Paul.

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- 2. With the new partner, Paul planned to go to Asia. Why didn't they go?
- **3.** Why did they decide to go to the Macedonian region?
- **4.** Why did Paul become interested in the group of women who were meeting at the river?

5. What special event took place at this meeting?

KLI LLC HON QUESTIONS.
1. Do you think it was part of God's plan to separate Paul and Barnabas?
2. Do you think it was part of God's plan to change the traveling plans they had?
3. Do you think it was God's plan that Lydia became a believer?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. How much do you worry for those you have told about Christ?
2. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit go against a previously made plan?
3. Do you think God can use you to speak to small groups about your faith in Jesus
Christ?
4. What do you think about baptism: is it important or not that important?
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Story 2: Commissioned - Bar Jesus

Verses: Acts 13:1-52

Paul and Barnabas were commissioned to take the Good News to other people groups.

REVIEW Questions.
1. What message did the church of Antioch receive when they prayed and fasted
2. Why did the magician Bar-Jesus become blind on the isle of Cyprus?
3. How did the governor react to that miracle?
4. What was Paul's message to the Jews in Antioch?
5. What good news did the non-Jews receive, and what was their reaction?

1. Do you believe that God continues to compel His church to evangelize?
2. What do you think can convince more, a message or a miracle?
3. Why do you think that many have not been, nor are they very receptive to the Gospel of Jesus?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Have you ever received a message that you know came from God?
2. What would you do if someone hinders you when you communicate the Gospel?
3. Has someone accepted Jesus Christ because of a message you preached or shared How did you feel?
4. Do you become jealous or happy when someone you know is successful when they
preach?



Story 3: Sent - Man of Peace

Verses: Luke 9:1-6 and 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus is sending His followers to the towns so they can preach about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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- **2.** What did He order them to do if they were not welcomed?
- **3.** What urgency did Jesus mention to the seventy that He was sending?
- **4.** What were they to look for in a house to be able to stay there, and what should they do in the towns that welcomed them?

5. The seventy-two returned rejoicing. But what should they be happier about?

- **1.** Do you think the miracles were essential to the preaching of the Kingdom of God?

2. Do you think the preaching of the Kingdom of God has the same importance and urgency today?
3. Do you think it is important to find the "Man of Peace" everywhere, in order for your work to be more effective?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. What do you think is more effective in your case; to evangelize alone, or to be accompanied by another person?
2. Do you think the urgent call to evangelize implies you should be doing it, too?
3. What characteristics would you look for in a "Man of Peace"? Do you have these?
4. What would make you happier, to do miracles or to know your name is written in the Kingdom of Heaven?



Story 4: Investigation - The Spies in the Promised Land

Verses: Numbers 13:17 - 14:24

4. What did the people want to do to Joshua and Caleb?

Moses sent spies to do investigative research so they could have a clear picture of what they would find in the Promised Land and so they could put together a strategy to enter into the land.

REVIEW Questions:

2. What was it that caused fear in the people after hearing the spies give their report?
3. Why did Caleb think they could conquer the land?

1. What were the spies told to look for in the land they were going to conquer?

5. What was God's punishment to the people for their lack of trust in Him?

REI LECTION Questions.
1. After forty years seeing the power of God, do you believe they were ready to succeed?
2. If God was going to be with them during the conquest, why were they afraid?
3. Do you believe the people deserved the punishment God decided for them?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe we should be thinking about the consequences of our actions before proceeding?
2. Do you think Christian maturity should be demonstrated with our faith and our commitment to God?
3. Have you ever been ready to take a risk if God has promised to be with you?
4. If you've failed God in something, have you accepted the consequences well?



Story 5: Conquering the Land - Jericho & The Woman of Peace

Verses: Joshua 6:1-25

Entering into the Land.

- 1. What did God tell Joshua when the Israelites were close to Jericho?
- **2.** How many times were the Israelites to go around the city of Jericho in order to conquer it?
- **3.** On the seventh day, how many times were they to go around the city, and what were they to do?
- **4.** What order did God give them as far as the city of Jericho?

5. Why	were they to respect the life of Rahab the prostitute and that of her family?

1. Do you believe that sometimes God gives victory, before the war or fight takes place?
2. What do you think of the unusual things that sometimes need to be done before a blessing is received?
3. What do you think of the fact that God told them to spare the life of a prostitute?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Have you ever had the experience of listening or feeling that God is leading you?
2. Would you be willing to do anything God ordered you to do in order that God's name be glorified?
3. If God ordered you to destroy something of great value, because He considers it bad, would you do it?
4. Would you be willing to share the Gospel message with prostitutes?







Story 1: The Birth of Jesus

Verses: Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7, Matthew 1:19-20

This is the story of the birth of Christ.

1. What was the message that the angel of God brought to young Mary, and what was her reaction?
2. What was so special about that child?
3. What did the angel tell Joseph, Mary's fiancé?
4. Why did Joseph and Mary have to travel when she was close to giving birth?
5. In what kind of environment was the King, the Messiah of Israel, born?

1. Do you believe the son of Zachariah the priest and his wife Elizabeth was a true miracle of God? Why?
2. Why do you think it was important that the angel of God speak with Joseph?
3. Do you think it was necessary for Jesus to be born in a stable?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. What does the fact that the angel of God appeared to Mary teach us?
2. Is it important to us that the Kingdom of the Messiah is eternal?
3. Is the phrase "For God, everything is possible" applicable to us?
4. Do you think that Jesus being born in a humble stable has any significance to us?

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Story 2: The Crucifixion of Jesus

Verses: Luke 23:32-56

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1. Do you remember what Jesus said when He saw those who were accusing Him and crucifying Him?
2. What did the religious leaders say when they saw Jesus on the cross?
3. What did the two criminals who were crucified on either side of Jesus do?
4. What singular act occurred in the temple when darkness fell on the earth?
5. Why were the women unable to anoint Jesus' body?

1. Why do you think Jesus said, "They don't know what they're doing"?
2. What did the thief mean when he said, "Don't you fear God?"
3. Why do you think the fact that the veil in the temple split in two is important?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. How valuable is the statement, "Forgive them, because they don't know what they're doing" to us?
2. What do you think is better, to live life and accept Jesus at the end, or to accept Jesus today and live for Him to the end?
3. The followers of Jesus were watching what was happening to Jesus from afar. Does this happen today?
4. Do you think it's important to have a day of rest and dedicate it to God?



Story 3: The Resurrection of Jesus

Verses: Luke 24:1-12, 36-49; Acts 1:8-10

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- **2.** What did Peter do when he heard Jesus wasn't in the tomb?
- **3.** What scared the disciples and what proof did Jesus give them to show that it was Him?

4. What promise did Jesus give those who were there with Him?
5. What were the disciples doing when the two men appeared?

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1. Why do you think only the women went to Jesus' tomb?
2. Do you believe Jesus had a need to eat? Why did he ask for food?
3. How much do you know about the Holy Spirit?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Is the resurrection of Jesus essential for your Christian faith?
2. Do you believe that if you had something visible or tangible from Jesus, your faith would increase?
3. Do you believe the presence of the Holy Spirit is essential in your life?
4. Have you ever doubted that Jesus is coming back to earth?



Story 4: The Story of Salvation

Verses: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and Hebrews 9:28

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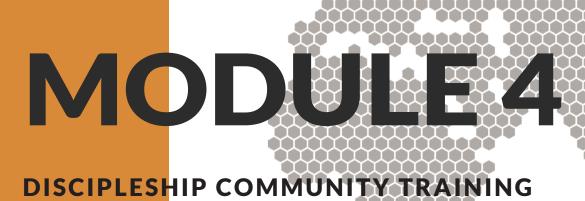
Today, I want you to divide in groups of two and tell each other the Story that we just saw. Each one of you should take a turn, telling the Story as if the other one has never heard the Story of Jesus before. If necessary, tell each other the story one or two times in order to memorize it effectively.

At the end of the practice, you will be ready to teach the entire module to your congregation, especially the complete Story that you have just seen and learned.

With this story, you can go out individually, in pairs, or in groups in order to do evangelistic outreaches locally, community-wide, to a people group or ethnic group, or even more broadly. Remember that in Acts 1:8 we are told, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jerusalem is your community; Judea is your city or state; and Samaria is your country.

My beloved friends, let's do the work of an evangelist... let's go and tell His Story... to our cities, our countries, and to our world. May God bless you!

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Story 1: When God Created Everything that Exists

Verses: Genesis 1 and 2

Since the creation of the universe and the world, through the end of time, we can see that all of creation was made with a purpose

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- 2 Why did God create the sun and the moon?
- 3. What did God tell the man and the woman to do?
- 4. Was it OK for the man and the woman to eat of every fruit in the garden?
- **5.** What did God say at the conclusion of creation and what did He do on the seventh day?

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1. Do you believe in the existence of God and His power without limit?
2. Why didn't God want them to eat of the Tree of Knowledge?
3. Why weren't the man and the woman ashamed to be naked?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe God is interested in you in the same way He was interested in creation?
2. Do you think God intervenes in our daily lives?
3. What can we learn about the relationship that existed between the man and the woman and about their relationship with God?
4. Do you believe there are "forbidden trees" in our day?
5. Is it important to keep or respect the day of rest?

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Story 2: Pact with Adam

Verses: Genesis 3

REVIEW Questions:

- **1.** What would happen if Adam and Eve disobeyed and ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?
- 2. How did the serpent deceive the woman?
- **3.** Where were Adam and Eve when God was strolling through the garden?

5. What did God do to prevent Adam and Eve from returning to the garden?

4. What punishment did God give all three who were involved in the disobedience?

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REFECTION QUESTIONS.
1. If they ate from the fruit, Adam and Eve would die. What kind of death was God talking about?
2. Which of the three involved received the harshest punishment?
3. Why didn't God want them to return to the garden?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Is it possible to do a pact of life with God?
2. If you've made a pact with God, are there consequences when you break it?
3. Do you believe that the punishment God gave the snake affects you?
4. Do you believe the condition of the world today continues to be a consequence of Adam and Eve's sin?



Story 3: Pact with Abraham

Verses: Genesis 12:1-7 and 15:1-6

REVIEW Questions:
1. What was Abraham's call?
2. What was the promise and pact that God made to and with Abraham?
3. What did Abraham do when God appeared to him for the second time?
4. What did God promise Abraham the third time He appeared to him?
5. What was Abraham's response to God's promise?

1. Why do you think God called Abraham?
2. How does Abraham's attitude affect us?
3. What was the reason God accepted Abraham?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you think God is still calling people to leave everything?
2. Do you believe God can make a pact of blessing for others because of our
obedience?
3. Do you think it's important that our descendants inherit our faith?
4. What does the fact that Abraham was able to have a child of his own when he was
100 years old tell you?
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Story 4: Pact with David

Verses: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and 2 Samuel 5:4, 7:1-29

1. What order did God give to the prophet Samuel?

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2. What was the order God gave the prophet to alleviate his fear?
3. What was Samuel looking for in people and what was God looking for?
4. What did David want to do for God after being crowned king?

5. What was the promise and pact that God made with David and his descendants?

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- **1.** Why do you think Samuel was afraid of King Saul?
- **2.** Do you think it was necessary for David to wait several years before being crowned king?

3. How did David respond to the promise of perpetuity to his kingdom?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe God still looks for people who walk according to His heart?
2. What type of "anointing" would be equivalent today to show God's calling or election of a person?
3. How should we react when God's promises take a long time before they're fulfilled?
4. Do you think the blessings God gives you will reach your family as well? How?



Story 5 The Coming Messiah

Verses: Isaiah 53

The prophet Isaiah revealed the character of the coming Messiah in a prophecy about the suffering of the Lamb of God

REVIEW Questions:

1. What was the prophet's complaint?

4. Why did the Messiah voluntarily offer His life?

2. What were the thoughts of those who saw the Lamb suffer?
3. What does the prophet compare the suffering of the Messiah to

5. How do we benefit from His sacrifice?

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REFLECTION Questions:
1. How did the people of Israel expect the coming of the promised Messiah?
2. Do you think the Israelites understood Isaiah's prophecy?
3. According to your knowledge of the life of Jesus, do you see a similarity to the person described by Isaiah? In which areas?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. As you see the prophecy, does it fulfill your expectations of a King of Kings and Lord of Lords that would save all of humanity?
2. Do you think the description of His behavior before His enemies could be an example for us to follow?
3. Which do you think was more important to God: His suffering, His surrender, or His obedience?
4. When you think about Jesus, do you think He suffered all thisfor you?



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY MULTIPLICATION





Story 1: The Birth of Jesus - The Christ

Verses: Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:21-34, 39-40

REVIEW Questions:	
1. Why did the angel of God appear to Joseph?	
2. What had the prophet Isaiah said?	
3. Why did they take Jesus to the temple 40 days after his birth?	
4. What had God promised to Simeon?	
5. Why had God sent Jesus to the world?	

NEI EEG 11011 Questions.
1. Why was it important that the angel talk to Mary and Joseph?
2. Do you think it was important that Simeon speak to Mary and Joseph?
3. What do you think about the fact that the Bible doesn't speak of the life of Jesus before He began His ministry?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Why is the virgin birth of Jesus important to you?
2. Do you believe angels still bring messages from God to people?
3. Does Emmanuel, "God with us," still have value for us today?
4. Do you think a Christian leader should be rooted in the Word of God?

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Story 2: The Church Multiplies - Phillip visits Samaria

Verses: Acts 8:1-25

REVIEW Questions:

- **1.** What happened as a result of the great persecution of Christians in Jerusalem?
- 2. Why did people meet around Philip?
- **3.** There was a man of influence among those who were baptized. Who was he and why did he have influence?
- 4. What did Peter and John do with the new believers?

5. Wha	t was Simon's request and what was the response he received?

1. Why do you think God allowed this great persecution?				
2. What do you believe about magic? Is it real or only tricks?				
3. Do you believe the laying on of hands is necessary today?				
APPLICATION Questions:				
1. If you were persecuted for your faith, would you continue to share the Gospel?				
2. Do you believe miracles are necessary today?				
3. How much would you be willing to pay, if you were offered a special "gift"?				
4. Do you believe that God has given you a "gift" that you should use?				
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Story 3: The Final Victory of the Church

Verses: Revelation 21 and 22

REVIEW Questions:

- **1.** What promise did God give man, after man fell into sin because of his disobedience? Who was he referring to?
- **2.** In addition to dictating letters to the seven most prominent churches, what was the central point of the Revelation that Jesus made to John?
- **3.** What principal characteristics did the Celestial City have?
- **4.** What was the requirement to be a citizen of the Celestial City?

5. What was the final promise in the Revelation from Jesus Christ?

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1. Should we seriously consider the fact that God has promised a savior and reconciliation for mankind? In which way?

2. Are we aware of the final judgment, where only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life are free from eternal condemnation?
3. When the Lord Jesus Christ tells us, "Look, I am coming soon," should this bring us joy or fear?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe that Adam's sin continues to affect humanity, and that the promise of reconciliation with God is for you also?
2. Do you believe there is eternal life after physical death? Why?
3. Do you believe your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Why?
4. Do you feel ready to unite with John in saying, "Amen, Come, Lord Jesus"?



Story 4: The story of Redemption

Verses: John 1:12-13

MEMORIZE

This story is a synthesis of the Redemption Project. It's a five-minute story that should be memorized.

Since the beginning, when sin entered the world because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God promised that he would free us from sin through one of their descendants. He symbolized this by stepping on Satan's head.

And it seemed that the promise would fail because of the constant rebellion of man against God (his creator). But God saw a just man, Noah, who in a great ark was saved from a great flood along with his family and a pair of every type of animal that existed.

Once again, families multiplied, but man once again became corrupt. So God called another man, Abraham, so that through him and his descendants all nations on earth would be blessed.

But the descendants of Abraham also lost respect for God, and God allowed them to be enslaved in Egypt for 430 years. However, in due time, He called a leader named Moses to free them, and through Moses, he gave the people laws as a guide so that they could once again be reconciled with God.

God had already prepared a land for His people and chose Joshua to conquer it. And they conquered almost all of it with the help of God!

But now, the people of God wanted to imitate the neighboring nations and wanted a king. God gave them Saul, but Saul's pride lead him to disobedience.

And God rejected him, and chose David. David was a shepherd of sheep with a heart "like the heart of God" and God anointed him to be king of Israel.

And now we get to the point where the old pact of reconciliation of man with God is abolished. And the story divides in two, when God introduces a new pact. God announces He will provide the perfect reconciliation between man and Himself, through the sacrifice of His own Son, JESUS!

In a far away town of Israel called Nazareth, Gabriel, the Archangel of God, appears to the woman who has been chosen by God. The angel gives her a commission that would transcend the history of humanity. This young virgin, named Mary, would be the mother of the promised Savior, the Messiah who would carry upon Himself the sin of the world.

"The Spirit of God will come upon you and you will become pregnant... and you will call him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High God; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David." And the promised Messiah was born in a humble manger!

And Jesus grew and was tempted by Satan, but He showed His authority over the devil and his demons. In the temptation, and when he freed the Gadarene Demoniac. He demonstrated His authority over nature when He calmed the storm. He proved His authority over sickness when he healed the woman with a blood flow, and over death when he resurrected his friend Lazarus and the daughter of Jairus.

But the religious authorities became envious, and since it was part of God's Redemption Plan for man, they crucified Jesus. But just as He had said and just as it had been prophesied centuries before, Jesus resurrected on the third day and is now seated on the throne at the right hand of God His Father.

He empowered believers with the Holy Spirit so they could be His witnesses throughout the world, and promised He would come back for His Church so that they can be with Him in His eternal kingdom, for all eternity. And in this way, all believers in Christ Jesus await His return. Yes, Lord Jesus, Come!

The Apostle Paul tells us, "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God".







Story 1: The Beginning of the Church

Verses: Acts 2:1-47

REVIEW Quest	ic	on	s:
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1.	What w	vas the res	sult of the	coming	of the F	Holy Sr	pirit in	the c	lisciples	;?

- 2. Why was the crowd astonished?
- **3.** What promise was being fulfilled in that moment?
- 4. What had God done with Jesus after they had killed him?

4. What had God done with Jesus after they had knied him:
5. What were those who were present supposed to do after knowing God's purpose?

REFLECTION Questions:
1. What do you think when you read this biblical account?
2. Do you think this prophecy was only for that specific moment?
3. What part of Peter's message opened the heart of the 3,000?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. How do you think you would have reacted if you were present at this event?
2. Can our actions detain or stop God's plan for mankind?
3. Do you think the customs of the first Christians should be practiced again?
4. Do you think the grace of God and the preaching of the Gospel are the key to the
conversion of others and the planting of churches?

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Story 2 The Gospel goes out of Israel - An African believes in Jesus

Verses: Acts 8:26-40

REVIEW Questions:

1. Why did Philip go to the road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaz	za?

- 2. What was the African official reading?
- 3. What was the first question the African official asked?4. What was the second question the African official asked?
- **5.** Where did Philip proclaim the good news of salvation?

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- **1.** Why do you think this "Gentile" was reading the Old Testament?
- **2.** Do you think it's acceptable to baptize a person who has just converted?

3. Do you think the seed planted in the Egyptian official was vital in the planting of
churches in that country?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Have you ever felt urgency to tell someone about Christ?
2. Do you read your Bible enough to be able to answer questions about what is in it?
3. Do you believe the Holy Spirit is very involved in church planting?
4. Do you think the Holy Spirit can also use you in church planting?



Story 3: The Fruit of Missions - Come to Macedonia and Help Us!

Verses: Acts 15:36-41, 16:1-15, 40

REVIEW Questions:

1.	Why	did Paul	I want to	return to	the cities	he had	alread	v visited

- **2.** Why did they decide to go to the Macedonia region?
- **3.** What was the purpose of the women meeting at the river?
- **4.** What was the result of Paul's preaching?

5. How did Lydia, a woman of peace, demonstrate that her conversion was genuine?

1. Do you think Paul and Barnabus' separation was part of God's plan?
2. Do you think it was God's plan to frustrate or change the travel plans they had made?
3. Do you believe it was part of God's plan for the conversion of that woman of peace?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. How much do you worry for those with whom you share Christ?
2. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit oppose your plans?
3. When you do missionary trips, do you ask God to guide you to a man or woman of peace so you can begin your mission in that place?
4. What's better for you, to stay in someone's home or in a place where you won't be
bothered?
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Story 4: Transforming the World

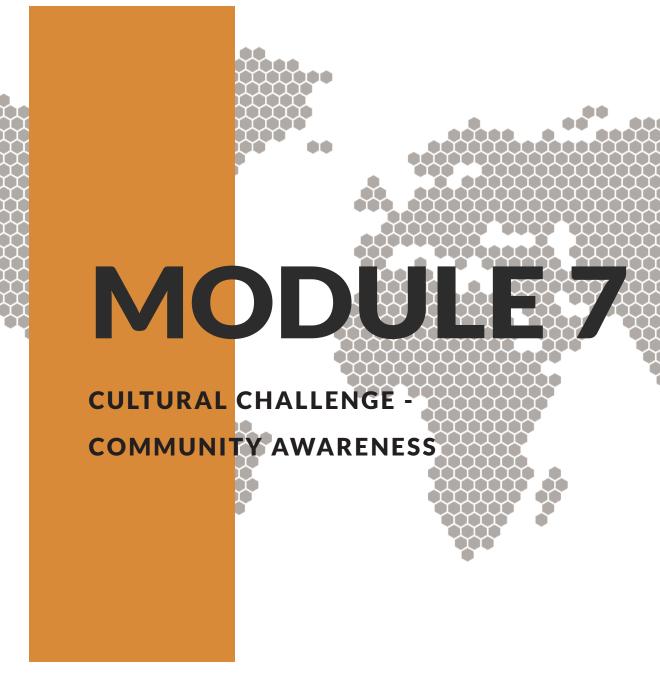
Verses: Acts 17:1-15

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REVIEW Questions:
1. What message was Paul preaching to the Jews in Thessalonica?
2. What did the group of troublemakers do against Paul and Silas because of envy
3. What accusation did they present against Christians before the authorities?
4. What did the Jews do when they heard Paul and Silas in the other city?
5. What did the believers do when the troublemakers arrived?

- **1.** What celebration do you believe is more important: Christmas, Crucifixion, or Resurrection in a church that has just been planted?
- **2.** Do you believe the Gospel was designed to "upset the world"?

3. Is it good to test and prove doctrines that are taught to us by looking at what the
Bible says?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe Jesus is really the only savior of humanity?
2. If you were planting a church and had to suffer for your faith, would you deny, run away/escape, or would you accept that suffering?
3. Have you ever been accused of "upsetting" the peace because you were sharing about Jesus?
4. Do you think that when planting a church you should make it a point to have a good missions program?







Story 1: An Imported Culture - Elijah and the 450 Prophets of Baal

Verses: 1 Kings 18:20-40

REVIEW Questions:

- 1. What was it that provoked the anger of God and thus the drought in Israel?
- **2.** What challenge did Elijah present to the people of Israel, and what proposal did he present to King Ahab?
- **3.** What unusual thing did Elijah do in preparation for his sacrificial altar?
- **4.** Why was Elijah doing this, and how did God respond?

5. What happened to the priests of Baal, and to the drought?

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- **1.** What do you think about God's anger; do you think it was justifiable?
- **2.** Do you believe that a challenge like Elijah's could be made today if they tried to impose a culture that offends God, on you?

3. Do you believe it was necessary to take the life of the false prophets?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you believe God gets angry at us when we offer our adoration to something or someone that is not Him?
2. Would you make fun of the leaders of the majority when in front of them?
3. Would you dare to put your faith to the test for a miracle to occur?
4. What would you do if God gave you a great victory in front of your rivals?

Story 2: Living in a Different Culture - Three Men in a Fiery Furnace

Verses: Daniel 3

REVIEW Questions:						
1. What command did the king give to all subjects in his kingdom?						
2. What accusation did they bring to the king regarding the three Jewish men						
3. How did the king threaten the three men, and what was their response?						
4. What did the king do when he received the response of these young men?						
5. What confession did the king make when he saw this powerful miracle?						

1. Do you think there are governors today that act like this king?
2. Did the people obey because of fear, custom, or conviction?
3. Do you think it's wise to be ready to give your life for Jesus Christ?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Would you bow to a pagan statue if you were ordered to do so by the authorities?
2. Would you hide your faith to save your skin?
3. To what degree are you willing to suffer for your God?
4. Do you believe God can save you under any circumstances?



Story 3: Cultural Challenge - 2 Cultures, Peter and Cornelius

Verses: Acts 10:1-48

REVIEW Questions:									
1. What was Cornelius, the Roman Official's character like?									
2. What order did the angel give Cornelius?									
3. What did Peter see while he prayed, and what did God ask him to do?									
4. When Cornelius related his vision to Peter, what did Peter say?									
5. What happened while Peter spoke to them about Jesus?									

- **1.** Can a non-Christian honestly behave like a Christian?
- **2.** Do you believe that restrictions regarding "impure foods" should be enforced today?

today?
3. What do you think of the work of the Holy Spirit in this story?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Have you ever felt that God asked you to do something and you disobeyed?
2. Have you experienced a vision or a dream that you know is from God?
3. Do you believe it's okay to accept a compliment or praise that belongs to God?
4. Do you think the Holy Spirit continues to be active today in other cultures, as Ho
was in Bible times?



Story 4: What's More Important, Evangelism or Culture - Paul & Silas in the prison of Philippi

Verses: Acts 16:16-40

REVIEW Questions:
1. What happened as Paul and Silas were on their way to the place of prayer?
2. What did the owners of the young slave accuse Paul and Silas of?
3. What did Paul and Silas do when they were in jail?
4. What did the jail keeper tell Paul and Silas, and what was Paul's response?

1. Can a divination spirit really foretell the future?
2. What do you think of Paul and Silas' worship in the midst of suffering?
3. What does "you and your family will be saved" mean?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Would you dare to confront a possessed person, even if it's in an environment that is not your own?
2. Would you renounce your calling, if you were accused of violating another culture
3. Would you react if you were arrested for doing something good spiritually for someone else?
4. Would you take advantage of every opportunity to talk about Jesus to people?



Story 5: Philosophy and Culture - Paul in Athens

Verses: Acts 17:16-34

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- 2. Why did the philosophers of Athens ask Paul to speak to them?
- **3.** What was the beginning point to Paul's speech?
- **4.** What does God want of all people?

5. What was the final response of this group of philosophers?

- **1.** Do you think people today have an interest in hearing something new?
- **2.** Do you think the way the Gospel is preached today is attractive enough that people want to hear it?

3. Do you believe that people worship many other things because of ignorance?
APPLICATION Questions:
1. Do you become sad when you see the spiritual condition of the people who surround you?
2. Has someone ever asked you to talk to them about your Christian faith in a culture that is different from your own?
3. Do you frequently check or examine your faith, knowing that you, too, will be judged?
4. Would you be willing to prepare yourself to present the Gospel with enthusiasm in places where Christian faith is completely unknown?