



APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY

by Mike Shepherd

A Bible study lesson is not a Bible study lesson if it does not lead to real life change. Our spirituality is not measured by how much we know but by how much we obey. Jesus said, "Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice!" John 13:17 (TEV). Putting truth into practice is one of the hardest things to teach for. But the application of the text is critical if we are going to be effective as Bible study leaders. Here are some suggested questions to ask when preparing a lesson on any text in the Bible. See if these do not work for you when preparing your next Bible study.

	People's Need/Problems	God's Action/Solution	People's Response/Obedience
THEN	Who needed help? What was going on? What was the problem?	How did God react? What did God do? What did God want the people to do?	How did the people receive God's message? How did the people respond to God's solution? How did God want the people to respond?
NOW	With whom in the passage do I identify? What tension, need, conflict, or problem sounds familiar? How are the people in this story like us, like me?	What is God's answer to this question today? What is God's solution to our problem? What is God doing now?	How does God want people to receive his message? How does God want us to react? How should people put this truth into practice?
ME	How am I facing a similar problem in my life? How are the people in the passage like me? Where do I feel uneasy, a sense of conviction?	What does God want to do in my life now? How is God involved with me? What kind of person does God want me to become?	In what area of my life do I need to be obedient to God? What can I do to become the person God wants me to be? What specific steps should I take this week?

Care Group Ministry



Especially for
Care Group Leaders
&
Assistant Leaders

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BEDOK METHODIST CHURCH
CARE GROUP MINISTRY

Our goal : To Be A Strategic Partner of the Church
Vision -
To Make Disciples For Jesus Christ



Announcing

On behalf of the *40 Days of Community* Team,
“THANK YOU”

to all participating Care Groups. We pray that
you will continue to be ***better together***.

1. **M.A.N. BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**

Coming up in July!

Topic : *Man & Materialism*
@ Is there a limit?

Date : Saturday, 18 Jul 09
@ 8 am

Speaker : COL (NS) Png Bee Hin

2. **PRAISE, PRAYER & POWER**

Thursday, 6 August 2009
@ 8 pm, Church Sanctuary

Come for a time of simply learning to look
to God in worship, praise and prayer.
Encourage all your members to come and soak in
God's loving presence.

3. **OUTREACH CONFERENCE**

Theme : ***Building Bridges in Your Community***

Friday, 28 Aug 09, 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Saturday, 29 Aug 09, 8.45 am – 5.30 pm

Keynote speakers : i. Rev Dr David Geisler
ii. Mr Jose Philip

Look out for further details and sign up!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LEADERSHIP

Some creative writer has developed an ethical
code know as “The Ten Commandments of
Leadership.” Although these commandments do
not come down with the same authority as the
laws engraved in stone on Mount Sinai, they are
certainly worth considering.

1. Thou shalt love people, not just use them.
The greatest thing about a person is his
motive, and the greatest motive is love.
2. Thou shalt develop understanding. If we
were to see all the secret burdens each
person bears, we would pity one another and
none will envy the other.
3. Thou shalt not criticize more than
compliment. You had better cover your
neighbours' faults with a cloak of charity.
You may need a circus tent to cover your
own!
4. Thou shalt not get angry. If you are right,
you don't need to. If you are wrong, you
cannot afford to.
5. Thou shalt not argue. It is no use to win the
argument and lose the people. Beware of
the attitude which says : In matters
controversial, my attitude is fine. I always
see two points of view : the one that's wrong
and mine.
6. Thou shalt be kind. You had better be kind to
the person you meet on the way up. They
are the same ones you will meet on the way
down.

7. Thou shalt have a sense of humour. A
sense of humour is to a person what
springs are to a wagon. It saves him
many jolts.
8. Thou shalt smile. No person is ever fully
dressed until he has a smile on his face.
Remember. “Laugh, and the world laughs
with you. Weep, and you weep alone.”
9. Thou shalt practice what thou preachest.
One example is worth one thousand
arguments.
10. Thou shalt go to the school of the
Headmaster of the universe, the Master
of men, the Secretary of human
relations, namely Jesus Christ. He is the
greatest leader of people the world has
ever known.

Taken from : John Borek, Danny Lovett, Elmer
Towns, *The Good Book on Leadership*, p 98

THE OVERSIZED GIFT

Leaders are often gifted.
They can begin to depend on
their gift for success, to the
neglect of their character.
Leaders sabotage themselves
when their gift is bigger than
they are.

Dr Tim Elmore