

# PASSION FOR PURPOSE

## LEADER'S GUIDE

### **YOU ARE CHOSEN!**

It is not an accident that you have become one of our treasured leaders of Passion for Purpose. God brought us together for such a time as this. If you have stepped into this call, there is no doubt that your heart is filled with compassion for the brokenhearted and that you want to see people walk in their God-given destiny. As your heart has been (and is being) healed, you will now have the opportunity to provide the atmosphere for others to have the same life-changing experience.

This class is an introduction to inner healing. For those who are ready, these eight weeks can have a profound impact. For others, it could be mostly about recognition. As you are led, instructed and inspired by the Holy Spirit each week, you will have the opportunity to witness miracles, signs and wonders. Some will make the journey faster than others. Please remember healing is on God's timetable and in His way. We are just facilitators for that to happen.

Life has dealt all of us a variety of traumas and trials. How we responded to those trials put spiritual laws in motion. God's laws are for our good and learning some of those through this class will certainly "open the eyes of the blind and set the captives free."

Be aware, you will encounter increased spiritual warfare as you lead this class. The enemy hates anyone receiving truth where they have believed lies. Since unforgiveness opens the door to tormentors, you need to be aware that some demonic influence will be present in your class by permission of God. Those gates will be shut through repentance and forgiveness. Keep your eyes on Jesus and pray for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit every day. This cleansing prayer is strongly recommended:

*“Lord Jesus, cleanse me by your blood from any and all defilement, whether human or demonic, that came on me as a result of contacts I had today. Help me to keep the gates shut to the tormentors in my life through a lifestyle of forgiveness. Amen.*

We are praying for you and we are grateful to walk side by side with you in this journey. We also encourage you to pray this prayer often:

*Lord, bring my ways of thinking to death and my flesh to death so that my spirit can rule and reign and tell my mind how to think and my flesh how to behave. Now I claim the mind of Christ and can hold His thoughts, intents and purposes this day. Amen.*

## **GETTING STARTED**

Your students may need a little time to get acquainted the first week. Your role is to provide a warm, loving environment for them so that they are comfortable to share. Allow them a brief time for introduction and to share what they hope to gain from this class. Your transparency will set the stage for others. Since we are wounded in relationships, we need meaningful relationships in order to obtain healing. This class will provide an opportunity rarely found in our world today – close, transparent, vulnerable and non-judgmental relationships in which healing can take place.

We suggest you plan on two hours for each class. You will open with prayer and then listen to and/or sing the chosen song for that week. The videos are approximately 50 minutes long. Discussion groups follow using the questions at the end of each lesson. Three or four people make a good size for the discussion groups. It usually works well for people to stay in the same discussion group for the duration of the course.

Since we are made up of three parts – body, soul and spirit, we have included a “Body Ministry” section to show how each of these lessons also impact our physical body. We cannot be sick in any part of us that doesn’t affect the other two. People can experience a physical healing as a result of dealing with heart issues that will be exposed these next few weeks.

There may be things stirred up at any point that may require some additional counseling. If you can spend extra time with someone one-on-one to pray with them, that would be great. Refer to the many sample prayers in the workbook. Otherwise, please direct them to a Christian counselor either through Heart Revival Ministries or elsewhere.

We pray that as you facilitate this class you will continue your own healing journey. Your vulnerability and openness each week will be so important. You are uniquely gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a person of influence. Expect breakthroughs!

## **INTRODUCTION/LESSON 1**

In the introduction, we give students the opportunity to receive Jesus as Lord. Be sensitive to everyone in your group and if someone is not sure they are saved, have everyone pray this prayer out loud together.

The Lord clearly spoke to us that we had to begin this course with a lesson introducing the Holy Spirit. For some Christians, this will be their first exposure to the person and work of the Holy Spirit. He is the one who is going to lead us into truth, convict us of sin, teach us all things, comfort us in sorrow and counsel and help us whenever we call upon Him. He is the one who will show us our destiny/purpose.

Pray before the class for open hearts and that the Holy Spirit would be recognized and honored for His work in and through us. Knowing the Holy Spirit changed our lives! It would be good for you to share your knowledge and experience with the Holy Spirit either before or after the video.

Encourage everyone to read the book of Acts as indicated in the workbook and to be prepared to share their discoveries next week.

If you have time, you may want to highlight the Identity Crisis resource in the back of the workbook. This topic could be a lesson by itself, but we wanted to give them this extra small bite if they are hungry. In the least, please have them look over it themselves and ask them to watch the “Two Roads” video mentioned in the last paragraph.

## LESSON 2 – GOD’S IMMUTABLE LAWS

This lesson is absolutely critical to all the following lessons. It may be totally new to many. It will probably be helpful if you will facilitate some discussion before you break into small groups just to make sure they are understanding the laws.

- The law of sowing and reaping applies to absolutely everything we say, think, or do – from small things to huge things. For the homework, we have a visual aid available called the “Life and Death Recognition Box”. It can be purchased for \$2.50, plus shipping.
- Judgment – It is a fine line between what God allows – discernment of behavior - and what he says we cannot do – condemnation of the person. It is a matter of the heart.
- Honoring Father and Mother – We are not looking back to blame our parents, but to discover how we responded to what our parents did. The Bible does NOT say to honor dishonorable behavior. Forgiving our parents is a great way to honor them. It will change our behavior towards them.

The sample prayer in this lesson will be referred to several times over the next weeks as people are ready to forgive their parents.

Body Ministry - Although the examples in this section were mentioned in the video, you may want to go over them again to see if people are understanding how these three laws work together.

## LESSON 3 – FORGIVENESS

Here’s a lesson that really emphasizes the need for the Helper, the Holy Spirit. We need His help to accomplish forgiveness from the heart. Forgiveness without any emotion involved is usually fruitless. “Trying” to forgive doesn’t work, surrendering to the Holy Spirit’s help to release the emotional pain does.

Encourage everyone to use the prayers in this lesson often during the week as the Holy Spirit brings people to mind that they need to forgive.

Forgiveness is the key to freedom. Our goal is to encourage one another to make forgiveness a lifestyle!

## LESSON 4 – EXPOSING THE ENEMY

Some Christians have not had much teaching on Satan and/or his schemes. Be sensitive to those for whom this may be new. The Bible says we are NOT to be ignorant of his schemes (2 Cor. 2:11).

The sample prayer in this lesson to repent for believing lies is powerful. When praying, it is best if one does not lump several lies together. Each revealed lie should be addressed individually. The same is true when repenting for making vows.

Remember we trace the bad fruit in our lives back to the bitter root – not the other way around. When there are judgments, there are usually lies we have believed and vows we have made.

Ron has written a book entitled “Who Told You That?” which is basic training in spiritual warfare. It is available on Amazon.

## LESSON 5 – TRAUMA/SHAME RECOVERY

We felt it would be a blessing to offer communion after this lesson, so you will need to prepare the elements before the class begins. You may use crackers and grape juice. Encourage everyone to celebrate this sacrament often. We have been exposing a lot of “dirty rags” over the last few weeks and we need to be reminded that by God’s grace we are covered in a white robe of righteousness!

You may want to watch out video on communion on our Heart Revival Facebook page or encourage the class to do so during the week.

Everyone has experienced trauma to some degree. The prayer in this lesson is invaluable. If you have not personally had it prayed over you, choose one of your traumas and have someone pray this prayer over you. You can pray it over yourself, but we have found it more effectual is someone else prays over you.

After you become comfortable with this prayer, the Holy Spirit will give you additional words to insert to personalize the prayer for whomever you are praying for; i.e., naming the specific trauma, or what caused the shame. There are sections of the prayer that will not apply in every situation.

If you have time after the group discussion this week, ask for a volunteer who would be willing to have trauma prayed off of them. You or someone else can pray while others intercede. The author of this prayer taught us to put one hand on the person’s forehead and one hand behind their head as we pray. These are parts of the brain where emotional wounding is stored. We also like to use frankincense which, when smelled, helps the one receiving prayer to release deep emotional pain.

Lifting a person's trauma from the cells of their body usually allows them to be more apt to deal more specifically with the underlying pain, lies and unforgiveness.

## **LESSON 6 – LOVE NEEDS**

If someone did not get their love needs met, it is truly difficult to walk in their destiny. This can be a shocking lesson – wounds that many have never been realized. If you have a testimony of how realizing how not having your needs met affected you, please share your story either before or after the video. Be sure to share what you used to fill those unmet needs.

Reinforce that addictions are not addressed in this ministry in the same way other recovery programs do. We listen to the fruit and then ask the Holy Spirit to show us the root.

If our love needs were not met, we have an extremely hard time believing God loves us just the way we are – a key to destiny.

Allow time to complete the unmet needs chart before the group discussion, as the questions relate to their responses.

It is important that someone NOT RUSH to pray the prayer in this lesson. It takes time to realize the effect that not having our love needs met (neglect) had on our hearts. We need to experience the grief of how our life could have been so different. The prayer will be there to be prayed when the individual is ready.

## **LESSON 7 – DENIAL**

This is the biggest block to healing because we don't even know we are in denial. A person in denial will often share a very painful past with no emotion. Their emotions have been stuffed. They might even have a smile on their face as they share. Denial is a structure of defense we put in place to protect ourselves.

Coming out of denial takes time and is painful. Step by step areas will be uncovered where forgiveness needs to be granted. When appropriate, lead your students to go back and use the prayer found in the lesson on God's Immutable Laws to forgive and repent of their judgments.

Encourage your students not to minimize or justify their painful past. As in every lesson, we need to invite the Holy Spirit to show us where we were wounded and where we have stuffed our pain and emotions. He will bring things to our remembrance as we are ready to deal with them. There is no way we can deal with everything all at once.

The prayer at the end of this lesson is good for everyone to pray the day of the class.

Praise the Lord that he is opening our hearts and giving us understanding of how we have been blocked from living in freedom.

## LESSON 8 – YOUR PURPOSE

What good news this lesson is! We are designed to receive love and give it away! The hard work comes in removing the blocks that have prevented us from believing and receiving God's **unconditional** love for us. More good news is that God has not commanded us to love without giving us the power to love – loving God, loving ourselves, and loving others. The first fruit of the Holy Spirit that is recorded in scripture is love. He is LOVE IN US!

“We have this treasure in jars of clay (earthen vessels) to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2 Cor. 4:7. This treasure is to show forth the light of the knowledge of the glory of God. The love we are to give away is not something we can take credit for. May we each learn to stop striving and instead enjoy what God has done for us and will do through us.

The spiritual gift(s) we have been given will determine a more specific way in which we will express God's love. We are not the same. We each will express love through our specific gifts. Please encourage everyone to take time to look over the resource entitled “Uniquely You” to further understanding their calling. Though this is a simple explanation of the gifts in Romans 7, it can prove helpful for them to take the test that is mentioned in this resource.

We will be offering an in-depth series of teachings on these seven gifts in the near future. It will be available on our website.

## A BLESSING FOR YOU!

We bless and honor you for your servant's heart.

We bless you to walk in your destiny and encourage others to find theirs.

We bless you to prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers

We bless you to be a world changer.

We bless you to receive God's love in an ever-increasing measure and to be an instrument for God's love to flow from you to others.

We thank our God for every reminder of you. We are confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. We love you from our hearts.

Ron and Sherry

