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# WITHOUT WISDOM THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP

# 1

**T**he world needs wise leaders. Leaders are needed to conquer the heart of their followers. To be loved, admired and followed. They need to inspire and serve as a reference to those who come after them. Influence and transform the lives of those around them. You have been called by God to be that kind of leader.

**1. What is one of the main characteristics of the Christian leader?**  
Proverbs 11:14

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Note: The world needs wise leaders. But wisdom is a gift that God only gives to those who go to Him humbly.

**2. It is bad to want to be a leader?** Mark 9:33-35

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Note: The disciples' confusion in relation to leadership is evident. They wanted the charge, but they thought that being "the first", "the major", "the most important", or "the leader", did not combine with the humility of the Christian. That is why they let Jesus go ahead, and they stayed behind. they felt tempted to discuss something, which deep down they considered "wrong". But Jesus told them that the problem did not lie in the desire to be a leader, but in the motivations to want to be one.

**3. In Jesus' opinion, what does it mean to be a leader?** Matthew 20:28

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Note: To lead is to love and serve. No doubt Jesus was the greatest leader in history because no one loved or served like him. His life was an inspiration for millions and millions of human beings. He broke the parameters established by the society in which he lived and conquered millions of followers. From this perspective, leading is not pushing but inspiring. It is not ordering, not sending, is to make people feel happy doing things. The leader has to be able to love and be loved so that people feel compelled to follow him to the end.

#### **4. What did Solomon ask God when he was appointed a leader? 1 Kings 3:2-9**

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Note: The expression a “discerning heart” can also be translated as a “wise heart”. It means “wisdom”, “common sense”, “equilibrium”, “prudence”, and “good judgment”. These are essential attributes, not only to leadership, but to life itself. There are people who are failed, frustrated and unhappy because they do not know how to live. To exist is not to live. Living is an art that requires wisdom. But wisdom is not only the sum of knowledge, but the ability to use it. Knowledge has to do with the theory of things. Wisdom comes out of paper, and enters the realm of life. There are people who have a lot of theory, but they cannot use it.

#### **5. Where wisdom comes from? Job 28:20, 23, y 27**

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Note: God is the source of true wisdom. The wise leader sees the situations, the things and the people, from the divine perspective.

#### **6. What is true wisdom? Psalms 111:10**

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Note: True wisdom is not the result of the mystical contemplation of God but the faithful obedience to his principles outlined in his word.

#### **7. What feeling should never exist in the heart of a wise leader? Proverbs 16:5**

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Note: Arrogance is the direct path to misfortune. The arrogant loses the notion of who he is. In his delusion of seeming great, he does not perceive the grotesque and ridiculous image he projects. Forget that who wants to be great one day, need to be small to be able to grow. But in the self-concepts, he is born big, is great, is much greater than any other mortal. Ironically, people don't see it that way, and they don't treat it like they'd like to be treated. As much as he demands, claim, and if he has power, even force.

#### **8. What condition should a leader meet in order to be considered credible and trustworthy? Christian Leadership P. 20 “We see the need of**

Earnest, devoted men to take up the work that must be carried forward in the future... We are not regard any *human being as one to be believed and trusted, unless it is evident that he is established in the truth of the word of God*”

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**9. What should be seen in the life of a wise leader?** Christian Leadership P. 63 “If those who are in command have not self-control, they place themselves below the servant. God expects the steward whom he honors to represent the Master. *If he cannot represent the patience, the kindness, the long-suffering love, the honesty and self-denial of Christ; if he forgets that he is a servant, and lifts himself up,* it would be well for the people to discharge him”

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**10. What another characteristic should the wise leader have?** Christian Leadership P. 64 “We should not be discouraged if things of a trying nature arise. Do not let your passion rise. *Control yourself.* When things occur which seem unexplainable, which do not appear to be in harmony with the great Counsel Book, do not allow your own peace to be spoiled. Remember that there is a Witness, a heavenly Messenger, by your side, who is your shield, your fortress. Into it you can run, and be safe. But a word of retaliation will destroy your peace, and your confidence in God. Who then is injured? Yourself. Who is grieved and wounded? The Holy Spirit of God.”

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**11. Where should the work of the wise leader begin?** Christian Leadership P. 41 “I beseech you for Christ’s sake to cut away this spirit of harshness and censure. You need a mother’s tender love. You need the Christ-love. Then you will not chide for every mistake; you will have something of the same patience toward these lambs of the flock that Christ has manifested toward you. Then God will accept your labors for others. When you faithfully bear the responsibilities in your own home, you will be better prepared to bear the responsibility of feeding the flock of God and especially of manifesting the Savior’s tender care for the lambs of the flock.”

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# THE LEADER | 2 KNOWS WHERE HE IS GOING

**T**here is no worse leader than the one who does not know where he is headed and where he leads his group. The goal must be defined, and clear in the leader's mind, for the group to reach its destination. The leader of a small group must know for what the Church of God exists in this world, and what God expects from his people. The church is not a religious club that exists to carry out spiritual enrichment programs. It's a soul-winning agency, as it goes to its glorious destination.

1. In John's vision with what purpose did the angel have the eternal Gospel? Revelation 14:6 and 7

Note: The "to" conjunction denotes purpose. The Angel of Revelation 14, which symbolizes the remnant of God, arises "to" preach the gospel. There is no other purpose.

2. What does the Servant of God say about it? Counsels for the Church, P. 242 "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory."

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3. With what Jesus compared his church? Matthew 5:13

Note: Jesus said that if the salt did not comply with its purpose which is to give flavor to things, for more nothing serves, unless to be cast out and be trodden by men. What does this statement suggest to you from the teacher, in relation to the church and its purpose?

**4. Who should carry on the work that Jesus began on Earth?** Testimonies, vol. 6, P. 295 “Someone must fulfil the commission of Christ; someone must carry on the work which He began to do on earth; and the church has been given this privilege. For this purpose, it has been organized. Why, then, have not church members accepted the responsibility?”

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**5. What does success in mission compliance depend on?** Gospel Workers P. 84 “While there are but few officers, it requires many soldiers to form the rank and file of the army; yet its success depends upon the fidelity of every soldier. One man’s cowardice or treachery may bring disaster upon the entire army....”

**6. How is the character of a church measured?** Gospel Workers P. 200 “The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled on her books, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers.”.

**7. How should the church live in the time of the end?** Testimonies 5 P. 276 “What is our position in the world? We are in the waiting time. But this period is not to be spent in abstract devotion. *Waiting, watching, and vigilant working are to be combined.*”

**8. What is the result of doing nothing for Christ?** Steps to Christ P. 80 “Those who endeavor to maintain Christian life by passively accepting the blessings that come through the means of grace, and doing nothing for Christ, are simply trying to live by eating without working. *And in the spiritual as in the natural world, this always results in degeneration and decay.*”

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**9. What do we need to keep in mind when things are going well?** The Desire of Ages. P. 362 “*We need to look constantly to Jesus, realizing that it is His power which does the work.* While we are to labor earnestly for the salvation of the lost, we must also take time for meditation, for prayer, and for the study of the word of God. Only the work accomplished with much prayer, and sanctified by the merit of Christ, will in the end prove to have been efficient for good.”

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**10. What great Commission did God give to his church before he returned to his father?** Acts 1:8

Note: No church that ceases to fulfill the mission of evangelizing the world justifies the reason for its existence on this earth.

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# WHAT IS **3** A SMALL GROUP

**I**f the director of a small group is the one who will lead his little flock to grow in Christ and achieve his evangelistic goals, he needs to know why it is indispensable for every church to be organized in this way. The organization of the church in small groups is not the will of a human being, nor a new method that the church has established. It is a divine plan that the director must know very well.

## 1. What is a small group? Acts 20:20 y 21

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Note: Small groups are Bible teaching centers, gift-believers are built on each other, including people who week after week are invited by the members of the group. This way of evangelizing comes from the times of the early church. "So, the Word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and large number of priests became obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7

## 2. What does the Spirit of Prophecy say about small groups?

Testimonies Treasures Vol3P.84 "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err."

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Note: The expression "one who cannot err" should be analyzed with prayer and meditation.

### 3. With what compared Jesus his Church? Matthew 5:14

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Note: The believer must keep in mind that opening the door of his house to operate a small group is equivalent to carrying the Ark of God, the presence of God to his home, trying from there to radiate the light of the gospel to the community where the house is located.

**4. What advice does the Spirit of Prophecy give us?** Testimonies Vol 7 P. 21 "Why do not believers feel a deeper, more earnest concern for those who are out of Christ? Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another? In our churches let companies be formed for service. *Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men. Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love.*"

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### 5. How did Jesus see the crowd? What did he compare it to? Mark 6:34

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Note: Jesus' concern was always to help people solve their problems. Small groups allow us to do things as Jesus did them. Even the humblest believer can gather his family and friends in his home. The small group director can assist the Minister in grazing those people.

**6. What is the small group's action radius?** Christian Service P. 72 "Let there be in every church, well-organized companies of workers to labor in the vicinity of that church."

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### 7. What four things does God want to do in the lives of believers? 1 Peter 5:10

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Note: Perfecting, affirming, strengthening and establishing are ideals that God desires to make in the life of every believer. The tools to help the church achieve these ideals in their lives is the Pastor. But it is impossible for a single man to do this in a church. Small groups are therefore needed to achieve these goals.

**8. How do small groups help to achieve God's ideal for their church?** Christian Service. P. 92 "Let small companies assemble together in the evening or early morning to study the Bible for themselves. Let them have a season of prayer that they may be strengthened and enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

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9. Besides helping believers to grow up in Christ, what else is accomplished by working in small groups? Gospel Workers P. 193 “The presentation of *Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in small gatherings in private houses, is often more successful in winning souls to Jesus* than are sermons delivered in the open air, to the moving throng, or even in halls or churches.”

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10. What should be done in the church if there are many, or if there are few members? Christian Service P. 72 “If there is a large number in the church, let the members *be formed into small companies*, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers.”

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# SOLVING | 4 PROBLEMS

**L**iving is solving problems. From birth to death. Personal, professional, family problems. We define the problem as an obstacle on the way to where you want to go. It can be a circumstance, a person, or even the leader himself. Problems do not exist to destroy anyone, but to strengthen the attitude ahead of life, and grow.

## 1. What does a wise leader do with the group he directs? Proverbs 28:2

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Note: Warlord. A term used to refer to a military or ideological ringleader. It is used for anyone guiding others against the established. When warlords appear, it is because there is a weak leader, unable to deal with problems and conflicts. A leader who follows the divine advice, inspires dreams and will generate stability in the group he leads.

## 2. What the truth does in the life of the one who accepts it? John 8:32

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Note: Problems do not exist to be ignored, but to be solved. As painful as the truth is, the attitude of a Christian leader is to accept it, and to try to correct things. Truth Frees. Do not think that having faith is to realize that the problem does not exist. It's no good running away from the problem on the grounds that you are not guilty and therefore the problem is not yours.

**3. What should, the Christian leader, do to make his group understand, in order to solve the problems?** Counsels for the Church P. 47 “We must learn in the school of Christ. *Nothing but His righteousness can entitle us to one of the blessings of the covenant of grace.* We have long desired and tried to obtain these blessings but have not received them because we have cherished the idea that we could do something to make ourselves worthy of them. We have not looked away from ourselves, believing that Jesus is a living Savior. We must not think that our own grace and merits will save us; the grace of Christ is our only hope of salvation.”

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**4. How should the Christian leader cope with the problems?** Ephesians 4:26

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Note: Don't leave for tomorrow what you can do today. Leave for a moment. Do not react at the time of the problem. Ask for the direction of God, and then face the difficulties. The worst thing you can do is postpone the solution to the problem that generates mistrust.

**5. What should the Christian leader who feels tired of so much trouble do?** Counsels for the Church P. 48 “*Come to Jesus, and receive rest and peace.* You may have the blessing even now. Satan suggests that you are helpless and cannot bless yourself. It is true; you are helpless. But lift up Jesus before him: “I have a risen Savior. In Him I trust, and He will never suffer me to be confounded. In His name I triumph. He is my righteousness and my crown of rejoicing.”.

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**6. What should you do in front of the problems?** James 1:5

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Note: God never ceases to respond to the sincere son who seeks counsel with him, but besides God there are leaders here in earth. Consult with the elder, or with the pastor, and they will gladly help you. But don't try to solve the problems, by yourself.

**7. What do those who refuse to work in harmony with the others?** Counsels for the Church P. 43 “Those who refuse to work in harmony *greatly dishonor God.* The enemy of souls delights to see them working at cross purposes with one another. Such ones need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If they could draw aside the curtain veiling the future and see the result of their disunion they would surely be led to repent.”

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**8. What is the most powerful testimony in favor of Christianity?** Counsels



For the church P.44 "*Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners.* It is our privilege to bear this witness. But, in order to do this, we must place ourselves under Christ's command. Our characters must be molded in harmony with His character, our wills must be surrendered to His will. Then we shall work together without a thought of collision."

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**9. What is the big challenge of the Christian leaders?** Counsels for the Church P. 45 "It is not a great number of institutions, large buildings, and outward display that God requires, *but the harmonious action of a peculiar people, a people chosen by God and precious, united with one another, their life hid with Christ in God.* Every man is to stand in his lot and place, exerting a right influence in thought, word, and deed. When all God's workers do this, and not till then, His work will be a complete, symmetrical whole."

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# THE LEADER | 5 WHO RELATES WELL

**L**ife is made up of relationships. With the family, with the neighbors, with the friends, with the co-workers. The person who does not relate well, creates difficulties all the time. If the problems of relationship were resolved, it would smooth down the way to horizons never imagined. The church and society today, they value the leader who is well related.

## 1. What is the golden rule of relationships? Matthew 7:12

Note: People are usually the mirror of our attitudes. They give us back the image we projected. If we are courteous to them, they will treat us politely. A gesture of kindness is returned in the same way. Try it today. Greet with a smile, any stranger in the street, in the elevator, or at the airport. You'll get the salute back. It is possible that at first the person seems bewildered, but will react immediately and return the greeting.

## 2. What does Solomon say about the way we speak? Proverbs 15:1

Note: Be impolite and you will receive impoliteness back. It's a law of human behavior. There is no escaping from their sphere of action. And the leader, more than anyone else, needs to relate well to people. At the end of the day, we don't lead things or objects. We drive human beings, with feelings, traumas, complexes, virtues and flaws.

## 3. With what is compare what the human being says? Proverbs 18:4

Note: The expression "deep waters" illustrates how delicate it is to say something. The power of words is mysterious, but real. If you do not have the ability to keep air in your lungs for a long time, do not venture to immerse yourself in deep water. And if you don't have the ability to use words wisely, do not risk to lead.

**4. How did Jesus speak?** Steps to Christ. P. 12 "Jesus did not suppress one word of truth, but He uttered it always in love. He exercised the greatest tact and thoughtful, kind attention in His relationships with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He spoke the truth, but always in love. He denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity; but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes."

**5. Where did the compassion of Christ come from?** Steps to Christ P.12 “Every soul was precious in His eyes. While He ever bore Himself with divine dignity, He bowed with the tenderest regard to every member of the family of God. In all men He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save. Such is the character of Christ as revealed in His life. This is the character of God. It is from the Father’s heart that the streams of divine compassion, manifest in Christ.”

**6. What should the leader do when his followers make mistakes?** Proverbs 17:9

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Note: Because of its function, the leader learns a lot of things. Sometimes delicate and personal. Ethics demand that you keep the silence. Light comments destroy more lives than you can imagine. If there is someone who needs to be careful with the use of what he knows, he is the leader. People have the right to say whatever they want. To accuse, to attack, to comment, to scatter intrigues. Social networks have been transformed into the breeding ground of irresponsibility. But the leader needs to be above human mediocrity.

**7. What should the leader do when he is offended?** Proverbs 19:11

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Note: Forgiven people, they are grateful and faithful collaborators. The leader never loses if he forgives. Also, the leader will always work with difficult people. That’s a law of leadership.

**8. What has always existed in the Church?** The Acts of the Apostles. P. 163 “There have ever been in the church those who are *constantly inclined toward individual independence*. They seem unable to realize that independence of spirit is liable to lead the human agent to have too much confidence in himself and to trust in his own judgment rather than to respect the counsel and highly esteem the judgment of his brethren, especially of those in the offices that God has appointed for the leadership of His people. God has invested His church with special authority and power which no one can be justified in disregarding and despising, for he who does this despises the voice of God.”

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**9. How can the leader obtain peace in the midst of all the hardships?** Mind, character and Personality, Vol 1 P.45 “The soul finds rest only in cherishing meekness and lowliness of heart. The peace of Christ is never found where selfishness reigns. The soul cannot grow in grace when it is self-centered and proud. Jesus assumed the position that man must take in order that the peace of Christ may abide in the heart.”

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# A LIFE GROUP, GROWS AND MULTIPLIES

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**A** healthy and lively small group grows steadily and divides into another group. The ideal size is 4 to 12 members. Reached that number is healthy to be divided into two new groups that grow respectively. How? Simple. "The interest continues to grow, and those who embrace the truth go right to work for their friends, inviting them to come out to hear. More than this, they invite their neighbors and friends to come to their house. They then secure one of our ministers to give a Bible reading. These meetings are made very interesting." *The Pastoral Ministry* p. 137

**1. With what compares the Wise Solomon to the path of the righteous?** Proverbs 4:18

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Note: Growth is a law of life. A person or a group of people who do not grow, is dead. Experience has shown that small groups that do not develop and multiply, fall into a state of anachronism, and eventually die, or disappear.

**2. What would happen if every Christian fulfilled his duty?** Testimonies for the Church, Vol 5, P. 263 "I have been shown that those who have a knowledge of the truth, and yet allow all their powers to be absorbed in worldly interests, are unfaithful. They are not, by their good works, letting the light of truth shine to others. Nearly all their ability is devoted to becoming sharp, skillful men of the world. They forget that their talents were given them of God to be used in advancing His cause. If they were faithful to their duty, the result would be great gain of souls to the Master, but many are lost through their neglect."

**3. What happened to the early church when it gathered in the houses and lived in communion with Christ and with the other believers?**  
Acts 2:46 y 47

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Note: The Lord increased the number of them, and logically they were not all meeting in the same house, but they were going to another house until the number of them grew in size enough to continue dividing.

**4. What happens to those who remain silent, without preaching the good news of salvation?** 2 Kings 7:9

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Nota: "Punishment will overtake us" does not mean that we will be punished if we do not do our duty, but that the clean water that stops running and stagnates, becomes a well of contaminated and deadly water. Evil is "own."

**5. Why do many Christians fall into the mortal spiritual routine?**  
Testimonies for the Church Vol 5 p. 264 "*Many who have an intelligent knowledge of the truth...are doing nothing for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. We meet them from time to time, but they bear no fresh testimonies of personal experience in the Christian life; they relate no new victories gained in the holy warfare. Instead of this you notice the same old routine, the same expressions in prayer and exhortation. Their prayers have no new note; they express no greater intelligence in the things of God, no more earnest, living faith. Such persons are not living plants in the garden of the Lord, sending forth fresh shoots and new foliage, and the grateful fragrance of a holy life. They are not growing Christians.*"

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**6. What will happen in the heart of the one in whom Christ dwells, by faith?** Ephesians 3:17-19

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Note: "To grasp how wide and long high in the love of God." This experience will be a reality when the church is able to organize in small groups where the faithful have the opportunity to help each other.

**7. How do we know the Thessalonians were true missionaries?** The Acts of the Apostles. P. 256 "*The Thessalonian believers were true missionaries. Hearts were won by the truths presented, and souls were added to the number of believers*".

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**8. How do we know that Adventists made progress in the beginnings of their history?** Christian Service P. 97 “Seventh-day Adventists *are making progress, doubling their numbers, establishing missions, and unfurling the banner of truth in the dark places of the earth;* and yet the work moves far more slowly than God would have it.”

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**9. What advice does God give to his people?** Isaiah 54:2

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Note: Widen, lengthen, extend. All of these are verbs that denote growth. The life of the Christian is a constant grow. And the life of the small group must also be a growing experience. A group that does not grow, does not fulfill the Divine plan. The Servant of God always supported the idea of growth and multiplication. She said on a certain occasion: “If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is.” Testimonies Treasures, Vol. 3, p. 293

**10. What happens to the Christians or the group that does not grow?** Gospel Workers P. 84 “Those who do nothing in the cause of God, will fail to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. *A man who would lie down and refuse to exercise his limbs, would soon lose all power to use them.*”

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# EVANGELIZERS | 7 GROUPS

**O**ne of the reasons for the failure of some small groups is that they are only transformed into groups of fellowship and camaraderie, and they lose their missionary sense. What keeps a group alive is the sense of mission. Every believer who participates in a small group should do so leading a person who has not yet accepted Jesus.

1. Who were evangelized in the House of the jailer of Philippi? Acts 16:32 y 34

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Note: In the House of the jailer was not only his family, but there were other people who had been invited when Paul and Silas headed there. Friends gathered in a person's house to study the word of God it was a practice in the early church.

2. Would this divine plan work today? Testimonies Treasures Vol 3 P. 62 "*One of the most effective ways in which light can be communicated is by private, personal effort. In the home circle, at your neighbor's fireside, at the bedside of the sick, in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth.*"

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3. What did Cornelius do when Paul went to visit him? Acts 10:24

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Note: Cornelius did not just receive the word with his family, but invited his friends to come to his house to participate in the study of the Sacred Scriptures.

#### **4. What method was used to evangelize, in the early years of our history?**

Evangelism P. 410 “It is very hard to get any hold of the people. The only way that we find to be successful is in holding Bible readings, and in this way the interest is started with one or two or three; then these visit others and try to interest others, and thus the work moves slowly as it has done in Lausanne.”

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#### **5. What did Philip do after accepting Jesus? John 1: 44**

Note: Philip immediately sought his friend Nathanael to speak to him of Jesus. “Philip knew that his friend was searching the prophecies, and while Nathanael was praying under a fig tree, Philip discovered his retreat. They had often prayed together in this secluded spot hidden by the foliage.” (DA P. 140)

#### **6. Why do you think Philip looked for Nathanael? ChS 101 “The *very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others* also to the Savior.”**

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**7. How did the message spread in the days of Christ? CC.281 “*With the calling of John and Andrew and Simon, of Philip and Nathanael, began the foundation of the Christian church.*”** John directed two of his disciples to Christ. Then one of these, Andrew, found his brother, and called him to the Savior. Philip was then called, and he went in search of Nathanael. These examples should teach us the importance of personal effort, of making direct appeals to our kindred, friends, and neighbors....”

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#### **8. What order did Jesus give to the demonic Gadarene after he was released? Luke 8:39**

Note: The best mission field is near where we live. It is made up of friends, neighbors and relatives who have not yet accepted Jesus. It is the Divine plan that each believer brings these people to the nearest small group so that in fellowship with that group of believers, the person will know Jesus and grow in his Christian experience.

**9. Where is the best missionary field located? CC P.280 “There are many who need the ministrations of loving Christian hearts.**

Many have gone down to ruin who might have been saved if their neighbors, common men and women, had put forth personal effort for them. Many are waiting to be personally addressed. In the very family, the neighborhood, the town, where we live, there is work for us to do as missionaries for Christ.”

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**10. Who should we seek to bring them to Jesus?** Testimonies 9 Pá. 34  
“My brethren and sisters, visit those who live near you, and by sympathy and kindness seek to reach their hearts. Be sure to work in a way that will remove prejudice instead of creating it. And remember that those who know the truth for this time and yet confine their efforts to their own churches, refusing to work for their unconverted neighbors, will be called to account for unfulfilled duties.”

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# THE MESSAGE | 8 OF THE THIRD ANGEL

**I**f you want to have a small group, full of life and that attracts people, reaching the heart of non-believers, you need to form a central Christ group. Only Jesus is able to fill the emptiness of hearts and satisfy the needs of the soul.

## 1. What did Jesus promise to do, if he was lift up? John 12:32

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Note: Jesus is the only person capable of captivating the human heart. He penetrates to the bottom of the heart and removes all the preconceptions and arguments that human beings invent. No one resists the magnetism of his love.

**2. Who should be the center of our message?** AA P.28 “The disciples were to carry their work forward in Christ’s name. Their every word and act were to fasten attention on His name, as possessing that vital power by which sinners may be saved. Their faith was to center in Him who is the source of mercy and power. In His name they were to present their petitions to the Father, and they would receive answer. They were to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Christ’s name was to be their watchword, their badge of distinction, their bond of union, the authority for their course of action, and the source of their success. Nothing was to be recognized in His kingdom that did not bear His name and superscription.”

**3. What did the disciples of Emmaus ask each other after having met Jesus?** Luke 24:32

Note: Jesus is able to conquer the most hardened heart for this reason, "Those who preach the last message of mercy should bear in mind that Christ is to be exalted as the sinner's refuge." Evangelism P. 185

#### **4. What is the last message that the remnant should preach?** Revelation 14:6

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Note. The Eternal Gospel is the last warning to the world. The Servant of God says: "Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message in verity." Evangelism P. 190 "The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel." 2TTP.373

#### **5. And what is the message of the present truth?** Evangelism P. 144 "We thank the Lord with all the heart that we have precious light to present before the people, and we rejoice that we have a message for this time which is present truth. The tidings that Christ is our righteousness has brought relief to many, many souls, and God says to His people, "Go forward."

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#### **6. Does that mean that we should not preach the other truths?** 2 Timothy 3:16

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Note: We must preach the whole chain of truths, including prophecies and final events, but "Theoretical discourses are essential, that people may see the chain of truth, link after link, uniting in a perfect whole; but no discourse should ever be preached without presenting Christ and Him crucified as the foundation of the gospel. Ministers would reach more hearts if they would dwell more upon practical godliness." Evangelism P. 186

#### **7. What should we do in order to break the barriers of prejudice and impenitence of people?** Evangelism P. 142 "In order to break down the barriers of prejudice and impenitence, the love of Christ must have a part in every discourse. Make men to know how much Jesus loves them, and what evidences He has given them of His love. What love can equal that which God has manifested for man, by the death of Christ on the cross? When the heart is filled with the love of Jesus, this can be presented to the people, and it will affect hearts."

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#### **8. What is the basis of our message?** Evangelism P. 190 "*The sacrifice*

of Christ as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the Word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary. I present before you the great, grand monument of mercy and regeneration, salvation and redemption—the Son of God uplifted on the cross. This is to be the foundation of every discourse given by our ministers.”

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**9. What is the central message of the Book of Revelation?**

Evangelism P. 195 “The book of Revelation must be opened to the people. Many have been taught that it is a sealed book; but it is sealed only to those who reject light and truth. The truth it contains must be proclaimed, that people may have an opportunity to prepare for the events which are so soon to transpire. The third angel’s message must be presented as the only hope for the salvation of a perishing world.”

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**10. How does an intelligent faith develop?**

Evangelism g. 192 “Ministers are to present Christ in His fullness both in the churches and in new fields, that the hearers may have an intelligent faith. The people must be instructed that Christ is unto them salvation and righteousness. It is Satan’s studied purpose to keep souls from believing in Christ as their only hope; for the blood of Christ that cleanseth from all sin is efficacious in behalf of those only who believe in its merit.”

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