Greetings from the President

Every year we, The Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance, unite together to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world. As we grow in faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ, we learn that prayer is a very powerful weapon. God has given us the ability to bring our petitions to him and cast all of our cares on Him for He cares of us. (1 Peter 5:7) Our prayers to God can make a difference, not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other young people around the world.

The BWA Youth Department is encouraging you to rally up your Christian brothers and sisters in unity to intercede on behalf of your brothers and sisters around the world, to celebrate the union we are as the body of Christ, and to contribute to help the success of mission projects involving young people around the world.

For the past six years, we have been committed to live out our Singapore Declaration. As young disciples, we desire to go beyond the church walls and express to all the life that we live in Jesus Christ. Our theme for this year is “Living!” Living out the Gospel can be demonstrated through our faith in God, through our witness and love we share with others, and through our service to God and His people. With God’s direction, we can do great things locally and globally. During this time of prayer and study as a Baptist youth body, we hope that you experience God in a wonderful way and become empowered to live out the Gospel, serving the world as young disciples with great impact.

We have materials available for you to follow, which can be found on our website. (Click Youth World Day of Prayer link) http://www.bwanet.org/programs/youth

Since we left Singapore, our Youth World Day of Prayer has been very successful. We anticipate once again great results from your participation in the BWA Youth World Day of Prayer on June 9, 2019. Remember, we are a chosen generation seeking to be GOSPEL people.

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We look forward to hearing about your spiritual experiences and know our prayers are always with you.

We also have Our Prayer Wall on the BWA Youth Department page on Facebook. You are always welcome to share your prayers and prayer requests all year round.

Lastly, remember our next global gathering, “CELEBRATION 2020”, will be in Rio de Janerio, Brazil July 22- July 26, 2020. We look forward to seeing all of the BWA Youth in RIO in 2020!

Registration is now open. Go to bwa2020.org for more information.

Blessings,
Amanda Haines-BWA Youth Department President
The Baptist Youth World Day of Prayer is an annual event held on the second Sunday in June. This year, that day is June 9, 2019. Young people around the world are encouraged to plan services that reflect upon the importance of prayer and to intercede on behalf of others.

It is a time to celebrate the unity we share as believers in Jesus Christ and to seek a deeper relationship with Christ. It is also a time to contribute to our Annual Prayer Offering. This offering is used to assist with mission projects involving young people around the world and leadership development training.

This year’s theme is “Living Out the Gospel” and is based on the Singapore Declaration that calls Baptist young people to commit themselves to live as “GOSPEL” people.

Included in this resource guide are five Bible studies developed from the text of John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:8-10 and other related text. It is intended that you will plan to use these, not only for the Day of Prayer, but at other times during the course of the year.

Ways to promote the Youth World Day of Prayer:
- posting to your churches’ website
- printing/posting to your church bulletin board
- sharing on your youth group/organization/personal social media platforms/websites.

Youth World Day of Prayer On Social Media

We invite you to follow us on Twitter: @BWAYouth and join our Facebook page. There, we encourage people to post prayer requests, memories/pictures from the Youth World Day of Prayer gatherings, and also to be connected and know what the global Baptist family is doing.

To promote the Youth World Day of Prayer on Twitter or Facebook please use the BWA Handle @BWAYouth and the Day of Prayer hashtag (#YouthPrayer19). We also encourage you to share/retweet posts that the BWA Youth shares!

Youth World Day of Prayer Offering:

You can make an ONLINE DONATION now:
1. Select: “BWA General Ministry” on the drop down menu
2. Complete the donation form
3. Write on the Comments: 2019 Youth World Day of Prayer

Or send you offering to:
BWA Youth Department
405 North Washington Street
Falls Church, VA 22046 - USA
Baptist World Alliance Youth Department
Youth World Day of Prayer 2019
Suggested Prayer Worship Outline

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL
John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:8-10

Call to Worship (1 minute)

Praise Celebration (15 minutes)
(Music leader should lead within the context of the audience.)

Scripture: John 13:34-35 and/or 1 Peter 4:8-10

Prayer Session I – Intercession (15 minutes)
(Ask the audience for prayer points focusing on their own needs as well as the needs of others. Have two persons offer prayers on behalf of all.)

Musical Offering (10 minutes)
(Music leader should lead in prayer choruses.)

Bible Study/Sermon (30 minutes)
(The leader is encouraged to use the text of John 13:34-35 and/or 1 Peter 4:8-10)

Musical Offering (10 minutes)

Prayer Session II – Intercession (15 minutes)
(Invite six different youth to use the 2019 Baptist Youth Prayer Guide to address world concerns.)

Time alone with God (3-5 Minutes)
(This is an opportunity for silent meditation.)

Closing Song (3 minutes)

Closing Prayer (1 Minute)

Note: Time should also be set aside to raise the BWA Youth World Day of Prayer Offering.
Outline adopted in part from “The Praying Youth” produced by the Youth Ministries Division of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.
We the participants of the 16th Baptist World Alliance Youth World Conference 2013 meeting in Singapore are a generation declaring as followers of Jesus that we are to be part of the change we desire to see in this world.

It is evident that things on this Earth are not as our God created them to be.

As we pray “Your Kingdom Come,” we recognize that this broken world cries out for justice, freedom, peace, hope, and love.

We have heard the call of God through the Scripture, life stories, and spoken word. This call is to give our lives afresh to be the transforming presence of Christ, taking faith-based risks, denying ourselves, and taking up the cross of Christ in our daily living to make a difference for God’s glory.

We covenant today to seek to be G.O.S.P.E.L. people.

**G: Giving**

We offer our whole lives to God as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1), into the service of God wherever He may call us to go in a broken and hurting world, that we may use our very lives, our skills, our talents, and our resources for God and His mission. They are not for our purposes, but that we strive to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of us (Philippians 3:12).

**O: Open to God’s Mission (Missio Dei)**

We are a generation committed to linking arms with our brothers and sisters of the larger family of God, while celebrating our being Baptist as part of the family of God. We realize that we are not called to be comfortable, but disturbed into godly action in response to the heartbeat of God for a broken world. Our passion for Christ and the call of the Gospel drives us all to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we live day by day. As authentic disciples, we commit to serve in the work of the Gospel in our everyday lives.
**S: Speaking Out**

We will not be content with simply following religious motions, but instead will be a people who are a living reflection of Jesus, giving voice to those on the margins, offering hope to the oppressed, the rejected, and the victims of evil in our world. We repent that too often, and for too long, we have remained silent when we should have made ourselves heard. Our commitment is to stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. We will seek justice, bring peace, and lead with grace.

**P: Prophetic Action**

In our dialogue and service, we are also called to make the Gospel of Christ known through both word and action. We seek to join with God in His work, not merely asking God to bless what we want. In this just, we will be seeking transformation in our own lives, being agents of reconciliation, and actively engaging as peacemakers.

**E: Evangelization**

As we acknowledge that we were first loved by God, we will be a generation known by our love for all people. So being rooted in love and committed to Christ, we will bring the message of salvation and redemption through word and deed. In doing this, we seek to make disciples of all people, reaching our neighbor, and those who are far away (Acts 1:9). We encourage all youth of the BWA to first be disciples of Jesus, and to be committed to the calling to make Him known to all.

**L: Living**

We want to be living, breathing expressions of the Gospel as free samples of Jesus wherever we may find ourselves. Together and dispersed, we will live this out; this is our desire personally, locally, nationally, and globally. Even in trials and trauma, God gives us opportunities to display His love. As we practice hospitality and love for all humankind in the name of Christ, God will give opportunities for Christ to be glorified.

We undertake to pray for one another, upholding one another in the body—as this is a tough calling. We invite all young people of the world to join us to seek to walk the way of Christ in all things. Ultimately, we are to be a generation of followers of Jesus who will live simply, give generously, and love abundantly as G.O.S.P.E.L. people.
Today’s Lesson Objective: Participants will learn that we are recognized as Christians by our unselfish, genuine love. It is by this kind of demonstration of love for others that the world will know that we belong to Christ. Participants will be inspired not just to love, but also to love fervently, or deeply.

Materials or Advance Preparation: Pens, pencils, Bibles, small sandwich baggies, small slips of paper.

Bible Study Title: Displaying God’s Love by Our Love

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:8-10

NIV

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.
10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

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8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.
10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Bible Exposition

This series of Bible lessons begins in the book of 1 Peter. The author is the apostle Peter (see 1 Peter 1:1). When Peter first met Jesus, his name was Simon. However, Jesus changed his name to Cephas (see John 1:42). Cephas, in Greek, is Petros, which translates as “rock” or “stone.” Before being called as one of Jesus’ twelve disciples, Peter worked as a fisher. Jesus gave him a new occupation: to join Jesus as a fisher of men (see Matthew 4:19). Peter’s home was in Bethsaida, located on the northern shore of Galilee. His father was Jonah, and his brother was Andrew. In the Bible passage, Peter encourages all believers to have fervent love for one another (or, “love each other deeply,” NIV), for love covers a multitude of sins (verse 8) and imperfections. Fervent means “a great intensity of feeling.” Fervent love is a strong Christian love for one another. If believers have true Christian love for one another, they will not hurt or say cruel, nasty things about or to one another. Imagine the number of disagreements and hurt feelings that can be avoided if the body of Christ loved one another fervently. Fervent love also shows the world that we love God and that we are truly Christ’s disciples.

Jesus said that when Christians love as Christ loves, “This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other” (John 13:34-35, MSG). Love in verses 34-35 is agape love, which is godly love. The verb form of agape is used in verse 34, which suggests that love must also be action. As Christians, when we fail to love fervently, it can cause the world to doubt our Christian witness. One of the divine characteristics of God is love. God’s very nature is love (see 1 John 4:8, 16). As God’s people, we are expected to love, for whoever
does not love does not know God (see 1 John 4:8). Scripture is filled with commands to love one another: we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (see Mark 12:31); we are to love our enemies (see Matthew 5:43-48); and in John 13:34-35, Jesus says displaying God’s love to everyone is not only a sign of our relationship with Christ but also a sign of our commitment to evangelize and disciple others.

When believers show genuine love to fellow believers and others, we demonstrate that we are followers of Jesus and that we love Jesus! Also, as we exercise our love for all people, we become living examples of the love of Christ, and others will be attracted to what we have—and that’s Jesus!

**Personal Daily Prayer Devotional Guidance**

It is sometimes hard to love like Christ loves because of past pain from neglect or having been wronged, among other reasons. But God wants us to love. Love is a determined activity. When we are determined to love, we will love. This week, write five ways you can be more loving and then pray for God to continue to develop in you a heart of love for everyone.

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**Today’s Small Group Prayer Guide/Activity – Committed to Christ!**

Use the word committed to make an acrostic to explain its meaning.

John 13:34-35

Your teacher will give you three slips of paper and a small plastic bag. After listening to John 13:34-35, write down three things you believe describe what biblical love is, or you can write practical ways to show love. Then, place your slips of paper into your plastic bag.

**Living As “G.O.S.P.E.L.” People Service Focus: Living Out the Gospel! Love in Action!**

Prepare peanut-butter sandwiches and place each sandwich in a sandwich baggie. Then, accompanied by an adult supervisor, spend a Saturday morning delivering them to the homeless. Also, obtain bottled water for distribution. Select a date, time, and location for the distribution. Make sure that no one is allergic to peanuts!

**Suggested Prayer**

Dear God, help us to love the way Christ loves. Increase our capacity to love so that others will see God in us and will want to know You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
Today’s Lesson Objective: Participants will learn that practicing hospitality becomes the path for sharing the Gospel with nonbelievers. Since hospitality is at the heart of the Gospel, participants will be encouraged to be open, welcoming, and hospitable to others as they model the life of Jesus to the world.

Materials or Advance Preparation: Pen, pencil, Bible

Bible Study Title: Displaying God’s Love by Practicing Hospitality

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:7; 1 Peter 4:8-10

NIV
8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
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Bible Exposition

Living as G.O.S.P.E.L. people and representations of God’s love will be seen through our hospitality. This week, we continue in 1 Peter. Peter’s letter was written about late AD 64 or early AD 65 to Christians who were scattered throughout Asia. Today, that area is known as northern Turkey. In this epistle, Peter includes both Jewish and Gentile believers, as he encourages the Christians in the churches of Asia Minor. This week’s lesson will focus on another key component of the G.O.S.P.E.L. theme, and that is displaying Christlike service in the form of hospitality. Hospitality is all about having a welcoming and inviting spirit.

Peter says Christians should practice hospitality without grumbling. Whether one is a host or a guest, God wants us to practice hospitality. Our motivation in whatever we do is to always be living examples of Christ. Hospitality involves kindness, and it should be shown to everyone. Peter is insistent about this, because during the time of his writing this epistle, Christians were experiencing isolation and being snubbed because of their Christian witness. But fellow Christians were kind and practiced hospitality. There are many examples of hospitality shown to fellow believers in the Scriptures: (a) the two disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus showed their hospitality when they invited Jesus to stay with them for the evening (see Luke 24:13-35); (b) Jesus, the disciples, and early Christian ministers often depended on the generosity of others (see Luke 9:58; Matthew 10:1-15; 3 John 5-8); (c) Lydia was hospitable, using her resources to be a blessing to others, even persuading Paul and Silas to stay at her house (see Acts 16:15).
The custom of showing hospitality was common during biblical times, and it was so strong that the Hebrew writer noted, “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2). As we practice hospitality and godly love to one another, God will give opportunities for Christ to be glorified. How? Hospitality serves as the open door for the message of evangelism and salvation. Thus, hospitality is at the heart of the Gospel. Paul writes, “Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (see Romans 15:7). Since hospitality is at the core of the Gospel, then by being hospitable we become living examples of God in the world.

**Personal Daily Prayer Devotional Guidance:** Complete the activity during your quiet devotional time with God this week.

1. Why should hospitality be shown to everyone?

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3. On a scale of 0-10, indicate with a check mark ✓ where you fall on the hospitality scale below.

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   **Hospitality Scale**

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If you marked less than 10, what steps will you take so you can become more welcoming and hospitable to others?

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During this personal devotional time, pray for God to open opportunities for you to be welcoming and inviting to everyone you meet.

**Today’s Small Group Prayer Guide/Role-Play: Rap Session on Hospitality**

*Let’s talk about this:*

How can Christians embrace and extend kindness and hospitality to the homeless, immigrants, the hungry, the poor, refugees, and others?

**Living As “G.O.S.P.E.L.” People Service Focus: Living Out the Gospel!**

*Showing Hospitality!*

Seek out an elderly widow, elderly couple, or some other single person who will be happy to join your family for dinner after a weekend worship service. This people service focus project will help students discover that such fellowship is rich, is sweet, and can form lasting friendships.

**Suggested Prayer**

Heavenly Father, showing our love by being hospitable is sometimes easier said than done. We thank You for the challenge to live out the Gospel by being kind and hospitable. We accept that challenge. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
Today’s Lesson Objective: Participants will learn that not only does God’s Word call us to pray, but also, prayer must be a part of our everyday lives. Participants will also learn that by engaging in intercessory prayer, Christians can minister to and serve others.

Materials: Pens, pencils, Bibles, at least five items from a lost-and-found bin* at church or school

Bible Study Title: Displaying God’s Love by Praying for One Another

Scripture Reading: Colossians 4:2; 1 Peter 4:10

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Bible Exposition
This week’s lesson continues in 1 Peter. Peter’s first epistle was written to Christians, members of the Dispersion, near the border of Asia Minor (see 1 Peter 4:3). Interestingly, even though Peter’s education is said to be limited in that he was not schooled by the rabbis, Acts 4:13 notes that when the Jewish leaders saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished and they recognized that they had been with Jesus. This week’s lesson will focus on another element of the G.O.S.P.E.L. theme: prayer.

Peter indicates in 1 Peter 4:10 that whenever Christians receive a gift, they should use that gift to minister to others. While Peter was probably referring specifically to spiritual gifts, God has also given the wonderful gift and privilege of prayer to all. Through prayer, we can “call upon the name of the Lord” (see 1 Corinthians 1:2). Prayer is talking to God. Prayers do not have to be lengthy or complicated, but they do have to be honest, sincere, and from the heart. When prayer is offered on behalf of others, that is intercessory prayer. Christians pray on behalf of others for healing, strength, encouragement, protection, and for God to grant a person’s prayer requests according to God’s will. Christians also use intercessory prayer to pray for a nonbeliever to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus the Christ. Christians are instructed in Scripture to intercede on behalf of our leaders (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2), one another (see James 5:16), and those who persecute us (see Matthew 5:44). Every believer is called to be an intercessor. Whether you are praying corporately (praying together with other believers that God will work among His people and grant their requests according to His will) or as intercessors, God wants His people to put a priority on prayer and to “devote yourselves
to prayer” (Colossians 4:2). Jesus placed importance on prayer by praying often—with others and for others. In fact, John 17:9 gives us a glimpse into the value Jesus placed on intercessory prayer when He says, “I prayed for them.” As you pray, remember the Five W’s (and one H) of prayer:

Who? Everyone (1 Timothy 2:1)
Why? It is how we communicate with God (Hebrews 4:16)
What? Everything (Philippians 4:6)
When? At all times (Ephesians 6:18)
Where? Everywhere (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
How? Sitting, bowing, standing, hands lifted, or lying flat before God. Whatever position you choose, God just wants you to come humbly to Him (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Prayer allows us to partner with God in His work on Earth. Since prayer is a gift that God has given to everyone, God wants His G.O.S.P.E.L. people to devote themselves to prayer and minister to others through prayer.

**Personal Daily Prayer Devotional Guidance**

When God’s people show love through service, hospitality, and ministry by praying for others, believers display that they are good stewards of the gifts with which God has blessed them. Answer the following questions. Close your quiet time with God in a moment of prayer.

1. How often do you pray?

2. How often do you pray with others?

3. Have you made prayer a priority in your life? If not, what do you need to do to focus your heart more on prayer?

4. How has this lesson encouraged you to pray more and for others?

**Today’s Small Group Prayer Guide/Activity Role-Play: Lost and Found**

The class will be divided into two groups. One-half of the group will pray for those around the world who have been forgotten. The other half of the group will be asked to pray for local young people who feel lost or forgotten.

**Living As “G.O.S.P.E.L.” People Service Focus: Living Out the Gospel!**

**Prayer Stroll**

Plan a Prayer Stroll. Collectively choose an area or neighborhood that needs prayer and choose a morning to stroll silently along the streets while praying. As you stroll, present your requests to God. Pray for what that area needs (e.g., healing, resources, opportunities, and help for the helpless, homeless, hungry, and so forth). The experience will be spiritually humbling.

**Suggested Prayer:**

Thank You, God, for the invitation to come to You in prayer. As we pray for nonbelievers, may they come to love Jesus—and as we pray for fellow Christians, may it reinforce the ties that bind us together. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
**Today’s Lesson Objective:** Participants will learn that God has called His followers to be vessels of encouragement. The world is full of discouragement, but as the participants will learn, a little encouragement can and will make a difference in a person’s life.

**Materials or Advance Preparation:** Pens, pencils, Bibles, blank sheets of paper for each student

**Bible Study Title:** Displaying God’s Love by Encouraging One Another

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Peter 4:8-10

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**Bible Exposition**

Peter’s first epistle was written “to encourage a church that was threatened with persecution (see 1 Peter 4:12-19). Therefore, the keynote of the epistle is the relation of suffering to salvation. Suffering, says Peter, is inevitable, but it is not abnormal, for it is the way of perfection (see 1 Peter 5:10)” (*Wycliffe Bible Dictionary*). Learning how to live as G.O.S.P.E.L. people and become living demonstrations of God’s love continues in this lesson. Peter says in verse 10 that God’s people are to use their gifts to minister to one another. This week’s lesson will focus on another essential element of the duty of G.O.S.P.E.L. people—and that is to encourage as we uphold one another in the body of Christ.

When we are encouraging others, we are ministering to them. Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 that we are to encourage one another and build up each other. The inference is that we are to let nothing interfere with the task of building up others in love, in their faith, or in their walk with God. Even in times of trials, God gives us opportunities to display His love. Trials are unavoidable. Even our Lord Jesus said that, in this world, there will be times of difficulty, but we should be encouraged because Jesus has overcome the world (see John 16:33). You will encounter people who are experiencing pain, heartache, tragedy, loneliness, persecution, loss, and many other hardships. While suffering is inevitable and unpleasant, God can use the suffering for a greater good. Suffering produces perseverance, and growth in the faith as the Christian is strengthened and built up for this Christian journey. Suffering also produces patience, devotion, character, and a steadfast hope in God (see Romans 5:3-5). Commit to becoming an encourager. Encouragement can include a kind word or gesture, like a smile or pat on the back. Painful times are the opportune times to encourage the sufferer to trust in God, who is always in control.
God uses difficult times not only to strengthen the Christian, but also to bring a nonbeliever to salvation. Therefore, as G.O.S.P.E.L. people, we dedicate ourselves to being constantly involved in the mission of encouraging others. Those Christians who are encouraging and supportive, and are showing genuine care for others are the ones most often attracting others to Jesus. Remember, God comforts you in your times of trouble so that you may be an encouragement to others (see 2 Corinthians 1:4). You will be surprised how a little encouragement can make a difference in someone’s life.

**Personal Daily Prayer Devotional Guidance**
Complete the activity during your quiet devotional time with God this week. Look up the Scripture references below and write how the hearers were encouraged. End this activity by praying that God will open the door for you to minister to someone who needs some encouragement.

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**Today’s Small Group Prayer Guide/Activity**
Your teacher will provide each of you with a sheet of paper. Write your name at the top of the sheet of paper. Then, pass the paper around the group clockwise. Each person in the group is to write on the sheet of paper one thing about that person that is encouraging and positive. After everyone has written on everyone else’s paper, you all will be called forward to read the comments made by others.

**Living As “G.O.S.P.E.L.” People Service Focus: Living Out the Gospel!**

**Mission of Encouragement**
Go on a mission trip of encouragement. Select a local hospital, hospice, shelter, or elderly living center, and encourage the residents, patients, or their family members with songs, prayers, or Scripture reading. Your group should make encouraging, handmade cards to pass out during your mission trip of encouragement.

**Suggested Prayer**
Dear God, empower us to make a difference in someone’s life by being encouragers. As we accept our duty to encourage others, may You be glorified. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
Today’s Lesson Objective: Participants will be challenged to live out the life that Jesus modeled for us. Participants will also learn that being a Christian should not be in name only. As children of God, we must live our lives in such a way that our lives are strong testimonies to our new life in Christ.

Materials or Advance Preparation: Pen, pencil, Bible, dark scarf to use as a blindfold.

Bible Study Title: Displaying God’s Love by Walking the Talk

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:8-10; 1 John 2:6

NIV
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Bible Exposition
This is the final installment of Peter’s admonition in verse 10 to use our gifts to minister to (serve) one another. Living as G.O.S.P.E.L. people requires every Christian to be living examples of God’s love by walking the way of Christ in all things. This week’s lesson will focus on this very important element: walking the talk.

God’s requirements for our lives extend beyond worship and Bible study to being active, living, breathing demonstrations of our faith. God wants every Christian to live a life that matters, a life that serves someone other than ourselves. Likewise, God wants Christians to be diligent not only in using our spiritual gifts to serve, but also to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. By God’s grace, He blesses every believer with spiritual gifts at the time of salvation. These various (manifold) gifts are to be used in service to one another. There have been times when Christians were not taken seriously in this world, because our “walk” did not match our “talk.” It is one thing to profess we are Christians, but it becomes confusing to the nonbelieving world when our talk does not match our Christian walk and vice versa. It is wise for Christians to consider the impressions we make as we interact with others. Since our walk (which includes our speech, behavior, actions, and deeds) reflects who we are, then we must be living examples of how living a Christ-centered life can be an important means of drawing people to Jesus. Thus, as we reach out into the world, our walk becomes a vital part of sharing our testimony with an unsaved world. The apostle John says, “Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did” (1 John 2:6). John makes it clear that the evidence that a person is in Him is in a life modeled after the life of Jesus. The following is a partial list of how Jesus’ life can be characterized:
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Living as G.O.S.P.E.L. people calls for us to practice what we profess. We must walk as Christ walked and behaved, imitating Christ by displaying God's love and compassion for others in humility, in patience, and in obedience to God. As you live for God in this world, it will be your testimony and lifestyle that encourage others to join you as you live out the Gospel, seeking to walk the way of Christ in all things, always, and in every situation.

**Personal Daily Prayer Devotional Guidance**

Reflect on this St. Augustine quote: “A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.” Then meditate and answer the following questions:

1. **Is your mind a mind through which Christ thinks?**
   
   **Explain:**

2. **Is your heart a heart which through which Christ loves?**
   
   **Explain:**

3. **Is your voice a voice through which Christ speaks?**
   
   **Explain:**

4. **Is your hand a hand through which Christ helps?**
   
   **Explain:**

Ask yourself the above questions and pray for God to enable and inspire you to be the Christlike example the world needs to see and hear.

**Today’s Small Group Prayer Guide/Activity: Statements of Intent**

1. I’m determined for my life to make a difference for Christ. I intend to __________.
2. I’m determined for my actions to be in harmony with my words so that God is glorified in every way. I intend to ________.
3. I’m determined to be a witness for Christ. I intend to ________.
4. I’m determined to become more committed to praying regularly. I intend to ____________.
5. I’m determined to use my God-given gifts to serve others. I intend to ____________.

**Living As “G.O.S.P.E.L.” People Service Focus: Living Out the Gospel!**

**Displaying God’s Love**

Be a living example of God’s love by volunteering and assisting in a community service project/event. Examples include the following:

- Locate an after-school enrichment program for school children and volunteer tutoring in reading, science, math, or language.
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup/beautification day.
- Volunteer at an elderly living center and assist the recreation director during the activity hour.

**Suggested Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for this inspiring and eye-opening lesson. May our lives be representations of the work of Christ in our world. As we live in Christ, may we also walk as Jesus walked. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
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Prayer Requests

AFRICA
1. May God halt all the activities of terrorist in Africa.
2. Request for the unconditional release of Leah Sharibu young teenager kidnapped by Boko Haram in Nigeria who refuse to denounce Jesus Christ in the den of the religious terrorists.
3. Prayer for Good leadership in the continent of Africa.
4. Prayer for God to halt the persecution of Anglophone speaking region of Cameroon by the government.
5. Success of the upcoming AABYF biennial conference under the theme: "Great Grace" 2 Samuel 9:7-8.
6. Prayer for the delegates, all ministers and host country for safety, provisions, and peace.

ASIA
1. APBY will be launching the 'Making-Multiplying Disciples' Training for APBY during the September APBF Congress in Yogjakarta, Indonesia.
2. Pray for APBY (SE Region).
3. Pray for APBY (Pacific Region) leadership conference.
4. Pray for the main APBY Conference that meets every 5 years.
5. Pray for an Exponential Growth of the Asia-Pacific Baptist Youth as discipleship emphasis/training is offer to each country through APBY.

CARIBBEAN
1. For the world to cease in berating and demonizing the Church
2. For Christians to live as God calls, rather than work to maintain appearances (pretense and falsehood)
3. For patience and hope, as we try to cope with these violent times and look to GOD for protect and peace
4. For prosperity, but the kind that honors GOD and seeks after the benefit of others, to HIS praise
5. For guidance, as we pursue education, relationships, families, careers, good health, etc.
6. Genuine and sincere worship in the Church, and among all brethren
7. Violence against women and children
8. Unemployment of my qualified young people
9. The fear of God to be returned to the nations
10. Substance abuse among teens
11. Ruthlessness in youth and males
12. Corruption across all levels in the country (politics, schools, banks, churches)
13. Lack of moral values
14. Spirits of discord, murder, mischief, disbelief, depression, suicide, sexuality
15. Rise of homosexuality and sexual confusion
16. Lack of discernment in the church.
17. Personalizing/living out your faith.
18. Living in an anti-Christian culture
19. Sexual purity pressures/temptations
20. Identity and self-image issues
21. Divorce and family issues
22. Negative media influences
23. Busyness
24. Absent father figures
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25. Lack of discipline
26. Materialism
27. Leaders of our churches and nation
28. Young people not being committed
29. Crime and violence, especially by young people and against young people
30. New vision for our nation
31. To live purposefully
32. Finding a Godly marriage partner
33. Proper financial planning as and individual and as a nation
34. Growth corporately (in employment) in spiritual walk and divine relationship
35. Courage to dream and live beyond the economic crisis
36. Release the baggage of past failures and live the chosen life of Christ
37. Rise in satanism and cults

EUROPE
1. Please pray for Bob Morris (Chair of the EBF Youth and Children Committee) as he recovers from having a brain tumour removed. Unfortunately it has grown back so please pray for him as he restarts a different Chemotherapy regime and pray for a miracle that the tumour would die because the chemotherapy only slows down growth it does not "heal" - that is God's part!
2. Give thanks for a good meeting recently for the EBF Youth and Children’s Committee. Please pray for wisdom and vision as they continue to plan and prepare for their next annual conference in Tallinn; Estonia in January 2020.
3. Give thanks that Roald Zeiffert from Norway has been appointed as the Horizons Training Coordinator for EBF and pray for him to have wisdom, boldness and vision as he liaises with Jeff Carter at BWA and comes alongside the European national leaders and unions and promotes Horizons Youth and Children’s Training Programme.

LATINO AMERICA
1. Pray for regional and national meetings in different countries of the continent
2. Pray for the youth leadership across Latin America
3. Pray for the Executive Committee of the Juventud Bautista Latino Americana (JUBLA) President: Pastor David Silva
5. General Assembly of JUBLA
6. UNIÓN BAUTISTA LATINOAMERICA Congress
7. Youth Evangelical Crusade – Nicaragua
8. Youth Evangelical Crusade – Venezuela
9. Youth Evangelical Crusade – Honduras
10. Missionary work in El Salvador
11. Economic resources for the development of JUBLA.
12. Continental Sports Games of the Bautista Latino American Youth
13. Pray for all the young Baptists of our continent to take on the challenge of obeying the call of God to serve in their work.
14. Pray for the youth of our continent to open their hearts to Christ.
15. Pray for the work of the Ministry NO MORE VIOLENCE "a message from God" that is taking place in different countries of Latin America.
16. Pray for the teams of Radical Latino that are working in several countries of the continent.
17. Pray for youth groups in every church in Latin America and its leaders. May they continue to grow not only in quantity but also in quality in their relationship with the Lord and with brothers and sisters in Christ.

**NORTH AMERICA**

1. Pray for North American youth to have the spirit of dedication to passionately engage in God’s mission.
2. The many immigrants and refugees in our country that are currently living in fear due to recent political decisions.
3. That we will be open to conversation about many things and not just arguing with each other
4. That youth will rise up and actively engage their faith through crises and become a generation of influencers.
5. Pray for a deeper understanding of the concerns of the rest of the world.
7. Pray for tolerance and dialogue with other faith groups.
8. Pray for the leadership of the youth departments across North America.