

Group Discussion Questions

Effective Ministry in These Troubled Times

Use this sheet for your group discussion time, after completing the video lesson materials. Be sure to print, keep a copy, and review the written lesson materials as well. First pray. Then discuss. Through this discussion time, aim to develop solid ideas and plans for implementing lesson truths and ideas learned. Discussion time is geared for about 30-minutes (but feel free to expand if needed or desired).

Appoint a group moderator/facilitator to help keep discussion focused, engaging for all, on-point, and on time.

Tips: Allotting 10 minutes per main question with sub-questions allows completion in 30-min.

1) What especially strikes you about God's call to work during troubled times?

- a. What does it require to answer this call? (faith, bravery, wise action, creativity?) Do we need more Calebs and Joshuas today? Why or why not? Can anyone become one?
- b. What are some practical ideas you've gleaned or which you can think of for doing effective outreach for others during these troubled times?
- c. As a group, pray and consider what kinds of outreach efforts you'd like to implement in your church and community during this time. Jot them down. Share them with your pastor and the group at large, when given a chance. Be sure to follow-up, taking action.

2) What did you learn about literature evangelism during this presentation, that would especially encourage you to be an active part in this ministry?

- a. What are some ways *you* personally would like to be active in literature evangelism?
- b. What are some ways you'd like to see your local church develop its literature ministry?
- c. Prayerfully discuss some literature ministry events your team, group, and/or church can actively plan, promote, and execute during the remainder of 2020 and beyond.

3) What did you learn about effective teamwork and gospel work training during this presentation?

- a. Do you feel inspired to develop better teamwork and effective gospel-work training programs in your church? Why or why not?
- b. How can we change our local church culture to be more team-oriented and focused in our efforts? What are possible hindrances, and what efforts can help us overcome these?
- c. What effective team ministries and efforts can our church develop, with God's help? Share ideas with your pastor and the group at large.
- d. *Hints: How can you optimally run an effective outreach event at your church? How many people would you need? What positions? When sharing literature in communities and gaining interest for follow-up Bible studies, do you have people in the church who are trained and active in giving studies to begin studies promptly with interested persons? Are church and special events geared to reach interested persons? Are they friendly to all, including families with kids? Are prayer teams attune to your outreach needs?*

Homework: Pray and think more on the outreach efforts God would like *you* to do or be a part of at this time. Consider how you can work effectively with others on this. Connect with others and take action.