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The Image of God



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# Welcome to BASICS

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Dear Disciple:

Welcome to BASICS, a unique discipleship curriculum for followers of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you discovered BASICS' unique discipleship experience in Book I. If not, let us welcome you now to BASICS, a tool to guide new and mature believers into wholistic, biblical lifestyles!

BASICS develops Christian disciples who not only have mental knowledge of Scripture, but whose daily lives reflect God's image to the world He loves. In English, "BASICS" stands for "Brothers And Sisters In Christ's Service." The most important meaning of "BASICS," though, is its content—the "basic" principles of following Christ, loving God, and loving our neighbor.

The BASICS series is unique in several ways:

- BASICS is wholistic. It emphasizes God's concern for all of His creation.
- BASICS is built on Scripture.
- BASICS is communicated in small, informal groups and personal mentoring relationships. "Disciplers" are facilitators, not classroom teachers; "disciples" are active, participatory learners.
- BASICS uses discovery learning and exercises to reinforce learning.
- BASICS is practical. Disciples apply lessons between group sessions.

BASICS II is titled *The Image of God*. In its twelve lessons, disciples discover and apply truths about the Creator, Trinity, Holy Spirit, attributes of God, His reign over the spiritual world—and themselves, created in God's image. In the Study Guide for BASICS II you will find the Scripture verses, discovery questions, and the application plans for each of the twelve lessons. This edition is designed to accompany the standard version of Book II of BASICS, which has the instructions for the Discippler, or small group leader.

May the Lord guide you as you seek to be a disciple of Jesus Christ who reflects the image of God.

Brothers And Sisters In Christ's Service,

*The Staff of Harvest*



## Study Guide

### Key Verse

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

### Discovery Questions

- Who did God use as a model when He created man?
- Does this make mankind special? Why?
- Are men and women both made in God's image?
- Which is of greater value—men or women?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### Jesus—The Image of God

- *Colossians 1:15*
- *Hebrews 1:3*
- Is God the Father visible, like a human? Can people see God or His Spirit?





- All societies devalue human life in different ways. What examples do we see of this in our society?
  
- Does this happen within churches? Explain your answer.

### Mankind—Restored to the Image of God

- *Ephesians 4:22-24*
  - *Colossians 3:9-10*
  - *2 Corinthians 3:18*
- How does our new self become created in the image of God? What are some practical ways to do this?
  
  - How are we transformed? Can we conform ourselves to the image of God by human effort?

### False Images (Optional Section)

- *Romans 1:22-23*
  - *Psalms 135:15-18*
- People may think they are wise when they use an image in their worship. But what does God think of them?
  
  - Why is it foolish to worship an image?
  
  - What happens to us personally if we worship false images? What happens to a society that worships false images?
  
  - What happens when we worship the true God? How could this change our society?





## Study Guide



### Discovery Questions

- When* was the beginning? *Who* was in the beginning?
  
- Was there anything before this time? *What* was created?
  
- When you think about the vastness of the universe and that God created it all, how do you feel? What does this mean to you?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### The Creator

- *Isaiah 37:16*
  - How many things did God create?
  
  - How many Creator Gods are there?



## GodIsGlorified

- *1 Corinthians 8:5-6*
- *Colossians 1:15-18*
- *Psalms 104:30*
  - Who is mentioned as Creator in 1 Corinthians? In Colossians? In Psalms?
  - Were God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit all involved in creation?

## Mankind'sWorthandGod'sLove

- *Jeremiah 10:11-12*
  - How can we be sure that our God is the true God?
  - Does our culture have other creation stories or beliefs? Can these all be true? What happens to other “gods”?
- *Revelation 4:11*
  - Only God is worthy to receive certain things. What? Why?
- *Psalms 139:13-18*
  - What does this passage tell us about the worth of one life?
  - What kind of care did God take in creating us? How much does He think about you and me, personally? Do you think God wants to have a close, personal relationship with us?

## MankindIsCreative

- *Exodus 31:1-5*
- *Exodus 35:25-26*
  - What are the special qualities mentioned about the people in these two passages?





# He Reigns on High

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## Study Guide

### Key Verse

Then Jesus came to them and said,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me.”

Matthew 28:18

### Discovery Questions

- How extensive is Jesus' authority?
- Who gave Jesus “all authority in heaven”?
- Over whom does He have authority in heaven?
- Over whom does He have authority on earth?
- What are some titles we use for someone who has this kind of authority?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### GodIsKing

- *1 Samuel 8:6-7*
  - Who were the people really rejecting when they went to Samuel to demand a king?

How did God intend to relate with the Israelites?

Does God force His authority on His people?

### JesusIsKing

• *Daniel 7:13-14*

In Daniel's vision, who was the "Ancient of Days"?

The "one like a son of man" was Jesus. What was given to Him? Who worshiped Him? Describe the picture you see.

• *Matthew 19:28*

What did Jesus describe here? What does a throne represent?

• *Hebrews 1:3,8*

In 1 Samuel, we saw God as King. In Daniel and Matthew, Jesus is King. How does Hebrews 1 help us understand this?

Who is Jesus like, according to Hebrews? Where is He seated? By what name does God the Father call Jesus?

### TheNatureofGod

• *Jeremiah 23:24*

What do you see in this passage? Is there a secret place that God does not know? Why not?

How does God "fill" heaven and earth? Does He put one large foot on earth and one in heaven? If we could travel to another planet, would God be there?



- Can God listen to our prayers at the same time He listens to someone's prayers on the other side of the world?
  
- *Romans 1:20*
  - What can we see in creation? Who created all things?
  
  - How much power does it take to set billions of stars—many of them much larger than our sun—into place?
  
  - How would you want to relate to someone that powerful?
  
- *Hebrews 4:13*
  - How much does God know? Does He know everything about you? About everyone?
  
  - How is it possible for God to know so much?

In these passages, we see three aspects of God's nature:

- (1) His presence is everywhere.
- (2) He is all-powerful.
- (3) He knows all things.

- Do you think God has what is necessary to rule over everything?
  
- How do you feel about being responsible—giving account—to the God who is everywhere, is all-powerful, and knows everything?

### Our Response to the Sovereign God

- *Psalms 139:1-10*
  - How do you feel as you read this description of God? How well does verse 6 reflect your own thoughts about God?



- How would you feel about verse 7 if you were not right with God? How does verse 10 balance the other verses?
  
- *Daniel 2:20-23*
  - God has not created us as all-knowing, all-powerful, or present everywhere. Yet, God gave Daniel wisdom and power in a time of great need. What can we learn from Daniel's response?
  
- *James 4:12*
  - Although we were created in His image, are we sovereign? Are we to be worshiped? How much authority do we have?



**Application  
Plan**

Pray and reflect about how you could apply this lesson in the coming days. Write out your plan to complete one small action before the next session. Include what you will do, when you will do it, and who will be involved.

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# 4 The Heart of the Father

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## Study Guide

### Key Verse

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:15,16

### Discovery Questions

- Aramaic was the language Jesus and His disciples spoke in their homes. In the Aramaic language, "Abba" was the familiar or endearing term for the word "Father." What terms for "Abba" do we use?
- Think about God as your "Abba." How does this affect the way you view Him?
- This verse says that the Holy Spirit gives us such yearning for the Father that, from the deepest part of our beings, we call out for Him. Can you think of a time when you were drawn especially close to "Abba"?
- What ingredients are necessary for a good, close relationship between a father and his child? What has God done so that His children can have this relationship with Him?



## Supporting Verse and Discovery Questions

### Children of the Father

- *1 John 3:1*
  - *Ephesians 1:4-5*
- What are some of the rights and privileges that children receive from their fathers? What is the greatest thing that God could do to show His love for us?
  
  - What do you notice when you watch children and fathers together? Are they similar? What are some things people who are not Christians should learn about God by watching us?
  
  - How long had God been planning to adopt us? What does this tell you? How do you feel when you think about this? Why?
  
  - Why do you think God created us and wants a relationship with us? What are your thoughts when you consider that God—because of His love—chose to adopt us?

### Fatherly Care

- *Deuteronomy 1:31*
  - *Psalms 68:5*
- The Israelites spent forty years in the desert under Moses' leadership. Deuteronomy was written by Moses. How did he describe God's care for the Israelites in the desert?
  
  - How would you describe the feelings of a child who is being carried by his father? How do you think God "carries" us?
  
  - Psalm 68 reminds us that widows and the fatherless can be some of the most defenseless people on earth. How does God the Father care for them?



- In these passages, did you notice anything that said we have to be famous, intelligent, or rich to be important to God? What do you conclude—personally—from that?

### Developing a Father's Heart

- *James 1:27*

- What does God our Father tell us to do?
- What are some problems experienced by widows, single parents, or divorced people?
- What kinds of practical things could we as Christians do to help defend and care for widows, orphans, or children who do not have both parents?

- *Hebrews 12:7-8*

- According to this passage, is the Lord's discipline good for us?
- Why does God discipline us? What is His purpose? Why would He bring hardship?
- List several ways people might react to God's discipline. Which responses best accomplish God's purposes in us?
- Do most children behave better if their fathers are nearby? God is always present. What difference should that make in our lives?
- Do you think it is right for parents to discipline their children? What is appropriate discipline? What is the right motivation?





# God Is Forgiving

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## Study Guide

### Key Verse

Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God  
forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

### Discovery Questions

- Who was the first to forgive?
- Who is our pattern for forgiveness? What does this imply about our forgiveness of others?
- What are some words that describe Christ's forgiveness of us?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### GodIsForgiving

- *Micah 7:18-19*
- *1 John 1:9*
- What does God the Father do freely? In what does He delight?
- What do you imagine when you hear these words: "tread our sins underfoot" and "hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea"?



- How can we be sure God will forgive us if we confess our sins?

### Jesus Demonstrated Forgiveness

- *Luke 5:17-25*

- What great efforts did the men in this story make so Jesus could heal their friend?
- What was the first thing that Jesus told the paralyzed man when He saw the faith of his friends? What do you think the man's friends were thinking?
- Why did Jesus forgive the man before He healed him? What did that show the people about His authority?

- *Luke 23:34*

- What was Jesus' reaction when He looked down from the cross and saw the Roman soldiers who had whipped Him, beaten Him with their fists, forced the crown of thorns on His head, mocked Him, forced Him to carry His cross, and crucified Him?
- How would most people react?

- *Acts 7:59-60*

- Where do you think Stephen learned to respond as he did?
- Do you think Stephen was able to do this in his own strength?  
(*Note: See Acts 7:55.*)
- What can we learn from this example?



## Forgiving as Jesus Did

- *Matthew 18:21-22*
- *Matthew 6:14-15*
- How many times do we forgive one who sins against us? Should we count them?
  
- In what relationships do we most often need to forgive people?
  
- What happens if we do not forgive? Is forgiveness optional?
  
- *Ephesians 4:29-32*
- What kinds of relationships are harmed by the negative traits listed in verse 31? Why would these traits grieve the Holy Spirit?
  
- Paul wrote a remedy in verse 32, our Key Verse. What are some of the ways that God in Christ forgave us? How, then, are we to forgive each other?
  
- What happens in relationships where there is no forgiveness? What happens to people who do not forgive?





# God Is Patient

## Study Guide

### Key Verse

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

### Discovery Questions

- How do we benefit from the Lord's patience?
- What would the world be like if God had less patience?
- The promise mentioned by Peter refers to Jesus' Second Coming. According to this verse, why has Jesus not yet returned?
- Peter wrote thirty years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The people were already impatiently waiting for His Second Coming. Are you glad He waited?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### GodIsPatient

- *Romans 2:4*
- *1 Timothy 1:16*
- Romans 2:4 says that God is "rich" in kindness, tolerance, and



patience. Why are these three attributes such a rich combination? Do you think they lead us to repentance more readily than anger and wrath? Why?

- Recall that Paul persecuted Christians before his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-20). Why did Paul receive eternal life? How did this experience influence his understanding of mercy?

### The Image of God and Patience

- *Psalms 37:7*

- *Proverbs 14:29*

- How does patience demonstrate the image of God in us?
  
- What is our normal reaction when unrighteous people succeed—and we do not? What is a biblical response?
  
- Proverbs compares a patient man with a quick-tempered person. What does a patient man have?
  
- What are long-range results of a quick-tempered person's response to difficult circumstances? What are the long-range results of a patient person's response?
  
- Were you ever hurt by someone's quick temper? Have you ever hurt someone?
  
- Can a person be impatient, but not quick-tempered? What are other ways we show impatience?
  
- Is it easy to be impatient with someone, even if we do the same thing? Why is that?



- *Galatians 6:9-10*
- *Ephesians 4:1-3*
- Christian activity may begin with great fervor—but stop. How can we avoid growing weary of doing good? What sometimes happens when we do not see immediate results ?
- What ingredients are needed to keep the unity of the Spirit among believers?
- *Galatians 5:22,25*
- How do we grow in patience? What is our role and what is the Holy Spirit's role in our growth?

### **Reinforcement Exercise**

#### Set 1—CleanandUnclean

Jesus' response to the Pharisees: Mark 7:5-13

Jesus' response to the Disciples: Mark 7:14-19

#### Set 2—FeedingtheFourThousand

Jesus' response to the Pharisees: Mark 8:5-13

Jesus' response to the Disciples: Mark 8:14-21

#### SmallGroupQuestions

- What was the setting for this passage?
- With whom did Jesus need patience?
- What did He do or say?
- What should we learn from Jesus?

LargeGroupQuestions

- What did you see in these four examples?
  
- What do you feel when people lack understanding or are intentionally antagonistic?
  
- What did you learn from Jesus?



**Application Plan**

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# God Is Holy

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## Study Guide

### Key Verse

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16

### Discovery Questions

- What has God called us to be?
- Does God call us do things that are impossible?
- Are we as holy as God is?
- Should we be content to remain as we are, or desire to become more holy?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### GodIsHoly

- *Psalms 89:7-8*
  - What is the feeling you have when you read this passage?
  - What does it mean that God is “feared” and “awesome”?



- What do you sense when you hear the title “Lord God Almighty”?
- *Isaiah 5:16*
  - How will our Lord be exalted?
  - How will He show Himself holy?
  - What is meant by “justice” and “righteousness”?

### GodMakesUsHoly

- *Philippians 4:21-22*
  - What were the Christians called in this letter? Did this term refer to all Christians, or only to specific, highly honored believers? What does this signify for us?
- *Colossians 1:22-23*
  - What very special thing has God done for us because of Christ’s death on the cross? How does God the Father see us?
  - What should our response be to the love of God demonstrated in Christ’s death?
- *Hebrews 13:12*
  - How are we made holy?

### GrowthinHoliness

- *Ephesians 1:4*
  - How long has God been planning to have a holy people?
- *Ephesians 5:25-27*



- Describe how God has always envisioned us. Do we look like this now?
  
- How does Christ cleanse the church? What is the result?
  
- What is meant by “the word” in Ephesians 5?
  
- Do you think we will be sanctified by reading the Word of God, without obeying it?

### The Image of God—Holiness

- *Romans 12:1*
  - What does it mean to offer our bodies as holy, living sacrifices? How should our “sacrifice” be presented so it will please God?
  
  - Do you think God is pleased with our songs or prayers if we do not live holy lives?
  
- *Ephesians 5:3*
  - This passage lists sins that are improper for God’s holy people. What does “not even a hint of sexual immorality” mean? What does “not any kind of impurity or greed” mean? Does God tolerate even a “small amount” of sin?
  
- *2 Timothy 2:19-22*
  - Paul writes that we are to be “an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good





# Unity and Trinity

## Study Guide

### Key Verse

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

### Discovery Questions

- What is unique about this blessing that the Apostle Paul gave the Corinthian church
- How many Persons are mentioned here? Who are they?
- Why do you think Paul mentioned all three Persons of the Trinity in this blessing?
- What words describe the relationship we can experience with the Trinity?
- In your experience, is Jesus the only one who gives grace? Is God the Father the only one who loves? Is the Holy Spirit the only one who brings fellowship?





## Examining the New Testament

- *Matthew 3:16-17*
  - Who is being baptized? Who speaks from heaven? Who descended like a dove? How many Persons are mentioned?
  
- *Matthew 28:19*
  - In whose names are new believers to be baptized? How many Persons are mentioned?
  
- *John 14:16-17*
  - To Whom is Jesus going to pray in this passage? For what is He going to ask? How many Persons are mentioned?

## Unity and Trinity—A Model

- *John 17:20-21*
  - Do you see any disunity between Jesus and the Father?
  
  - How, as Jesus prayed, can believers become so unified that the world believes?
  
  - Do you know people who have been influenced by observing love and unity among believers?





# Filled with the Spirit

## Study Guide

### Key Verse

“I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.”

John 14:16,17a

### Discovery Questions

- Who spoke these words?
- How many Persons are included in this passage, including Jesus?
- Why did Jesus promise “another Counselor”?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit a “Counselor”? What other words are sometimes used instead of “counselor”?

### Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

#### The Teacher of All Truth

- *John 14:26*
- *Acts 6:8-10*
- John explained a special ministry of the Holy Spirit. What is it? Have you ever experienced this? Have the teachings of Jesus come to your mind at just the right moment?







# 10 The Work of the Spirit

## Study Guide

### Key Verse

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:49

### Discovery Questions

- These are some of the last words Jesus spoke before He was taken up to be with the Father. What was the Father's promise?
  
- Why do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit? Why did He tell them not to go out immediately to start preaching?
  
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said the disciples would be "clothed with power"?
  
- Why did the disciples need God's power for the ministry they would do? Do *we* need God's power to do the things He asks us to do? What happens when we rely on our own power?



## Supporting Verses and Discovery Questions

### EquippedwithHisQualities

- *Romans 5:5*
- *Galatians 5:22-23*
- What is the reason we are able to have God's love in our lives?
  
- How are we able to have Christian character qualities? Why would Christian character qualities reflect God's image in us?
  
- Can we become like God without the Holy Spirit's work in us?
  
- Are these qualities for some Christians—or for all?

### EmpoweredforHisMinistry

- *John 14:12-17*
- What are some of the works Jesus did?
  
- How could we do greater works? How did Jesus explain this?
  
- *Romans 12:6-8*
- *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*
- These passages list gifts the Holy Spirit gives believers. Do you think one person has all these gifts? Why or why not?



- How could a group of believers, each using various gifts from the Holy Spirit, unite to reflect a more complete image of God to the church and the world?
  
- Is there any gift that you desire the Holy Spirit to develop in you, for the benefit of others?

### Transformed into His Image

- *2 Corinthians 3:18*
- *1 Corinthians 2:10-12,16*
- How are we being transformed? By Whom?
  
- As we freely look at Christ, what is happening in us?
  
- How does the Spirit help us? Why?
  
- How can we understand the thoughts of God?
  
- As we come to know the mind of the Lord through the Holy Spirit, how will this develop the image of Christ in us?



# God and the Invisible World

## Study Guide

### Key Verse

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

### Discovery Questions

- Who is “he who is in the world”? (See 1 John 4:3.)
- Who is “the one who is in you”?
- Whom have we overcome? How?

### Supporting Verses & Discovery Questions

#### God and Jesus—Over Everything

- *John 4:24*
- *Colossians 1:16*
- *Colossians 2:15*
- *1 Peter 3:21b-22*
- How is God described in John 4? How does this compare with your other thoughts of God?



- How many things were created by Jesus? How many invisible powers, rulers, and authorities did He create? Do you think that God created evil beings?
  
- How did Jesus triumph over rebellious powers and authorities?
  
- After His resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven. What authority does He now have over all powers, angels, and authorities?

### HolyAngels

- *Hebrews 1:14*
  - What is one of the functions of God's holy angels?
  
- *Psalms 103:20-21*
  - Do we send angels, or does God? Whose will do angels obey?
  
- *Acts 5:18-20*
  - What happened to Peter? Can you think of other occasions when angels were sent by God to minister to people?

### SatanandDemons

- *Luke 10:17-18*
  - What did the disciples report? What did Jesus mean by His reply? (*See Isaiah 14:12-15.*)
  
- *Matthew 25:41*
  - What is the eternal destiny of the devil and his angels?



## Satan's Schemes—Deception and Temptation

- *2 Corinthians 11:3*
- *1 Corinthians 10:13*
- How does Satan lead people away from devotion to Christ?
  
- Is temptation itself a sin? Why would God permit it?
  
- When Satan tempts us to sin, what does he want to do to our relationship with God? What does he want to do to the image of God in us?
  
- God's image is based on truth and holiness. What do you notice about Satan's tactics of deception and temptation?

## God's Provision—Protecting His Image in Us

- *Luke 4:1-14*
- What three temptations from Satan did Jesus resist? Explain them in terms that relate to temptations people face today.
  
- By what method did Jesus resist temptations from Satan? How could we resist temptations the same way?
  
- *James 4:7*
- *1 Peter 5:8-9*
- What can we do to resist the devil? What happens when we submit to God?
  
- How did Peter describe Satan? In addition to resisting the devil, what else should we do?



- Without God, are we stronger than the devil?
  
- *Ephesians 6:11-17*
  - Even though Satan would like to destroy the image of God in us, what has God done to protect it?
  
  - What is the breastplate of righteousness? How would it protect us? Who are our opponents?
  
  - What is the belt of truth? How would it help us face opponents? What is the shield of faith? How could it extinguish what the evil one sends? How would you use the sword of the Spirit?
  
  - What other equipment is listed? How could we “wear” it?
  
  - Look at the equipment. Would you say that God has made a way to protect His image in us from deception and temptation?

### IdolWorship (*Optional Section*)

- *Revelations 9:20*                      • *Deuteronomy 32:16,17,21a*
  - Does God want us to make or worship an image of Himself or of anything else?
  
  - What is the power behind idols?
  
  - What will happen to those who do not repent of idolatry?





# 12 The Image of God in Me

## Study Guide

### #1 The Image of God

Genesis 1:27

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

- We are created in the image of God. Now that you have learned about mankind's value as the image-bearer of God, how have you changed the way you think about yourself and others?

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### #2 In the Beginning, GOD

Genesis 1:1

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

- God is the great Creator of all there is. Amazingly, He has also placed within us a creative nature to produce works of art, poetry, music, or new ideas in the realms of business, the ministry, or our personal lives. What creative activities have you done recently? Have you become aware that your creativity reflects God's image in you?

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### #3 He Reigns on High

Matthew 28:18

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

- All authority has been given to Jesus and every knee in heaven and on earth will bow before Him. In spite of His absolute authority, He has given us free will to decide to obey or disobey Him. As you have applied BASICS II, has there been an area of your life that you have decided to submit to the Kingship of Jesus? What has happened?

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### #4 The Heart of the Father

Romans 8:15,16

*For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*



- God cares for us—His children. As His image-bearers, we also care for others. How did you demonstrate God's care to another person in the past several weeks? How will you demonstrate His care for others in the coming weeks?

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## #5 God Is Forgiving

Ephesians 4:32

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

- We benefit greatly by God’s forgiveness of our sins through Christ Jesus. We are to also forgive others—even the worst offenses committed against us. Think about your growth in being able to forgive those who sin against you.

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## #6 God Is Patient

2 Peter 3:9

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

- God’s patience has resulted in our salvation. The fruit of patience is sweet. What two or three keys have helped you grow in patience recently? Is there some way in which you are still not demonstrating the patience that God wants you to have?

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## #7 God Is Holy

1 Peter 1:15-16

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

- We have been made holy by God. Yet, in another sense, we also grow in holiness. This is a life-long process. We must turn away from things that do not honor God and turn toward those that do. Are there one or two areas in your life where God wants you to grow in holiness? What have you learned that is helping you?

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## #8 Unity and Trinity

2 Corinthians 13:14

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

- God, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit enjoy perfect communion and unity. Describe one relationship that improved as you applied BASICS II. Or, describe one relationship that you have targeted to work toward unity.

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## #9 Filled with the Spirit

John 14:16,17a

*“I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever, the Spirit of truth.”*

- We are not alone. God has promised to fill us with the Holy Spirit if we ask. The Holy Spirit is a comforter and a communicator of all truth.

The Holy Spirit also convicts us of sin. As this happens, we need to confess and be cleansed. Have you prayed to ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit? If you wish, ask the group to pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you continually and make you an effective witness of truth.



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## #10 The Work of the Spirit

Luke 24:49

*I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.*

- In the Christian life, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and work through us to bless others. We bear the image of God as the Holy Spirit develops the fruit of the Spirit in us. The marvelous acts that Jesus did were accomplished through the Holy Spirit's power, and Jesus promised that we would do the same things. In this way, too, we carry God's image. Finally, Scripture assures us that the Holy Spirit is in the process of transforming us into the image of God. What have you learned, personally, as you have walked with the Holy Spirit?

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## #11 God and the Invisible World

1 John 4:4

*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

- God is spirit, and has authority over all spiritual beings, including Satan. Satan's intent is to destroy the work of God, including the image of God in us. We can overcome the evil one when we stand firm and resist—because God is in us and has equipped us. Have you recently experienced greater victory over temptation or deception? Briefly describe this.

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## #12 The Image of God in Me

- What two or three things have been the most helpful to you in BASICS II? What did you learn about God that has helped you in daily life? What has helped you grow toward the image of God—the image for which you were created?

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- What application did you do between lessons that most impacted you? What application most impacted the people you served? Why?

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# Additional Verses

Use for additional study, reflection, prayer, and application.

## Lesson1:TheImageofGod

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| 2 Corinthians 4:4 | Genesis 1:26        | James 3:9    |
| Romans 8:29       | 1 Corinthians 15:49 | 1 John 3:1-3 |

## Lesson2:IntheBeginning,God

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| John 1:1-3 | Jeremiah 1:5 | Genesis 1:1-3 |
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## Lesson3:HeReignsonHigh

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| Psalms 147:5          | Proverbs 15:3     | Mark 1:15      |
| 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 | 1 Timothy 6:15,16 | 1 Timothy 1:17 |

## Lesson4:TheHeartoftheFather

|                 |               |                 |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| John 16:27      | John 20:17    | Galatians 4:6,7 |
| Hebrews 2:10-11 | Ephesians 6:4 | Colossians 3:21 |

## Lesson5:GodIsForgiving

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| Mark 11:25      | Colossians 3:13  | Luke 17:3-4     |
| Matthew 5:39-48 | Luke 6:27-36     | 1 Peter 2:21-23 |
| 1 Peter 3:9-12  | Genesis 50:15-21 | Romans 12:19,20 |

## Lesson 6: God Is Patient

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| Romans 8:24-25 | 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 | Proverbs 19:11 |
| 2 Peter 3:8-15 | Colossians 3:12-13   | James 1:2-4    |

## Lesson7:GodIsHoly

|              |                       |                    |
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| John 17:17   | Romans 15:15-16       | Hebrews 12:14      |
| Romans 14:17 | 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 | 1 Corinthians 1:30 |

## Lesson8:UnityandTrinity

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| Genesis 11:7  | John 1:1   | Philippians 2:5-6 |
| Genesis 1:1-2 | Acts 5:3-4 | Luke 1:35         |

## Lesson9:FilledwiththeSpirit

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| Acts 2:38    | Luke 11:13          | John 3:6-8    |
| John 7:37-39 | 1 Corinthians 12:13 | Acts 10:44-46 |

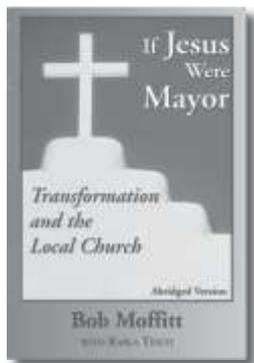
## Lesson11:GodandtheInvisibleWorld

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| 2 Peter 2:1-4 | Revelation 12:7-9 | Acts 10:1-6       |
| Acts 12:6-11  | Hebrews 1:3-14    | Ephesians 1:19-21 |





# Additional Resources for Equipping Your Church



## **If Jesus Were Mayor**

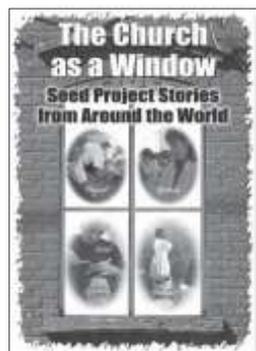
### *Transformation and the Local Church*

Drawing on years of experience working with and training church leaders around the world, Bob Moffitt casts a challenging vision for local churches to put biblical principles into practice. He illustrates these teachings with real examples of local churches that have learned to serve their communities as if Jesus were their mayor, caring for the brokenness around them and giving visible evidence of His kingdom.

## **The Church as a Window**

### *Seed Project Stories from Around the World*

In this video, you will observe six local churches from different parts of the world who find practical ways to serve their communities and demonstrate God's love for their neighbors. From a village community in Cambodia to the capital city of Uganda; from a middle class church group in Hong Kong to an urban slum church in Kenya, love may take different forms, but it never fails. Includes subtitles and audio tracks in several languages.



## **Kingdom in the Slum**

The story of a slum community in the Dominican Republic that experiences God's healing touch when the church discovers God's desire for them to care for more than just the spiritual needs of their neighbors. Illustrated in comic book style.



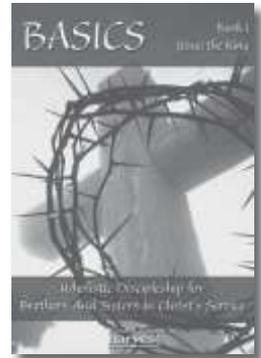


# Small Group Discipleship

## **BASICS Wholistic Discipleship**

### *Book I: Jesus the King*

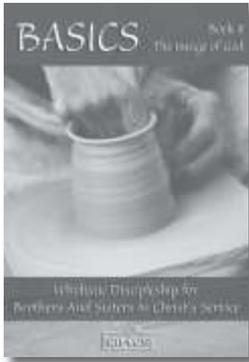
The first in the small group discipleship series, *Book I: Jesus the King* contains 11 lessons that emphasize the relationship believers have with Jesus as their king. These lessons encourage participants to understand that following Christ has implications in every area of one's life. Topics include *Salvation, The Meaning of Discipleship, The Kingdom of God, Commands of the King, Extending the Kingdom*, and more.



## **BASICS Wholistic Discipleship**

### *Book II: The Image of God*

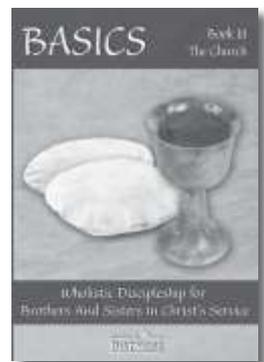
Book II contains 12 lessons that examine many of the characteristics of God, giving special consideration to the implications of how He wants His followers to be like Him. Topics include *Unity and Trinity, The Work of the Spirit, The Heart of the Father*, and more.



## **BASICS Wholistic Discipleship**

### *Book III: The Church*

What we understand about the church comes mostly from tradition and our experience. This exciting volume looks at what Scripture says about various aspects of the Church, focusing on God's intentions for how we are to live out being the body of Christ.

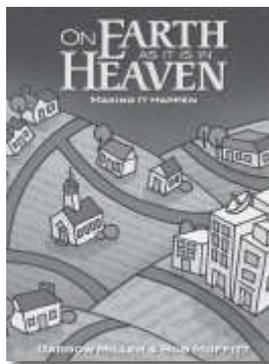


# Ministry Training Materials

## On Earth As It Is In Heaven

### *Making It Happen*

Featuring Bob Moffitt and Darrow Miller, this 12-session video series is designed to challenge Christians to understand the broader task of discipling nations by introducing the concepts of biblical worldview, biblical wholism, and God's intended role for the church. Ideal for small groups.



## Local Church Ministry Training

### *Book I: Equipping God's People for Service*

Using an interactive teaching format, these small group style Bible studies prepare churches to corporately demonstrate God's love to their neighbors. Participants search the Scriptures for themselves and seek ways to apply the principles they are learning.

## Local Church Ministry Training

### *Book II: Mobilizing God's People for Service*

Building on the foundation laid by Book I, these lessons go further in helping churches be a window for the world to see God's good intentions for the healing of our brokenness and the coming of His kingdom.



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