

# The Vision of THE CALL

***“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*** Matthew 4:19

***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***

John 3:16

**Our first responsibility is to firmly grasp and believe this Good News for ourselves, fixing it forever in our hearts.**

**Our next responsibility is to share the Good News with others by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, sowing the seeds of the Gospel and praying that the Lord would grant fertile soil, germinate the seed of the Word and bring forth Eternal Life.**

***“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”***

Acts 1:8

**Finally, our responsibility is to pass on the ability to share the Good News by discipling others in the Faith, and teaching them how to equip others.**

***“Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”***

Matthew 28:19-20

***“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord of Hosts.”*** Zechariah 4:6

# Introduction

Welcome to **THE CALL** Evangelism and Discipleship Training Ministry. Please set aside about one hour to review and complete this material *before* the **first** class meeting. We believe that God has called you to this ministry and we desire to help you be faithful to that call on your life. These materials will help prepare you.

## **Assignment due First Class Day**

\_\_\_\_\_ Read and meditate on The Vision of The Call.

\_\_\_\_\_ Read the Training Suggestions.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are under 18, fill out the Youth Liability Release; have a parent sign and turn in at first class.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are over 25, and are willing to be a driver, fill out the Driver's Profile and email it to [thecall@calvarycch.org](mailto:thecall@calvarycch.org), along with a copy of your Driver's License and Insurance Card or bring them to first class meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ If not driving, please fill out the Personal Information form and email to [thecall@calvarycch.org](mailto:thecall@calvarycch.org), or turn in at first class meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Read the *Prayer Partners* brochure.

\_\_\_\_\_ Find 2 Prayer Partners - Your Prayer Partners should not be your spouse, should be of your same gender (or a married couple), should attend your church, and should be willing to pray with you at least once a week and for you constantly during the course, especially at class times. This is a spiritual battle. You will find it very difficult to make it without good prayer coverage. Send your prayer partners a copy of the Prayer Partners brochure to read.

\_\_\_\_\_ Listen to the entire Gospel Presentation at:  
[Calvarycch.org/TheCall](http://Calvarycch.org/TheCall), starting with Grace

# Covenant

As we consider the eternal significance of The Call ministry, we realize the great commitment required. Please read Luke 14:25-35 (The Call of our Lord on our lives!) and get ready for the most exciting and life-changing training you will ever experience.

Because sharing the Gospel and equipping others to do the same is the Great Commission to the church (Matt. 28:18-20), please *seek the Lord in prayer*, and then make this commitment as unto the Lord as you seek to follow Him.

- I am making a commitment to The Call ministry because I desire to be obedient to the command of my Lord Jesus Christ in the Great Commission.
- I will attend all of the training sessions, unless providentially hindered. If I know in advance that I will be absent, I will contact my Trainer or Leader as soon as possible.
- I will faithfully work to complete the homework assignments.
- I will pray weekly with my Prayer Partners, and regularly pray for The Call, my teachers, and Trainer.
- At the end of the training, as God leads, I will seek to enlist others into The Call ministry.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sign and keep in your notebook

DO **NOT** TURN THIS IN

# TRAINING SUGGESTIONS

Every effort has been made to provide you with a training format that will enable you to fulfill your desire to become a reproducing witness for Jesus Christ. Yet none of this will be effective without your concentrated, diligent effort. In the same chapter in which Paul encourages us to be trained and to train others, he also urges us to **“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”** (2 Timothy 2:15). If we are going to impact our world for Christ, we must apply ourselves with all diligence.

Here are some things you can do which will help you to have a successful training experience:

## **Pray Daily**

Begin each day asking God to make you the witness He wants, to make you a clean vessel, to fill you with His Spirit, and to fill your heart with compassion for lost people. Pray regularly with your Prayer Partners. Pray for God to lead you to others with whom you can share the Good News of Jesus' love. Pray for persistence, patience, concentration, and all the other skills you will need to complete this training and begin training others.

## **Expect God to Fulfill His Promise to Make You a Witness**

In Acts 1:8 our Lord Jesus said, **“You shall be witnesses to Me...”** He will not fail to bring that to pass through His Spirit working in you. You must hold firm in your resolve to see it happen. Jacob wrestling the angel, Paul in the midst of his many trials, and Jesus praying in the garden, all believed that God would bring His promises to pass. You can believe that He will do the same for you as you faithfully pray and reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Faithfulness produces fruitfulness!

## **Concentrate on Developing Witnessing as a Way of Life**

Your evangelism ministry must not be confined to our weekly training time. Your witness is as large as your life. Just as you are growing in your ability to share your faith, concentrate also on deepening your relationships with your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors (FRANS). Ask God to alert you to opportunities to share the Gospel with them in your everyday life.

## **Keep the Training Goals in Mind**

Constantly bear in mind that you are being trained to *Witness as a Way of Life* and to train others to do the same. By keeping these goals in mind, you will find that you will become more aware of and responsive to witnessing opportunities as the Lord leads you into them.

## **Keep a Proper Perspective on Your Training**

A carpenter who conceives of his task as being simply to drive nails and measure and cut boards will quickly become frustrated and discouraged; but as he envisions the beautiful cabinet or home he is building, one step at a time, he is filled with excitement and an abiding sense of satisfaction. Remember: You are not just reading, memorizing, and practicing as ends in themselves. You are training to take your place in the greatest movement for the greatest purpose and in the name of the greatest person who ever lived! Never allow yourself to lose that perspective on your training.

## **Take it One Week at a Time**

This training has been laid out according to a timetable that will enable you to learn all the material prescribed. Do not try to jump ahead. Also, do not let yourself fall behind. Take each week as it comes, completing the assignments, mastering or memorizing the material assigned, and praising God for His enabling grace! If you fall behind, simply do the assignment for the current week.

## **Complete All Assignments**

Your assignments are found at the beginning of each “Study Unit.” The assignments for each unit are neither too difficult nor too long for you to complete. Work on them a little each day. Do not try to cram your study into one evening. Spread it out and consider each assignment as one more step toward becoming an effective witness for Jesus Christ.

## **Strive for Mastery**

These training materials have been tailored for a learning level appropriate to most Trainees. You can master these materials, develop skills in sharing the Gospel, and train other believers to do the same. Strive for mastery in every assignment, every practice session, every lecture, and every On-the-Job training experience.

## **Prioritize Your Time**

Everyone has 168 hours in a week. Why is it some people accomplish more than others? Probably because the more productive ones know how to arrange their priorities. As you plan your week, be sure to prioritize quality time with your family, relaxation, study, visitation, and work. Don't allow urgent but trivial matters to crowd into your schedule and prevent you from accomplishing the important things.

## **Expect Spiritual Opposition and Arm Yourself Against It**

Satan cares nothing about your “church work”. In fact, he may rather enjoy seeing you bogged down in countless hours of “church activity” instead of engaging yourself in sharing the Gospel, winning people to Christ, and training soul-winners! The moment you step out of mere “church activity” and into the realm of “Great Commission” warfare, you will encounter satanic opposition. But claim God's promise:

**“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”**

1 John 4:4

## **Be Patient With Yourself**

Some Trainees will be able to master these materials quickly; others may take longer to develop. Be patient! You will forget some things. You will be tempted to take shortcuts. You might even hear yourself saying, “I'll never get it.” But you will! You will! Be patient and persistent, God will bring about the learning you require in His time. Remember: **The only way to fail this class is to quit!**