

Faith in God Ministry Lesson Plan: Studying the King & His Kingdom

Lesson Title: The Kingdom Requires Diligent Study of Him

Foundation Scriptures:

📖 **2 Timothy 2:15** – “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

📖 **Matthew 22:37-40** – “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

📖 **John 14:26** – “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

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I. Why the Kingdom Requires Diligent Study

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King Jesus gave us a **powerful illustration** about how people **receive and retain the Word of the Kingdom**. The **condition of the heart** determines how well the Word is **received, understood, and applied**.


The Four Types of Responses to the Word:

1 **The Path (Hardened Heart)** – The enemy **steals the Word** before it can take root. No study or reflection takes place. (*Mark 4:15*)


2 **Rocky Ground (Shallow Commitment)** – They receive the Word with joy, but **because they have no deep roots, they fall away when tested**. (*Mark 4:16-17*)

3 **Among Thorns (Distracted Mind)** – The Word is choked by **worries, wealth, and worldly distractions**, keeping it from being fruitful. (*Mark 4:18-19*)


4 **Good Soil (Diligent Student)** – The Word is **heard, understood, and applied**, producing great results. (*Mark 4:20*)

 **Proverbs 25:2** – *“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.”*

- **The Kingdom of God is not learned through surface-level knowledge.**
- **Kingdom citizens must seek to understand the nature, laws, and government of the Kingdom.**
- **Loving God requires knowing Him** (Matthew 22:37). You cannot love **what you do not understand**.

 **Reflection:** **What type of soil are you?** Are you allowing the Word to take deep root in your heart through diligent study?


II. The Role of the Holy Spirit as Our Teacher

 **1 John 2:27** – *“But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in Him.”*

A. The Holy Spirit: The Governor of the Kingdom of Heaven

- The Holy Spirit **teaches Kingdom citizens** all things (John 14:26).
- He reminds us of **everything King Jesus has spoken**.
- **No human can replace the Holy Spirit as a teacher**—we can only guide others toward Him.

B. Why We Must Rely on the Holy Spirit for Revelation

 **1 Corinthians 2:10-12** – *“These are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”*

- **The things of God cannot be understood through human wisdom.**
- **The Holy Spirit reveals the deep things of God** to those who diligently seek Him.


 **Reflection:** **Are you relying on the Holy Spirit to teach you, or are you dependent on human opinions?**

III. The Cone of Learning & How Kingdom Citizens Retain Knowledge

The **Cone of Learning**, developed by Edgar Dale, explains **how people retain information**. In the Kingdom, **the more we engage in active study and practice, the deeper our understanding grows**.


A. The Levels of Learning & Retention

1. **Passive Learning (Low Retention Rate)**
 - **Reading Scripture Only** – 10% retention
 - **Hearing a Sermon** – 20% retention
 - **Watching a Biblical Teaching Video** – 30% retention
2. **Active Learning (High Retention Rate)**
 - **Discussing the Word (Bible Study & Fellowship)** – 50% retention
 - **Practicing What You Study (Obedience & Application)** – 75% retention
 - **Teaching Others & Making Disciples** – 90% retention

 **James 1:22** – “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

 **Reflection:** How are you applying active learning to grow in the Kingdom?


IV. The Role of Leaders in Kingdom Learning

 **Matthew 28:19-20** – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

A. Leaders Are Guides, Not Substitutes for the Holy Spirit

- Leaders are called to **point people to the Holy Spirit, not themselves**.
- **Discipleship is about developing a personal relationship with the King**—not just following a human teacher.






B. How to Direct Disciples Toward the Kingdom

 **Colossians 1:28** – *“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”*

1. **Encourage disciples to study the Word for themselves.**
2. **Teach them how to hear from the Holy Spirit personally.**
3. **Challenge them to apply what they learn through action.**

 **Reflection:** As a leader, are you guiding people toward the Holy Spirit, or are they dependent on you?

V. Final Takeaways

-  **Loving God with all your mind requires diligent study** (Matthew 22:37).
-  **The Holy Spirit is the ONLY teacher** of Kingdom truth (John 14:26).
-  **Passive learning is not enough**—we must actively engage with the Word.
-  **Kingdom leaders are guides, not the source of revelation.**
-  **Applying and teaching what we learn leads to true Kingdom understanding.**

 **Memory Verse:**

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 **Challenge:**

- 1 **Commit to a structured Bible study plan.**
 - 2 **Increase your retention by applying active learning.**
 - 3 **Spend more time seeking revelation from the Holy Spirit instead of relying solely on others.**
 - 4 **Start teaching what you learn to others to deepen your own understanding.**
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This **Faith in God Ministry** lesson plan is designed to help believers **develop a deeper, more effective study process in The Kingdom of God.**