## **Lesson Plan Outline: Knowing Jesus**

Part I: Basic information about this lesson	
Activity: Group Bible Study Presenter's Name Presenter's Phone Number Presenter's E-mail	Date
Topic: Book Title: Knowing Jesus	
Name of Lesson: Chapter 1: Beginning a Relationship with God	
Part II: Lesson Description and Objectives	
General Description of Lesson:  Developing a relationship takes time. This chapter explains some of the important steps you will need to consider as you build your personal relationship with God. Once you have successfully built your relationship with God, you will discover you are more able to build successful relationships with others.	
<ol> <li>Objectives of Lesson:         <ol> <li>Understand how to build and maintain a relationship.</li> <li>Understand how to overcome personal obstacles in developing a relationship.</li> <li>Understand and accept the basic fundamental truths of Christianity.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
Part III: Group Discussion Questions:	
<ol> <li>What are the steps needed to build and maintain a relationship?</li> <li>What are some types of personal obstacles you may need to overcome to be able to develop a successful relationship?</li> <li>What are the basic fundamental truths of Christianity?</li> <li>What is faith, meaning how do you define faith?</li> <li>What is prayer, meaning how do you define prayer or how do you pray?</li> </ol>	
Part IV: Attendance:	Discuss with those in attendance:
1	Bathroom locations Break time Class Schedule Instructor Information Format for group discussions Parking procedures Security procedures
10 Absence procedures	

### **Answer Key for Group Discussion Questions (Answers can vary.)**

### 1. What are the steps needed to build and maintain a relationship with God?

- a.) Review past relationships.
- b.) Determine your strengths and weaknesses in past relationships.
- c.) Determine your reason for wanting a relationship with God and why it is important.
- d.) Accept the basic fundamental truths of Christianity.
- e.) Understand the importance of having faith.
- f.) Understand the importance of prayer and how to pray.

# 2. What are some types of personal obstacles you may need to overcome in order for you to develop a successful relationship?

- a.) Forgiveness of others and yourself.
- b.) Willingness to objectively look at your strengths and weaknesses in past relationships.
- c.) Fear of failure.
- d.) Lack of self-confidence.
- e.) Inability to trust others.
- f.) Lack of faith.

### 3. What are the basic fundamental truths of Christianity?

- a.) God does exist.
- b.) God is the Author of the Bible.
- c.) Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- d.) Accept that having faith is essential to your growth spiritually.
- e.) Daily prayer.

### 4. What is faith, meaning how do you define faith?

Faith is having the trust to believe God's Word. It is also not being distracted by your situation or problem and being confident God will bring you through it. Faith is essential in having a solid relationship with God.

### 5. What is prayer, meaning how do you define prayer or how do you pray?

Prayer is using your own words and expressing yourself from your heart. There is no set time of day or night to pray. There is no set group of words to use. Prayer is you talking with God and praising Him and thanking Him for all He's done for you and asking for His help.