

# MORE LIFE

*...I am come that they  
might have life, and  
that they might have it  
more abundantly.*

*- John 10:10*

## LEARNER GUIDE

LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM



MORE LIFE works in conjunction with  
GPS to reach Tennesseans for Christ.



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**“IN THE BEGINNING”**

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Session #1**

**Lesson #1: Introduction: Celebrating Your Salvation**

The expressed purpose of More Life is to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Tennessee Baptist Convention to do more discipleship and evangelism which is reflected by \_\_\_\_\_ resulting from \_\_\_\_\_ transformed and committed with \_\_\_\_\_ empowered and healthy.

I. There will be eight lessons.

A. “IN THE BEGINNING”

Lesson #1 - Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Salvation

B. “THE MAIN THING”

Lesson #2 – Presenting the \_\_\_\_\_

C. “WHAT’S NEXT?”

Lesson #3 - The \_\_\_\_\_ of Baptism and Meaningful Church Membership/Small Groups/Sunday School

D. “YOU ARE SPECIAL”

Lesson #4 - Preparing to \_\_\_\_\_ Your Story

E. “ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS”

Lesson #5 - How to be on Mission with \_\_\_\_\_

F. “A SECRET WEAPON”

Lesson #6 - Prayer that Impacts the Lives of the \_\_\_\_\_

G. “CONNECTIONS THAT COUNT”

Lesson #7 – Follow-up on Gospel Presentation and Transitional Statements

H. “ONWARD”

Lesson #8 - Summary

II. Building Relationship

Developing a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ with others is critical in communicating our faith in Christ and the gospel. It is difficult to have an opportunity to share with someone the way of salvation unless we \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with them. Whether a long time friend, a casual acquaintance, or a new acquaintance, all people want to feel that others \_\_\_\_\_. We often can demonstrate a caring spirit by calling a person by name and asking questions about their \_\_\_\_\_.

“THE MAIN THING”

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**Lesson #2: Presenting the Gospel Using the More Life Transfer Guide**

**Look at the More Life Transfer Guide**

"A church that cares" \_\_\_\_\_

"1-888-Jesus2013" \_\_\_\_\_

"More Life response" \_\_\_\_\_

The More Life Transfer Guide is a tool to assist you in sharing the greatest news ever heard! You are making yourself available to God for Him to use in explaining how one can experience More Life.

Most people want to experience life to the \_\_\_\_\_. Many have \_\_\_\_\_. Others are looking in the wrong places. Still others think only of the \_\_\_\_\_ and ignore 2 Corinthians 4:18 which reminds us that ...*the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.* If people will look beyond the \_\_\_\_\_, they may discover More Life.

Following is a suggested approach in using the More Life Transfer Guide and taking a person through it. In speaking with someone you wish to witness to, ask, “What do you understand it takes for a person to have More Life here and to go to heaven when they die?” Listen, and then proceed. “May I share with you how you may experience life to the fullest?” Proceed to use the More Life Transfer Guide.

Read the section **Sin**. Say, “Our sin causes a separation from God, but Jesus paid for the guilt of our sin.”

Read the section **The Gift**. Ask, “What hope does man have if he doesn’t receive God’s gift of More Life?” Listen for response.

Read the section **Turn**. Say, “This gift isn’t ours automatically. We must be willing to turn from our sin.” Say, “Look at the greatness of God’s love.”

Read the section **The Way**. Ask, “Does this make sense to you?” Listen. Ask, “Is there any reason why you couldn’t receive God’s gift of eternal life?” Listen. Ask, “Does this prayer express how you want to respond to God?”

Read the prayer. If they are ready, say, “I would like to pray this prayer with you,” and immediately bow your head and proceed in thanking God that they want Jesus in their life. Then encourage them to pray or lead them in offering the written prayer to God.

Not \_\_\_\_\_ will be ready to receive Christ.

### **What do I do if the person is not ready?**

If the person is not ready to invite Jesus into their life, encourage them by letting them know you do not have to be present when they give their life to Jesus. When they sense Him speaking to them and they understand they need Him, they can pray anywhere and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord. You may say, “I would like to pray for you,” and immediately bow your head and thank God that they were gracious to allow you to share Christ with them and that they will soon open their heart to Him and enjoy More Life that He has planned for them.

### **If the person does pray to receive Christ:**

If the person does pray to receive Christ, follow up with the emphasis on baptism, belonging to a church, and getting involved with a Bible study group. Say, “The following is important to help you to obey Christ and grow in your faith.” Then, read the part of the More Life Transfer Guide that speaks of Baptism, Belonging to a Church and Groups. You will want to take one section at a time.

After the baptism section, you may ask, “Is there a local church you are familiar with where you might want to be baptized?” Listen, and then explain the importance of being a part of a local \_\_\_\_\_ . Emphasize the importance of a church that faithfully teaches the truths of the Bible. You will want to invite the individual to attend church with you if you live in the same local area. Or you may make suggestions of a faithful Bible teaching church.

**NOTE:** Now, read the above conversation through the More Life Transfer Guide over and over so that you almost have it memorized. Ask other believers to let you read through the More Life Transfer Guide with them as you are preparing yourself to become a better witness for Christ. Watch for opportunities to use the More Life Transfer Guide out of class. There are seeking souls who are waiting for a willing witness to share with them how to experience More Life!

**“WHAT’S NEXT?”**  
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**Session #3**

**Lesson #3: Baptism and Belonging to a Church**

When you are privileged to be a part of someone coming to faith in Christ, you need to be ready to explain the importance of baptism and church membership to the new believer.

One of the first steps of obedience for a new believer should be the act of being baptized. Baptism is a declaration of one’s faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It is identifying with Jesus Christ and giving testimony that one is His follower. Jesus was baptized at the beginning of His ministry and commanded every believer to be baptized.

Jesus submitted to baptism to identify with the mission for which the Father had sent Him. His immersion under water pictured His future death and burial. His being raised out of the water pictured His future resurrection. (Matthew 3:13-15)

I. Baptism is...

A. A Step of \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 28:19-20

Question: What needs to take place in a person’s life before they are ready to be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

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B. The Offering of a \_\_\_\_\_ to Others. Acts 2:41-47

Question: What are some possible reasons why a person might be reluctant to be baptized? What are some ways you could address those concerns?

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C. An \_\_\_\_\_ to Glorify God. Matthew 3:13-17

Question: How important is our obedience in glorifying God?

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II. Church Membership

A. Belonging to a Local Church. Acts 2:40-47

Belonging to a church is more than joining something. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship. By identifying with a local body of believers, we become a part of a family—a family of faith. The family was first established because we were not created to live in isolation. We grow and mature in the environment of the family. We learn to relate to others in the family setting. This also is true in the spiritual family of faith.

B. List five benefits of being an active member of a local body of believers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

C. The “3 M’s” of Church Membership

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – Receiving instruction. Acts 2:42
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Learning to serve and give to others at points of need.  
Galatians 6:1-2
3. \_\_\_\_\_ – Living like a “missionary.” John 20:21 Discovering that you were called to be \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus so that you could be \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to help take the gospel to those who have not yet believed. You discover what it means to “Live Sent!”

## “YOU ARE SPECIAL!”

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#### Session #4

#### Lesson #4: Sharing Your Story

Salvation is a gift from God and not a work of yourself. (Ephesians 2:8-9). \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation comes from believing what God says in His Word. The strategy of Satan is to get you to \_\_\_\_\_ what God has done in your life through Jesus Christ. Doubt can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ and discouragement to \_\_\_\_\_ in your Christian walk. The Word is clear that God wants you to be sure of your salvation, to know that you have forgiveness of your sins, and eternal life.

Today’s class does not give sufficient time to review the three statements, Scripture verses and questions below. They are inserted here for you to consider after class with the idea that you may want to include some of the Scriptures in a second writing of your story or testimony. The focus of the class today is to have each person write an abbreviated testimony (their story) using the suggested outline. This will supplement the gospel presentation using the More Life Transfer Guide.

- I. The invitation was offered.
  - A. “Whosoever” included you. John 3:16
  - B. You’ve been given the right to be a child of God. John 1:12
  
- II. The promise was given.
  - A. It is a present possession through His shed blood at the cross. Ephesians 1:7
  - B. Life is in Jesus and when you have Jesus, you have Life. God wants you to know this reality. I John 5:11-13
  
- III. We can celebrate what Christ has done for us.
  - A. Knowing Christ and being assured of His gift to you gives confidence to share with others the message of hope. Romans 5:1-2
  - B. Sharing Christ and the seed of the gospel is life’s greatest privilege. Psalm 126:5-6

#### Questions:

1. Who can become a child of God according to the above Scriptures?
2. What do the Ephesians and I John passages tell you about the source of eternal life?
3. What does faith make possible in the life of the believer according to Romans 5:1-5?
4. Why is sowing the seed of the gospel one of life’s greatest privileges? Psalm 126:5-6

#### Sharing Your Story

You have something to share ... or should we say, “\_\_\_\_\_” to share. You now have the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to tell others about Christ. We all need to understand our accountability to God. Your story may be explained by dividing it into three parts:

- Your life before you received Christ.

- How you realized you needed Christ and invited Him into your life.
- The difference Christ has made in your life since you received Him.

Your leader will guide you in the process of writing your story. You will write your statements one section at a time. Do not proceed to part 2 and part 3 until instructed to do so.

Write two or three sentences describing each of the above parts. Try to use words that the outsider, non-church person, will understand. A person who has not grown up in church will not understand a “churchy” vocabulary. Remember, you are telling \_\_\_\_\_ story. \_\_\_\_\_ story is important because people can relate to life as you have experienced it. They will hear about your journey to belief, baptism, and meaningful church membership.

Try to develop your story so that it can be shared in two minutes or less. In today’s class, you will read your statements. Time will not allow the privilege of “sharing” your story. After you share your story with someone, ask them, “Has anything like this ever happened in your life?” If they have received Christ, ask them to share their story with you. If they have not received Christ, proceed with the introductory question in the More Life Transfer Guide and share the gospel with them.

Consider:

1. Share with a Christian friend that you are taking a class on “how to share your story.” Ask them if you may “practice” by sharing (or reading) your story to them. This will help you in your process of becoming comfortable in sharing. It also will plant a seed encouraging them to share Christ with others.
2. Share with an unbeliever that you are taking this class and that you have written out your story about inviting Jesus into your life. Ask them if you may read or share your story to get their response as to how it communicates. You are planting the seed of the gospel in their life as well as gaining confidence in sharing. Pray that God will use your story to draw others to Christ and salvation.

“ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS”

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Session #5

**Lesson #5: How to be on Mission with Christ**

We are followers of Jesus Christ. We have turned from our sins and determined by His strength to walk in His ways. A study of the life of Jesus will quickly reveal the primary purpose for which Jesus came into this world \_\_\_\_\_ . (Luke 19:10) His purpose must be our purpose. When we grasp the reality of \_\_\_\_\_ and catch a glimpse of the wonder of \_\_\_\_\_, then we will feel the \_\_\_\_\_ of the hour to be with Christ after the lost!

I. The Reality of Lostness

- A. Why did Jesus come the first time? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 19:10
- B. Why did Jesus call us to follow Him? \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 4:19
- C. What is the penalty for lostness? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:19-31
- D. What was the request of the rich man and why? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:27-29
- E. On a scale of 1–10, with 10 being the most intense, how would you rate your present concern for people who are lost? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. How is this evident in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

II. The Wonder of God’s Grace

- A. What do you learn about God’s mercy and compassion from this text? \_\_\_\_\_ Lamentations 3:22-23
- B. Why is God patient with us? \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Peter 3:9
- C. What does this verse teach us about God’s grace? \_\_\_\_\_ Titus 2:11
- D. How did Jesus give us the riches of His grace? \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 8:9

III. The Urgency of the Hour

Jesus lived life with intentionality. He came to do the will of the Father and to finish His work. (John 4:34) Furthermore, Jesus lived with urgency. For each of us, we must live with this same sense of urgency and purpose...to be on mission with Jesus Christ and to look for opportunities to introduce others to the Father. (John 17:3)

- A. Why did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to go through Samaria? \_\_\_\_\_ John 4:4
- B. Jesus lived purposefully and intentionally. What words in this text indicate this? \_\_\_\_\_ John 7:1-9
- C. These verses indicate that there is a time when our work on earth will be \_\_\_\_\_. There is a time when our work will be finished! John 17:4; 19:30

QUESTION:

What do the verses above teach you about living with intentionality and urgency?

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Remember, our witnessing and sharing must be done with the conviction that God through the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ with individuals somewhere around us. It is not our role to \_\_\_\_\_ of anyone! We are learning and training to move around in our world, led by the Holy Spirit, to be available, willing and equipped to \_\_\_\_\_. So, my brothers and sisters, relax. Be blessed and be a blessing! You are simply offering people the greatest gift ever offered, Jesus! That's what love does!

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**Lesson #6: Prayer that Impacts the Lives of the Lost**

Scripture tells us that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. The prayers and the teachings on prayer in Scripture that aim to impact the lives of the lost, fall into three categories:

- for the lost
- for the laborers that are needed to reach the lost
- for the laborers that are at work trying to reach the lost

It is hard to pray wrong when praying what \_\_\_\_\_ directs us to pray. Take a look at some of the Scriptures that aim to impact the lost world.

- I. Prayers that Focus on \_\_\_\_\_
- A. What was Paul's heart's desire? \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 10:1
- B. What did Jesus pray? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 23:32-34
- C. The Lord's Prayer is a powerful prayer for the Lost. He wants His kingdom to come and His will to be done in all of the earth and that includes in the life of a lost person. Matthew 6:9-13

The Scriptures describe the condition of the lost in many ways including being blind, deceived, and in bondage. How does thinking about the condition of the lost cause you to pray for them?

- II. Prayers that Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ to Reach the Lost
- A. What did Jesus ask the disciples to pray for?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 9:35-38
- B. Do you know someone that needs a laborer in their life? Have you asked for one to be sent?
- III. Prayers that Focus on Those Who Are \_\_\_\_\_ to Reach the Lost
- A. The Lord's Prayer is a prayer that the church is directed to pray. It can be prayed for others, but it also can be prayed for us. When the truths of the Lord's Prayer become a reality in our lives, then His name is hallowed, His kingdom is coming and His will is being done in our lives. Matthew 6:9-13
- B. For what did Jesus pray? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why did He pray for this? \_\_\_\_\_ John 17:20-23  
Can you imagine what would happen in your community if the church lived in unity?
- C. For what did the early church pray? \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 4:29-36  
What was the result of their prayer? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. For what did Paul want the church of Ephesus to \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 6:18-20  
Why do you think He asked them to pray in this way? \_\_\_\_\_

E. Colossians 4:2-4 is similar to Ephesians 6:18-20. How will asking others to pray for what Paul asked others to pray for affect your life? \_\_\_\_\_

F. Why are we told to pray for all in authority? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Timothy 2:1-4

How do you think that this kind of praying will help others to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a Laborer? Then how should you be praying for yourself? What should you be asking others to pray for you?

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**Session #7**

**Lesson #7: Follow-up on Gospel Presentation and Transitional Statements**

Think of a lost friend, family member and/or co-worker: What are some possible responses these individuals might have to someone sharing a gospel presentation?

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The truth is that everyone with whom you share the gospel is not in the same place in their spiritual understanding. You may have the opportunity to lead someone to pray to receive Christ. You might be the one who is planting or watering the seed of the gospel, and the harvest will come later. You are an important person that may be used of God to introduce an individual to Christ.

It often takes \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual touches with a person before they are prepared to receive Christ. Of course, someone may also receive Christ the first time they hear and understand the gospel.

**READ:** I Corinthians 3:5-8 and discuss with your neighbor how these verses describe our work.

Some thoughts to consider:

- I. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in your conversation. Be \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_: You are sharing a person, Jesus, and it is not your intention to cram Him down anyone’s throat or manipulate anyone into saying a prayer.
- III. Give them an \_\_\_\_\_ to believe and receive Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ them if they are willing to receive Christ.
- IV. Realize that \_\_\_\_\_ is going on in a person’s life. Satan is battling to keep them from becoming a Christ-follower. (Ephesians 6:12)
- V. Prayer and sensitivity to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and to the \_\_\_\_\_ you are sharing with is most important.
- VI. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ and ask questions. Sometimes it is in the reverse order \_\_\_\_\_ questions and listen.
  - A. Ask people about themselves.
  - B. Ask them if they understand what you are sharing with them.
  - C. Look for ways that your story will connect with the lost person.

Transitional statements or questions are intended to move you from a casual conversation into a spiritual conversation. Scan John 4 and identify the transitions statements and questions that Jesus used. What were some of His statements?

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Always listen and watch for points of connection with a person that may present the open door. Think about this scenario.

- I. If a person shares about a crisis in their life, what are some questions that you may ask?

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- A. Be careful about moving too fast in talking about your experience of handling a crisis. But at an appropriate moment, a good transition statement would be: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION: What makes this a good transition question?

- B. Continue with the following statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ and share your story of how you received Christ into your life.

- II. Move into the More Life presentation of the gospel as presented in Session 2 or you may move directly into the More Life Transfer Guide.

What scenarios would allow for you to simply ask a person, “What do you understand it takes for a person to have More Life here and to go to Heaven when they die?”

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- A. Listen and acknowledge their responses, but then continue by asking,

- B. Proceed by reading the More Life Transfer Guide.

Practice. Partner with a neighbor. When it is your time to be the lost person, try to role-play some realistic situations that will require your partner to listen and practice using transitional questions and statements with the goal to share their story and practice using the More Life Transfer Guide.

**“ONWARD”  
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Session #8**

**Lesson #8: Summary and Review**

This class will be a brief review of the More Life Evangelism Lessons.

- I. Why is knowing God in the relationship of salvation life’s greatest blessing?”  
Answers:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- II. Why are we so \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to share the way of More Life in Christ?  
Answers:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- III. Everyone’s journey with Christ is \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone has a sphere of influence for Christ like no one else.
- IV. While our salvation experience and relationship with Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, it is not \_\_\_\_\_. We have been joined to Christ to be on mission with Him...seeking the lost.  
What evidence do you give that you are on mission with Christ seeking the lost?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- V. The task of being on mission with Christ cannot be successful without the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
- VI. \_\_\_\_\_ is a vital part of the \_\_\_\_\_ in which we are engaged.
- VII. Lost people must understand their \_\_\_\_\_.
- VIII. There is an \_\_\_\_\_ for us to be \_\_\_\_\_ in looking for the open doors to present the gospel.
- IX. We cannot make people repent and follow Christ. We can share the truth of the gospel and invite them to turn from sin and follow Him. And the more we share, the more we will witness people being saved, transformed, baptized and becoming part of local Bible believing churches.
- X. Jesus told us to make disciples. We must live as those who are \_\_\_\_\_.

The purpose of the class is not to be proficient in “learning lessons,” but to become \_\_\_\_\_ in being faithful followers of Christ who are on mission with Him, enjoying seeing Him glorified as others are saved and experience More Life.

If you have had the opportunity to share the gospel using the More Life Transfer Guide, share this experience with the class.

To help you become more comfortable in sharing Christ, have a partner listen to your presentation of the gospel using the More Life Transfer Guide.

This may be the last class for the evangelism lessons, but it is only the beginning of a lifestyle of sharing Jesus Christ with a lost world in need of the Savior. You, yourself, will truly experience the abundant life or More Life as you allow God to use you to communicate the most important message in the world. People will be saved and baptized, becoming a vital part of His family in the local church as you are intentional about Living Sent!

You are a willing witness. There are seeking souls out in the world who are longing for someone to show them how to be saved. When your path crosses with that seeking soul, that will be a divine appointment. They are waiting for you. Go find them!