

# discipleship essentials

## Essentials for Christian Living Study Guide

### EVANGELISM USING THE 4 SPIRITUAL LAWS LESSON 4: FOLLOWUP TO THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS

#### INTRODUCTION

This series of lessons explains one method of sharing the Gospel message with others. This method uses *The Four Spiritual Laws* concept written by Bill Bright for Campus Crusade for Christ. This method can be used to structure our evangelism, and is available in booklet form for use as an evangelism tool. Printable versions in many languages are available from [www.4laws.com](http://www.4laws.com). These lessons explain the Four Spiritual Laws and how to use them conversationally to explain the Gospel and invite people to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Practical discussion encourages practice of the principals involved.

The Study Guide is intended for an individual to look deeper into a to a specific lesson on their own. This lessons and can be used in conjunction with other Discipleship Essentials materials such as the video and audio productions found on [www.discipleshipessentials.org](http://www.discipleshipessentials.org).

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# EVANGELISM USING THE 4 SPIRITUAL LAWS

## LESSON 4: FOLLOW UP TO THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS

### WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

This purpose of this lesson is to walk through how a person could follow up and provide assurance of salvation when someone accepts Christ after a presentation of the Four Spiritual Laws.

### JUST SO YOU KNOW...

After the Gospel has been shared through *The Four Spiritual Laws*, you may not see your listener again. Depending on the situation, they may or may not be a part of your life. What a person is left with, hopefully, is access to the Bible, upon which their assurance of salvation is based. It is important that people we share the Gospel with have this assurance of salvation, and understand the basis of their salvation.

## GETTING STARTED

1. When you first heard the Gospel, what was your response? Did you understand it all right away or did you need to have certain points clarified for you?

2. After you prayed to receive Christ, was there any doubt about your salvation? Did you need assurance that you were really saved? Where did this assurance come from?



❖ **ASSURANCE OF SALVATION:** After you have shared the Gospel with someone who enthusiastically receives it, you must make sure they know that what God is doing in their lives is real. It is vital that a new believer understand and be assured of their salvation. Here we will examine how to guide new believers to this assurance, and what questions to ask them to determine if they have understood what salvation means. It is important to always use the Bible to reinforce what we say.

- When counselling someone who has just made a decision, it is wise to suggest they pray to God right then and there when they have made the decision. You can suggest what they could pray if they are unsure.
- Read God’s promise in Revelation 3:20 with the new believer. Then ask them:
  - As you prayed, did you receive Christ into your life?
  - Where is Christ now in relation to you?
  - Because of His assurances and promises, do you believe that Christ would mislead you?
  - On what authority do you know that God has answered your prayer?
- It is important that they understand that the promises are on the authority of the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word). After each question, pause in order to give the new believer a chance to respond. Listen to the person’s response and evaluate if there is understanding of the Biblical principles. If the new believer does not understand, do not proceed to the next question. Go on when the person can explain back to you the assurance that Christ is no in his or her life.

❖ **ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO RECEIVE CHRIST:** It is important to show the new believer where the promises of God are in the Bible, and that is on the authority of God’s Word that they can be assured of their new life in Christ.

- Read 1 John 5:11-13 and answer the following questions

What has God given us?	
Where is this life found?	
Do you have the Son?	
If you have the Son, what else do you have?	
How do you know you have the son?	

- Read Hebrews 13:5 and answer the following questions

After you receive Christ personally, will He ever leave you?	
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Because Christ will never leave you, how many times do you need to invite Him to come into your life?	
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- Read the following verses – what do they tell us about our salvation?

John 1:12	
Revelation 3:20	
John 10:27-29	

- The verses above are important for counselling someone in their salvation. You can use the same verses and questions with someone you have just shared the Four Spiritual Laws with!

❖ **RELY ON GOD’S WORD:** The promise of God’s Word, not our feelings, is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word.

- Our faith in God is like a train, consisting of one engine and railcars. The engine is facts (truths), the first railcar is faith and the last railcar is feeling. We know that only the engine pulls the train, and the railcars cannot pull the engine. So God’s Word pulls our faith and feelings, and not the other way round. Our faith depends on the fact that God saved us.
- A new believer will need to know that the facts of our salvation are contained in the Word of God : The Bible. Their assurance of salvation should not come from you, but from God. You can provide these verses to a new believer:
  - John 5:24 – When we believe, we have passed from death to life.
  - John 10:27-30 – We belong to Christ, no one can take away our eternal life.
  - Romans 8:16 – If we confess and believe, we will be saved.
  - Romans 5:1 – We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.
- Assure participants their sins are forgiven. They may still struggle with guilt and not feel forgiven. Present these verses to them.
  - Colossians 1:14 – *We have redemption and forgiveness of sins in Jesus.*
  - 1 John 1:9 – *He is faithful and will forgive us and make us clean.*
  - Romans 8:1 – *There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.*



❖ **NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST:** Tell the person you are counselling that the moment they received Christ by faith and as an act of their will, many things happened. You can use some of the following verses to show them what has happened. Read the following verses yourself and write out what they say happens when we come to Christ.

Colossians 1:27	
Colossians 1:14:2:14	
John 1:12	
John 5:24	
John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17	

- You will want to ask questions of the new believer to ensure they understand. These questions could be as simple as:
  - How many of your sins did God forgive?
  - What did God do with your sins?
  - What does John 1:12 say you have become? Review the verse.
  - If you and I are children of God, what does that make us?
  - According to these verses, what is the Good News?
- A person could have all the right answers to the questions above and still not have true faith, but you will have done your duty to show them the truth in the Word of God.
- If you have any means to help connect this person with a small group, church or mentor who can disciple them now would be the best time to do so. Christians need fellowship with others in order to grow in their faith!



## IN SUMMARY

- ❖ Assurance of salvation is important for helping a new believer to see the truth in Scripture about the change that is occurring in their life.
- ❖ We must always use the Bible to reinforce what we say about salvation.
- ❖ We can ask the new believer questions to see how much they understand about the decision they have just made
- ❖ This assurance of salvation should focus on the life we have in Jesus ,the forgiveness of sins and the change that will occur in us.
- ❖ A person could have all the right answers to the questions above and still not have true faith, but you will have done your duty to show them the truth in the Word of God.
- ❖ It is important to connect a new believer to a church, small group or mentor who can disciple them as soon as possible.



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How can you be sure that your listener has truly understood and received the Gospel message?  
How will it change their life?

2. How can you encourage your listener to adopt an attitude of thankfulness for what Christ has done for them? Why is it important to demonstrate thankfulness?

3. Is there anything you need to change in your life this week to make sure that YOUR life is not self-directed, but has Jesus Christ at the center?