

Curriculum



SAMPLE ***Easter***

Easter Victory

**LEARN: Overview**

Biblical Business Training (“BBT”) equips people to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowers leaders in a small-group Bible study setting to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is [Faith for Work](#) – and our vision is [Leadership for Life](#)!

To find out more, visit www.B-B-T.org.

**Curriculum: The BBT 1-2-3™ Format**

BBT's curriculum is Biblically-based and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to consistently fit a meeting into a busy work week (e.g. before work or over a lunch hour, etc.). The Agenda and Recap are sent through Go!Connect to help group members prepare and continue discussion for accountability.



Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



Recap – Encourages community and application

**LIVE: Apply Biblical principles at work**

Small group discussion begins typically with prayer, reading the Agenda together for context, then reading scripture and discussing the included questions. Questions are chosen to help the members in the study apply the scripture to their workplace and lives through group discussion. The Application Question is for group application and accountability between meetings.

Sample discussion question: Read Nehemiah 7:1-3. What do these verses teach you about delegation?

Sample application question: In what areas of your life have you been encouraged to do some humble self-evaluation and practice repentance?

**LEAD: Start a small-group Bible study**

The Lead question is for holistic life application at work, home, church, and in the community.

Sample lead question: Ask Yourself: How can I have the courage to face opposition, engage in necessary confrontation, and encourage others where God has placed me?

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Commentary: "Victory in Jesus"

Influential and prolific Gospel music writer, Eugene Monroe Bartlett, Sr. dedicated his life to Jesus at an early age. He was a singer, song-writer, producer and a very successful businessman. At the age of 54, a stroke rendered Bartlett partially paralyzed and unable to perform or travel. He spent the last two years of his life bedridden. Amid such bleak personal circumstances, and the world on the brink of World War II, he wrote his final and most beloved song, "Victory in Jesus." The three verses and refrain enthusiastically tell of one's own personal salvation experience from beginning to end. Bartlett composed more than 800 songs and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1973.

Lyrics: "Victory in Jesus":

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there, the song of victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love I put in Him,
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

May the Joy of Jesus fill your heart as you study *Victory over Death*.



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and scriptures below and prepare to answer the questions.

1. Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#). How does Paul distill Christianity down to its absolute essence in this passage?
2. Read [1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#). What does Paul mean "your faith is futile"?
3. Read [1 Corinthians 15:21-34](#). What do you have to celebrate after reading these verses?
4. Read [1 Corinthians 15:35-49](#). How does the metaphor of the seed help you understand what your own resurrected body will be like?
5. Read [1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#). How should believing the resurrection affect the way you live now?

Application Question: How does the Easter story help you do the work of the Lord?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



LIVE

Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

- 1) Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#). How does Paul distill Christianity down to its absolute essence in this passage?



POINT

The Good News of Jesus is the great hope of Christianity. God sent His Son, His Messiah, to die for our sins so we don't have to. In raising Jesus to new life, God brought chaos back into order and changed the entire meaning of human existence.



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The Bible tells us what Jesus' death means. God's requirement of a sacrifice for sin is all over the Old Testament, including the explicit promises of [Isaiah 53](#) that "the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah whom God had long promised Israel. Though instead of liberating Israel from the Romans, he was killed and buried. But the meaning of his death as a willing sacrifice, not a helpless victim, enabled God to justly forgive sinners like us, and give us a safe and loving relationship with Him as our heavenly Father. On the third day, God raised Christ from the dead, never to die again. Death is the stain and stink of human sin and Jesus' resurrection overcame the single greatest limitation on human beings.



TIP

Facilitate a brief discussion. You may want to ask: "Based on [vv. 9-11](#), have you ever felt like Paul, as though you were 'out of reach of God's grace'?"

Notes:

- 2) Read [1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#). What does Paul mean, "your faith is futile"?



POINT

If Christ has not been raised, then we are "still in our sins," justice is left undone and the debt He came to pay is still being paid.



DEEPER

When Paul says, "your faith is futile," the Greek word carries the idea that it's worthless because it was either deceptive or powerless. It is a spiritual Ponzi scheme, the faith of one sucker feeding the faith of the next. But, He has indeed been raised – the scriptures said it would be so, eyewitnesses have seen, and our own lives provide proof of it. What's more, there is no deception, we are telling the truth about God – our Redeemer and Savior.

Notes:

3) Read [1 Corinthians 15:21-34](#). What do you have to celebrate after reading these verses?

Christ's resurrection is the beginning of the end, from God's point of view. The point of these verses is that Christ's resurrection initiated a sequence of events by which all that is in rebellion against God, including death itself, will finally and forever be brought under God's sovereign authority, thanks to the mighty work of Jesus Christ.



Facilitate a brief discussion. You may want to ask: "Paul said, 'I face death every day.' In what ways is your life a sign of this?"

Notes: While you may not be facing daily persecution like Paul, Jesus asks us to "take up our cross and follow Him". This is His command to us to daily offer acts of self-less love for His glory. Volunteer in your church, speak the truth in love to someone, serve the "alien, fatherless, and widow", start BBT with your own circle of influence, mentor someone, etc.

4) Read [1 Corinthians 15:35-49](#). How does the metaphor of the seed help you understand what your own resurrected body will be like?

A seed has to die in order for it to be transformed into its intended creation, just as your earthly body is destined to deteriorate and decay in order to be "raised in glory" into imperishable, powerful bodies breathing with the Spirit of God.



Look at anything in nature and see how God has perfectly suited it for its environment. Fish can breathe underwater, bears can sleep through cold winters. Butterflies can fly thousands of miles. When God shapes the bodies you and I as Christians will have in heaven, those bodies, springing from the seed of our earthly bodies, will be perfectly and splendidly suited for that new and extraordinary environment.

Notes:

5) Read [1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#). How should believing the resurrection affect the way you live now?

The resurrection allows you to stand firm in your faith and therefore serve Him with confidence.



Paul argued three non-negotiables 1) Jesus died, was buried, and then God literally and physically raised him from the dead where He was seen by all kinds of witnesses, all in accordance with the promises of the Old Testament. 2) Christ's resurrection guarantees every benefit the gospel promises us. 3) When Jesus returns, those whose faith is in Christ will be given pure hearts and imperishable, immortal bodies. So, when our

energy and enthusiasm for doing the Lord's work runs low, when we would rather just give it a rest, these truths of the resurrection give us reason to renew our efforts for Christ.

Notes:

Application Question: How does the Easter story help you do the work of the Lord?

You may think that "the work of the Lord" is what pastors and missionaries do. But that's not it. When you pray, that is the Lord's work. When you trust God for what you need or for an open door or for strength to do right, that is the Lord's work. When you obey a command that God sets before you, when you give someone a cup of cold water in Jesus' name, when you bear suffering for Jesus' sake, when you talk to someone about Jesus, when you confess your sins, and when you give up something here so that you might store up treasure in heaven, that is doing the Lord's work.



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



LEAD

Ask Yourself: Am I living life as someone who is defeated, or as someone who believes the battle is already won?

PLEASE NOTE: This is the only study for this volume of curriculum. There is a link to a brief survey from BBT on the Recap. Please encourage everyone to complete it. Thank you.



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Paul wants the Corinthians to know that Jesus was crucified for humanity's sins. They can rest assured that they can and will be raised from the dead, because Jesus' own resurrection is the proof that it can happen. Paul says they can rejoice because in Jesus crucifixion and resurrection the outcome isn't in doubt: the victory of God is coming!

Scripture references for this study: [1 Corinthians chapter 15](#), [Isaiah 53](#)



LIVE

- Trusting in Christ's crucifixion
- Living in Christ's resurrection
- Celebrating in Christ's glorification

Application Question: How does the Easter story help you do the work of the Lord?



LEAD

Ask Yourself: Am I living life as someone who is defeated or as someone who believes the battle is already won?

Please complete this brief survey so BBT can better understand if they are providing you with the best service and resources available for applying Biblical principles at work. Thank you!

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