

TRUTH
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TRANSFORMATION



ORIENTATION STUDENT MATERIALS

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SESSION 1:

INTRODUCTION TO TCT

TRANSFORMATION

- What does transformation mean to you? How would you describe it?

- What do we need to do to see transformation?

REFLECTION

- What are 3-4 things that stick out as you listen?

- What are 3-4 questions that you hope are answered in the next 3 days?

- What is similar or different in our approach to others you have seen?

THREE TRUTHS

1. The world is seriously broken. Human wisdom and material resources cannot heal it.
2. Healing for a nation happens through people as they respond to God and live as He instructs.
3. The Bible tells us how we should live to heal our nations and build the Kingdom of God.

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14*

A NEW WAY OF THINKING

	Old	New
Focus		
Method		

SESSION 2

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TRAINING

YEAR 1	INTRODUCTION TO WHOLISTIC MINISTRY	KINGDOM OF GOD
YEAR 2	SATAN'S LIES	HEALTH
YEAR 3	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY	MONEY MANAGEMENT
YEAR 4	SALT AND LIGHT	AGRICULTURE
YEAR 5	EVANGELISM	LIVING AS GOD INTENDED

ACTS OF LOVE

Matthew 22:36-40

Matthew 7:12

Mark 12:28-31,33

Romans 13:9

Luke 10:27

Galatians 5:14

What do these verses have in common?

What are some key differences between these verses?

Characteristics of an Act of Love

1. Done to show God's love
2. Done in obedience to God
3. Done through God's strength
4. Done so God is praised
5. Small and Simple
6. Done using Local Resources

GOD'S INTERVENTION

PROGRAM OUTLINE

SESSION 3

CORE PRINCIPLES, MOBILIZING LOCAL RESOURCES + FOCUSING ON THE VULNERABLE

CORE PRINCIPLES

What are the seven Core Principles of the TCT program?

MOBILIZING LOCAL RESOURCES

Read Acts 20:35.

- What did Jesus say?
- “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” How have you experienced this in your life?
- Do you believe this is true for the poor? That they will be blessed through giving?

Read the following verses in your small groups. What do these verses say about why it's important to give?

- Luke 6:38
- Deuteronomy 15:10
- Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)
- Psalm 24:1

What are other reasons you can think of for why it's important for even the poor to give?

Read the story of Elijah and the Widow (1 Kings 17:8-16)

- What was the widow's plan for that day?
- What did Elijah ask of her?
- Can you imagine being in Elijah's shoes? Would you have been willing to ask this of a poor widow and her son?
- What would have happened if Elijah decided, "This widow is too poor. I cannot ask her to give. I'll go ask somewhere else"?
- What ways do you see that the widow was more blessed by her giving?



MOBILIZING ACTS OF LOVE

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM EXPENSES

Read Psalm 146:7-8.

- What kinds of vulnerable people does God mention here?

- Who else would you include as the most vulnerable people in your community?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 and discuss the questions in small groups:

- What was the situation of the Macedonians?

- What was their response to the need in Jerusalem?

- Why do you think they were so eager to give?

- What can we learn from this passage about why it's important to allow the poor to give to those who may be even poorer?

Read the story and answer the questions below.

In one village there was a widow with two children. Her husband had abandoned her to follow another woman to a different part of the country. Before moving he had sold everything – the family house, land, and all their possessions. The woman was left not only abandoned by her husband but homeless and landless.

The church heard about her situation and wanted to help. Initially they gave her food so that the family could eat. However, they understood that they needed to do more to help. Forty people from the church came together to build her a house. The women in the church went and gathered palm leaves to make a roof and the men gathered wood to make the frame. In three days they were finished. They were able to make a relatively large house for that area, using mostly local resources that they gathered for free.

Another person in the church loaned the widow a piece of land so that she could grow crops. With the help of the church she was able to get the crops planted. As a result of all the efforts the family started to do well. The widow had attended church many years earlier but had fallen away. However, she was now so moved by the love of the Christians that she recommitted her life to Christ and the whole family are now involved in the church.

- How was the church able to help, even though they themselves were poor?
- What might happen in your context if churches responded so generously to the most vulnerable around them like this church did?

SESSION 4

DEPENDING ON GOD

	WHAT IS PROMISED?	WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?
PSALM 1		
JOHN 15:1-8		
MATTHEW 6:33		
JOSHUA 1:7-9		
PSALM 40:4-5		
PSALM 18:32-36		
PROVERBS 3:5-6		

How would you summarize these verses. What do we need to do to see success or fruitfulness?

JOURNAL INDIVIDUALLY FOR 3 MINUTES: How do you, or how could you, incorporate these ideas into your work with the TCT program? How much do you depend on what you do and how much do you depend on prayer?

THE DANGERS OF SUCCESS

HELPING CHURCHES RELY ON GOD

Reflect on the following

quotes from *Spiritual Leadership* by Henry Blackaby and discuss the questions in small groups.

“Christian organizations should note in the Scriptures and throughout history that God rarely worked in the same way twice.”

“God’s activity cannot be reduced to a formula because God is more concerned about relating to his people than He is with a specific task or program.”

“There is no formula that can guarantee success... the answer to the question ‘What really works?’ is simple: Nothing really works, at least not all of the time.”

IN SMALL GROUPS: Thinking about what you heard and what is written here.

- How does it influence your thoughts about the TCT program?

- If “nothing really works, at least not all of the time,” then what is the role of a program like TCT?

- How do you make sure you are not just following a program or someone else's past success?

How did Jesus lead?

- Matthew 13:34
- Mark 6:7-13, 30
- John 16:4-7

What are some of the dangers of leaders taking control and not letting churches solve their own problems?

Reflection:

- What is your leadership style? Do you tend to take control and solve all the problems, or do you help people discover their own solutions?

- How can you better help churches to learn to solve their own problems?

SESSION 5

NURTURING TRUTH AND CONFRONTING LIES

TRUTH AND LIES

Lies	Truth
LIE: Work is a curse and a heavy burden. It is good to work as little as possible. IMPACT	TRUTH IMPACT
LIE: We are born poor and will die poor. IMPACT	TRUTH IMPACT

Lies	Truth
<p>LIE: We are so poor that we don't need to give. Other people should give to us.</p> <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>TRUTH</p> <p>IMPACT</p>
<p>LIE: God only cares about spiritual things.</p> <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>TRUTH</p> <p>IMPACT</p>
<p>LIE: God wants us to focus on evangelizing our neighbors, we don't need to care for their physical needs.</p> <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>TRUTH</p> <p>IMPACT</p>
<p>LIE: We can't change our lives without finances from someone else.</p> <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>TRUTH</p> <p>IMPACT</p>

Lies	Truth
<p>LIE: Some people are better than other people. We are not important.</p> <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>TRUTH</p> <p>IMPACT</p>
<p>LIE: The gospel only affects our spiritual life.</p> <p>IMPACT</p>	<p>TRUTH</p> <p>IMPACT</p>

UNDERSTANDING TRUTH

Teaching

Modelling

Testimonies

Experience

God's Intervention

INDIVIDUALLY:

Is there a belief that you held for years (most of your life) that you changed? What caused it to change? In what way did changing that belief change your behavior.

How much do you rely on teaching etc to bring change and how much do you realize that it is going to take God.

SESSION 6

INTEGRATING PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

THE THREE RELATIONSHIPS

	Creation	Fall	Cross	Second Coming
God and Man				
Man and Man				
Man and Creation				

Evangelical Gnosticism



SMALL GROUPS: What are the implications of this diagram?

Look at verses:

- 1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
- Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. NIV
- Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. NIV
- 1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him, be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. NIV
- Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

What do these verses imply about how we should live before God?



LUKE 2:52

Context for Growth	Wisdom	Physical	Spiritual	Social
Self	Read a book or article about an area that I want to learn more about	Take a long walk	Take a half day retreat to spend time in prayer	Send an encouraging note to a friend
Family	Discuss applying two Proverbs with my family	Wash dishes after the meal	Lead my family in devotions	Take spouse on a 'date'
Church	Run a class on growing vegetables	Repair the walkway in front of the church	Pray each day for the pastor	Invite different church members to our home for tea
Community	Tutor a neighborhood child	Walk around the neighborhood and pick up trash	Invite neighbors to a Christmas celebration at our home	Play soccer with neighborhood kids.

Context for Growth	Wisdom	Physical	Spiritual	Social
Self				
Family				
Church				
Community				

SESSION 7

PURSUING GOD'S WAYS + PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

PURSUING GOD'S WAYS

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2

God is glorified

Isaiah 42:8 'I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols'

Revelation 4:9-11 'And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty- four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created'

God is our primary advisor

Proverbs 2:6 'For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding'

1 Corinthians 1:25 'For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men'

Read Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and discuss the following question.

- What are some main truths that Paul wanted to convey?

- What are some dangers that can cause the body not to function well?

We take it personally

Read 1 Corinthians 4:15-17; 9:26-27; 11:1

1 Corinthians 4:15-17 'For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church'

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 'So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified'

1 Corinthians 11:1 'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ'

- What do we learn from Paul and Timothy in these three passages?

Read through the following examples

- **God will look after our family if we look after ministry** – Sadly too many ministers and Christian workers have found this isn't true in the way that they thought it would be. In reality God has given you the responsibility to look after and raise your family. Spending too many days traveling or neglecting your family to do ministry is not honouring to God. By doing so you are failing your responsibility to your family.
 - **Caring for our personal health – physical, spiritual, emotional – is not as important as doing ministry** – Again God has called you to be a good steward of all He has given you. That doesn't mean destroying your body through neglect. God created the day with 24 hours. He designed you to need 7-8 hours sleep, exercise, good nutrition, relationships, friendship and time with Him each day. If you can't fit everything in the day, then it's time to start asking yourself what you are doing that God didn't intend for you to do. He doesn't intend for you to burn out early and neglect His creation - you.
 - **It doesn't matter how we get there as long as we achieve the goal** – Integrity matters. Small slips matter. Even a tiny action like speaking badly about others to make our point doesn't honour God and fails to love our neighbour. The most important thing is not achieving the goal but the way that we live.
 - **It's up to us to be successful. We need to work long hours if we want to achieve our goals.** – We certainly don't want to be slothful. While the Bible speaks against laziness, it also challenges us that God is the source of our success. We need to be depending on Him, looking to Him and working as people who recognise that the source of our success is God and that our most powerful work is often prayer.
- What are some other common lies that you can think of?

- Looking back on all that have been mentioned, which of these areas are you likely to slip?

- How can you remind yourself of the truth?

PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

- Why do you think that our focus is on partnering with churches? Typically churches are already busy. Why do you think we don't partner with the government or other organisations instead?

HOW TO PARTNER

What are some examples of ways that you have seen outside organisations partner with the church in healthy ways? In unhealthy ways?

What are some characteristics of a healthy partnership?

THE WHOLE CHURCH INVOLVED

SESSION 8

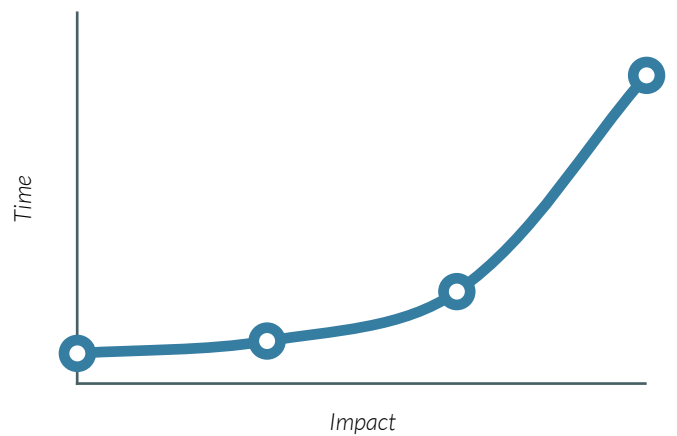
KEY PRACTICES

KEEP IT SMALL AND SIMPLE

CHANGE IS PRODUCED BY WHAT WE DO



START WITH WHAT YOU HAVE



RECOGNIZE IT WILL LOOK MESSY

BE AWARE OF THE ADOPTION CURVE



SESSION 9

NEXT STEPS

GETTING STARTED

FACILITATOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Available Topics:

- * Program introduction - Goals and outline of the program, Adult Education 1
- * Core Skills - Adult Education 2, Collecting Testimonies, Dealing with Problems, Visiting
- * How People Change
- * Leadership Training
- * Healthy Relationships 1
- * Healthy Relationships 2
- * Evaluation
- * Encouraging Generosity
- * Healthy Leadership

MEMBERS SECTION

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HOME PROGRAM STORIES QUESTIONS TOOLS CONNECT LOG IN

MEMBERS

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- * Facilitator Development Materials
- * Magazine Articles
- * Newsletters
- * Word Versions of Materials

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Practitioners Guide

TCTprogram.org website

Coram Deo online - a training course produced by Disciple Nations Alliance. This course is available for free and helps you to go much deeper into many of the ideas presented this week. <http://coramdeo.com/>

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