

LESSON 6: GOD'S TRUTH SETS US FREE

Part 1: The Impact of Satan's Lies

Read the following story

In many of the areas that we worked, the people had to walk to the river to get water. Depending on the village, they walked up to 5 kilometers. They dreamed of having water in their villages; they would meet and pray that God would give them water, but no organization ever turned up to dig wells. So they continued to walk to the river. One year one of the churches was looking at their community map (which they drew in Module 3) and felt like God was prompting them to dig and see if they could strike water. So they did. It was very hot, so each person could only dig for about 15 minutes before they would have to come up and pass to the next person. But with 20-30 people helping, it wasn't too much of a burden for any one person. By the end of the day, they had struck water. They were amazed! The next weekend they dug another well and then another one. Each person only had to work for 15 minutes and, in about a day, a well appeared. Other villages heard about what was happening and they also started to dig wells. They also found water. Today there are over 200 wells in that area, most of which have been improved over the years as the churches had more resources. For years—for generations—the people had wanted a well. They had prayed for a well. And yet a well was one day's work away. What prevented them from having a well? It wasn't their ability; once they decided to dig they easily managed. It wasn't that they were lazy; they were hard-working people. It was their beliefs. They completely believed that wells needed to be dug by outsiders with great resources. So for generations they had waited for a well, when the solution was only a day's work away.

- How did wrong beliefs affect the people?
- What caused the change?

Go through each of the lies and discuss the impact of the lie and the impact of believing the truth.

Lie	Impact of Believing the lie	Truth	Impact of God's truth
Work is a curse and a heavy burden. It is good to work as little as possible.	<i>We would not work hard.</i>	Work is part of our dignity and a way that we can glorify God.	<i>We would work hard, not give up, and have a good attitude. This could lead to earning more.</i>
We were born poor, and we will die poor.		God will bless us if we are obedient to Him.	
We are so poor that we don't need to give. Other people should give to us.		We need to give, recognising that God has given us everything and is willing to provide us with all that we need.	
God only cares about spiritual things.		God cares about all aspects of our lives.	
God only wants us to evangelise our neighbours—we don't need to care for their physical needs.		God has told us to love our neighbours.	
We can't change our lives without finances from someone else.		As we use what God has given us and bless others, then He will bless us.	

Some people are better than others.		Every person is specially made by God.	
The gospel message only affects our spiritual life.		Jesus died to reconcile all areas of life, not just spiritual matters.	

Imagine what changes you would see in your community if everyone believed the truth and not lies.

- Would your community be better or worse?

- Would your community be more like God wants it to be or less?