

God's plan to win your battles.

Session 5: New Testament Writings



Overview:

Theme: Jesus is our Teacher.

These twenty-one books from Romans to Jude make up the New Testament Writings of Paul's Letters to Churches, Pastors and Other letters. They show Jesus as our Teacher. Because of many false teachers, the early church was prone to confusion and deception. New believers needed warning and instruction on what to believe and how to behave.

Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Jesus is our wisdom (teacher). The way to renew our minds is through scripture. The enemy battles for our minds. These books show us how to recognize the enemy.

Key Concepts: Doctrine, Discipline, Deception (Invisible War)

- **Doctrine** consists of: 1) Spiritual truths 2) What to believe 3) Impacts how we live.
- **Discipline** are the actions we take to grow and mature in our faith.
- **Deception** is false teaching the invisible war. The struggle is not against flesh and blood but powers of evil (Ephesians 6:12). We must be prepared and equipped for the challenges.

Bible Study Guide:

- 1. Watch the video for session 5.
- 2. Discuss the review questions on page 148 with your group or as personal review.
- 3. Personal study: Complete the reading and reflection in the workbook for each day.

Personal Study Questions New Testament Writings

Day 1: God's purpose for the letters.

It is important that we can discern the truth and identify false doctrine. One common false doctrine was that people could be made righteous through their own works and not need Jesus to save them.

How has knowing the truth changed your life?

Day 2: Sound doctrine.

Sound doctrine tells us how to live victoriously in Christ. And because of Christ, we are made righteous, free, and complete. Jesus has overcome all our obstacles because He is greater than anything in the world.

What assurance do you now have, knowing Jesus has overcome the world?

Day 3: Spiritual disciplines.

In Christ we have a new way of thinking, but we must also guard our thoughts and minds from the enemy. Keep our eyes on Jesus, and be quiet and listen, especially during trials.

What are some of the disciplines you use to keep your thoughts on Christ?

Day 4: Supernatural devotion.

Through Christ, we have the power to love as Christ loves. The Holy Spirit changes us so we can live a changed life. This is supernatural love.

What are some of the ways you have experienced Jesus' supernatural love for you in your life?

Day 5: Truth for the present and the future.

We need truth and sound doctrine to endure in times of trial, to live victoriously, and to prepare for the future.

What are some of the truths you have learned from your past and how can you apply that to your future?

Battle Plan for Prayer: Session 5

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

Lord, I am thankful that I am a new creation in Christ. Through Christ, I am free and alive, I am made complete, safe at Christ's coming, and I have rest and relief be dwelling in You. I am forever grateful that nothing can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus!