

# BACK TO THE BASICS

This study guide will help us turn what God is saying to us into action steps. The questions and scriptures are here to help us take our "Next Steps." Have a great discussion!

## Prayer & Ice Breaker:

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IT TAKES TO BE A MINISTER OR PASTOR? SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

## Read:

For many people, the thought of being a minister or priest is the furthest from their mind. However, the truth is that each and every one of us have been chosen, called, and ordained by God to be ministers of His gospel. Read the scripture below:

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

(1 Peter 2:9)

In this scripture, we learn that God has called each of us who have been saved by Him to declare His praises and tell of all He has done in our lives! An important part to fulfilling this calling is regularly reflecting on God's work in your life.

## Discussion:

**WHAT IS ONE GREAT THING THAT GOD HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE? SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

## Read:

Although not every one is called to ministry as a *vocational* path, everyone is called to minister for Jesus in whatever they're doing. Believers who are police officers, nurses, construction workers, teachers, full-time students, business owners, and even stay-at-home parents all have a role to play in the Kingdom of God. Even if it doesn't feel like it, we are all to be full-time ministers for Jesus!

## Discussion:

**HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE GOOD NEWS IN YOUR WORK PLACE?**

*(i.e. Pray for your clients, complete your tasks with excellence as if doing it for the Lord, share with your co-workers what God has been doing in your life, etc.)*

## Read:

The idea of being a minister and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others can be an intimidating thought for some people. Some people feel like they don't have the courage to do it while others simply believe that they do not possess the ability to. Thankfully, God promises to give us the power needed to do His Kingdom work! Read the scripture below:

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

This scripture confirms for us that when we receive Jesus into our hearts, He gives us His Spirit and His power to do the things that He's asked us to do. When the task seems too big or impossible, God demonstrates His amazing power through us.

## Discussion:

**CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU WITNESSED SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPEN AND YOU KNEW THAT GOD WAS BEHIND IT? SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

**DO YOU REMEMBER A TIME WHEN YOU WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING THAT YOU COULDN'T WAIT TO SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE? SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

## What Will You Do?

God sent His one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be sacrificed for our sins so that each of us could have the opportunity to experience an eternal life with Him. This is the good news! God saved each of us, He wants *all* of His children to experience this, and He wants to use those who have already received this gift to spread the word!

**This week, commit to doing at least ONE of the following:**

- **Develop a habit of reflecting on and thanking God for all the great things He has done and continues to do in your life**
- **Identify people in your life who God might be asking you to share the gospel with and begin praying for them**
- **Invite someone new to church service on Sunday morning**

**NEW HOPE WINDWARD | KANEOHE**  
**SUNDAYS - 7AM | 8:30AM | 10AM**  
Regal Theaters at Windward Mall

**NEW HOPE WINDWARD | KAILUA**  
**SUNDAYS - 9:30AM**  
Kailua High School Cafeteria