



SESSION #3 TALKSHEET #6

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"THE SWORD AT HELL'S GATE"

We hope this Module is helping to encourage your relationship with God. Spend at least 30 minutes responding to questions below. **Pray God would turn your hearts toward each other (fathers and sons) and all toward Jesus.**

- **Connect:** Ask each other, "What was the best part of your week? What was the most difficult part of your week?"
- **Discuss:** What are the main points or ideas that you remember from your last Talksheet time?
- **Evaluate:** Pull out Talksheet #5 and review your Bible study commitment that you made. How did it go this week? How successful were you? Pray for and encourage each other in this critically important discipline.
- **Action:** The video mentioned the **S.O.A.P.** method of Bible study. This acronym stands for **S**cripture, **O**bservations, **A**pplication, and **P**ray. Below are instructions and space to complete one. If you have a spiritual journal, use it now to complete a SOAP. If you don't have a journal, use the space below. Consider buying a journal – you won't regret it!

To begin: Open your journal to a new page. Write the date and leave space for a title. Biblical truth is spiritually discerned, so begin with a brief prayer, "God, please use this time to reveal your truth to me and change me. Amen."

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1) Scripture: Start at the beginning of a Bible book and read a few verses or a section (e.g. Mark 1:1-8). It's better to read less scripture and apply it than more scripture without application. Tomorrow, carry on with the next section until the book is completed. Write down the reference of the scripture you read. You can start at the beginning of any book but I would recommend starting with Mark 1:1-8.

Scripture reference: _____

2) Observations: Write down any observations in your journal. Consider Who, What, Where, When, and Why of the passage. (E.g. Who is John? What is baptism? Do I repent? What was John's lifestyle? What is my lifestyle? Why was John telling everyone about Jesus? Do I tell others about Jesus? etc.) There are also great Bible study tools like Bible dictionaries and commentaries available online for free! Check out: www.biblegateway.com, www.e-sword.net and www.studylight.org

3) Application: Write down how this passage should affect or change your life (James 1:22-25). The more practical and specific the better. For example, writing: "I will tell the world about Jesus" likely won't result in any change! However, "I'm going to visit my neighbour Joe this weekend and pray for an opportunity to find out what he believes about Jesus." is a great application.

4) Prayer: Spend some time in prayer, asking God to change your life. Our part is to daily study His word and wholeheartedly try to apply it, but only God can change your heart.

*If you have questions, please contact your group leader or see www.malachiman.com for more resources.
Remember to bring this sheet to the next Malachi Man Session (only you will see it).*