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*The Share the Plan
Poem...Back Cover*



The Journey of Sharing!!

Welcome again to Archery Ministries! We hope and pray that these next few weeks will once again be a rewarding experience for you. You may be wondering how archery and church go together. Well, hang on because the journey continues once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and are striving to live out your life in discipleship.

The study you are about to begin is called *Share the Plan: This Is My Story*. What does that mean? Hopefully through this study you will understand that God loves you and has a plan for how you should be a witness for Him and share your story of God's love to everyone and know what it means to share that love. During this study, you'll use *The Share the Plan Poem* which was written to help you understand what the next step is once you have made a decision to follow Christ and you are striving to be His Disciple and being good stewards. Basically, the lessons in this study will help you understand how we should live our lives in Christ and share our story in all aspects of our everyday living. And, as if that wasn't cool enough, we're going to learn more about archery in the process!

So listen up! We're all going to learn something new in the next few weeks.

Share the Plan is divided into eight sections, or Arrow Points, that will take you beyond the basics of shooting a bow and arrow to a more in-depth critique of your shooting form and performance. Some of you may have been shooting for a long time and see no need for any help. Everyone will benefit from this course because critical practice is a tremendous help for everyone. We hope that you will take this important step seriously. While archery is very important to this study (and there's going to be a lot of shooting!), this handbook was created to help you focus on the many spiritual ways to continue your journey with Christ. Don't worry we know none of us like homework! Because of that, the lessons are developed to be concise and to the point without missing the focus! Each study should take you about 45 minutes. However, we encourage you to study further and be in prayer about what God has in store for you!

Finally, we wish you blessings on your journey and will be praying for your success as you undertake this program. We thank God for your effort and hope that you will find success in archery and, most importantly, that this study will help you to make Christ the Story of your life!

Let the journey continue!!!

God Bless,

Your Archery Team Leaders

You Can't Come Back from Where You Ain't Been!

There is an old Appalachian mountain saying that carries the title of this lesson, "You can't come back from where you ain't been". In other words, you cannot share what you have not experienced. Jesus shared with His disciples in Luke's account of The Acts of the Apostles, "...you will receive power to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). God has a plan for the salvation of the world and those who are Christ Followers are given the privilege and opportunity to share what, where, why and how they have experienced God's love and grace in their lives. All who follow Christ have a life story to share!

What is your life story? In Luke's Gospel, chapter 15, there are three stories of what God is like. The third story is about a family. They are all prodigals in their own right (Prodigal means extravagant). Let's hear this story: A father has two sons! The youngest one is a rebel and plots a way to leave the farm his father and brother and seek the fun and adventure of the world. However, he is broke! The younger son is smart enough to know that to do what he wants to do will cost a fortune. His plan is to approach his father with the idea that he deserves his inheritance now while he can enjoy it and not have to wait until the father dies. The father in showing love, agrees. The young lad in his joy takes the money and heads out of town and right into the arms of those who would love to spend his money for him. There were lavish parties, drunken nights, and outlandish purchases to keep all of those around him happy and close by his side. However, there is a price to be paid for that kind of living and before too long the young spender is broke, friendless, and hungry.



This Is My Story

Sharing Point

Acts 1:8

Arrow Memory Verse

- "You will receive power to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

Follow through Point

- Living as Disciples and being good stewards is only one aspect of our story of following Christ and accepting Him as our Savior, Lord and Friend. We must share our story with those whom we come in contact and with the world. Sharing our story is a way of showing our love for Christ.

Spiritual Goals

- Reflect on your life story
- Witness by sharing your life story
- Learn about the witness of a family from the Bible through a parable of Jesus

Archery Goals

- Review of Range Rules
- Review of Basic Handling of bow
- Review of Commands
- Review of 11 Steps of Archery

Know the Word

In light of what we've discussed, what does our story tell us about our Christian witness?

1st Arrow Prayer:

Let us say the Lord's Prayer together from Matthew 6:9-13

"Our Father, which art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses and we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

In Conclusion:

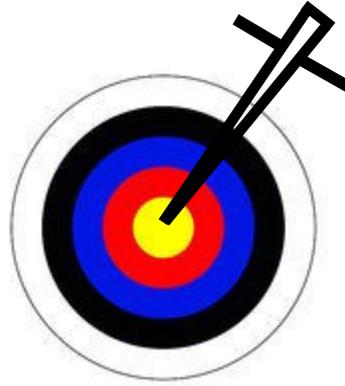
This Biblical witness of a particular family is one of the characteristics of many parables with which Jesus used to teach. The parable is about what many call the Prodigal son, however; perhaps the most extravagant or prodigal in this parable is the father.



The father waits daily for the son's return and when it happens the father bathes the son with grace, forgiveness, love and acceptance. The father proclaims that his "son was lost, but is now found" and they prepare for a celebration of the sons return. What is God like? This is an awesome picture of God's waiting for our return home. When we have gone our way and have chosen to live without a relationship with God, God awaits our coming back. We can return to God's open and waiting arms of grace any time any place. That is the "Good News" to which we can personally give witness once we have experienced it. Remember, "you can't come back from where you ain't been".



Extra Notes:



The Salvation Poem

Jesus, You died upon a cross - Romans 5:8
And rose again to save the lost - John 3:16
Forgive me now of all my sin - 1 John 1:9
Come be my Savior, Lord, and Friend - Romans 10:9
Change my life and make it new - 2 Corinthians 5:7
And help me, Lord, to live for You - Colossians 2:6

The Disciple Poem

Jesus, Your Presence in my life each day - Mark 12:30-31
Gives me strength and courage along life's way - Joshua 1:9
Enable me to walk in newness of life - Matthew 5:13-14
And be Your loving servant in joy or strife - Matthew 25:29
Give me eyes to see the journey ahead - Matthew 4:19
And hands to embrace others who tread - Luke 10:27

The next step is Stewardship.

The Stewardship Poem

My life does not belong to me; - Psalm 24
My body, this earth, even the sea; - Psalm 24
I am in partnership with God; - 1 Corinthians 3:7-9
Caring for myself, the environment, the sod. - Romans 12:1-2
Life is a gracious, precious, and awesome gift; - Ezekiel 34:3
Living with gratitude is my way to uplift. - Luke 12:33-34
Generosity is our way to share; - 2 Corinthians 9:6
Revealing to God and others that we care.
1 Corinthians 12:58
What a blessing God gives us to show; - Proverbs 11:25
Let us live to bless strangers and people we know.
Matthew 5:13-14

The next step is Sharing the Plan.

The Arrow Poem

I trust in God to guide me - Acts 1:8
In all that I have learned - John 20:31
Lead the way that I may see - John 1:41
The future bright and sure - Acts 8:35
Whatever happens in my life - Luke 24:25
On Him I can depend - Matthew 19:21
There's nothing I can't handle - Luke 10:1
With Jesus as my friend - 1 Timothy 6:12