

## How to Use the Rapture Kit as a Discipleship Teaching Resource

Rapture Kits include discipleship and evangelistic material ministry leaders can use to help people grow spiritually and better understand what it is to be a dynamic Watchman for the Lord.

### MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Information on how to be saved, the need to be saved, and what happened to make salvation possible
- Apologetics – why you believe what you believe. These reasons and information are designed to prepare individuals to defend the faith
- A study on the life and ministry of Jesus
- Information on Bible Prophecy. The Rapture Kit includes material for a 7-part general study profiling the who, what, where, when, and why of Bible Prophecy. Rapture Kit Expansion Pack consists of an eBook which can be used to study the next 10 key prophecies.
- How to be a Watchman for the Lord. These materials are designed to inspire and equip individuals to become Watchmen and carry-on the important work of encouraging, instructing, and exhorting.

Any of the following topics can be taught as an individual course, *OR* the material can be presented as a teaching series. As students share in these classes, they will review the life of Jesus, learning what He said, did, and expects of His people. They will better understand Bible Prophecy and the Great Commission calling and become better equipped to defend and share God's Word and become Watchmen for the Lord.

### TEACHING TOPICS, OPTIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS

#### Teaching Topic Option 1

God's Gift of Salvation

Suggestions - Use the teaching on Salvation and selected reading material to create a 1-to-2-week class on humanity's need, God's provision, and the difference between knowing about Jesus and being in relationship with Jesus (James 2:19). Conclude by inviting people to choose a personal relationship with Jesus. Assign reading (see below) in advance of the class, watch the video in class, and lead individuals through an informative and encouraging discussion by presenting leading questions to the small group.

- VIDEO: The God's Gift of Salvation Video is included in the Rapture Kit.
- Recommended assigned reading
  - Pages 20-24 in the Rapture Kit Binder regarding how to be saved. This can be located in the \Section 02 - First things first\ folder.

- Pages 48-55 in the Discipleship Handbook regarding Christian baptism. *Discuss Christian baptism as an important next step to one's decision to become a follower of Christ.*

### Teaching Topic Option 2

What does it mean to be a Watchman for the Lord?

- Review the video titled "What it means to be a Watchman for the Lord" included in the kit. After watching the video, the teacher/facilitator can lead a discussion by presenting leading questions that parallel the video's main teaching points. *This could be a 2-4-week course depending on additional material and the amount of discussion.*
- Recommended assigned reading:
  - Pages 14-17 in The Discipleship Handbook. *This presents an overview of What Every Believer Should Know and Do*
  - Pages 18-25 in The Discipleship Handbook. *This presents an overview of What a Watchman Is and Does.* It is located in the \Section 04 – Books\ folder.

### Teaching Topic Option 3

Who is Jesus? What did He do? What does He expect?

Use *The Story of Jesus* book and complimenting workbook and Leader's Guide, to lead a 10-week study on the life and ministry of Jesus. Information from the Gospels appears in chronological order. All PowerPoint files and the three eBooks mentioned above are included in the Rapture Kit.

These eBooks can be found here: \Section 04 – Books\

- STORY OF JESUS BOOK
- STORY OF JESUS – Student Workbook
- STORY OF JESUS Leader's Guide

### Teaching Topic Option 4

Bible Prophecy

Suggestion: Use the Bible Prophecy book and the 7 teaching videos on Bible Prophecy included in the kit to lead seven classes following the video topics.

Assign reading from the Bible Prophecy Book that complements the teaching theme each week. Watch the video as a group and discuss it. A brief outline of the 7 video appears below.

Location on the Rapture Kit: \Section 05 - Discipleship Study Materials\The Wonder of Bible Prophecy (7 Parts)\

- Bible Prophecy Part 1: This teaching provides a general overview of the wonder and structure of Bible Prophecy.
- Bible Prophecy Part 2: This teaching details the precision of Bible Prophecy and gives special consideration to an amazing set of prophecies found in Ezekiel 4.

- Bible Prophecy Part 3: This teaching details the prophecies that have been fulfilled since 1948 and what the recent concentration of fulfilled prophecies could indicate.
- Bible Prophecy Part 4: This teaching explains the Rapture and provides Scriptural support for the view that a Rapture will take place before the rise of the Antichrist and the Tribulation.
- Bible Prophecy Part 5: This teaching profiles the Antichrist. It explains his nature, goals, and characteristics of his global reign.
- Bible Prophecy Part 6: This teaching profiles the Millennial Reign of Christ. The Millennium will follow the seven-year Tribulation period. During this time, Christ will reign on earth, and the world will be restored to conditions that existed in Eden. The Millennium is referenced more than a thousand times in Scripture. This teaching presents an overview of the Who, What, Where, When, and Why of this important coming event.
- Bible Prophecy Part 7: This teaching examines the prophecies most likely to be fulfilled next.

### Teaching Topic Option 5

The Next Key Prophecies on the Prophetic Horizon

Suggestions:

- Use the eBook, *Next on the Prophetic Horizon* to lead the class through a book study. This 140-page PDF book is located here: \Section 04 – Books\
- The eBook details the next 10 key prophecies to unfold. Those who have not participated in the option #4 study will recognize that *the Next on the Prophetic Horizon* book includes a few chapters such as, *The Rapture* covering topics in the option #4 study. The facilitator is encouraged to pull the new information from the *Next on the Prophetic Horizon* book on those subjects. For example, the *Next on the Prophetic Horizon* book includes a section on historical support for the Rapture that was not part of the option #4 study.

### Teaching Topic Option 6:

The core teachings of the historic Christian Church

Suggestions: Using *The Discipleship Handbook*, the facilitator should identify 7-12 topics they feel led to address; there are about 50 to choose from. *Some topics, such as the Trinity or Deity of Christ, may require more than one week to address fully.* In a concise format, the book presents what the Bible says about key topics such as heaven, angels, demons, forgiveness, communion, the Holy Spirit, Satan, etc. This book is located here: \Section 04 – Books\.

Invite students to read material before meetings and bring their questions and observations. Use the class time to have students look up and share the support verses noted in the reading. Discuss why this information is important and how to share it. Conclude with personal application ideas.

## Teaching Topic Option 7

### Apologetics - Reasons to Believe

Suggestions: Using the 76-page *Reasons to Believe* book found in \Section 04 – Books\ and the 3 teaching videos located here: \Section 05 - Discipleship Study Materials\Reasons to Believe (3 Parts) in the Rapture Kit titled *Reasons to Believe*, divide the material in the book into three teaching segments:

- the Integrity of God's Word
- historical and archeological evidence that proves the integrity of Scripture
- the prophetic evidence that verifies the integrity of Scripture

The three *Reasons to Believe* video teachings should be viewed in a group setting. Assign students readings from the *Reasons To Believe* book. The facilitator can lead a discussion based on the primary teaching points of the book and video.

## Teaching Topic 8 for those using the Rapture Kit Expansion Pack

### Sharing your faith

This can be a 2–4-week class on the why and how of witnessing.

Suggestions:

- Begin the class discussion by playing the audio-video "Radio Minute" titled, "Be a Witness for the Lord" (located in \Section 08 - Additional Articles\)
- Have participants read the article, "How to be a Witness for the Lord".
- Listen to audio/video file #1 (Why Witness - located in the *Why and How to Witness* Folder of this Expansion Pack). Facilitators should view the video in advance and lead a discussion on the key teaching points.
- Listen to audio-video file #2 (How to Witness - located in the *Why and How to Witness* Folder of this Expansion Pack). Facilitators should view the video in advance and lead a discussion on the key teaching points.
- Class discussion time should include participants sharing testimonies of who witnessed to them and how they came to Christ
- Discuss how to create and share personal testimonies. Practice a short version (one minute) and a longer version. Each should include:
  - What their life was like before a relationship with Christ
  - What led them to Christ
  - How they became a believer
  - How their life is different or better now

A strong testimony takes practice and forethought, but anyone can do it. Christians should be prepared to share their story at a moment's notice. Sometimes a 60-second window is all you will have, so be ready.

A strong testimony should end with a question, "Would you like to know more?" Always leave the door open for more discussion.