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## MANUAL 9 FOR GROUP LEADERS

### NATURE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

INTRODUCTION AND COPYRIGHT

## TRAINING PROGRAMME I

A weekly programme for 3 months. About 2 hours per week. Keep the group small – maximum 8 people. Each programme begins with prayer and ends with responsive prayer and a homework assignment for the next meeting.

- LESSON 1      Sharing quiet time (Genesis 22,24,27,28)  
                  Memorisation (1. Enter into the kingdom: John 3:3,5)  
                  Teaching (*Nature of K.* A parable about the establishment of God's kingdom)  
                  The strong man bound (Matthew 12:22-37; Mark 3:22-30; Luke 11:14-23)
- LESSON 2      Sharing quiet time (Genesis 32,37,39,45)  
                  Memorisation (2. Welcome children into the kingdom: Luke 18:16-17)  
                  Bible study (*The Letter to the Romans.* Romans 1:1-17)
- LESSON 3      Sharing quiet time (Exodus 1,2,3,4)  
                  Memorisation (3. Preach the gospel of the kingdom: Matthew 24:14)  
                  Teaching (*Nature of K.* A parable about the Word of God in God's kingdom)  
                  The sower (Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:3-20; Luke 8:4-15)
- LESSON 4      Sharing quiet time (Exodus 18,20,32,33)  
                  Memorisation (4. Never look back from serving in the kingdom: Luke 9:62)  
                  Bible study (*The Letter to the Romans.* Romans 1:18-32)
- LESSON 5      Sharing quiet time (Deuteronomy 4,5,6,7)  
                  Memorisation (5. The triumph of the kingdom: Daniel 2:44)  
                  Teaching (*Nature of K.* A parable about the messengers of God's kingdom)  
                  The wicked tenants (Matthew 21:33-41; Mark 12:1-9; Luke 20:9-16)
- LESSON 6      Sharing quiet time (Deuteronomy 8,9,10,11)  
                  Memorisation (Review series I "The kingdom of God")  
                  Bible study (*The Letter to the Romans.* Romans 2:1-16)
- LESSON 7      Sharing quiet time (Joshua 1,6, Judges 2,7)  
                  Memorisation (1. Romans 1:16)  
                  Teaching (*Nature of K.* A parable about two kinds of people in God's kingdom)  
                  The weeds among the wheat (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43)
- LESSON 8      Sharing quiet time (Judges 13,14,15,16)  
                  Memorisation (2. Romans 1:17)  
                  Bible study (*The Letter to the Romans.* Romans 2:17-29)
- LESSON 9      Sharing quiet time (1 Samuel 2,3,7,8)  
                  Memorisation (3. Romans 2:5)  
                  Teaching (*Nature of K.* Parables about growth of God's kingdom)  
                  The seed growing in secret (Mark 4:26-29) + the yeast (Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20)  
                  + the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19)
- LESSON 10     Sharing quiet time (1 Samuel 15,16,17,18)  
                  Memorisation (4. Romans 2:15)  
                  Bible study (*The Letter to the Romans.* Romans 3:1-20)
- LESSON 11     Sharing quiet time (2 Samuel 2,5,6,7)  
                  Memorisation (5. Romans 3:28)  
                  Teaching (*Entrance into K.* Parables about the cost of entering God's kingdom)  
                  The hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44) + the pearl of great value (Matthew 13:45-46)
- LESSON 12     Sharing quiet time (2 Samuel 11,12,13,24)  
                  Memorisation (Review 5 verses of Romans)  
                  Bible study (*The Letter to the Romans.* Romans 3:21-31)
- Supplement 1    *Parables.* Interpreting parables  
Supplement 2    *Parables.* A list of all the parables of Jesus  
Supplement 3    *The Letter to the Romans.* Introduction to the letter to the Romans  
Supplements     Methods of a quiet time with God, Bible study, meditation and memorisation:  
                  See supplements in manual 1 for group leaders.

# TRAINING PROGRAMME II

An intensive programme that may be used once a week for a whole day or during an intensive training seminar of six days. Divide the whole group into small groups of maximum seven students with a trained group leader.

## Suggested programme

09.00 - 09.30	Worship (in large group)
09.30 - 11.00	Teaching (in large group)
	Break
11.30 - 13.00	Bible study (in small groups)
	Break
16.00 – 17.00	Extra time for completing the teaching or Bible study, for answering questions, or for an extra teaching (in large group).
	Break
17.30 – 17.45	Meditation (in the large group) and memorisation (two by two)
17.45 – 18.30	Bible reading (alone)
18.30 – 19.00	Personal time with God/Quiet time (two by two)
19.00 – 19.45	Sharing quiet time (in large group) and praying (in small groups)

<p>DAY 1 (Lesson 1 + 2)</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Teaching (<i>Nature of K</i>. A parable about the establishment of God's kingdom)</p> <p>Bible study (<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>. Romans 1:1-17)</p> <p>Memorisation (John 3:3,5. + Luke 18:16-17)</p> <p>Bible reading (Genesis 22,24,27,28,32,39,45)</p> <p>Quiet time (Two by two: Genesis 45)</p> <p>Sharing and praying</p>	<p>DAY 4 (Lesson 7 + 8)</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Teaching (<i>Nature of K</i>. A parable about two kinds of people in God's kingdom)</p> <p>Bible study (<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>. Romans 2:17-29)</p> <p>Memorisation (Romans 1:16 + Romans 1:17)</p> <p>Bible reading (Joshua 1 + Judges 2,7,13,14,15,16)</p> <p>Quiet time (Two by two: Judges 2)</p> <p>Sharing and praying</p>
<p>DAY 2 (Lesson 3 + 4)</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Teaching (<i>Nature of K</i>. A parable about God's Word in God's kingdom)</p> <p>Bible study (<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>. Romans 1:18-32)</p> <p>Memorisation (Matthew 24:14 + Luke 9:62)</p> <p>Bible reading (Exodus 1,2,3,18,20,32,33)</p> <p>Quiet time (Two by two: Exodus 18)</p> <p>Sharing and praying</p>	<p>DAY 5 (Lesson 9 + 10)</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Teaching (<i>Nature of K</i>. Parables about growth in God's kingdom)</p> <p>Bible study (<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>. Romans 3:1-20)</p> <p>Memorisation (Romans 2:5 + Romans 2:15)</p> <p>Bible reading (1 Samuel 2,3,8,15,16,17,18)</p> <p>Quiet time (Two by two: 1 Samuel 7)</p> <p>Sharing and praying</p>
<p>DAY 3 (Lesson 5 + 6)</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Teaching (<i>Nature of K</i>. A parable about the messengers in God's kingdom)</p> <p>Bible study (<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>. Romans 2:1-16)</p> <p>Memorisation (Daniel 2:44 + Review series I)</p> <p>Bible reading (Deuteronomy 4,5,6,7,8,9,10)</p> <p>Quiet time (Two by two: Deuteronomy 6)</p> <p>Sharing and praying</p>	<p>DAY 6 (Lesson 11 + 12)</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Teaching (<i>Entrance into K</i>. Parables about the cost of entering God's kingdom)</p> <p>Bible study (<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>. Romans 3:21-31)</p> <p>Memorisation (Romans 3:28 + Review)</p> <p>Bible reading (2 Samuel 5,6,7,11,12,13,24)</p> <p>Quiet time (Two by two: 2 Samuel 7)</p> <p>Sharing and praying</p>

## POSSIBLE EXTRA TEACHINGS

Supplement 1	<i>Parables</i> . Interpreting parables
Supplement 2	<i>Parables</i> . A list of all the parables of Jesus
Supplement 3	<i>The Letter to the Romans</i> . Introduction to the letter to the Romans