OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE AND MINISTRY

MEETING WORKBOOK

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2025

Song 28 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Reject Unscriptural Beliefs and Customs (10 min.)

Obey Jehovah, and enjoy true happiness (Pr 29:18; *wp16.6* 6, box)

Rely on godly wisdom to determine whether a custom is pleasing to Jehovah (Pr 29:3a; *w19.04* 17 ¶13)

Resist pressure to conform to unscriptural customs (Pr 29:25; *w18.11* 11 ¶12)

Careful Bible-based research and good communication can help you overcome pressure to compromise ▸

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Pr 29:5—What is flattery, and in what way does 'a man who flatters his neighbor spread out a net for his feet'? (*it* "Flattery" ¶1)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Pr 29:1-18 (*th* study 5)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Invite the person to the upcoming special talk. (*lmd* lesson 2 point 3)

5. Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Use *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025 to start a conversation. Adjust your approach when the person expresses interest in another topic. (*lmd* lesson 3 point 3)

6. Starting a Conversation (5 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Offer *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025 to a person who expresses concern about war. (*lmd* lesson 3 point 4)

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Song 159

7. Local Needs (15 min.)

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb intro to section 4 and lessons 14-15

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 31 and Prayer**

Song 136 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. "Give Me Neither Poverty Nor Riches" (10 min.)

True happiness comes from trusting in God, not in wealth (Pr 30:8, 9; *w18.01* 24-25 ¶10-12)

A greedy person is never satisfied (Pr 30:15, 16; *w87* 5/15 30 ¶8)

Bible principles can help you to avoid unnecessary debt and stress (Pr 30:24, 25; *w11* 6/1 10 ¶4)

FAMILY WORSHIP IDEA: As a family, evaluate your attitude toward money.—*w24.06* 13 ¶18.

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Pr 30:26—What can we learn from the rock badger? (*w09* 4/15 17 ¶11-13)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Pr 30:1-14 (*th* study 2)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Use *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025 to start a conversation. (*lmd* lesson 1 point 3)

5. Following Up (4 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. (*lmd* lesson 9 point 3)

6. Explaining Your Beliefs (4 min.)

Talk. *ijwbq* article 102—Theme: Is Gambling a Sin? (*th* study 7)

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Song 80

7. *Do Not Be Misled by Imitation Peace! —Chibisa Selemani* (5 min.)

Discussion. **Play the VIDEO.** Then ask the audience: What did you learn from Brother Selemani's experience about making decisions that lead to true security and contentment?

8. *Organizational Accomplishments* for September (10 min.)

Play the VIDEO.

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lessons 16-17

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 128 and Prayer**

Song 135 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Lessons From a Mother's Loving Instructions (10 min.)

Teach your children Jehovah's view of sex and marriage (Pr 31:3, 10; *w11* 2/1 19 ¶7-8)

Teach your children to view alcohol as Jehovah does (Pr 31:4-6; *ijwhf* article 4 ¶11-13)

Teach your children to help people as Jehovah does (Pr 31:8, 9; *g17.6* 9 ¶5)

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Pr 31:10-31—What are alphabetic acrostics, and how were they used in the Hebrew Scriptures? (*w92* 11/1 11 ¶7-8)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Pr 31:10-31 (*th* study 10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Initiate a conversation after someone says or does something kind. (*lmd* lesson 5 point 3)

5. Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Share one of the "Truths We Love to Teach" from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure. (*lmd* lesson 1 point 4)

6. Following Up (5 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Invite a person who accepted *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025 to the upcoming special talk. (*lmd* lesson 7 point 4)

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Song 121

7. Help Your Children to Use Electronic Devices Wisely (8 min.) Discussion.

Have you ever watched a young child navigate his way through apps on a smartphone or tablet? It often seems so easy for children! They may rarely need help to learn how to use a device, but they always need help to learn how to use it wisely. If you are a parent, how can you train your child to use a device wisely?

Play the VIDEO *The Best Use of Time.* Then ask the audience:

- Why is it good to set limits on our use of electronic devices?

- What other things do we need to make time for?

When setting rules for your family, rely on Bible principles rather than on what other parents do. (Ga 6:5) For example, ask yourself:

- Has my child demonstrated sufficient self-control and responsibility for his actions to use my device, or even to have his own?—1Co 9:25
- To what extent should I supervise my child's activities?—Pr 18:1
- What apps and websites will I allow my child to use, and which ones will I not allow him to use?—Eph 5:3-5; Php 4:8, 9
- What is a reasonable limit for daily usage that will allow time for other enjoyable and important activities?—Ec 3:1

8. Local Needs (7 min.)

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lessons 18-19

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 2 and Prayer**

Song 103 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Continue to Train the Next Generation (10 min.)

[Play the VIDEO *Introduction to Ecclesiastes*.]

Each generation has the responsibility to train the next one (Ec 1:4; *w17.01* 27-28 ¶3-4)

When we train and delegate, we allow others to experience the joy of working hard in Jehovah's service (Ec 2:24)

Do not let your enjoyment of privileges prevent you from training younger brothers to take on more responsibility

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Ec 1:1—Describe Solomon's role as a "congregator." (*it* "Ecclesiastes" ¶1)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Ec 1:1-18 (*th* study 11)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Find out what topic interests the person. Arrange to contact him again. (*lmd* lesson 3 point 5)

5. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. Share one of the "Truths We Love to Teach" by using the method described in appendix A of the *Love People* brochure. (*lmd* lesson 2 point 3)

6. Following Up (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Answer a question that the person raised during a previous conversation. (*lmd* lesson 9 point 5)

7. Making Disciples (5 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. Demonstrate a Bible study, and make arrangements to continue. (*lmd* lesson 10 point 3)

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Song 84

8. Three Important Lessons About Training (15 min.) Discussion.

Love moves us to train others to accomplish the work Jehovah has given us to do

The Bible contains many excellent examples that teach us how to train others. We can learn much from how Samuel trained Saul, how Elijah trained Elisha, how Jesus trained his disciples, and how Paul trained Timothy. Of course, Jehovah is the best trainer of all. What can we learn from his example?

Play the VIDEO ***Imitate Jehovah as a Trainer* (Joh 5:20)—*Excerpt.***
Then ask the audience:

- What three lessons can we learn about Jehovah as a trainer?

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lessons 20-21

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 148 and Prayer**

Song 93 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Strengthen Your Threefold Cord (10 min.)

Make time for meaningful conversation (Ec 3:1; *ijwhf* article 10 ¶2-8)

Do things together (Ec 4:9; *w23.05* 23-24 ¶12-14)

Cultivate a strong relationship with Jehovah (Ec 4:12; *w23.05* 21 ¶3)

ASK YOURSELF, 'What effect could spending long periods of time away from my mate, even taking separate vacations or being away because of secular work, have on my marriage?'

Spend time together and with Jehovah ▸

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Ec 3:8—When is it *not* "a time to love"? (*it* "Love" ¶39)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Ec 4:1-16 (*th* study 2)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Use *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025 to start a conversation. Adjust your approach when the person expresses his interest in a different topic. (*lmd* lesson 2 point 5)

5. Following Up (4 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Offer a Bible study to a person who accepted *The Watchtower* No. 1 2025. (*lmd* lesson 9 point 4)

6. Talk (5 min.)

lmd appendix A point 12—Theme: God Is Fair and Unbiased. (*th* study 19)

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Song 131

7. When Marital Problems Arise, Keep Jehovah in the Picture (15 min.) Discussion.

Jehovah has given Christian couples all that they need to enjoy a happy, successful marriage. Still, married couples will experience problems from time to time. (1Co 7:28) If not addressed, those problems can cause heartache and, at times, even seem insurmountable. What if you face such problems in your marriage?

The dramatization *What Is True Love?* depicted a young couple experiencing serious marital problems. Do you remember the advice the father gave his daughter when she was about to make a decision that did not take Jehovah into consideration?

Play the VIDEO DRAMATIZATION *What Is True Love?—Excerpt.* Then ask the audience:

- Why should we rely on Jehovah's guidance when we experience marital problems?—Isa 48:17; Mt 19:6

If you experience serious problems in your marriage, keep Jehovah involved by maintaining a good spiritual routine. Work hard to resolve your problems using Bible principles, and look for information in our publications that will help you view your situation as Jehovah does. By doing so, you invite Jehovah's support and blessing.—Pr 10:22; Isa 41:10.

Play the VIDEO *Do Not Be Misled by Imitation Peace!—Darrel and Deborah Freisinger.* Then ask the audience:

- What do you learn about dealing with serious problems in a marriage from Brother and Sister Freisinger's experience?

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lesson 22, intro to section 5, and lesson 23

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 51 and Prayer**

Song 42 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. How We Show Reverence for Our Great God (10 min.)

We show respect at meetings by listening and by paying attention to our dress and grooming (Ec 5:1; *w08* 8/15 15-16 ¶17-18)

We offer public prayers that are thoughtful and reverential, not wordy (Ec 5:2; *w09* 11/15 11 ¶21)

We live up to our dedication vow (Ec 5:4-6; *w17.04* 6 ¶12)

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Ec 5:8—How can this verse comfort us when we face injustice? (*w20.09* 31 ¶3-5)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Ec 5:1-17 (*th* study 12)

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4. Starting a Conversation (1 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. The person wants to argue. (*lmd* lesson 4 point 5)

5. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Share one of the "Truths We Love to Teach" from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure. (*lmd* lesson 1 point 3)

6. Following Up (3 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Feature a video from the Teaching Toolbox. (*lmd* lesson 7 point 3)

7. Making Disciples (5 min.)

lff lesson 17 intro and points 1-3 (*lmd* lesson 11 point 3)

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Song 160

8. Are You Using "Truths We Love to Teach"? (15 min.) Discussion.

Since its release, the brochure *Love People—Make Disciples* has been helping us to improve our conversation skills. Appendix A was specifically designed to help us introduce simple Bible truths in our conversations. (Heb 4:12) Have you become familiar with the nine topics found under "Truths We Love to Teach"?

- How can we introduce a simple Bible truth at an appropriate time in a conversation?—*lmd* appendix A
- Which topics do you find most effective in your territory?
- What could you do to become more familiar with the scriptures in appendix A?

GOAL:

Try to remember at least one scripture per topic featured in appendix A. Start with those that may be the most appealing in your territory.

The more we use these scriptures in the ministry, the more familiar we become with them. To use them regularly, however, we must first contact people in our territory.

Play the VIDEO ***"Iron Sharpens Iron"—Reaching More People.*** Then ask the audience:

- What can help us to contact more people in our territory?

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lessons 24-25

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 34 and Prayer**

Song 39 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. "Go to the House of Mourning" (10 min.)

Make time to comfort those who mourn (Ec 7:2; *it* "Mourning" ¶9)

Provide comfort by recounting memorable qualities of the deceased (Ec 7:1; *w19.06* 23 ¶15)

Pray with those who mourn (*w17.07* 16 ¶16)

REMEMBER: Bereaved ones often need the support of fellow Christians for some time after the death of a loved one.—*w17.07* 16 ¶17-19.

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Ec 7:20-22—How can these verses help us determine whether to approach a person who has offended us? (*w23.03* 31 ¶18)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Ec 8:1-13 (*th* study 10)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. Find out what topic interests the person, and arrange to follow up. (*lmd* lesson 2 point 4)

5. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. (*lmd* lesson 2 point 3)

6. Following Up (2 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Feature our website, jw.org. (*lmd* lesson 9 point 4)

7. Explaining Your Beliefs (5 min.)

Demonstration. *ijwfq* article 50 —Theme: What Is a Witness Funeral Like? (*th* study 17)

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Song 151

8. Build Strong Faith in the Resurrection (15 min.) Discussion.

Jehovah's promise of a resurrection is one of our most precious possessions. It teaches us about Jehovah's qualities—his power, wisdom, mercy, and especially his love for us personally.—Joh 3:16.

When we have strong faith in the resurrection, we can see beyond our trials. (2Co 4:16-18) We can also enjoy a measure of peace and comfort when we face persecution, illness, or the death of a loved one. (1Th 4:13) We cannot be truly happy if we do not have faith in the resurrection. (1Co 15:19) Why not make it a goal to strengthen your faith in this wonderful hope?

Read John 11:21-24. Then ask the audience:

- How did Martha display strong faith in the resurrection?
- How was she rewarded for her faith?—Joh 11:38-44

Play the VIDEO *Imitate Women of Strong Faith!—Martha.*
Then ask the audience:

- Why do you cherish the resurrection hope?
- What can you do to keep your faith in the resurrection strong?

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lessons 26-27

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 124 and Prayer**

Song 30 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Keep a Proper View of Your Trials (10 min.)

We know that trials are not a sign of Jehovah's disapproval (Ec 9:11; *w13* 8/15 14 ¶20-21)

We do not expect life to be fair in Satan's system of things (Ec 10:7; *w19.09* 5 ¶10)

We should take time to enjoy the gifts that Jehovah has given us, even when facing challenges (Ec 9:7, 10; *w11* 10/15 8 ¶1-2)

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Ec 10:12-14—What warning about gossip do these verses contain? (*it* "Gossip, Slander" ¶4, 8)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Ec 10:1-20 (*th* study 11)

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. Start a conversation with someone who looks sad. (*lmd* lesson 3 point 4)

5. Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Share one of the "Truths We Love to Teach" from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure with a person who tells you that he is concerned about the economy. (*lmd* lesson 4 point 4)

6. Making Disciples (5 min.)

lff lesson 17 summary, review, and goal. (*lmd* lesson 12 point 3)

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Song 47

7. Finding Stability in the Face of Tragedy (15 min.) Discussion.

We face trials and challenges on a daily basis. However, some trials happen so suddenly and are so devastating that they can overwhelm us emotionally, physically, and even spiritually. How can we find stability in the face of tragedy?

No matter what trial we face, Jehovah is always ‘the stability of our times.’ (Isa 33:6) To rely on Jehovah, we need to be balanced and modest. (Pr 11:2) If we experience a tragic event, we may need to take time to care for ourselves or a loved one, to make wise decisions, or to allow ourselves to grieve. (Ec 4:6)

Since Jehovah uses his worshippers to strengthen one another, we must also be willing to accept or ask for help. Remember, your fellow worshippers love you deeply, and it makes them happy to support you.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-9. Then ask the audience:

- Why should we do our best to keep up with our basic spiritual routine even when it may be difficult to do so?

Play the VIDEO *Jehovah Is Close to the Brokenhearted.* Then ask the audience:

- How did Jehovah help Brother and Sister Septer?
- How did fellow worshippers help them?
- What else do you learn from their example?

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lesson 28, intro to section 6, and lesson 29

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 28 and Prayer**

Song 155 and Prayer | **Opening Comments** (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

1. Enjoy a Happy, Healthy Life (10 min.)

When possible, make time to enjoy some sunshine and fresh air (Ec 11:7, 8; *g* 3/15 13 ¶6-7)

Take care of your emotional and physical health (Ec 11:10; *w23.02* 21 ¶6-7)

Most important, worship Jehovah wholeheartedly (Ec 12:13; *w24.09* 2 ¶2-3)

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Ec 12:9, 10—What do these verses teach us about the men whom God used to write the Bible? (*it* "Inspiration" ¶10)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Ec 12:1-14 (*th* study 12)

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4. Following Up (3 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. (*lmd* lesson 8 point 3)

5. Following Up (4 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. In a previous conversation, the person told you that he recently lost a loved one in death. (*lmd* lesson 9 point 3)

6. Talk (5 min.)

lmd appendix A point 13—Theme: God Wants to Help Us. (*th* study 20)

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Song 111

7. Local Needs (15 min.)

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

lfb lessons 30-31

Concluding Comments (3 min.) | **Song 8 and Prayer**

Cover picture: A group of Israelites pay close attention as a priest explains the Law

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