

The Christian in His Community

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First, Let's Have a Talk

A Word From Your Study Guide Author

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have already experienced changes in your life. One of these changes probably was a change in your attitudes toward others. All of us are involved in relationships with other people. In other words, we all live in community with others.

We usually think of community as the place where we live. But you will learn that community is much more than the place where we live—it is a *spirit* or an *attitude* that we have toward others.

Do you know that you can be part of more than one community? You may be part of a school community, a church community, or a working community. All of these together may make up the community where you live.

In this course, we will discover principles of living in community with others. One of the underlying principles in making this course practical in your everyday life is to depend on the Holy Spirit. He will help you receive the teaching and turn it into life actions. Ask Him to help you as you study and as you put into practice the things you learn. A modern method of teaching yourself helps you to learn the principles easily and put them into practice immediately.

Your Study Guide

This book is a pocket-sized workbook that you can take with you and study whenever you have some free time. Try to set aside some time every day to study it.

You will notice that objectives are given at the beginning of each lesson and throughout the lesson development. The word *objective* is used in this book to help you know what to expect from your study. An objective is something like a goal or a purpose. You will study better if you keep in mind your objective.

Be sure to study carefully the first two pages of each lesson. This prepares your mind for what follows. Next, study the lesson section by section and follow the instructions under the title *For You to Do*. If there is not enough room to write your answers to the study questions in the study guide, write them in a notebook so that you can refer back to them when you review the lesson. The answers to study questions are given at the end of each lesson. Be sure to answer each question before you look at the answer we have given. If you are studying this course with a group, follow the instructions of your group leader.

How to Answer Study Questions

There are different kinds of study questions in this study guide. Following are samples of several types and how to answer them.

A *MULTIPLE-CHOICE* question or item asks you to choose an answer from the ones that are given.

Example of Multiple-Choice Question

- 1 A week has a total of
- a) 10 days.
 - b) 7 days.
 - c) 5 days.

The correct answer is *b*) 7 days. In your study guide, make a circle around *b*) as shown here:

- 1** A week has a total of
- a) 10 days.
 - b**) 7 days.
 - c) 5 days.

(For some multiple-choice items, more than one answer may be correct. In that case, you would circle the letter in front of each correct answer.)

A *TRUE-FALSE* question or item asks you to choose which of several statements are TRUE.

Example of True-False Question

- 2** Which statements below are TRUE?
- a The Bible has a total of 120 books.
 - b** The Bible is a message for believers today.
 - c All of the Bible authors wrote in the Hebrew language.
 - d** The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible.

Statements **b** and **d** are true. You would make a circle around these two letters to show your choices, as you see above.

A *MATCHING* question or item asks you to match things that go together, such as names with descriptions or Bible books with their authors.

Example of Matching Question

3 Write the number for the leader's name (right) in front of each phrase that describes something he did (left).

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|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| . 1 . . a | Received the Law at Mt. Sinai | 1) Moses |
| . 2 . . b | Led the Israelites across Jordan | 2) Joshua |
| . 2 . . c | Marched around Jericho | |
| . 1 . . d | Lived in Pharaoh's court | |

Phrases **a** and **d** refer to *Moses*, and phrases **b** and **c** refer to *Joshua*. You would write **1** beside **a** and **d**, and **2** beside **b** and **c**, as you see above.

Your Student Report

If you are studying to earn a certificate, you will need to complete the Student Report. The Student Report and answer sheets are located at the end of the book.

There are two units in this course. In the Student Report there are questions for each unit. There is also an answer sheet for each of the two units. Your study guide will tell you when to answer the unit questions and to fill out the appropriate answer sheet.

Follow the instructions given in your Student Report for sending the answer sheets to the ICI office in your area. The address should be stamped at the top of the copyright page. When you do this, you will receive an attractive certificate. If you have already earned the certificate, you will receive a seal to affix to it, indicating that you have completed another course in this unit of study.

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Now you are ready to begin Lesson 1. God bless you as you study!

Additional Helps

Other materials are available for use with this study guide, including supplemental audiocassettes, an Instructor's Guide, and an Instructor's Packet (for instructor's use only). Consult the Evangelism, Discipleship, and Training Manual.