much about where you will spend eternity?" (His response.)  "I would like to

share with you a very interesting Bible study. For instance, how would you answer question #8 (of Lesson #1)?" (His response.)  Would you like to see what the Bible says?" (His response.) (Have him to read the scripture.)  "This is a three lesson study to help you to understand what God’s will is so that you can go to Heaven.  We would be happy to go through these three lessons with you.  Would you like for us to do that?"

(His response.)  "We could study now or this evening at 7:00 PM, which would you prefer?"

**Example 3** "John we are going to one of two places in eternity, I want to go to Heaven. Which place do you want to go?" (His response)  "I can share with you from the Bible how you can go to Heaven. Would you like that?" (His response.)  We could study tonight or tomorrow night at 7:00 PM, which would you prefer?"

**Example 4** Someone might ask, "Do you believe that only members of the church of Christ are going to Heaven and everyone else is going to Hell?"  Here is a good answer: "John, it does not really matter what I believe, or what you believe, or what any other person believes.  What really matters is what the Bible says you need to do to go to Heaven.  Could I share with you what the Bible says that you need to do in order to go to Heaven?"

**Lesson 5 Conducting the study**

These suggestions will help you have a successful Bible study:

1)  Be on time.

2)  Take a silent partner with you.  You or your silent partner should be a woman if you are studying with a woman.

3)  Be sure to eliminate any distractions or disturbances.  Take a baby sitter if needed.

4)  Be sure to take enough study materials, pencils, paper, and Bibles.

5)  Each one in the study should have his own lesson to answer.  All need to put their names on their lesson sheets.

6)  A good place to study is at the kitchen or dining table.

7)  Start with a prayer.

8)  It is preferable that all involved in the study have the same Bible version. The prospect should use his own Bible regardless of the version.

9)  Some typical beginning questions are 1) "Do you accept the Bible as the word of God?" 2) "Do you want to go to Heaven?"  3) "John, if you discover something in our study of God's word that you haven't done, would you be willing to change and do what God says?"

10)  You should make clear that "We want to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent and let the scriptures tell us what God wants us to do."

11)  Tell them that if they do not understand something or have questions to let you know.

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12)  Have the individual and his or her spouse read the scripture.  Involve the individual in the study as much as possible.  Don't quote or read scripture to him.  This can provoke arguments.  Allowing the individual to read the truths, especially from his own Bible, will help hold his attention and have a positive influence on him.

13)  Do not skip any scriptures or questions and do not proceed until all agree with what the scripture says.  If he answers the question incorrectly, ask him to read the scripture again. Then ask, "What does the Bible say?"

14)  Use illustrations and explanations to help emphasize the point.

15)  Do not preach to him, but let the Bible give the answers.  Never apologize for the truth or express regret or excuse for what the Bible says. The truth saves.

16)  Don't argue - you will always lose.  We should never get angry or argumentative when discussing a religious point with others.  We read in 2 Timothy 2:24, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient."  When asked questions, try as much as possible to say, "Let us see what the Bible says."

17)  Always show sincere concern and interest.  If we do all the talking in the study, we will fail to get the other person's viewpoint.  If we will let him express himself, we can work at the problem from his point of view and not from our own.  If we will not listen to him, how can we expect him to listen to us?

18)  Do not allow the one you are studying with to stray from the lesson. Stay focused.

19)  This study can be covered in one, two, three, or four study appointments. Experience teaches that a study with three lessons is preferable.

20)  With this study you don’t have to remember a lot of scriptures.

21)  If a person believes that his sins were taken away before his baptism and that he was saved before his baptism, then he still has all of his sins. This means that he is still lost.  The lost must understand it is at baptism that God forgives us of all of our sins, gives us salvation, and makes us one in Christ.

22)  This study involves the individual and teaches the individual what he must do to be saved. He learns that denominationalism is wrong and that the Lord established only His one church. He also learns what God expects of an individual when he becomes a Christian. Remember these three points:  1) The one who has not obeyed the gospel is lost.  2) The gospel is God's power to save the lost. 3) We are the vessels through which the gospel is carried to the lost.

23)  In winning souls, we use God's word to: 1) Arouse within the lost the realization of their lost condition.  2) Guide them into an understanding of God's plan of salvation.  3) Excite within them a desire for this salvation.  No work requires so much patience and perseverance as soul winning.  We have the greatest message the world has ever known.  Millions are searching for it

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