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Encouragement from the Director



I have three words of encouragement for you: evangelize, disciple, and multiply. Why should that be an encouragement for you? Because, when we are doing those three things then we are participating with God in fulfilling His will for our lives. And when you and I become an active participant in this great plan, then our souls overflow with joy!

Take a trip with me for a moment and examine the conversation Jesus had with Peter in John 21:15-17. The hallmark statement we remember about this conversation is the fact that *three* times Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him. The directives that Jesus gave to Peter should help us all to refocus our priorities. Notice how the original language reads here:

1. In v. 15, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him unconditionally with God's kind of love? Peter responded that he did with a brotherly type love. Jesus then told him to feed the immature ones, which would mean to "*evangelize*".
2. In v. 16, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him unconditionally with God's kind of love? Peter again responds that he loves Him with a brotherly type love. Jesus then told him to herd, direct, and protect the more mature ones, which would mean to "*disciple*."
3. In v. 17, Jesus asks the final time if Peter loves Him. But now Jesus switches the kind of love to a brotherly love. Peter responds again that yes he loves Him with a brotherly type of love. Jesus then said to feed and nurture the mature ones which would mean to "*multiply*".

It is with these three words, Evangelize, Disciple, and Multiply that we present Christ Centered Champions to you.

Dr. Mark D. Hill, President

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- † The Holy Bible is the infallible Word of God, that it is His holy and inspired Word, and that it is of supreme and final authority;
- † In one God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- † That Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, He led a sinless life, took on Himself all our sins, died and rose again, and is sealed at the right hand of the Father as our mediator and advocate;
- † The depravity of man as brought about in the fall of Adam;
- † The reality of Heaven and Hell as set forth in the Bible;
- † That all men everywhere are lost and face the judgement of God, and need to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through His shed blood on the cross;
- † Salvation by grace without any mixture of works;
- † The bodily resurrection, ascension, and return of Jesus Christ;
- † The requirement of implicit obedience and faith to the commands of Christ;
- † In holy Christian living, and that we must have concern for the hurts and social needs of our fellowman; and
- † We must dedicate ourselves anew to the service of our Lord and to His authority over our lives.

VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of Christ Centered Champions™ to offer its resources to the global church for the purpose of evangelizing, discipling, and multiplying through sports, music, and service. The vision begins by searching for managers in all the countries of the world who will be willing to oversee its implementation and growth.

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Centered Champions™ seeks to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ through the avenue of sports, music, and service. Once they have accepted Christ they will receive discipleship training on how to present Christ to others. Once becoming an active Christian, they will want to take Jesus to their family, church, and the world. As the number of disciples grow the Champions ministry will multiply itself.

GOVERNANCE

Christ Centered Champions™ (CCC) is a DBA of the non-profit corporation Christ Centered Homes, Inc. (CCH). CCH was chartered by the State of Texas in 1993 and also operates under the DBAs of Christ Centered Missions, Champions Christian Academy, All Nations Bible Seminary, Christ Centered Prayer, and Network153.net. CCH is governed by a Board of Directors who meet annually to review all its programs. The day to day operations are governed by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mark D. Hill and the Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Beth Hill.

LOGO

The Christ Centered Champions™ CCC logo is trademarked in the U.S. It consists of three C's. The outer C is gold, middle is silver, and the inner is bronze. The different colors symbolize the levels of rewards that are available for participants as they accomplish goals their local CCC team has established.



HISTORY

Christ Centered Missions has supported global missions for years. In 2010, we gave a challenge to what we call Super Evangelists working in Cambodia to be creative in attracting people to hear the Gospel. One group purchased a soccer ball from a local market and went to an empty field and began kicking it around. Before long the small crowd of 10 turned to 50 and continued to grow. The Super Evangelists presented the Gospel and new believers were added to His Kingdom. Not knowing exactly what God had planned, they contacted our headquarters for help. We gathered up as many missionaries as we could find from different countries and invited them to share ideas at our headquarters in Atlanta Texas and Christ Centered Champions™ was birthed. Although a standard set of ideas were put into place, our desire was to create a moldable ministry where each country would have the ability to make changes to follow God as they watch Him work.



JOINING THE TEAM

CCC teams have been developed all over the world by volunteers from many different churches, individuals, and organizations. We are looking for mature stable Christians to be “*Coordinators*” for different regions of the world. Most of the time a region would mean country, but some countries are so large either by population or geography that multiple Coordinators are needed.

Some regions already have Coordinators ready to assist. Coordinators are looking for “*Coaches*” to train that will be responsible for different local teams. The Coach will be the one leading the team in evangelism, discipleship, and the organization of your team’s different sports, music, or service activities.

Coaches are responsible for being creative in getting members recruited from their regions. “*Team Members*” are presented the Gospel message at each gathering. Saved or not, they still may begin the discipleship program while further seeds are being planted into their lives. We currently see that by about the 3rd week of discipleship studies, the rest accept Jesus as their Savior.

REGISTERING THE TEAM

If you are interesting in starting your own CCC team please go to cchampions.org/register and fill out your information and choose the color and sizes of shirts you need. We will ship your startup kit to you. While waiting on your supplies, you can review any of the resources we have available on the site and download for your use.

REWARD PROGRAM- GOLD STARS

We recognize that the Bible gives multiple examples of rewarding his children for personal achievement (Matt. 6:6, Luke 6:35-38, Col. 3:23-24, 2 Tim. 2:15, 2 John 1:7-8). One of the best ways to get desirable behavior repeated is to reward the individual. We recognize that God created all of us with different talents and gifts and not all members are excellent athletes. Members’ awards should be based on their own achievements and not in comparison to another member. By rewarding individuals for their efforts alone, we can discourage the competitive “got to win at any cost” attitude we see in many secular sporting events. In other words, they will be

rewarded whether their team wins or not, as long as they meet the rewards guidelines. Coaches are allowed to set these guidelines based on their own country and culture.

Some areas that can be rewarded include Scripture memorization, academic achievement, Bible reading, music and choir participation, good sportsmanship, helping others, and individual sports goal achievements. Sports goal achievements might include besting their time on a race, the amount of soccer goals scored, the amount of basketball goals made, and so on. Sports are different from country to country so the Coaches will need to set their own creative guidelines for rewards. These goals should be set so that the children and youth participating can be "routinely" rewarded. Extended times of meetings without rewards could possibly discourage participants. If a team player is having trouble reaching a personal goal, the coach needs to consider lowering the goal. Team players not being able to reach personal goals could get discouraged from participating in the future.

There is plenty of room on the CCC shirts for our iron-on CCC Gold Star rewards. The coach can determine the placement for the stars or leave it up to the participant to determine the location. If the shirts with the 4" logo over the heart are being used then the front right side of the shirt is a good location. If the 10" logo centered on the shirt is being used, then perhaps the sleeves would be a good location.

Coaches will use the CCC Gold Star Reward Roster to keep up with the point system. Participants names are placed in the first column. On the top row, the benchmarks for the rewards are labeled. Routine tasks that reward obedience are figured off a point system. Points are tabulated at each week's meeting and are kept on the roster. At the end of each month, players are awarded one CCC Gold Star per 100 points. Unused points can roll over to the next month.

Points and Stars can be tabulated based on the following:

1. 100 Points: Winning someone to Christ
2. 100 Points: Discipling someone as set by the Coach
3. 100 Points: When someone a participant disciplined, discipled someone else
4. 100 Points: When a player exhibits any grand action or attitude that the Coach feels is exemplary

5. After Coaches set the rewards benchmarks, they tabulate the points on the roster each week.

- 10 Points: Obedience to the coaches and their team rules
- 10 Points: Speech is pure, kind and encouraging
- 10 Points: Good sportsmanship with actions or attitudes
- 10 Points: Helping others at CCC or in the community
- 10 Points: Church attendance
- 10 Points: Participating in prayer groups or with journals
- 10 Points: Bible memorization
- 10 Points: Bible reading assignments
- 10 Points: Church or CCC choir and music participation
- 10 Points: Attendance to CCC events
- 10 Points: School academic achievement
- 10 Points: Sports goal achievements as set by the Coach

TEAM OPERATIONS: EVANGELIZE, DISCIPLE, AND MULTIPLY

- I. EVANGELIZE
 - A. CCC Evangelism Ball

Since evangelism is a direct command for all Christians, CCC places a lot of emphasis in this area. Coaches are encouraged to use the CCC Evangelism Ball at its events. One ball is sent in each start-up kit. There is a guide on how to use the ball on the website. There are pictures on the site and in the files on how to make your own colored balls. Coaches can be creative and use this evangelistic tool on any balls, musical instruments, tools, or whatever is used by the participants in their groups.



Following are the seven steps on how the colors are taught:

1. Introduction:

In producing this ball, it was the intention of the manufacturer that the ball bounce. However, this ball will never bounce until it is filled. According to the Bible, the same is true for you and me. God created us to have a relationship with Him. However, to experience that relationship, we too, need to be filled. The colors on the ball describe how we can discover that relationship, be filled, be forgiven, and become all that God wants us to be. This "Good News" story begins with the blue panel on the ball.

2. Blue:

God is the One who has created the blue heavens and seas, and He has even created you and me. God wants to have a love relationship with us. (Genesis 1:1; John 3:16; 1 John 3:16)

3. Gold:

God loves us so much that He wants our relationship with Him to last forever in a place called Heaven. The Bible says that in the city of heaven the street was pure gold. Heaven is a place with no more problems. There will be no more crying, pain, suffering, or dying. (Revelation 21:21; 2 Peter 3:9)

4. Dark:

God is a holy God, and we are *not* a holy people. We have made mistakes. We have lied. We have been angry and maybe even acted out on that anger. The Bible calls these mistakes "sin," and these sins separate us from God. (Romans 3:23; 6:23) [the seams on the basketball represent dark, while the other balls have a dark panel]

5. Red:

We have talked about how much God loves us. His love is so great that He was willing to allow His Son to pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross and endured the punishment that we should have endured. The color red

represents the blood He shed when He died, and reminds us that our "sin-debt" has been paid. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 6:23)

6. White:

When Jesus died on the cross He was placed in a grave. After three days and nights in the grave, He arose just as He said He would. He said that if we would tell others with our mouths that He is Lord and believe in our hearts that he arose from the grave, that He will save us from our sin and give us eternal life with Him in Heaven. Will you stop and ask Him to forgive you and to be the Lord and Savior of your life right now? The color white represents how God sees us after He saves us. We are a cleansed forgiven child of God. (Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 1:9)

7. Green:

Green represents new growth in the trees, plants, and grasses of the earth. In the same way, we must have new growth in our lives with Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We must study the Bible, pray to God, and assemble with other Christians to grow in our faith and knowledge. (2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Peter 3:18)

B. Champions Tract

The Champions Tract is used to evangelize others that come to the events to watch. While the Coach is working with the teams you can assign someone else to work the crowds that have assembled. You can carry the CCC Evangelism Ball in one arm and hand out the tracts and discuss the Gospel with on-lookers. These are very effective in countries where initial decisions may not occur quickly. On-lookers can then take the tracts home with them and read them without fear of being watched.

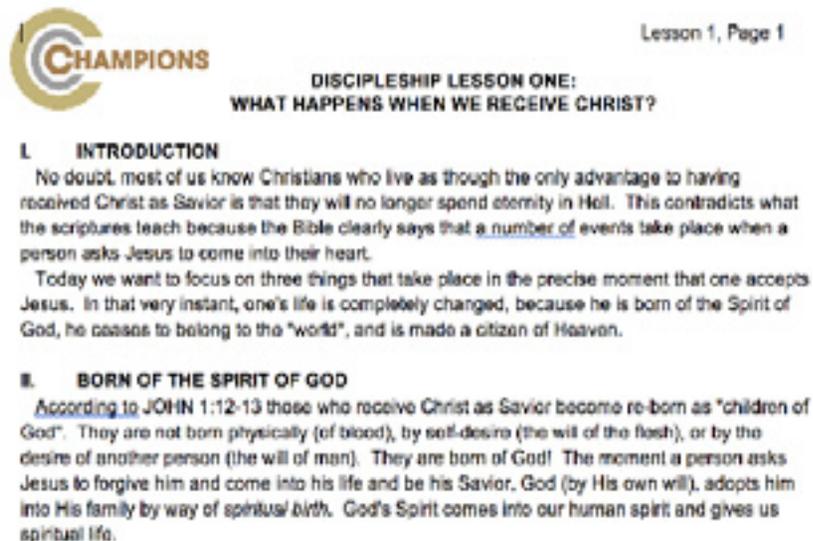


II. DISCIPLE

1. Once a team is in place, the players begin CCC's discipleship program. The curriculum for the team can either be obtained from the church where they attend, other organizations, or from the CCC website. CCC's discipleship curriculum lasts 14 weeks and covers the basic principles of our faith. This curriculum has been used worldwide with much success. After the 14 weeks is completed, the Coach would then obtain more curriculum from other sources to continue. CCC is not denominational in its design which allows its coaches to choose discipleship material that more closely follows their own team's doctrinal tenets.

The CCC curriculum can be downloaded in multiple languages from the website. When new languages are requested we will find translators to complete the task then upload it to the site for everyone's use. New discipleship curriculum with expanded subjects and themes will become available on the site as it is written and uploaded.

Here is a screenshot of the first CCC lesson:



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Lesson 1, Page 1

**DISCIPLESHIP LESSON ONE:
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST?**

I. INTRODUCTION

No doubt, most of us know Christians who live as though the only advantage to having received Christ as Savior is that they will no longer spend eternity in Hell. This contradicts what the scriptures teach because the Bible clearly says that a number of events take place when a person asks Jesus to come into their heart.

Today we want to focus on three things that take place in the precise moment that one accepts Jesus. In that very instant, one's life is completely changed, because he is born of the Spirit of God, he ceases to belong to the "world", and is made a citizen of Heaven.

II. BORN OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

According to JOHN 1:12-13 those who receive Christ as Savior become re-born as "children of God". They are not born physically (of blood), by self-desire (the will of the flesh), or by the desire of another person (the will of man). They are born of God! The moment a person asks Jesus to forgive him and come into his life and be his Savior, God (by His own will), adopts him into His family by way of spiritual birth. God's Spirit comes into our human spirit and gives us spiritual life.

III. MULTIPLY

1. Team Sponsorship:

Each USA CCC team is sent a free start-up kit that includes 12 CCC shirts, 100 Gold CCC Reward Stars, a CCC Ball, and a jump drive with all the CCC files that are available. Additional supplies can be purchased from the CCC site at our cost when needed.

Each USA CCC team agrees to sponsor a third world country's CCC program at the cost of \$250/year. This will supply their team with shirts, balls, reward stars, and a budget to print their discipleship materials in their own country. The sponsorship can be raised by having fundraisers, tournaments, and donations. When possible, we encourage USA teams to annually sponsor more than one team that lacks needed resources.



RESOURCE CENTER

You may go to cchampions.org/resourcecenter/ and find many resources to assist you in developing your team. Following is a list of some of the information you will find:

- Discipleship Curriculum (choose a language)
- Sports Rules
- Sport Equipment and Playing Surfaces
- Ball Presentation Guide
- Champions Tract (used for evangelism)
- The Play Book (daily devotions)