

VANGUARDS OF A MISSIONARY UPRISING



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STUDY GUIDE

Vanguard Training 1: Real Discipleship

Share feedback on enlisting vanguards.

The African Vanguard

Read: Acts 8:26-40

Summarize the Bible's Account

How can we praise, give thanks or worship through this story?

Are there examples in this story to follow? Acts 1:8

What is the purpose of baptism? Romans 6: 1-7, 11-13

Is baptism required for salvation? I Corinthians 1:16-17

Why do we baptize? Matthew 28:18-20

What is the Great Commission?

Claim:

Command:

Promise:

What is the difference between teaching Christ's commands and teaching obedience to Christ's command?

How would you describe discipleship that does not teach obedience to making disciples of all nations?

What is real discipleship?

Is it a God-given spiritual right of every Christian to fulfill Christ's Great Commission?

What would you call discipleship that does not reach obedience to the Great Commission because of racial discrimination?

Pair up and retell the Acts 8 story and review the lesson to practice for your own vanguard discipleship group. Share the names of your group members and pray together.

Vanguard Training 2: Bible's Authority

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The Young Vanguard

Read: 2 Chronicles 34; 35: 6, 20-24.

Summarize the Bible's Account of King Josiah

How can we praise, give thanks or worship God through this story?

Are there examples in this story to follow?

- 34:3 Josiah sought God but still needed to know God's written Word to have a relationship with Him and obey His commands
- 34:8, 14 Josiah repaired the LORD's physical temple. (We need to repair God's divided spiritual temple. Eph. 2:19-22)
- 34:18 Josiah discovered God's Word
- 34:19 Josiah repented for sins of omission from not obeying the Bible's commands. He respected God's punishment for failure to know, believe and obey His Word
- 34:27 Josiah had a tender heart and humbled himself to obey God's Word. He understood that the Bible revealed the way to establish a relationship with God and wasn't a bunch of rules.
- 34:30 Josiah read all the Book of the Covenant to all of the people without discriminating between their social classes.
- 34:31 Josiah made a covenant to obey God's Word completely with deep commitment
- 34:32 Josiah used his influence to lead God's people to take a stand on God's Word
- 35:6 Josiah respected the absolute authority of all of God's Word--God gave every word supernaturally through Moses who wrote it down without error. (2 Timothy 3:15, 2 Peter 1:20, 21)
- 35:20-24 Good: Necho King of Egypt obeyed God's Word regardless of opposition
Bad: Josiah attempted to hinder obedience to God's Word and suffered the tragic consequences

Why must true discipleship respect the Bible's authority? Teach obedience to Christ's Great Commission? (Matthew 28:18-20)

Pair up and retell Josiah's story and review the lesson to practice for your own vanguard discipleship group. Share the names of your group members and pray together.

Vanguard Training 3: The Mentor/Disciple-maker

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The Apprentice Vanguard

Read: Acts 16: 1-5, 12; 2 Timothy 1:2-6; Hebrews 13:23.

Summarize the Bible's account of Timothy's background and ministry.

How can we praise, give thanks or worship God through these passages?

Are there examples in this story to follow?

What commands must we obeyed from the following verses? Which of these discipleship dynamics does each emphasize: **Relationship, High Expectations, Sound Doctrine, and/or Spiritual Reproduction?**

- 1 Timothy 1:1-3
- 1 Timothy 4:12
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- 2 Timothy 2:22
- 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- 2 Timothy 4:1-2

What characteristics should you look for in a mentor/disciple-maker?

Pair up and retell Timothy's story and review the lesson to practice for your own vanguard discipleship group. Share the names of your group members and pray together.

Vanguard Training 4: The Vanguard's Story

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Cast vanguard campus vision to pray, share and jump.

The Prepared Vanguard

Read: Exodus 3:1-10

Summarize the Bible's account of Moses' assignment.

How can we praise, give thanks or worship Jesus Christ through this passage?

In what ways did God use Moses' background experiences to prepare him for his assignment?

Telling Your Story

1. Take out a sheet of paper and write your story with four parts:
 - A) Your life before Jesus,
 - B) How you met Jesus, and
 - C) The difference that Jesus has made in your life
 - D) Experiences that made Christ's Great Commission important to you
2. Try to remove or avoid religious vocabulary that your non-Christian friend might have trouble understanding.
3. Remember to keep your story short, no more than 2-3 minutes in length.
4. Now, practice three times, reading your story out loud. Then, close your eyes and recite your story from memory.
5. Ask three Christian friends to listen to your story. Invite them to give you feedback on how to improve. See if you can do it better each time.

Write down the names of 5 people with whom you can share your story this week. Exchange these names with another group member. Pray for them and each another.

Vanguard Training 5: The Vanguard's Gospel

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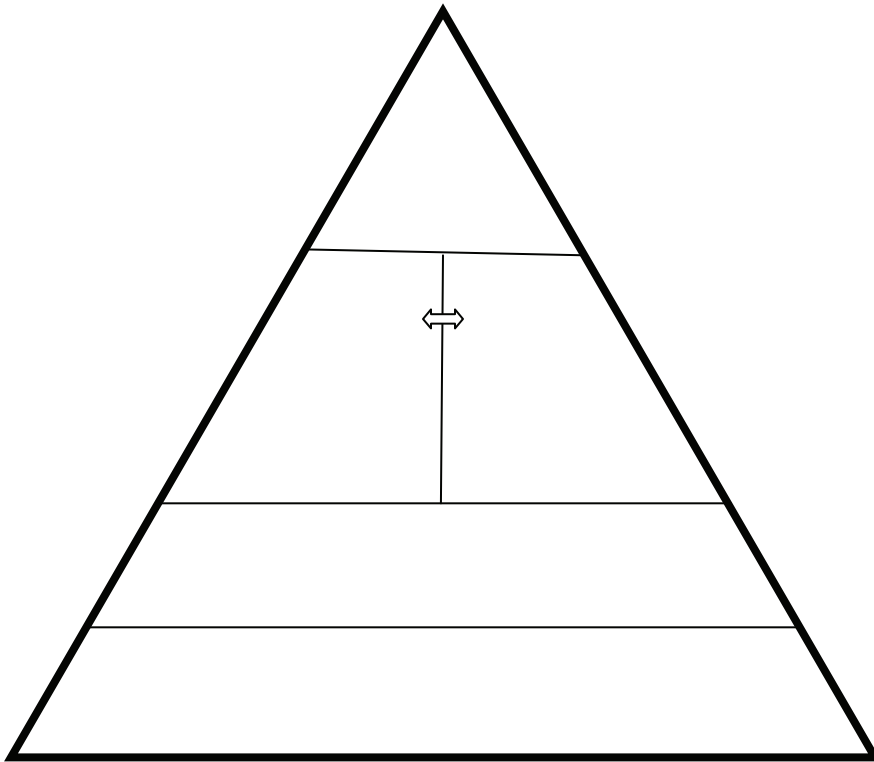
The Ready Vanguard

Read: Ephesians 6:19-20

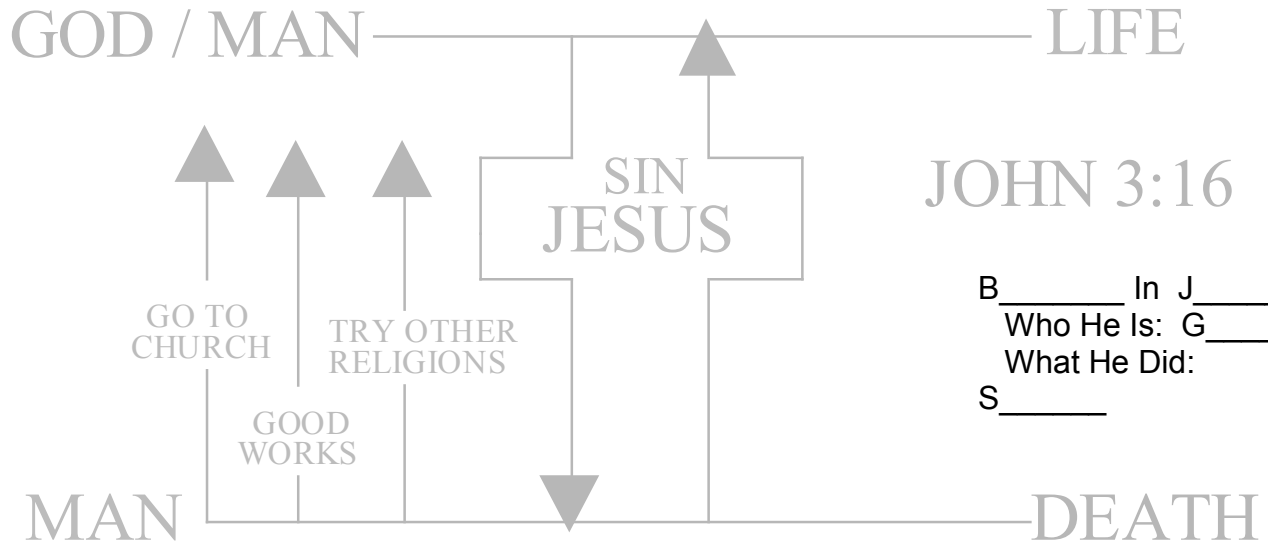
Summarize the Bible's account of the Apostle Paul's prayer request.

How can we praise, give thanks or worship Jesus Christ through this passage?

What are some differences in how we share the Gospel with a Type A versus a Type B unbeliever?



L _____
H _____



B _____ In J _____
Who He Is: G _____
What He Did: _____
S _____

- EE Questions: 1. If you were to die today, do you know that you will go to heaven?
[Can I show you from the Bible how you can know for certain?]
2. Suppose you were to die tonight and stand before God and He were to say to you: "Why should I let you into my heaven?" What would you say?
Optional Question: Are you into spiritual things?

Diagram Transition Questions and Statements:

1. What do you know about God?
2. What does it mean that God is holy?
3. If God intended for us to have life by being in a relationship with Him, then why is there so much death? Do you know the story of Adam and Eve? What happened?
4. If your sin separates you from a holy God and your punishment is death, then how do you get back up to God when you have sin on your account.
5. God had to do something for us that we could not do ourselves by sending Jesus Christ down to earth to make a way for us to come back to God.
6. Why do you think that I drew the bridge to look like a cross?
7. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
8. Since the penalty for sin is death, Jesus died to take our place. He was our substitute. God put our sins on Jesus and He bore them on His body on the cross.
9. God raised Jesus from the dead, which shows that He was satisfied which Jesus payment for our sins.
10. This is called the John 3:16 diagram and here's why . . .
11. I am going to write my name here and you write yours to show that God loved us personally . . .
12. This is what it means to believe in Jesus

Decision Questions:

- A. Does this make sense?
- B. Do you have any questions?
- C. Do you believe that Jesus is God - meaning that you will turn from sin and give Him control of your life?
- D. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who died on the cross for you? Why did Jesus have to die for you?
- E. Are you willing to turn from sin and obey Jesus?
- F. When I made this commitment I said a prayer to settle up with God. Would you pray now and thank Jesus for taking your punishment on the cross and ask Him to take control of your life?

Vanguard Training 6: Chapter 1: Know the Mission Well

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What did you like about Chapter 1?

What bothered you about Chapter 1?

What is a missionary uprising vanguard?

Read: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1: 1-8

Summarize the Bible's account of Christ's Great Commission.

How can we praise, give thanks or worship Jesus Christ through this passage?

Describe the five basic fundamentals of Christ's mission:

God's Purpose:

Christ's Purchased Freedom:

Christ's Process:

Christ's Procedure:

Christ's Provision:

Christ's Promise:

What two main components make discipleship legitimate?

What lessons about vanguard leadership come from Chapter 1's stories about the Haitian Revolt against Napoleon, the British Corps of Colonial Marines, and Fort Negro.

Vanguard Training 7

Chapter 2: Find Your Identity in Christ

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Read Ephesians 2: 11-22

Summarize this Scripture's teaching about Christ's blood creating one united and diverse household of God.

If Jesus, Himself, is our peace, how does this impact our vanguard movement to fulfill His commission?

What are some of the conclusions, challenges or ideas that you liked about each section of Chapter 2 in *Vanguards of a Missionary Uprising*?

What questions do you have about Chapter 2?

Do you agree with the author's conclusions about the differences between the old and new way of thinking about cultures? Why or why not?

Weigh the importance of a disciple-maker's race in campus ministry.

What would be multi-cultural alternatives to segregating campus ministries by black and white American races, Asian and Hispanic American ethnicities, and international students?

Brainstorm innovative ways that African-American Christian students may learn how to translate other cultures to become vanguard leaders of a culturally complex international missions force.

What challenge from the chapter stirs you the most and what steps will you take to step up for Christ?

Vanguard Training 8

Chapter 3: Lead with True Discipleship

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Read Joshua 14:6-15

Summarize this Scripture's teaching about Caleb's faith, obedience, victory, example and spiritual legacy.

Give praises to God using this Scripture passage.

What does this passage illustrate about the importance of a legacy of obedience to Christ in true discipleship?

What are some of the conclusions, challenges or ideas that you liked about each section of Chapter 3 in *Vanguards of a Missionary Uprising*?

What questions do you have about Chapter 3?

Why does the author conclude that inferior discipleship is unjust and causes the white-black gap in career missions? Why or why not do you agree?

What challenge from the chapter stirs you the most and what steps will you take as a result?

Vanguard Training 9
Chapter 4: Celebrate Your Generations Freedom

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Read Psalm 119:25-32

Turn these verses into praises to the Lord.

Go through each section in Chapter 4 and highlight the challenges that are meaningful to you.

Give examples about how the Holy Spirit's love is compelling students or young adults toward a life of obedience to Christ's commission.

Are you dealing with any hurts from the past or anyone trying to discourage you from giving your life to fulfill Christ's mission.

Pair up and review the lesson to practice for your own vanguard discipleship group. Share the names of your group members and pray together.

Vanguard Training 10
Chapter 5: Find Calling Through Discipleship

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Read Isaiah 6:1-8

Turn these verses into praises to the Lord.

Go through each section in Chapter 5 and highlight the challenges that are meaningful to you.

When did you offer yourself to Christ to fulfill His commission?

Share your experiences with finding a disciple-maker who's committed to world missions?

What kind of career planning steps are you taking to pursue fulfilling Christ's commission?

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Vanguard Training 11

Chapter 6: Pioneer in Spirit

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Read John 17:20-23

Summarize Christ's prayer for unity of believers.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

Summarize the challenges given in each section of Chapter 6.

What is the difference between leading a spiritual reformation and leading a spiritual revolution?

What questions do you have about Chapter 6?

What challenge from Chapter 6 stirs you the most and what steps will you take as a result?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 12

Chapter 7: Lead by Empowering

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Read Ephesians 4:11,12

Summarize Christ's way of equipping his disciples.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

Summarize the challenges given in each section of Chapter 7.

What is the difference between leading by empowering versus seeking status, buildings and titles?

What is the effective missionary's leadership ambition at home and overseas?

What challenge from Chapter 7 stirs you the most and what steps will you take as a result?

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Vanguard Training 13

Chapter 8: Bring It Strategically

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Read John 15:1-10

Summarize this passage's strategic commands.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

Summarize the challenges given in each section of Chapter 8.

When did you come to really know Jesus Christ?

What challenge from Chapter 8 stirs you the most and what steps will you take as a result?

Who is the playful disciplemaker that shows you how to pray in many ways?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 14

Chapter 9: Manage Money for Mission

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Read Philippians 4:11-19

Summarize this passage's partnership principles.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

Share one practical step that you will take for each section of Chapter 9.

How are you learning financial stewardship now?

How will you address your need to pay off student loans?

What missionaries do you now support?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 15

Chapter 10: Balance Two Historical Viewpoints

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Read I Corinthians 12:25-27

Summarize this passage's reasons why black and white American Christians must mobilize together.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

What history lessons may be learned from each section of Chapter 10?

How does understanding the historical background help one avoid being demobilized by one extreme view of missions or the other?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 16

Chapter 11: Diagnose Hidden Hurdles

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Read Ephesians 6:11-12

Summarize how this passage relates to Chapter 11's analysis of Satan's recycled hidden hurdles to missions mobilization.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

Describe the hidden hurdles of spiritual warfare that each section of Chapter 11 exposes.

Why did "uplift" fail?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 17

Chapter 12: Choose the Narrow Road from Norfolk

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Read I Corinthians 15:3-4

Summarize how this passage's true Gospel.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture passage.

In each section of Chapter 12, compare and contrast the experiences and choices of the two pastors from Norfolk.

Summarize the Narrower Road of sound doctrine, true Gospel.

How did Pastor Drew combine the true Gospel, morality and community outreach?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 18

Chapter 13: Recognize the Broad Road's Destruction

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Read John 12:47-48, Galatians 1:6-9 and 2 Peter 2:1

Summarize the warnings in these passages.

Give praises to our God using these Scriptures.

In each section of Chapter 13, identify the destructive consequences of rejecting the authority of God's Word and the true Gospel.

How does liberalism's false teaching demobilize?

What are some practical ways for you to defend the true Gospel with sound doctrine?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 19

Chapter 14: Understand America's White Christian Mindset

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Read Galatians 2:11-20

Summarize Paul's activism in these verses that addressed two issues: divisive structures and having a personal relationship with Christ.

Give praises to our God using these Scriptures.

In each section of Chapter 14, identify the insights that you find helpful to understand white missionary motives.

What did you like most in this chapter?

What did you dislike?

What steps can you take to mobilize a racially unified witness for Christ?

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.

Vanguard Training 20

Chapter 15: Add Dynamics of a Successful Missionary Uprising

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Read Ephesians 2:16-21

Summarize these verses' spiritual descriptions of Christ's Body.

Give praises to our God using this Scripture.

In each section of Chapter 15, identify specific dynamics that make an uprising successful and structures that demobilize Americans in missions.

What are practical ways to add the following dynamics to your vanguard mobilization:

Expectation:

Investigation:

Edification:

Practice summarizing this chapter with someone in the T4T group. Exchange the names of those with whom you want to share this challenge this week. Close with prayer for them and one another.