

# Putting in all together

Lesson for Sunday, April 26, 2026

## INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Today is all about review! This can be a dangerous thing! Too often we come to church and listen to lessons and messages, only to forget everything we have heard within just a few days.
- ⇒ In this series, we have not only tried to teach you what to know, but also what you can do if you want to obey God's Word.

TEACHER TIP: This lesson is a review. See how much of this your class can teach for you! Plan your lesson with maximum class participation. The key is to see what they know and to help them reiterate the key components of what we have discussed. Use your board and fill it in as you teach.

## BIBLE STUDY:

1. The Four **Calls** of Jesus
  - a. **Come & See** (John 1:35-39)
    - i. Literally means "just show up"
    - ii. This call is extended to all who are lost.
    - iii. APPLICATION:
      - If we are lost, when will we answer the call?
      - If we are saved, are we extending the call? Who has God put in our daily path for us to share the Gospel?
  - b. **Follow Me** (John 1:4)
    - i. It means to line up behind, to imitate.
    - ii. This call is extended to the Christian who needs to grow spiritually. It is a call of commitment.
  - c. Follow Me and I will make you **fishers of men** (Matthew 4:19)
    - i. This is Jesus's call to the growing Christian to go deeper in their walk with Christ and to begin serving others.
    - ii. This is an invitation to join Jesus's ministry team, to become a worker.
  - d. **Go and bear fruit** (John 15:8)
    - i. It is God's will that His children bear fruit.
    - ii. We identified three types of spiritual fruit found in the Bible.
      - The fruit of Christian **character** (Galatians 5:22-23).
      - The fruit of Christian **conduct** (Philippians 1:11).
      - The fruit of Christian **converts** (Romans 1:13).
2. The Three **Barriers** (John 15)
  - a. What is it that keeps us from growing to full spiritual maturity? Jesus outlined three barriers that can occur in our spiritual lives.
  - b. Barrier #1: **Sin**
    - i. In verse 5, Jesus could not be clearer, we cannot bear fruit if sin is controlling our lives.
    - ii. APP: What are the sins common to you that threaten to keep you from growing to spiritual maturity?
  - c. Barrier #2: **Good Things**
    - i. We read in verse 2 that when we begin to bear fruit God will purge us so that we can bear even more fruit.
    - ii. God's primary goal in our lives is that we look like His Son Jesus. (See Romans 8:29; Romans 12:1-2.) God loves us too much to allow things in our lives (even good things) to keep us from moving closer to that goal.
  - d. Barrier #3: **Satisfaction**

- i. Eight times in John 15 Jesus tells us to “abide in Him.” This means that Jesus is to be our permanent resting place.
  - ii. We abide in Christ as discipline ourselves to Godliness, and as we become more like Jesus, more spiritual fruit is produced in our lives.
- 3. The Six Core **Exercises**
  - a. In 1 Timothy 4:7-8, Paul gives us the secret to Godliness. We must discipline ourselves. Becoming a disciple does not happen by **accident**; it requires **intentional** spiritual discipline.
  - b. When we study God’s Word, we can identify six core exercises the Christian ought to develop. When these become part of the Christian life, the Christian is transformed into the image of Jesus, and they begin to produce spiritual fruit.
  - c. Exercise #1: **Communicate** – We must learn to pray (Luke 11:1).
    - i. When we study the life of Jesus, we learn that prayer was a priority.
    - ii. When we read the book of Acts, we see that prayer was the first response in every situation for those early Christians.
    - iii. Disciples are to be praying people.
  - d. Exercise #2: **Learn** (2 Timothy 2:15)
    - i. The disciple must learn to feed themselves from God’s Word.
    - ii. Psalm 1 paints a beautiful picture of the one who immerses themselves in the Bible.
    - iii. The first thought of the Christian ought to be, “What does the Bible say?”
  - e. Exercise #3: **Obey** (John 14:15)
    - i. We will never grow past our level of obedience.
    - ii. The disciple is a doer of the Word (James 1:22).
  - f. Exercise #4: **Store** (Psalm 119:11)
    - i. Our love for God’s Word will lead us to internalize God’s Word.
    - ii. We must learn to store God’s Word in our hearts.
  - g. Exercise #5: **Evangelize** (Mark 16:15)
    - i. Jesus’s last words to His disciples were to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.
    - ii. The disciple cannot neglect this responsibility.
  - h. Exercise #6: **Renew** (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
    - i. The fuel for the disciple is their daily communion with the Lord.
    - ii. If you are going to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, you must have a daily quiet time with God. There is no way around this.
  - i. When these six exercises become a habit in the Christian’s life, we are drawn **CLOSER** to the Lord and begin to produce spiritual fruit.

**APPLICATION:**

- ⇒ Do you have a good picture of what is God’s will for your life and how we can achieve it?
- ⇒ What is the #1 thing that you need to go to work on to becoming all that God desires for you to be?
- ⇒ Discuss how we keep these lessons alive in our life and not relegate to nothing more than a 12-week SS series.