





Bethesda Discipleship Home

Colossians 1:27-29 *27To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.*

Who We Are

John 5:2-9 & 1 John 2:1-6

Bethesda Discipleship Home or also known as BDH will be opening up soon here in San Diego, California. We are in the process of registering as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. We are operating a Home program that provides Christ-honored-Bible-centered discipleship to men who desire to know God in a dynamic and intimate relationship, and who desire to become Christ-like leaders in their home, church, community, and work. It is our aspiration to reach those men affected by the scourges of life including men who are spiritually sick, spiritually blind, spiritually lame, and/or spiritually paralyzed.

We are not a treatment program. We solely rely on the Word of God through the Holy Bible, prayer, fasting, and Truthful decision making in order to guide a man to the Instruction and Truth of Almighty God, Jesus Christ.

The BDH operates the program within the facility of a homelike environment and provides a Biblical comprehensive approach. Our objectives are to nurture, equip, and serve men with a transitional housing method through seven goals so that these men may live life as God fearing, responsible, and productive leaders in the home, church, community, and work.

We provide a structured, family atmosphere favorable to spiritual growth. The men participate in much thinking, education, training, and community outreach services in order to stimulate endurance to promote character development and a positive life long change, to bring personal appreciation, and to practice investing their lives into the lives of others around them.



Mission Statement

John 20:31

The Bethesda Discipleship Home exists to provide an environment in which men can grow spiritually to be Christ-like leaders at home, at church, in the community, and at work by:

- **Nurturing men** into a loving relationship with God Almighty, Jesus Christ;
- **Equipping men** to use their God-given spiritual gifts;
- **Serving men** by building a change in character through discipleship, discipline, determination, and the wonderful grace of God for strong male relationships and responsibilities.

Vision Statement

Proverbs 29:18

The Bethesda Discipleship Home envisions immobilized men coming into the BDH. We envision men spending daily time with Jesus and getting to know Him in a dynamic intimate way. We envision men learning to be transparent and to hold each other accountable and more importantly being accountable to God in all details of their lives. We envision men learning to humbly and joyfully serve their families, churches, communities, and employers with Godly character.

Goals

2 Corinthians 13:11

Success can only be measured by the goals set in place. The principal goal of the Bethesda Discipleship Home is first to fear and honor God in all that happens in and through the BDH. As we seek to always accomplish this principal goal within our actions, we aim to prayerfully serve the Disciples in love, purpose, determination, discipline and discipleship through proving the Disciples in order to:

1. Be a Bethesda (Home of mercy)
2. Develop a wholesome relationship with God
3. Serve to help men conquer their strongholds
4. Maintain a character level in tune with the Bible
5. Secure long-term employment
6. Establish financial responsibility
7. Ensure success with their families and neighbors.

Services Provided

Mark 10:43-45

The services to the men that participate in the Bethesda Discipleship Home program include but are not limited to:

1. Structured Environment

- I. There are many rules for the men to follow which enable them to learn and to practice:
 - A. Obeying authority(ies)
 - B. Possessing temperance
 - C. Responsibility(ies)
 - D. Order
 - E. Safety
 - F. Cleanliness
 - G. Carrying out structure in their personal lives

2. Daily Chapel Services

- I. Everyday the men will congregate to hear teaching from the Bible which expound on:
 - A. Practical teachings in instruction
Examples. Living a responsible life
Being loyal
 - B. Applicable Biblical principles
 - C. Biblical Doctrines (Healthy Biblical way of living life)

3. Individual Mentorship

- I. The BDH Director will weekly meet one-on-one with Disciples to listen, and guide Disciples alone to success.
- II. To train them to invest their lives into the life of another man too.

4. Group Interaction

- I. The men will always be participating with other men in different functions in order to teach them how to:
 - A. Patience
 - B. Long-suffering
 - C. Comradeship
 - D. Serve others
 - E. Compassion
 - F. Love
 - G. labor in team work

5. Special Needs Mentorship

- I. Life at times brings all of us the experience of a heavy burden or a deep trial. BDH offers various means to assist a Disciple if needs some extra help in ways, which are not limited to:
 - A. Extra mentorship
 - B. Special transportation to places and appointments.
 - C. Special activities designed to assist the Disciple

6. Access to Pastoral Counseling at the Lighthouse Baptist Church

7. Family Programs

I. The family is very important to us here at BDH. The Family is a resource that God has given us and it is one of our goals that the Disciple's family will be benefited and strengthen too. In order to serve the Disciple's family's we encourage and create family activities. We do this in order that the Disciple and his family too can grow to become a closer knit family, teach one another social skills, develop creativity within the family, teach problem solving, and build wonderful memories. BDH at times will have special activities where the Disciple's immediate family is invited over fellowship in ways, which are not limited to:

- A. Family Bar-B-Que or cookout Day
- B. Family Game Day
- C. Family Chapel Service Day

8. Weekly Reformers Unanimous Addictions Program participation for FREE

I. The Disciples are required to participate in the RU weekly classes at the Lighthouse Baptist Church on Friday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in order to receive instruction in:

- A. Corrective behavior modification education and training
- B. Also, to participate with additional mentoring
- C. and building lasting healthy relationships with other individuals.

9. Reformers Unanimous Behavior Modification Curriculum

I. The Disciples at the BDH are required to educate themselves and one source of education that they are required to participate in is the RU Curriculum. We require the RU Curriculum participation in order to assist the Disciples to:

- A. Build a dynamic love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ
- B. Get them into the Bible everyday
- C. Assist in overcoming their addiction and sinful habits
- D. Experience a longevity of life altering changes

10. BDH Case Management (Not government nor medically influenced)

I. BDH is not a treatment program. Therefore, we do not offer any kind of medical or psychological treatment. BDH solely relies on the Word of God through the Holy Bible, prayer, fasting, and Truthful decision making in order to guide a man to the Instructions and Truths for any of life's problems.

II. The Holy Bible is BDH's Management. Each Disciple will be guided from the Principles and Truths of the Holy Bible for personal:

- A. Growth
- B. Improvements
- C. Developments
- D. Maturity

11. Parenting Skills Training

I. It is vitally important for men to learn skills, knowledge, and principles in order to serve as a capable, responsible, and effective parent whether today or in the future. BDH will inform the Disciples of parenting courses and classes offered periodically at the Lighthouse Baptist

Church. If needed on a individual Disciple basis, BDH might require a Disciple to attend these teachings.

12. Life Skills Training

- I. We at BDH realize the importance of personal development in order to be the best that God wants us to be with all our resources.
- II. Disciples will be educated in:
 - A. Verbal/Nonverbal communication skills
 - B. Active listening skills
 - C. Temperance
 - D. Negotiation and conflict management
 - E. Assertive skills
 - F. Refusal Skillsand many other life skills that we all need in life.

13. Employment/Job Guidance and Counseling

- I. We will guide them to the correct agencies that can successfully serve the Disciples in obtaining full time employment. Those agencies include but are not limited to:
 - A. BDH List of Companies and contact info that hire felons.
 - B. List of Local Employment Agencies and contact info.
 - C. Government Sponsored Employment Agencies and Help.

14. Small Group Support

- I. The Disciples will be encouraged to hold one another accountable in different issues of their lives. We will also promote and do small group activities such as:
 - A. Small group Bible studies
 - B. Small group community service projects
 - C. Small Accountability groups within the RU Friday night program.

15. Outreach Services to the community

- I. One indirect way to obtain personal growth and success is to serve other people. The BDH requires the Disciples to participate in weekly outreaches and community service projects. The BDH will put together these projects and inform the Disciples ahead of time in the projects they must do. Some of the projects will include but not limited to:
 - A. Cleaning the Lighthouse Church
 - B. Raking an elderly lady's leaves
 - C. Outreach street evangelism
 - D. Cleaning a local neighborhood
 - E. Volunteer for a local business

16. GED/Education Programs Guidance and Counseling

- I. The BDH will strongly encourage Disciples to continue with their secular education whether in the basics of GED or in college courses.
- II. The BDH will support and direct individual Disciples of where they can go to study and receive their GED.

17. Community Education

18. Exceptional Guests Speakers

19. Other Things

- I. We will also provide other services to guide Disciples alone in other personal needs. We will not do the work for them. But we will direct them to the resources to give them an encouragement in the successful completion of the work in the need such as:
 - A. Social Security Benefits
 - B. Welfare and Food stamps
 - C. Bus pass and other transpiration assistance

Criteria for Admission into the BDH

2 Timothy 2:2

The staff at Bethesda Discipleship Home recognizes the special issues that each man faces in life. We specialize in working one on one and in group activities with our men in creating affirmative transformation in their lives, with focus on identifying personal problem areas and guiding the man alone to (1) know the Lord Jesus more intimately and (2) to seek Jesus for the all of life's answers and (3) to listen and obey His Word in all concerns.

- We seek and admit only men who desire to:
 - Know the Lord Jesus Christ in a dynamic and intimate relationship

- We permit men to stay in the BDHome who resemble character in:
 - Faithfulness
 - Available
 - Teachable
 - Trainable

Because we, the staff at BDH, spend enormous time, energy, and focus in personally being:

- Faithful
- Available
- Teachable
- Trainable

and as well as being.....

- Reachable
- Available
- Touchable

to the men of the BDH.

If you have a friend, relative or know someone who desires biblical discipleship, you can refer them to us. Please visit www.bdhome.org or call the Director, Lawrence Bowman, at (619) 206-5064.

Bethesda Discipleship Home Program Overview

Every part of the Bethesda Discipleship Home in San Diego, California is in place to promote the spiritual growth of an individual from baby Christians to victorious overcoming Christians. It has been said, “If we’re growing, then we’re always going to be out of our comfort zone.” With this being said, it needs to be noted that the staff promote established eventful schedules for the men at the BDH and so this can be a bit uncomfortable. We believe however that God sent the Comforter to empower growth only when we leave our comfort zone. Just like in nature, adversity precedes great growth in the Christian life. It is our belief that while each of the core elements of our program will provide hardships they will be the catalysts for exciting growth opportunities in our Christian lives.

Disciple Intervention Plan

We call the men who participate in the Bethesda Discipleship Home Disciples. The Disciple Intervention Plan will be completed during the initial mentoring session between the Disciple and the Director. This could and is often times the first thing that happens, but is guaranteed to happen within at least 48 business hours from arriving into the BDH. This Disciple Intervention Plan will be the basis for all Discipleship in the life of the Disciple. The plan is a determination of “areas of concern” to the BDH Director, the sending church, the family or the Disciple, or all of the above. For each “area of concern” our Director and the Disciple will determine a goal for improvement and plans of intervention if these goals are not being met. These “areas of concern” will include, but not be limited to, concerns with addiction, social concerns, emotional, spiritual, physical and correctional. This plan will be followed and tracked during each of the Disciples mentoring sessions with the leadership of the BDH. Biblical mentoring is a unique form of Christian Discipleship that brings believers to maturity in the lifelong process of sanctification, of growing to maturity in Christ.

Phase Mentorship

During the Disciple’s time in the Bethesda Discipleship Home, they will be mentored with the Director in one-on-one sessions and group sessions too.

Daily Schedule

The daily schedule determines what the Disciple will be doing on a general basis from day to day. It is to provide a standard for performance of duties when no other urgent needs are pressing. It will demand of the Disciple the discipline they need to structure important things into their day, i.e.: sleep, personal time alone with God, good hygiene, personal study, work, service, rest, play and fellowship. It is subject to change at the request of any staff, levels from steward upward to the Director.

The Quiet Time

The first and most important part of everyday is spent in prayer and study of God’s word

the Bible with God. Disciples are taught how to use the Reformers Unanimous “It’s Personal” Daily Journal to develop a dynamic, love relationship with Jesus Christ. The journal shows Disciples how to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, how to pray according to God’s will, how to meditate upon Scripture, and to encourage others.

The morning devotions are foundational to our program. If all a Disciple learns while here is to walk with God then that Disciple has gained a treasure of inestimable value, and victory is sure. This isn’t “devotions,” it’s real, it’s personal, it’s life changing, it’s a genuine walk with God.

Chapel Services

Chapel services are held every weekday and are taught by the Director and phenomenal invited guests. It is a highlight of our Disciple’s day and we take this time very seriously. This is a time to hear a warm Bible message, and be encouraged in your spiritual walk. Speakers are those who undeniably know God and who understand what the Bible says about overcoming addictions and the self-will, and living the victorious Christian life.

No Disciple will be allowed to work during this time without prior approval from the Director. This is in keeping of our commitment to program your program first. The Disciple is to bring His Holy Bible, notebook, and writing utensil. This notebook, as well as the Disciple’s Daily Journal should be kept with him at all services. This includes church services and Bible studies.

Lighthouse Baptist Church Bible Institute Classes

Proverbs 19:2 informs us that it is not good for the soul be without knowledge. Also, Proverbs 15:2 teaches us that “the tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.” As we are blessed to be part of a local church that provides many ways for people to learn knowledge and wisdom from God’s Word, we encourage our Disciples to attend the Bible Institute at the Lighthouse Baptist church. The Lighthouse Bible Institute is a ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church. It is dedicated to training its students for service to others and the Lord Jesus Christ and a life based on the Word of God. This training is achieved through practical ministry experience and exciting lessons taught by excellent teachers. The college classes give Disciples an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of God’s word, life skills, and Bible doctrine. The classes also prepare Disciples for greater usefulness to their local church when they return home.

The Reformers Unanimous Friday Night Class

The Bethesda Discipleship Home is not in relationship with the Reformers Unanimous International Program. In conjunction with training and teaching our Disciple’s practical Biblical truth, we, the BDH staff as well as our Disciples actively participate in the Local San Diego Chapter of the Reformers Unanimous Program in assisting our men. Every Friday night Disciples attend the Reformers Unanimous Addictions Program on the property of the Lighthouse Baptist church. The program is divided into three sessions.

The first session involves hearing a Biblical challenge from RU's founder, Steve Curington. This time is followed by a group prayer meeting and sharing testimonies. The second session is a time men and women meet separately in smaller groups and discuss the overcoming addictions in their own lives. It is a time of letting each person share what is on his own heart in seeking to live a victorious Christian life. There is a detailed curriculum for each member to follow. In the last session everyone comes together to listen to a challenge from God's Word. Afterwards, there is a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Church

Bethesda Discipleship Home's goal is to direct the intemperate (undisciplined) believer and the unregenerate to God's intended support group-the local church. As such, all Disciples attend all services at the Lighthouse Baptist Church.

God designed the local church to be a support group for hurting people, whether they are in need of salvation, restoration, or growing in the Christian faith. This support group gives these individuals godly counsel, encouragement, and challenges to overcome the strongholds in their lives. We believe that continued Church attendance is a key catalyst to continuing victory.

Prayer Groups

We believe there is incredible power when people meet together and pray. Matthew 18:19 says, *"if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."* Because of this truth we have small prayer groups of around 5 where brothers lift up one another in prayer. There is great victory when we take our eyes off of ourselves and place them upon the needs of others.

The Work Program

All Disciples in the Discipleship Schools are required to maintain employment in the ministry. If a Disciple does not have employment, then his job is to spend the hours each day searching for a job. These jobs enable Disciples to learn, working "as unto the Lord," obeying authority, and walking in the Spirit in various environments. If a Disciple arrives without a strong work ethic, he will receive one while in this program. It may be one of the most important ingredients missing in a Disciple's recovery.

Also, each Disciple will serve as a volunteer in some fashion each week. All work is considered donated community services. Please understand that if you do not work as unto the Lord, a Disciple will not remain in the home. Proverbs 14:23 says, *"in all labor there is profit"* and at the Bethesda Discipleship Home we believe work is God's divine design for every man, and woman. Hard work develops character which is vital to making right decisions once you have finished with the Discipleship program.

BDH Family Meetings

Occasionally within the BDH there will be times that arise in which all participants of the BDH need to come together for a Family Meeting. This includes the Disciples and as well as the staff. Such reasons for hosting a Family Meeting are either for a briefing, debriefing, explanation of a report, group questioning, and many other reasons. A Family Meeting is an occasion in which all participants can in an orderly fashion have an opportunity to voice their concerns and/or questions in a public way. Family Meetings are also another way for the Director to input information to the Disciples and for the Director to learn information that might relate to something within the BDH

BDH Activities

On Saturdays and perhaps sometimes on other weekdays there will be BDH activities planned so that the Disciples always have something positive to do. Also, different activities will be planned for Disciples to get involved with in order to assist the Disciples to demonstrate character development in areas of love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faith patience, longsuffering, and temperance.

BDH Family Meals

All Disciples and the Director are very strongly encouraged to eat meals together at the dining room table. No one is permitted to eat their meals outside of the Kitchen and the Dining room areas. Seclusion is not an option at the BDH. Breakfast and dinner meals are prescheduled for all to know when food is being served.

Household chores

Each Disciple is given the responsibility of maintaining certain tasks and chores at the BDH. This may include vacuuming, dusting, taking out the trash or recycling, washing windows, and/or raking leaves. Chores are designed to teach Disciples to practice and have superior responsibilities in their lives and homes in order to implement the same type of responsibility outside their home in church, work, and the community.

Library

The BDH follows the principles from the Holy Bible that it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge. Therefore the BDH has a built in library for the Disciples to borrow reading material for their personal development in knowledge and wisdom. The library only contains materials in relation to Truth, knowledge, and understanding. There are no controversial, fictional, or sci-fi books. The majority of the materials, such as, books, will have been written by holy men of God who have expounded upon biblical doctrines that pertain to growth and maturity in a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The materials and books are about the MAJORS of Christianity. BDH is here to assist men to know God and to make Him known through their individual lives. Biblical minor doctrinal subjects are not permitted in the library. If a Disciples desires to study a minor doctrinal subject of the Holy Bible, he is encouraged to do so outside of the BDH and on his on

time at another date. For now, BDH encourages the Disciples to read, study, and seek knowledge in order to know Jesus in a dynamic intimate way.

THE CURRICULUM used at BDH

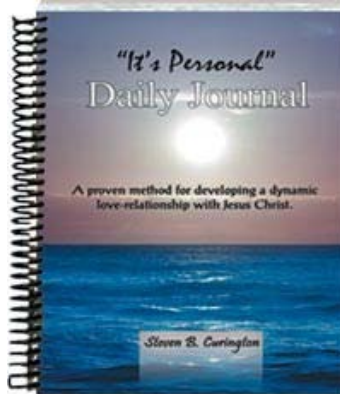
2 Timothy 2:15

The Disciples at the BDH are required to educate themselves to learn new knowledge, and especially knowledge from the Holy Bible. One particular source of education that they are required to participate in the Curriculum of the Reformers Unanimous International Program. We require the RU Curriculum participation in order to assist the Disciples to:

- A. Build a dynamic love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ
- B. Get them into the Bible everyday
- C. Assist in overcoming their addiction and sinful habits
- D. Experience a longevity of life altering changes

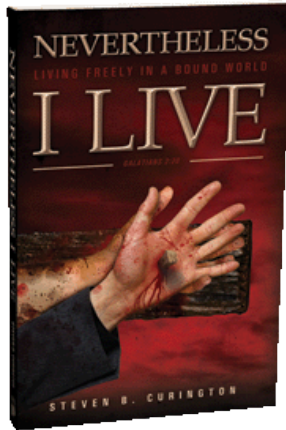
The following pages are visualizations and explanations of the Curriculum from the RU Program that we require the Disciples to be part of.

Daily Journal



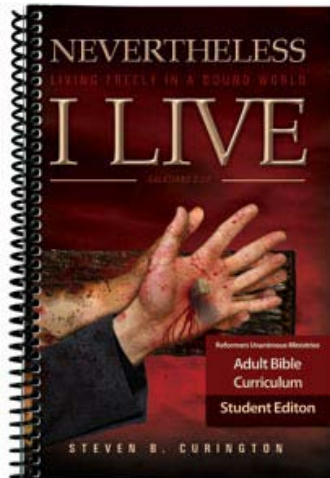
The It's Personal Daily Journal is a proven method for developing a dynamic love-relationship with Jesus Christ. The journal is our #1 selling product in America! It comes complete with a CD explaining how to use the journal and its five forms of communication with God.

Nevertheless I Live Class Textbook



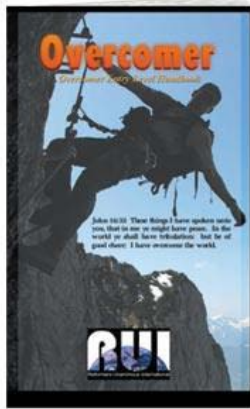
This **Nevertheless I Live Textbook** is a primary resource for educating students God's method for Living Freely in a Bound World.

Nevertheless I Live Student Study Guide



This is an outline form of the **Nevertheless I Live textbook** with blanks provided so that the students and leaders can follow along as they read or use during the third “Talk” in Friday evening’s class. Ample room is given for additional notes that you may want to take as you study your Nevertheless I Live book.

Overcomer Handbook



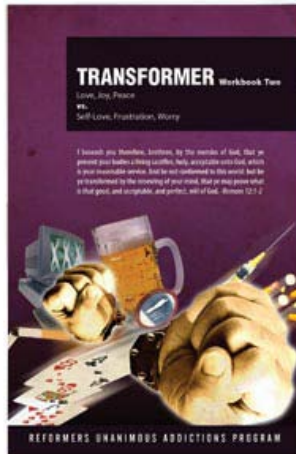
For Phase 1A- This is a four-color, all inclusive introduction into the many aspects of the Reformers Unanimous program. It should guarantee a good first impression and help to smoothly bring a new Disciple into the Friday night and BDH weekly expectation in participation in the program.

Challenger Handbook



For Phase 1B- Our **Challenger Handbook** is our entry level handbook for all new students. It takes them through a reading exercise in John and Romans. They memorize key verses from the Book of Romans. It includes essays on Romans chapters Six and Eight. It also contains attendance requirements and leads the students through the writing of their testimonies.

Transformer Handbook



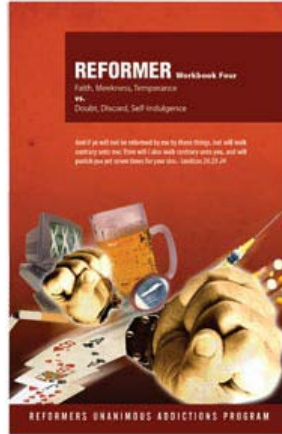
For Phase 2- When a student completes their Challenger Handbook they become a **Transformer** (Romans 12:1,2). This workbook contains three times the challenges as our entry level handbook. It is a study of the inner man and teaches the first three fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace (all inner man qualities). This workbook rewards each completed fruit study with an award.

Conformer Handbook



For Phase 3- When a student finishes their Transformer Handbook, they enter into the **Conformer** level. This workbook is the same length as the Transformer. This outer man study teaches the second three fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness, Goodness, Long suffering (all outer man qualities). This workbook rewards each completed fruit with an award.

Reformer Handbook



For Phase 4- When a student finishes their Conformer Handbook, they enter into the **Reformer** level. This workbook is the same length as both previous workbooks. This new man study teaches the final three fruits of the Spirit: Faith, Meekness, Temperance (all new man qualities). This workbook rewards each completed fruit study with an award.

Other Further Continuance in Handbooks

For Continuance in the program- For Disciples who finish all four of the Challenger, Transformer, Conformer, and Reformers Handbooks, the Disciple is set onto a new set of learning from books such as the Strongholds Discipleship Course, Uphold Study Course, Tall Law, and etc.

Discharge Summary of a Disciple

At the time the Disciple is discharged from the program, willingly or unwillingly early, we will complete a discharge summary. This will summarize our leaders concerns for the Disciple at the time of admission, the Disciple's progress in those areas, the reason for their discharge and the recommendations for aftercare for the Disciple. This will be sent within 24 hours of discharge to the people who were most involved in the Disciple's life during his time in the BDH program. This may include immediate family, pastors, spouses and of course, the BDH Disciple file. Discharge summaries are confidential documents and will only be sent to people in authority over the Disciple at the time of their arrival.

After Care Plan

The BDH Aftercare Plan is a very important step for the Disciple immediately following his or her leaving from our program. It will journal what the Disciple and his or her burden bearer must focus on during the fragile first weeks outside of the program. They will determine the following:

The three most important goals they have worked on while in the program,
Areas of concern, goals and intervention plans that demand their attention such as:

1. Sobriety
2. Medical
3. Legal
4. Educational/Vocational
5. Social
6. Spiritual
7. Marital/relational

And, what aftercare programs and restrictions should be placed on the Disciple
After Care Plans are confidential documents and will only be sent to the authority over the Disciple at the time of their arrival.

What We Believe

1 Corinthians 3:11

It is a personal relationship with the Creator Himself, God that saves an individual. God desires for you and I to have a personal relationship with Him and to spend eternity with Him and not separated from Him.

The Holy Bible is very clear and direct about important truths...

1 John 5:13 says, *“These things I have written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

1st - We must be honest with God and ourselves. In spite of all our good deeds, church membership, or baptism, we must understand and acknowledge that you and I are sinners.

Meaning that we understand and acknowledge that we transgressed, that is to say we have broken God’s Law. Romans 3:23 says, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...”* Sin is the breaking, disobedience, of God’s Law.

1 John 3:4 says, *“Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law.”* For example,

- Have you ever told a lie (God’s 9th Commandment)?
- Have you ever stolen anything (God’s 8th Commandment)?
- Have you ever always honored your father and your mother (God’s 5th Commandment)?

If you take a look at your life, the honest answer would have to be, “Yes”.

2nd - A price must be paid for our sins

The punishment for sin is death. Our sins have separated us from God.

Romans 5:12 says, *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passes upon all men, for that all have sinned...”*

Romans 6:23 says, *“For the wages (earnings / payments) of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

We will all face physical death someday. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body, but the Bible tells us of a second death too...

Hebrews 9:27 says, *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”*

Revelation 20:14-15 say, *“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the*

second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Spiritual death is the separation of the soul (person) from God forever.

3rd - Heaven is holy, and no sin can dwell there

If you die in your sins, you will have to spend eternity separated from God forever.

Revelation 21:27 says, *"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."*

4th - Jesus paid the price!

Romans 5:8 says, *"But God commendeth (demonstrates) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 say, *"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."*

You and I must believe with our heart that Jesus Christ died for our sins, that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day. God will require death as payment for sin: Our own death, or the perfect sacrifice--Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 says, *"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me."*

Finally - That you and I must receive Jesus as our Saviour and accept God's gift of eternal life!

Ephesians 2:8-9 says, *"For by grace you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

Romans 10:9-10 says, *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

Romans 10:13 says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Are you willing to ask Jesus to be your Saviour? Then please talk to God right now and ask Him to save your soul. Call upon right now in a prayer as the one below-

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I deserve to go to Hell. But You said You

would save me if I would call upon you Jesus. Please take away all my sins, dear Lord, and take me to Heaven when I die. Thank you for saving me! Help me now to live the rest of my life for you and to know you in a wonderful deep way. Amen.

Here's a wonderful promise that God has given us. 1 John 5:13, says "*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe in the name of the Son of God.*"

Jesus informed us of what life is all about. In John 17:3, Jesus said, "*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*" Eternal life begins with faith in Jesus Christ. Another wonderful promise for those who place their faith in Jesus Christ is that eternal life does not have to begin when we die. But you and I and the men we work with can experience the wonderful promises of God included in eternal life starting right now. Jesus promised in John 10:10, "*...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*"

Statement of Faith

- 1.** We believe that the 66 books of the Bible (Old and New Testaments) are the inerrant Word of God. Inspired by the only True and Living God and written by men as led by the Holy Spirit, it is the Rule Book on which mankind should base life's decisions.
- 2.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Only Begotten Son of God, that He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life, that mankind can be saved from its sinful nature and the consequences of sin through Jesus Christ alone, and that eternal life comes to the repentant believer through the unmerited favor of God, by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- 3.** We believe that freedom from addiction, depression, bad attitude, unwholesome living are not a lifelong experience of ongoing recovery, but a once in a lifetime miracle of God that is maintained by His power over sin once and for all as a new creation: a Christian.
- 4.** We believe that God's design of mortal man (as originally created in His perfect image and before falling to a sinful state) is re-created in the new believer through Jesus Christ, that mankind is once again by faith enabled to live in the righteousness of a Holy and perfect God and that sin is still possible for man, but strongly prohibited by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, thereby establishing the ability to overcome temptation.
- 5.** We believe that constant communion with God through prayer and Bible reading, as well as consistent fellowship with believers in worship, is conducive to an ongoing addiction-free lifestyle.
- 6.** We believe that ALL men can become Reformers, and that unanimously we shall publicly profess our freedom from addiction and our salvation from sin which anyone can receive as a Christian through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
- 7.** We believe in a commitment to others' lives in that our example should testify of God's power to "seek and to save that which was lost." Our pattern of behavior is to help those who are held captive by sins of addiction.

Present Financial Needs

At the present moment the Bethesda Discipleship Home is seeking to raise money for certain one-time needs. The following is a list of these current needs:

1. Bedroom furniture, including bunk beds, vanity dressers, closet storage items, bathroom vanity, and other minor pieces of furniture. Present need is estimated between \$5,000 to \$10,000.
2. Books for our library. Present need is estimated around \$1,500.
3. Gardening tools. We are wanting to establish a garden ministry to teach and train men applicable practical biblical principals, even in the work of gardening. Plus, having our own garden will save us a lot of money on groceries in the long run. Presented need is estimated around \$500.
4. A van. Presented need is estimated between \$10,000 to \$15,000.
5. Extra things that we need to do community service projects on Saturdays for other companies and organizations, such as old work clothes, tools, instruments, gas, food...etc. Present need is estimated at \$1,000.

The following is a list of on-going financial needs:

1. Scholarship fund money for men who first enter our program without employment or with limited funds. We are always searching for sponsors who are willing to financial contribute money to help pay the monthly support fee for men who cannot pay their monthly support fee for a limited time.
2. We want to buy our own land and build our own facility. Present estimated need is \$600,000.

**Would you please financial support
the Bethesda Discipleship Home?**

We are seeking individuals, companies, organizations, and churches who would be interested in financially supporting the Bethesda Discipleship Home for the building of men into Christ-like leaders.

We hope that this presentation has provided you sufficient proof of why your financial gift is needed much. If you still have any questions or concerns, please immediately contact Lawrence Bowman at (619) 206-5064 or at www.BDHome.org.

Would you please give to support this awesome work?

To make a financial contribution, you may either make a note payable to Lawrence Bowman or fill out the form below and mail it to the address below:

We would sincerely and deeply appreciate your financial support.

Thank you,

Lawrence Bowman
BDHome Director

Full Name as Appears on Credit Card

Credit Card Billing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am giving a (1) one time financial gift in the amount written below. Please bill my credit card in the amount written below:

\$ _____

I desire to be a monthly financial supporter. Please bill my credit card in the amount written below on the specified date written below:

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