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A Kingdom Vision

The mission of *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* is "To effect and everlasting change in the lives of inmates through Biblical counseling and inductive study of the Scriptures." We have an opportunity to bring this mission into at least 10 state prisons throughout the southern region of Florida. Therefore in 2009, we expanded our staff, and stepped out on faith incurring further financial commitments in the face of a declining economy. We are making forward, incremental progress; and for this blessing we thank our Almighty God!

However, with a full-time staff of only three, we cannot begin to reach into all these prisons to bring the gospel by which *thousands* may be rescued from darkness and transferred into the kingdom of righteousness. To further this kingdom work, we need individuals that will enthusiastically commit their talents and gifts to further the work of *JesusOnlyWay Ministries*.

Perhaps you, or someone you know, might consider employing your God-given talents to further this Kingdom mission.

We are seeking partners to serve as "working" board members, to help advance the ministry, through like-minded churches and individuals.

Ministry Needs

- People of strategic purpose and vision
- Financial supporters to cover growing expense to reach into more prisons
- Inductive Bible Study teachers
- Technical and administrative volunteers to develop electronic & multimedia avenues of communication

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you." -- Matt 6:33

Inmate Insights

Antonio comments on the lesson in Ephesians: "By reading and applying some of Paul's instructions for believers, I've made a serious choice in my life to abstain from bad speaking and to lay aside anger, lying stealing, and bitterness. These things had me bound down; I couldn't figure it out for many years. Thanks to the Lord Jesus our Savior and you too (sir)!!."

When Bryant, a practicing homosexual, was confronted with the question, "Have you ever given much thought to where you are going to spend eternity?" He replied, he does pray to God. Tim led Bryant through a series of Scriptures to show he has no inheritance in the kingdom of God, and that the only prayer he should be praying to God is for repentance. After further conversation, Bryant knelt and prayed for forgiveness and to forsake his immoral ways! Bryant has joined our Jude Bible study.

Tim was able to counsel inmate Christopher about his anger over the shooting death of the mother of his 2 ½-year old daughter. Tim questioned Christopher about his relationship with Jesus. By opening his eyes to the Scripture, Christopher prayed for forgiveness, surrendering his life and his anger to the Lord! Now Christopher is seeking to be a godly father to his daughter upon his release.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for volunteers seeking to teach at Glades
- Pray for Bryant to relinquish his old ways and put on the robes of righteousness
- Pray for Christopher to grow in the Lord and for the care of his daughter
- Pray for the inmates to be truly set free in Christ!

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "**HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!**"

Romans 10:15

Inductive Instructions

Over the next several months we will discuss principles of observation - *discovering what the passage says*. As with any interrogation, we start with questions which form the building block of our observations. A simple approach known as the “5 W’s and an H” may be helpful.

Constantly ask: **Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?**

- **Who** wrote it? Who said it? Who are the major characters?
- **What** are the main events? What is author’s purpose in saying that?
- **When** was it written? When did (will) these events take place? *Look for expressions of time: day/night, when, then, after; mark various feasts*
- **Where** was this done? Where was it said? Where will it happen? *Mark geographical locations.*
- **Why** was this mentioned? Why should they do such and such? *Mark terms of conclusion: therefore, so that, for this reason*
- **How** is it done? How did it happen? How is this truth illustrated?

By focusing initially on the 5Ws and an H of the text, you allow the text to answer the questions, rather than your own opinions, incorrect thoughts of others and denominational teaching. You will be amazed by what you learn directly from God’s Word yourself!

Obviously, not every passage will answer the 5Ws and an H; but you should go through the questions in order to objectively examine and determine the truth God has inspired.

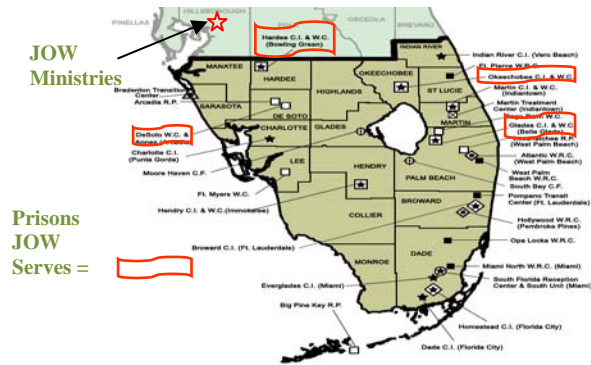
These questions form the framework of understanding a particular passage. Many of the subsequent principles of observation (e.g., identifying keywords, making lists, looking for contrasts/comparisons) serve as tools to discover the answers to these questions.

Prison Progress

Our current list of prisons & studies include:

- Desoto C.I.
 - ♦ Tim completed a six week training on inductive Bible study principles and is now teaching about 20 inmates in the book of Jude on Fridays.
 - ♦ Tim serves as a volunteer chaplain on Thursdays.
- Glades C.I.
 - ♦ Mark is beginning a series on principles of inductive Bible Study to 35 inmates on Mondays.
 - ♦ Two volunteers, Jeff and Quettan, came into the prison for an orientation visit and are seeking the Lord’s guidance.
- Hardee C.I.
 - ♦ Tim is continuing with a study on Wednesdays on the Gospel of John to 70 inmates.
 - ♦ Tim also serves as volunteer chaplain on Wednesdays.
- Okeechobee C.I.
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NOTE: The studies are posted on our website at www.jesonlyway.org (click on the “Bible Study” tab on the left), so families can participate with their incarcerated loved ones. You may find them beneficial to your own growth in God’s Word.



Financial Snapshot

Jan – April 2010	Budget	Actual	Shortfall	%
Contributions	\$18,000	\$15,034	(\$2,966)	17%

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