



FALLING IN LOVE WITH
JESUS
(AGAIN)

A MANUAL FOR CHURCHES
SEEKING TO RECLAIM THEIR
FIRST LOVE

TEACHER PLANS



TEACHING PLANS

ONE SESSION



TEACHING PLAN - ONE SESSION ONLY

Time needed: one hour

BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- Pray for participants to have a passion for Jesus and a hunger to rekindle their relationship with Him in deeper, fresher ways. Make sure your own passion for Jesus is growing through regular time with Him.
- Determine your audience for this workshop; the length for this teaching plan is one hour only. This is not the recommended length we believe is needed for this workshop. (It can be two, three, or four sessions in length.) The one hour format dictates what information you will be able to cover.
- We think it is best to do this with the leaders of your church **first**. Then, come back in a few weeks or months and do it again with your entire congregation.
- We also think it is best to do this one-session workshop at one time. (Don't divide it up into separate sessions.)
- Round tables are best with three to five participants per table. The smaller the number at each table, the better for interaction and increased dialogue.
- Each participant will need the fill-in-the-blank note pages and a writing utensil.
- It will also help to have a projector or monitor, along with Internet access, if you choose to create a slideshow or show videos during the workshop.

AS YOU OPEN THE WORKSHOP

- Introduce yourself and welcome those who are present.
- Share the objective and process for your time together.
- Make sure everyone is participating at the tables. Create an environment where everyone can give input and share. Smaller groups will help introverts to feel more comfortable sharing.
- There are no breaks planned, but feel free to let participants get up for coffee or a restroom break, as needed.
- The workshop is heavy on discussion, as “getting out what is actually in the heart” is more needed than “adding more information into the mind.”
- Your role is to be a facilitator, not a teacher, and to help them make the necessary connections to what has or has not worked for them.
- The application questions and activities are the most important part of the workshop, so do not shorten the times of implementing the process in their lives.
- Pray for your time together.

DURING THE WORKSHOP

- Begin with a Scripture passage that emphasizes a heart response to Jesus. You are setting the table for the entire workshop by pointing them to Revelation 2:1-7, where it says the church at Ephesus had “abandoned the love you had at first.” Help them to see and understand the action verbs Jesus uses in His “remedy” to the situation: remember, repent, renew, or remove.
- The first part is **REMEMBERING** and it opens with a time of writing and sharing their Jesus story (testimony) with another person. Then, allow participants to answer the follow-up questions and discuss, as needed.

- Share Matthew 22:37-39 and have participants write out a prayer to Jesus regarding what they have remembered and now need to recapture in their love for Him.
- Share Luke 5:1-11 and ask for feedback. How does Peter act? What is needed here? What surprises you in the passage?
- This part focuses on **REPENTANCE**, so move from this passage to a personal examination and application for participants. Have them look again at their Jesus story and how they responded to the experience in the first days and months. Ask them to focus on how their relationship with Jesus has changed.
- Lead participants to identify the rivals (idols) of their heart that challenge their primary love for Jesus.
- Lead participants in a time of repentance. Instruct them to list sins they need to turn from that conflict with their love for Jesus as well as hindrances that block their view of Him (see Hebrews 12:1-3). Write these concerns on sticky notes and put them in an envelope. Lead participants to bring them to a cross (or the communion table) and lay them down or offer them to Jesus in an act of repentance (nail them to the cross, put them in an offering basket, etc.).
- Offer a corporate prayer of forgiveness to God for the sins they have shared.
- Share 1 John 4:7-10, 19-21. Emphasize that our love starts with God, and we show it to each other as He has shown it to us.
- Ask the group to evaluate their own (not others') attitudes and actions toward others in the church individually as well as toward the body as a whole.
- The final part focuses on Jesus' **RENEW** command. So, have participants reevaluate their relationship with Jesus again in three sentences. Encourage them to complete the follow-up questions and to think and discuss why and what they wrote together as a group.
- Share John 21:15-19 and unpack the passage in dialogue fashion. Focus especially on assumptions and expectations that often hinder our relationship with Jesus. Remind them that renewing "the works you did at first" is a necessary next step in reclaiming Jesus as your primary love.
- Reintroduce Revelation 2-3 as seven letters Jesus sent to individual churches, with a prescription for renewal in each instance. Ask, "If Jesus were to write a letter to our church in this format, what do you think He would say?" Ask them not to put their names on their answers but tell them you will be collecting these letters at the end of the session to see if they suggest a common message that Christ is sharing with the church.
- After the letters are written, ask them about the correction and solution-parts of their letters. Will they take personal responsibility to each do their part in repenting of this and moving the church back into its primary love relationship with Jesus? Lead participants to write their "yes" on the top of the page, if so, and encourage them to bring to the cross or communion table to offer back to God. Challenge those who are not willing to move forward in this area with a time of reflection. Acknowledge that these concerns need to be reconciled with God (as well as with others) before they will be able to move forward with God.
- Pray for the church at the end.
- OPTIONAL: "Take Home" work for reflection and application.

AFTER THE WORKSHOP

- Follow up with each participant as needed. This process theorizes that personal renewal and love for Jesus will spill over and help the church fall in love with Jesus again and in deeper ways! So make sure participants are processing what they experienced (remembering, repenting, and renewing).
- Determine the next steps needed for the church to have a tender heart toward Jesus and to thus be obedient to what He asks them to do in His church. Follow-up is needed if the church is to build momentum off of this experience.



TEACHING PLANS

TWO SESSIONS



TEACHING PLAN - TWO SESSIONS

Time needed: two hours

BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- Pray for participants to have a passion for Jesus and a hunger to rekindle their relationship with Him in deeper, fresher ways. Make sure your own passion for Jesus is growing through regular time with Him.
- Determine your audience for the workshop. The audience (pastors, ministry leaders or council only, or the entire congregation) will guide the decisions about activities and anticipated responses. A two-hour session or two one-hour sessions can be held. We recommend completing your sessions within one time frame for maximum impact.
- We think it is best to do this with the leaders of your church first. Then, come back in a few weeks or months, and do it again with the entire congregation.
- We also think it is best to do the entire workshop, regardless of the length you choose, at one time. However, it can be done in hourly sessions over two to four weeks.
- Round tables are best with three to five participants per table. The smaller the number at each table, the better for interaction and increased dialogue.
- Each participant will need the fill-in-the-blank note pages and a writing utensil.
- It will also help to have a projector or monitor, along with Internet access, if you choose to create a slideshow or show videos during the workshop.

AS YOU OPEN THE WORKSHOP

- Introduce yourself and welcome those who are present.
- Share the objective and process for your time together.
- Make sure everyone is participating at the tables. Create an environment where everyone can give input and share. Smaller groups will help introverts to feel more comfortable sharing.
- There are breaks planned, but feel free to let participants get up for coffee or a restroom break, as needed.
- The workshop is heavy on discussion, as “getting out what is actually in the heart” is more needed than “adding more information into the mind.”
- Your role is to be a facilitator, not a teacher, and to help them make the necessary connections to what has or has not worked for them.
- The application questions and activities are the most important part of the workshop, so do not shorten the times of implementing the process in their lives.
- Pray for your time together.

SESSION ONE - REMEMBER AND REPENT (75 minutes)

- Begin with a Scripture passage that emphasizes a heart response to Jesus. You are setting the table for the entire workshop by pointing them to Revelation 2:1-7, where it says the church at Ephesus had “abandoned the love you had at first.” Help them to see and understand the action verbs Jesus uses in His “remedy” to the situation: remember, repent, renew, or remove.
- The first session starts by focusing on **REMEMBERING** and it opens with a question as a discussion starter. Try to connect participant responses, whether they are currently still with their “best love” in life or not, to the content of the workshop and the direction you are headed.
- Show a video of someone sharing his or her testimony of committing their life to Christ as Savior and Lord. Be pertinent to the context of your audience. *I Am Second* (iamsecond.com) has many available or you can create or find one on your own.
- Guide participants to record and then share their Jesus story (testimony) with another person. Then lead them to answer the follow-up questions and discuss, as needed.
- Share Matthew 22:37-39 (the Great Commandment) and discuss ways you show love to the people or person you love most.
- Share John 14:15 and lead participants to write a prayer to Jesus, sharing with Him what they have remembered and now need to recapture in their love for Him.
- This part focuses on **REPENTANCE**, so share Luke 5:1-11 and ask for feedback. How does Peter act? What is needed here? What surprises you in the passage?
- Move from this passage to personal examination and application for participants. Lead participants to look again at their Jesus story as well as how they responded to the experience in the first days and months. Ask participants what has changed. See the FAQ section in the main book for how you can respond.
- Lead participants in a time of repentance. Instruct them to list sins they need to turn from that conflict with their love for Jesus as well as hindrances that block their view of Him (see Hebrews 12:1-3). Write these concerns on sticky notes and put them in an envelope. Lead participants to bring them to a cross (or the communion table) and lay them down or offer them to Jesus in an act of repentance (nail them to the cross, put them in an offering basket, etc.).
- Reintroduce Revelation 2-3 as seven letters Jesus sent to individual churches, with a prescription for renewal in each instance. Ask, “If Jesus were to write a letter to our church in this format, what do you think He would say?” Ask them not to put their names on their answers but tell them you will be collecting these letters at the end of the session to see if they suggest a common message that Christ is sharing with the church.
- After their letters are written, ask participants about the condemnation, criticism, and command parts of their letters. Will they take personal responsibility to each do their part in repenting of these sins and moving the church back into its primary love relationship with Jesus? Lead participants to write their “yes” response on the top of the page, if so, and encourage them to bring to the cross or communion table to offer back to God. Challenge those who are not willing to move forward in this area with a time of reflection. Acknowledge that these concerns need to be reconciled with God (as well as with others) before they will be able to move forward with God.
- Offer a corporate prayer of forgiveness to God for the sins they have acknowledged.
- Make sure there is a break at this point. This pause will help them process the weight of this session before they move into the final session.

SESSION TWO - RENEW (45 minutes)

- This shorter session focuses on Jesus' **RENEW** command. So, lead participants to reevaluate their relationships with Jesus again in three sentences. Encourage them to consider the follow-up questions and to think and discuss why and what they wrote together as a group.
- Share John 21:15-19 and unpack the passage in dialogue fashion. Focus especially on assumptions and expectations that often hinder our relationship with Jesus. Remind them that renewing or redoing “the works you did at first” is a necessary next step in reclaiming Jesus as your primary love.
- Show a music video that speaks to our need to love Jesus most, or first, the way we once did. This time of reflection will reach hearts, not simply heads. Consider playing a hymn or a contemporary Christian music video.
- Lead participants in an exercise to determine what changes they need to make and how they will prioritize their love for Jesus in life and in the church.
- Share if time allows.
- In closing, encourage participants toward reconciliation or fellowship with others, as needed. Lead them to pray around their tables together. Then, close the workshop with prayer; perhaps end this time of prayer with a time of worship.

AFTER THE WORKSHOP

- Follow up as needed with each participant. This process theorizes that personal renewal and love for Jesus will spill over and help the church fall in love with Jesus again and in deeper ways! So, make sure participants are processing what they experienced (remembering, repenting, and redoing).
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TEACHING PLANS

THREE SESSIONS



TEACHING PLAN - THREE SESSIONS

Time needed: three hours

BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- Pray for participants to have a passion for Jesus and a hunger to rekindle their relationship with Him in deeper, fresher ways. Make sure your own passion for Jesus is growing through regular time with Him.
- Determine your audience for this workshop. The audience (pastors, ministry leaders or council, or the entire congregation) will guide the decisions about activities and anticipated responses. A three-hour session or three one-hour sessions can be held. We recommend completing your sessions within one time frame for maximum impact.
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- We also think it is best to do the entire workshop, regardless of the length you choose, at one time. However, it can be done in hourly sessions over three weeks.
- Round tables are best with three to five participants per table. The smaller the number at each table, the better for interaction and increased dialogue.
- Each participant will need the fill-in-the-blank note pages and a writing utensil.
- It will also help to have a projector or monitor, along with Internet access, if you choose to create a slideshow or show videos during the workshop.

AS YOU OPEN THE WORKSHOP

- Introduce yourself and welcome those who are present.
- Share the objective and process for your time together.
- Make sure everyone is participating at the tables. Create an environment where everyone can give input and share. Smaller groups will help introverts to feel more comfortable sharing.
- Breaks are planned, but feel free to let participants get up for coffee or a restroom break, as needed, though it may interrupt the flow of discussion.
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- Pray for your time together.

SESSION ONE - REMEMBER

- Each session begins with a Scripture passage that emphasizes a heart response to Jesus. In this session, you are setting the table for the entire workshop by pointing them to Revelation 2:1-7, where it says the church at Ephesus had “abandoned the love you had at first.” Help them to see and understand the action verbs Jesus uses in His “remedy” to the situation: remember, repent, renew, or remove.
- The first session starts by focusing on **REMEMBERING** and it opens with a discussion question. Try to connect participant responses, whether they are currently still with their “best love” in life or not, to the content of the workshop and the direction you are headed.
- Show a video of someone sharing his or her testimony of committing their life to Christ as Savior and Lord. Be pertinent to the context of your audience. *I Am Second* (iamsecond.com) has many available or you can create or find one on your own.
- Guide participants to record and then share their Jesus story (testimony) with another person. Then lead them to answer the follow-up questions and discuss, as needed.
- Share Matthew 22:37-39 (the Great Commandment) and discuss ways you show love to the people or person you love most.
- Share John 14:15 and lead participants to write a prayer to Jesus, sharing with Him what they have remembered and now need to recapture in their love for Him.

SESSION TWO - REPENT

- Share Luke 5:1-11 and ask for feedback. How does Peter act? What is needed here? What surprises you in the passage?
- This session focuses on **REPENTANCE**, so move from this passage to a personal examination and application for participants. Lead participants to look again at their Jesus story as well as how they responded to the experience in the first days and months. Ask participants what has changed. See FAQs for how you can respond.
- Overview the Spiritual Markers concept and lead participants to work through this project to see how God has worked in their lives.
- In sharing this concept with the group, focus on how their relationships with Jesus have changed. Ask the question, “Why?”
- Lead them to identify the rivals (idols) of their hearts that challenge their primary love for Jesus.
- Lead participants in a time of repentance. Instruct them to list sins they need to turn from that conflict with their love for Jesus as well as hindrances that block their view of Him (see Hebrews 12:1-3). Write these concerns on sticky notes and put them in an envelope. Lead participants to bring them to a cross (or the communion table) and lay them down or offer them to Jesus in an act of repentance (nail them to the cross, put them in an offering basket, etc.).
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- After their letters are written, ask participants about the correction and solution parts of their letters. Will they take personal responsibility to each do their part in repenting of these sins and moving the church back into its primary love relationship with Jesus?

- Lead participants to write their “yes” response on the top of the page, if so, and encourage them to bring to the cross or communion table to offer back to God. Challenge those who are not willing to move forward in this area with a time of reflection. Acknowledge that these concerns need to be reconciled with God (as well as with others) before they will be able to move forward with God.
- Offer a corporate prayer of forgiveness to God for the sins they have acknowledged.
- Offer a break at this point. This can be the end of the workshop with appropriate “After the Workshop” steps mentioned below, or it can continue for three hours (with Session 4) or for four hours (with Sessions 3 and 4).

SESSION THREE - RENEW

- This final session focuses on Jesus’ **RENEW** command. So, lead participants to reevaluate their relationships with Jesus again in three sentences. Encourage them to consider the follow-up questions and to think and discuss why and what they wrote together as a group.
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- Once the challenge has been made to get our love for God like it should be or was before, the question is then, “What must we do?” This challenge involves change. Speak to participants about the necessity of change (not in methods at this time, but in heart disposition), both personally and perhaps corporately, too.
- Lead participants in an exercise to determine what changes they need to make and how they will prioritize their love for Jesus in life and in the church.
- Allow the groups to share what God has said to them, as time allows.
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AFTER THE WORKSHOP

- Follow up as needed with each participant. This process theorizes that personal renewal and love for Jesus will spill over and help the church fall in love with Jesus again and in deeper ways! So, make sure participants are processing what they experienced (remembering, repenting, and redoing).
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TEACHING PLANS

FOUR SESSIONS



TEACHING PLAN - FOUR SESSIONS

Time needed: four hours

BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- Pray for participants to have a passion for Jesus and a hunger to rekindle their relationship with Him in deeper, fresher ways. Make sure your own passion for Jesus is growing through regular time with Him.
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- Offer a corporate prayer of forgiveness to God for the sins they have acknowledged.
- Offer a break at this point.

SESSION THREE - REPENT AS A CHURCH

- This session continues the emphasis on **REPENTANCE**. Help participants understand: (1) how Jesus underscores the importance of repentance by mentioning it twice in the original Revelation 2:1-7 passage; and (2) why personal remembrance and repentance are necessary before the church body can corporately do the same.
- In this session, we will focus on our corporate life with Jesus, as His church.
- Share 1 John 4:7-10, 19-21. Emphasize that our love starts with God, and we show it to each other as He has shown it to us.
- Ask the group to evaluate their own (not others') attitudes and actions toward others in the church individually, as well as toward the body as a whole.
- Repeat the Spiritual Markers exercise, but this time do it for the church as a whole. (What markers have been a part of our church life over the years?). If you have time, include negative markers that may have hindered your relationship with Jesus, as well. Post them on a wall display that indicates the time periods or eras of the church's life, divided up by the tenures of pastors (or buildings where you have worshipped).
- Point out where the church can celebrate, as well as where it needs to repent and ask forgiveness. Ask how these markers have affected our love for Christ and for one another.
- Allow participants to write on sticky notes any additional sins that they are now newly aware of that need to be confessed and brought to the cross or communion table.
- Reintroduce Revelation 2-3 as seven letters Jesus sent to individual churches, with a prescription for renewal in each instance. Ask, "If Jesus were to write a letter to our church in this format, what do you think He would say?" Ask them not to put their names on their answers but tell them you will be collecting these letters at the end of the session to see if they suggest a common message that Christ is sharing with the church.
- After the letters are written, ask participants about the correction and solution parts of their letters. Will they take personal responsibility to do their part in repenting of these sins and moving the church back into a primary love relationship with Jesus? Lead participants to write yes on the top of the page if so, and encourage them bring their "yes" to the cross or communion table to offer back to God. Challenge those who are not willing to move forward in this area with a time of reflection. Acknowledge that these concerns need to be reconciled with God (as well as with others) before they will be able to move forward with God.
- Pray for the church as a whole at the end of the session.

SESSION FOUR - RENEW

- This final session focuses on Jesus' **RENEW** command. So, lead participants to reevaluate their relationships with Jesus again in three sentences. Encourage them to consider the follow-up questions and to think and discuss why and what they wrote together as a group.
- Share John 21:15-19 and unpack the passage in dialogue fashion. Focus especially on assumptions and expectations that often hinder our relationship with Jesus. Remind them that renewing or redoing "the works you did at first" is a necessary next step in reclaiming Jesus as your primary love.
- Show a music video that speaks to our need to love Jesus most, or first, the way we once did. This time of reflection will reach hearts, not simply heads. Consider a hymn or a contemporary Christian music video.
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- Lead participants in an exercise to determine what changes they need to make and how they will prioritize their love for Jesus in life and in the church.
- Allow the groups to share what God has said to them, as time allows.
- In closing, encourage participants toward reconciliation or fellowship with others, as needed. Lead them to pray around their tables together. Then, close the workshop with prayer; perhaps end this time of prayer with a time of worship.

AFTER THE WORKSHOP

- Follow up as needed with each participant. This process theorizes that personal renewal and love for Jesus will spill over and help the church fall in love with Jesus again and in deeper ways! So, make sure participants are processing what they experienced (remembering, repenting, and redoing).
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