

MODULE 1 | RECEIVE — LEADER GUIDE

Life in Jesus

PRIMARY AIM

Help participants begin Kingdom Voyage with Jesus rather than with themselves. By the end of Module 1, they should understand that Christian life is received from Christ, recognize the convictions shaping this journey, and be ready to explore how God has shaped them in Module 2.

LEADER POSTURE

This first meeting should feel invitational, not evaluative. Some participants may be mature believers; others may be new to church, returning to faith, or unsure where they stand with Jesus. Do not assume everyone has the same vocabulary or experience.

KEEP THIS IN VIEW

Kingdom Voyage is not primarily about getting people through material. It is about helping people pay attention to Jesus and take a next faithful step.

PREPARING TO LEAD

Before the session:

- Read the participant packet from beginning to end.
- Review John 10:10; John 15:1-5; Colossians 3:1-4; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 6:33; Revelation 22:1-2.
- Familiarize yourself with Daily Life Intake.
- Test the DISC, GIFT, and PATH links.

- Have folders, Module 1 packets, and pens ready.
- Pray that people encounter Jesus rather than merely learn information about the church.

SUGGESTED 90-MINUTE FLOW

0–10 Welcome, introductions, folder/packet.

10–20 Opening reflection; participants write directly in their packet.

20–45 The Story We Are Learning to Live.

45–60 The Kingdom: Life Under the King.

60–70 Personal reflection and conversation.

70–80 Daily Life Intake and between-session reflection.

80–88 Preview Module 2; explain DISC, GIFT, PATH.

88–90 Closing prayer.

PACE

Do not fill every minute with teaching. The writing spaces in the participant packet are intentional. Give people quiet time to use them.

1. WELCOME TO KINGDOM VOYAGE

Explain the five movements: **Receive, Discover, Practice, Share, Participate**. The order matters. We deliberately do not begin with personality, gifts, volunteering, or finding a place to serve. We begin with Jesus.

Opening reflection

Direct participants to the writing space in their packet. Invite them to reflect privately on where they are with the Lord and what they hope God may do during Kingdom Voyage. Do not require anyone to share

what they write.

PASTORAL NOTE

Someone may reveal that they are unsure whether they believe, are angry with God, or feel spiritually distant. Receive that honestly. Kingdom Voyage should be a safe place to begin from where a person actually is.

2. THE STORY WE ARE LEARNING TO LIVE

Do not rush the convictions as a list. Help participants see how they fit together as one story.

Life is received, not achieved.

We were created to receive life from God rather than manufacture identity, worth, security, or spiritual life for ourselves.

Jesus is not merely our example; He is our life.

Christianity is more than trying to imitate Jesus. Our life is found in union with Him.

The Bible tells one unified story centered on Christ.

From creation to new creation, Scripture reveals God's work to restore His people and His world through Jesus.

The Kingdom of God is God's invitation to live under His loving reign.

Jesus invites us to trust the goodness of the King and learn His way of life.

Christian formation is learning daily dependence upon the Father.

Maturity does not mean needing God less. We learn, like Jesus, to live in dependence upon the Father.

The Holy Spirit forms Christ within us.

Transformation is not merely self-improvement. The Spirit works within us to form the life of Jesus.

Every day offers a choice for life.

Again and again we decide where we will look for life and whose way we will trust.

God's desire has always been to form a people who live from the Tree of Life.

From creation to new creation, God is forming a people whose lives flow from His presence, His provision, and His life.

TEACHING ARC

God created us for life with Him; sin teaches us to reach for life apart from Him; Jesus restores us to life in God; the Spirit forms that life within us; and Scripture ends where it began—with God's people living from the Tree of Life in His presence.

Reflection

Give participants several quiet minutes to use the writing space under “What stands out to you?” before inviting conversation.

3. THE KINGDOM: LIFE UNDER THE KING

Move from the big biblical story into ordinary life. Explain that the Kingdom is God's reign becoming present wherever His will is trusted and His ways are lived.

Key question

What would it look like to receive life from Jesus and live under His loving reign here?

Use the packet's writing space before discussion. Participants can name one ordinary area where trusting Jesus is difficult and consider what receiving life from Him might look like there.

DON'T FIX TOO QUICKLY

If someone names a struggle, resist immediately giving advice. A good response may simply be: “What do you think receiving life from Jesus might look like there?”

4. DAILY LIFE INTAKE

Daily Life Intake extends Module 1 beyond the meeting. Present it as an invitation to practice the central idea, not as homework people can fail.

DAILY LIFE INTAKE

Free online book

<https://towerofpraise.net/daily-life-intake/>

The participant packet includes dedicated spaces for three kinds of reflection: something about Jesus that caught their attention; a place they noticed themselves reaching for life elsewhere; and a Scripture, prayer, or next right thing they want to carry.

FLEXIBILITY

Do not make completion of all 30 days a rigid prerequisite for Module 2. The goal is engagement with the practice of receiving life.

5. LIFE TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH

Connect personal discipleship with participation in a church community. Kingdom Voyage is not a funnel designed merely to fill volunteer slots.

THE MOVEMENT

Receive → Discover → Practice → Share → Participate

Encourage participants to use the “Questions I want to carry with me” space. Some questions can be addressed now; others may be worth carrying into the final Q&A in Module 5.

LANGUAGE TO AVOID

Avoid implying that the goal is to discover the one ministry a person is called to forever. Later modules should give people permission to explore, try something, receive coaching, and learn.

6. BEFORE MODULE 2

Explain that the next module explores how God has shaped each person. These assessments are conversation starters, not verdicts.

DISC

Christian Personality Test

<https://churchconsultant.org/free-christian-personality-test/>

GIFT

Spiritual Gift Test

<https://churchconsultant.org/free-spiritual-gift-test/>

PATH

Christian Spiritual Growth Assessment

<https://churchconsultant.org/free-christian-spiritual-growth-assessment/>

Frame the assessments with curiosity. Ask participants to bring their results and notice patterns, surprises, questions, and possibilities.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Direct participants to the final writing space in the packet: “One truth I want to carry from Module 1.” Give them a few quiet minutes before closing prayer.

Closing prayer direction

Pray for receiving rather than striving. Thank Jesus for being our life. Ask the Father to reveal places where participants are reaching for life elsewhere. Invite the Holy Spirit to form Christ within the group and guide each person toward a next faithful step.

After participants leave

Note who may need follow-up, recurring questions, places of engagement or confusion, pacing issues, and any technology/resource problems to solve before Module 2.

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

People leave with their attention more firmly on Jesus, a clearer picture of the life this journey invites them into, and enough trust and curiosity to continue the voyage.