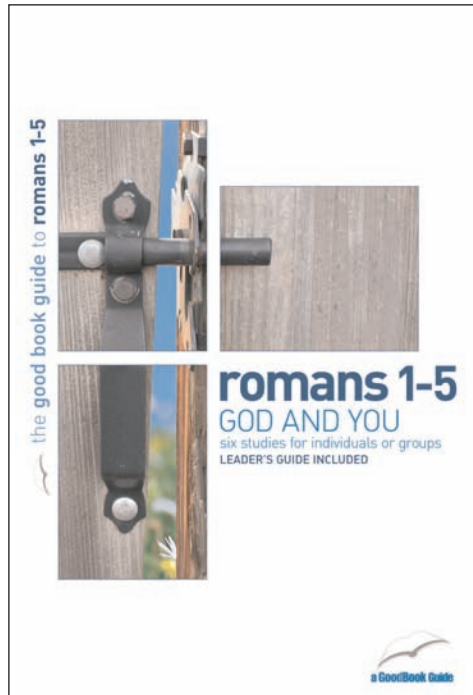


# God and You

## Training course



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# God and You Training Course

## Introduction

You've bought the Good Book Guide *God and You*. Perhaps you have already used it to introduce non-Christians to the good news of Jesus Christ, or to help Christians truly and confidently to understand the heart of the Christian gospel. If you have a passion for challenging and equipping others to do the same, why not use *God and You* to train Christians in your church or fellowship to do evangelistic Bible study? Here to help you do just that is the *God and You Training Course*.

## What does this Training Course do?

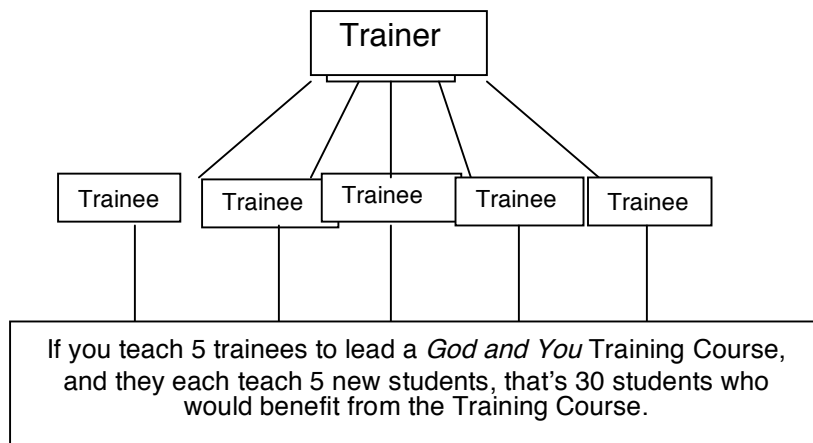
It deals with the practicalities of starting a *God and You* group. Part of the training involves planning and running one or more actual *God and You* courses. So the training is not just theory. Your trainees will be working to put into practice what they learn right from the start.

## Who is it for?

This course is for use with either your whole church or home group, or with selected trainees. Of course, not everybody will be able to be a small group leader. But they can play a valuable role by assisting, hosting, organising a group or bringing friends. This training course will help such people to be more effective in their various roles. During the course you might also discover and make use of hidden gifts.

## How high can you aim?

The aim is to encourage people to set up *God and You* courses with friends and contacts. You might want to start with more able leaders first, who in turn will teach the training course to others, so multiplying your efforts and training the whole church or Christian group. Wouldn't it be fantastic if everyone in your church were equipped with a thorough understanding of their Christian faith, which they could use evangelistically in all sorts of situations?



## What makes *God and You* good for training?

### **1. A clear and simple explanation.**

The explanation of the Christian message in Paul's New Testament letter to the Romans is blunt and straight down the line—so is *God and You*. People can clearly understand the Christian claims and the need to respond to those claims. This course is not simply an academic exercise. The clarity of Paul's presentation reduces 'gospel clutter', by majoring on the majors—something that would be good for all Christians to learn.

### **2. One source.**

The course takes people directly to a significant chunk of the Bible—the source book of Christianity—in order to explain the Christian message. People will be presented with what the Bible says, not other people's ideas. Your trainees need to learn how to use the Bible to teach the gospel.

### **3. No jumping.**

*God and You* doesn't hop around different parts of the Bible. Instead it works through one book—Paul's letter to the Romans—following the logic of the arguments, which are allowed to build on top of each other. Great for teaching good Bible-handling skills.

### **4. Fits what we see in the world and ourselves.**

The sessions generally start from understanding the Bible passage, move on to discussion of how that fits with our world, and finally end in personal application. People are asked to think about themselves in the light of the Bible passage each session, so that they come to see the truth and its consequences as they unfold. Often Christians can understand a Bible passage but can't see what practical challenges it makes. Or they know how Christians should live and act, but they can't tell you where the Bible teaches that. If people can start with understanding a Bible text and progress to thinking how those truths personally affect themselves, they will be far more effective as teachers of the gospel.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	'We have found that those who have become Christians through <i>God and You</i> are born into the faith with a natural hunger to read the Word of God.'
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### **5. Excellent Christian foundation.**

*God and You* repeatedly goes over the message of our sin and need for God, culminating in the sole remedy of the cross. Three of the six sessions concentrate on the 'bad news' (sin and its consequences), before the introduction of the 'good news' of Jesus. In our society today, where there is little awareness

of personal sin, this significant focus on sin, judgment and the uselessness of 'religion' is essential. It's so important for Christians to understand and know how to counter the blind spots of our culture.

**6. Short and sharp.**

*God and You* is short—six sessions from start to finish. This benefits people who are unwilling or unable to commit much time to investigating the Christian message. It helps people to keep the entire gospel message in their heads, which adds to the impact. And your trainees will learn a Bible-based six-step method of teaching the Christian message which they can use anywhere.

**7. For Christians too.**

Despite its brevity, *God and You* is not a superficial look at Christianity, and that is part of the attraction. It presents an opportunity to explore the meaning of great Christian themes and words—meaty spiritual food for the hungry Christian. Trainees won't simply grow in their ability to teach others—they will also learn and rediscover much that will lead them to glorify God.

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**8. An Easy English version.**

The carefully reasoned argument for the gospel in Romans has universal appeal, so the course has also been adapted to make the level of English language easier, for use with internationals. This also makes *God and You* suitable for younger teens. Once your trainees are familiar with *God and You* they can use it to teach others in all sorts of situations.

## Overview of the Training Course

In these six training sessions you will not only go through the *God and You* Good Book Guide, but also subjects such as: how to set up a group; arranging the first meeting; praying for contacts. All this material is included in the ***Training Course Leader's Notes*** that follow this course overview.

In addition, you will find a talk in the appendix called ***Why do evangelism?*** This could be used as a way to challenge Christians to join a *God and You* Training Course.

Note that as you work through the course with your trainees, the homework component will take up an increasing amount of each session. This is an essential opportunity for trainees to practice teaching the Bible studies.

Session	Training course	<i>God and You</i>	Theme
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do <i>God and You</i>?</li> <li>• How the course works</li> <li>• The first meeting – contacts</li> </ul>	Says who? Romans 1v1 -6; 14-20	God speaks
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practicalities</li> <li>- Who gets involved?</li> <li>- Making people welcome</li> <li>- Introducing the course</li> <li>- Getting into Bible study</li> <li>• The first meeting - prayer</li> </ul>	What in the world are we doing? Romans 1v1 8-2v1; 3v9-18	Our rejection of God
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader's prayer</li> <li>• Leader's preparation</li> </ul>	What in the world is God doing? Romans 2v1-16	God's judgment
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting started</li> <li>- What type of group?</li> <li>- When?</li> <li>- Where?</li> <li>- Invitations</li> <li>- Meals</li> </ul>	What can religion do? Romans 2v17-29; 3v19-20	Failure of religion
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perseverance through discouragements</li> <li>- turning down invitations</li> <li>- erratic attendance</li> </ul>	God's gift Romans 3v21-31	Jesus

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- group doesn't gel</li> <li>- no conversions</li> <li>• Perseverance in disagreements</li> <li>• Perseverance in prayer</li> <li>• The big picture</li> </ul>		
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision time</li> <li>• 3 responses</li> <li>• 3 kinds of follow-up</li> </ul>	Right with God Romans 5v1-11	The benefits of being a Christian

## What will you need for the Training Course?

- Copies of the *God and You* Good Book Guide for each trainee. This consists of both the Study Guide and the Leader's Guide. *God and You* is available from the Good Book Company.
  
- Pens/pencils and Bibles for all the trainees. Part of each training session involves the trainees themselves doing the Bible studies in *God and You*.
  
- A copy of the following Training Course Leader's Notes, which can be downloaded from this website.

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE LEADER'S NOTES

## Training Course: Session 1

- *Why do God and You?*
- *How the course works*  
    *Goal, Strategy & Approach*
- *Arranging the first meeting*

## God and You: Session 1

*Says who? Romans 1 v 1-6; 14-20*

*Theme: God speaks*

## Why do *God and You*?

There are several distinctive features of the *God and You* course.

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## How the course works

**Goal**

To see people grow in their understanding of the Christian message by looking at the Bible, so they will come to trust in Jesus as their personal Saviour.

**Strategy**

To present the Christian message in a non-threatening way, either in a small group Bible study or one-to-one. Relationships are built within the group and the relevance of the gospel to each person is explained.

**Approach**

• *God and You* is a 6-week Bible study looking at Romans chapters’ 1- 5.

• *God and You* is best used in groups numbering between 2 and 10. If you have more than 10 people joining the course, it would be worth splitting the group into two smaller ones if possible.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	‘We had three groups running in our house at one time. We all crowded into the living room as people came, had drinks and then moved into any room we could find—including a small hallway—to do our studies. It created quite a buzz.’
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• *God and You* operates through personal invitations and contacts. The person who invites someone will either lead the course or at least come along with their contact.


### **THE QUESTIONS**

*God and You* is based on getting people to really look at the Bible for themselves. There are 3 types of questions to expose the text to the mind and heart of the participants. They are :

- 1. Investigate:** What does the text say?
- 2. Think about it:** Is this true? Does it fit with what we see in the world?
- 3. Application:** What does this say about me?

Note the symbols that identify the questions. This form of questioning exposes the distinction between personal opinions and what the Bible says, but it also shows that what the Bible says is not contradictory to what is plainly seen in the world around us.

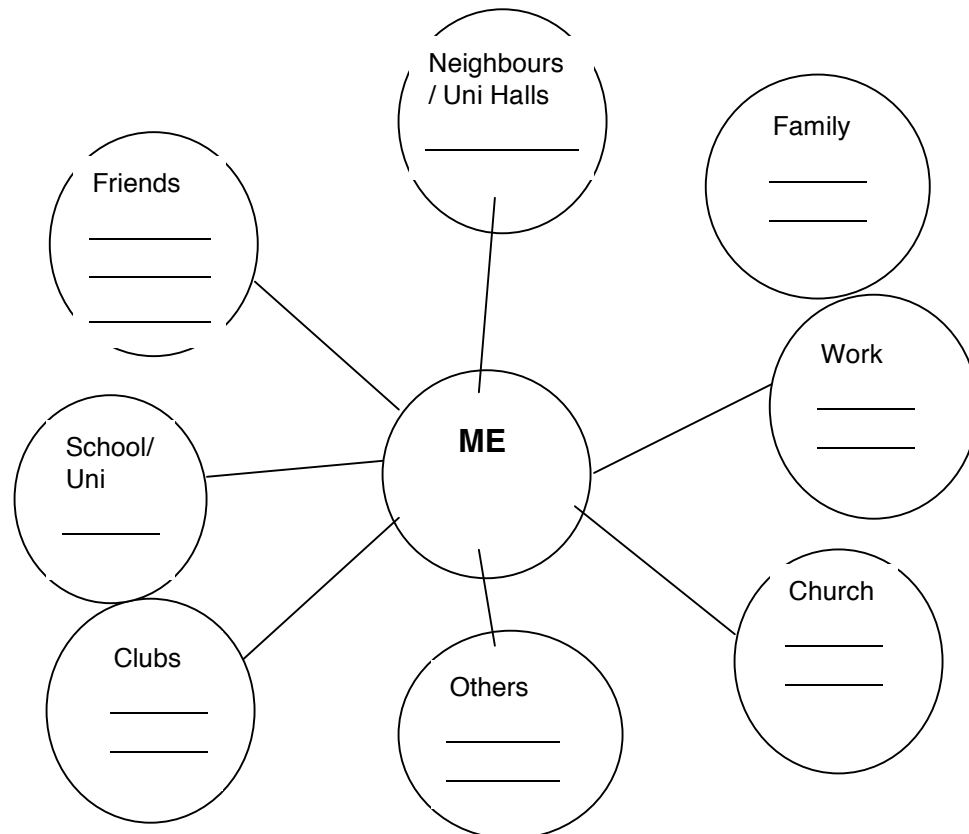
We do this because we want the guests to understand what the Christian message says from its source material and to see how relevant it is to the world and ourselves. Many people think they know what the Christian message is, but actually they have not read the Bible and the Bible often says something very different to what most people think. Of course, at the end of six weeks people may not agree with the message and may not want to follow Christ, but we hope that they will understand what Christianity says, and the implications for their own lives

**Important:** *God and You* isn't a sermon or an excuse for the leader to talk. The temptation may be to preach at the group members instead of encouraging them to look at the Bible for themselves. They need to be taught primarily by what they read in God's Word. When it comes to the investigation questions,  [icon] you need to encourage group members to back up their answers by showing the appropriate verse or verses: 'Where do you find that in the passage?'

## Arranging the first meeting

### **CONTACTS**

Start thinking who you could invite. Go through your network of people.



You will probably be surprised how many people you have contact with. However, you may have to give this some deeper thought. Start praying for these people and for contacts that you could invite to a *God and You* course. Perhaps you need to reorganise your week and give more time for making contacts. Maybe join a club. You might find that there is a whole group of people that you could invite eg: everyone in the office/club/student hall/class.

**We will come back to these contacts each session.** Remember God is more interested in evangelism than you are, so pray and ask him for contacts. But remember to watch out for *answers* to those prayers. Pray Colossians 4 v 3 each day. You could put it up on a door to help you remember, so that each time you open the door you pray the prayer.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ***And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.*** Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4 v 2-6**

**Now do together...**

***GOD AND YOU:* Session One**  
**Who is speaking?**

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE

## LEADER'S NOTES

### Training Course: Session 2

- *Practicalities*
  - Who gets involved?*
  - Before the first session*
  - Introducing the God and You course*
  - Getting into Bible study*
- *Arranging the first meeting*

### God and You: Session 2

*What in the world are we doing? Romans 1 v 18 – 2 v 1*  
*Theme: Our rejection of God.*

## Practicalities

### 1. Who gets involved?

A combination or all of the following, using your trainees.

- A leader
- An assistant leader
- A host.
- 'bringers', accompanying their non-Christian guests.
- Christians prepared to sit with and befriend unaccompanied guests.

Some trainees may not feel prepared or able to lead a *God and You* course. They might, however, be willing to host one. Some people are natural hosts and it is a joy to visit their home. Make sure you use people who have this gift.

'Bringers' are also a very important group of people, and not to be despised or overlooked—many evangelistic initiatives would suffer without their often quiet but effective involvement. Make sure that they are encouraged and supported in prayer.

### 2. Before the first session

#### ***The first 15 seconds***

If you are running a *God and You* course, or hosting one in your home, then remember that first impressions are very important. Welcoming and making guests feel relaxed is essential. Remember, the guests may never have been in a meeting like this. They may not know the other people and they could feel uneasy about being there. The key word in all this is to be NORMAL (Unless your normal is abnormal!).

#### ***Set the atmosphere***

It is really the responsibility of the host/leader to set the atmosphere.

- *Put on some fairly neutral background music* –jazz or classical. Be careful of pushing your particular eccentric tastes in music. Obviously, if the group consists mostly of young people, then you might want them to bring some of their own music. But remember, this is to be in the background to set the atmosphere. And don't forget to turn it off when the study starts.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	We did a meeting at one house where the hosts were very much in a Christian subculture and had loud (and, may I say, awful!) Christian music playing, as guests arrived. The music was preachy and off-putting. You could see the guests tensing up as they came in.
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- *Have a pot of coffee on the brew* and a jug of fruit juice. Ask guests as they arrive what they want to drink. But take care not to spend a long time in the kitchen while the guests sit in a different room on their own or with other people they don't know. Have everything ready before they start arriving.
- *Buy or make a special cake or biscuits.* A good idea, after the first week, is to get the guests to bring something along. This makes them feel that they are an important part of the group.
- *Think of some topics to talk about beforehand* so that, as you are drinking and waiting for others to arrive, there won't be those embarrassing silences. You may not need those topics, but be prepared.
- *Make sure you introduce guests* to each other and yourself to the guests. If you know some background that is relevant, then use that too. 'Let me introduce you to Fred. He works in the building trade too.' 'Sarah has two boys at Bean Road School as well.'
- *Think about the type of people coming* and make them feel as relaxed as possible. Make sure they know where the toilet is etc. Think about...

*animals*— put them in another room until you know if all the guests are comfortable with them.

*lighting*—check that it is adequate so people can see the Bible passage and the questions.

*room temperature*—make sure it is comfortable before people arrive.

*seating*—are there any special seating needs for the guests (bad backs, older people that don't want to be seated too low)? People with hearing problems might need to be nearer the leader.

Don't forget, if you are the leader you need to be in a seating position where you can see everyone in the room, so you might need to save your seat (you could leave your Bible and Leader's Notes there), to avoid any embarrassment in having to ask people to move.

- *Make sure there is time for people to relax and talk to each other before the study begins. This greatly helps the discussion later.*

### 3. Introducing the *God and You* Course.

#### ***Welcome***

The leader first needs to welcome guests and, if necessary, to introduce each person. This is where you introduce the course. Give out a copy of the *God and You* Study Guide as you do so. Reassure people that they will not be made to do anything embarrassing or religious.

#### ***Introduce the Bible text***

Don't assume anything. Of course, you should avoid talking down to the guests, but it really is worth explaining everything briefly:

- *What is the letter to the Romans?*
- *The background of the letter.*
- *Who was Paul?*
- *How to locate chapter and verses of the Bible*—explain that large numbers in the text denote the chapters, and small numbers the verses. If this is someone's first time looking at the Bible, there is no reason why they will know this.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	'I usually explain how I didn't have a clue when I first became a Christian, and that I thought King Saul in the Old Testament was the same as Saul who became Paul in the New Testament.'
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#### ***Explain how the course works***

- *The symbols and what they mean*—this is mentioned in the introduction to the *God and You* Study Guide.

- *The role of the leader*—explain that the leader is not there to preach, but to lead the group through the passage to discover what the Bible really says. That means you will keep on asking questions like: ‘Where in the passage does it say that?’
- *Discussion*—we want all participants to feel free to speak without feeling stupid. As leader you can help this by saying something like: ‘Lets imagine this group is a brain and each of us are different brain cells. If someone says something not quite right, it may actually help other ‘cells’ to see the correct answer. So all contributions help the ‘brain’ as a whole to function correctly.’ In other words, the leader should try and help people contribute to the discussion without feeling condemned or afraid. Also explain that some people might have strong disagreements but that can be very healthy, because it makes everyone think. We can disagree without being disagreeable.
- *Not the whole story*—explain that *God and You* is a course that builds up, like a bricklayer building a wall. If you only see the foundations, you might not be impressed with how wonderful the final building will be. But if you miss the foundations, then the building will collapse. So you need to encourage people to come to all sessions. Point out that Sessions 2-4 are the bad news, but the participants shouldn’t give up at that point, or they will miss the good news. You can make a bit of a joke about this: ‘What do you want—the good news or the bad news first? Well, in this course we have the bad news first.’ To help people grasp the reason why Paul wrote in this way, you may find the following illustration helpful: “If a jeweller wants to show off his prize diamond, what background does he lay it on? He places it on black velvet. The black shows you how beautiful the diamond is. The contrast helps you see the diamond in a new light. We will never fully understand or appreciate the remarkably beautiful Good news of the Bible without having the contrast of the bad news first.”

#### **4. Getting into Bible study.**

##### ***Summary***

At the beginning of each session, participants will find a summary of the previous session in their Study Guide. Sometimes it may be helpful to get the participants themselves to review the previous session, before going through the summary together.

##### ***Questions***

It is often helpful to read the questions out *before* reading the Bible passage. This means that people can get an idea of for what they should be looking for.

### ***Reading the Bible passage***

When reading the Bible, it is best either to read it yourself or have someone you have asked earlier. If you ask for volunteers, do not pick on guests. Some people find reading aloud very frightening. If you have a shy person, you could ask them a week before whether they would be happy to read aloud the following week.

## **Arranging the first meeting.**

In the last training session we thought about the contacts we have, and prayed for open doors and boldness. Ask the trainees to share any answers to prayer they have had over the week in that regard. Ask if they prayed the Colossians 4 v 3 prayer each day.

Spend some time praying over contacts and thanking God for answers to prayer. Pray Colossians 4 v 3 each day. Put it up on a door to help you remember, so that each time you open the door you pray the prayer.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ***And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.*** Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4 v 2-6**

**Now do together...**

***GOD AND YOU: Session Two***  
**What in the world are we doing?**

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE

## LEADER'S NOTES

### Training Course: Session 3

- *Leader's Prayer*
- *Leader's Preparation*
- *Homework*

### God and You: Session 3

*What in the world is God doing? Romans 2 v 1-16*

*Theme: God's judgment*

## Leader's prayer

### ***Plan to pray.***

One of the main reasons why we don't pray is that we don't plan to pray. As you set aside time to prepare for *God and You*, put aside time for praying for the leaders, hosts and guests.

- *If you are a lone leader*—then get someone else to pray with you each week.
- *If there are a number of leaders* —then meet up and pray.
- *You could organise a prayer group*—the object of this is to have a group of people praying as you meet together with your 'students' for each *God and You* session.
- *And remember to pray yourself*—keep a list of the participants, other leaders and even other groups. Put the list where you will see it daily (in your Bible?) and pray for them.

### ***Use the Word of God to pray.***

This helps avoid mental drift and ensures biblical praying. It allows God to set the agenda for your prayers. Pray for people using what you have learnt from *God and You*. For example, after Session 1 you may want to pray something like: 'Lord, help Sarah see that she is a sinner.'

It's well worth reading the chapter entitled 'Lessons from the school of prayer' from Don Carson's book, 'Spiritual Reformation'.

### ***Put 'feet' on prayer.***

Back up your prayer with follow-up. Watch out for guests' reactions. Do they seem annoyed or upset or very challenged? Why not contact them during the week? Send a card or text, or give them a call.

## Leader's preparation

### **Know the study**

- *Read thoroughly the Bible passage, the Study Guide and the notes in the Leader's Guide*—so that you know where the questions are heading, and have equipped yourself to correctly guide the group through each session.
- *Think from the 'student's' perspective*—what might they not understand? What questions and problems might come to their minds?
- *Think about the difficult bits*—do you understand yourself? How will you explain them?
- *Make the material yours*—think up some illustrations / stories / analogies / personal experiences / jokes etc. that you might want to use.

Some people think visually, so you might want to get a whiteboard or a large sheet of paper to write on (wall lining paper is cheap). You may be able to think up some diagrams / illustrations which show the logic of Paul's reasoning in these passages.

Think of some supplementary questions that will clarify and encourage people to answer when the group has gone silent or may not quite grasp the study question. (Although, don't be afraid of short silences. Allow people time to think.) **Note:** The Leader's Guide sometimes includes supplementary questions in the *Guidance on Questions* section for each session

It's worth getting hold of one or two good commentaries on Romans. (*The Message of Romans* by John Stott, Bible Speaks Today series, published by IVP; *Romans: A Shorter Commentary* by C.E.B. Cranfield, published by T&T Clark.)

If you get stuck, don't be afraid to ask a Christian leader.

### **Get the timing right**

Each session of *God and You* can be done in about 45 minutes, which is short enough for a lunch break. However, an hour is less rushed. If you are doing the course one-to-one, it can be quicker.

You will need to know the material well enough to know how to speed up or allow longer on the various questions. Don't rush—give people time to digest what the Bible is saying and its implications. Don't let it drag on, especially if the discussion is going off on a tangent. If there are subjects people want to discuss that are taking you away from the main points of the session, then write the questions down and answer them after the session. This means that you don't dismiss problems, but you don't allow them to dominate either.

Remember, it's best to finish with people wanting more, rather than feeling that the session went on forever.

***Be well- equipped.***

- *Study Guides*—make sure you have enough copies for every member of the group, plus a couple of extra copies for unexpected arrivals, or those who may forget to bring their Study Guide in subsequent sessions.
- *Pens/Pencils*—provide plenty of pens and pencils around and encourage guests to use them for writing answers in their Study Guide. This helps them to remember what they have learned.
- *Bibles*—you will need to decide which version and which format to use. Make sure you have an 'easy to understand' version of the Bible. The published *God and You* course is designed for use with the New International Version (NIV). The easy-English version, developed for internationals who are in the process of learning English, is designed for use with the New Century Version (NCV). It's best for everyone to use, not only the same version, but the same copies of the Bible. See if you can borrow some from a church. If not, photocopy the passage so that everybody can look at the same text. Another advantage of photocopies is that students can write notes on the text; they can also take it home.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	“ Sometimes we have found it helpful to give guests the Bible text for the whole course in the first session. It's a good idea to give at least the Bible passage for the following session. When people are new to a Bible passage, it is very difficult for them to absorb it at one reading.”
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***Think about prayer***

Of course, as a leader you will already be praying for the *God and You* course, but when it comes to praying during the session itself, you need to

be careful and think through how appropriate it might be. If you decide to pray, it should be a short, simple prayer. You may want to ask: 'Does anyone mind?' There will be time for participants themselves to pray in Session 6.

## **Praying for the first meeting**

Pray now for the arrangements, leaders and contacts.

In each training session we have thought about our contacts, and have prayed for 'open doors' and boldness. Let's keep that up. Ask the group for answers to prayer. Ask if anyone prayed the Colossians 4 v 3 prayer each day.

Spend some time praying over contacts and thanking God for the answers to prayer. Pray Colossians 4 v 3 each day. Put it up on a door to help you remember, so that each time you open the door, you pray the prayer.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ***And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.*** Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4 v 2-6**

## **Homework (for the next training session)**

Get three people to take one session each of *God and You* Sessions 1-3, and give a full overview of what has been learnt in that session. They will need to go through every question and give summary answers. Specify a maximum of five minutes for each session summary. This will help them to get used to the material and speaking in a group setting. It will also familiarise all the trainees with the material.

**Now do together...**

***GOD AND YOU: Session Three***  
**What in the world is God doing?**

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE

## LEADER'S NOTES

### Training Course: Session 4

- *Getting started*
  - What type of group?*
  - When?*
  - Where?*
  - Think about invitations*
  - Think about a meal*
- *Homework presentations*
- *Homework*

### God and You: Session 3

*What can religion do? Romans 2 v 17-29; 3 v 19-20*

*Theme: Failure of religion*

## Getting started

### ***What type of group?***

As mentioned earlier, the course is usually most effective when used one-to-one or with groups numbering 2-10. Obviously, a group of similar age or occupation, or with something other than the course in common, is generally easier than a very diverse group eg: young people, students, mums with pre-school children, businessmen, people who work for the same company, those who belong to the same club or association etc.

- *Single-sex groups*—you might discover that you have someone who can bring a whole group of men or women, in which case a single-sex group for that particular crowd may be the best thing to arrange.
- *Joining with others*—you will probably find that some have an individual contact for whom one-to-one would not be appropriate. Why not get them to join up with others in a similar situation?
- *Christian helpers?*—some courses run very effectively with a ‘Christian buddy’ assigned to each participant. This works well where you have several Christians each bringing an individual friend, and also with internationals who are learning English. However, you need to think about the contacts who will be joining the course and assess whether this is best for them or not.

### ***When to hold a God and You course?***

It all depends on the people. Often Christians can get into a bit of a rut when planning meetings. We tend to think all meetings should start at 7.30pm and end by 9.30pm so we can all be snuggled up in bed by

10.30pm. Now that may or may not be the best time for the guests. If it's a school/university/work-based group, lunchtime may best, or even early morning. Be imaginative but realistic about the people being invited.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	'I used to speak at an evangelistic event that started each Friday at 11.00pm and the talk got going at about 12.30 am. This group was aimed at young, wealthy, fashionable, arty types who worked long hours and stayed up late at weekends.'
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### ***Where?***

Comfortable surroundings that feel normal for the participants are the best places. Some groups meet in a pub or hire a room. However, be careful of a place that is too exposed to the public. There might be too many distractions or the participants may feel embarrassed.

### ***Think about invitations***

Hopefully you will be starting up a *God and You* group as part of this training course. So, you need to think about asking people NOW. You might even think about advertising *God and You* with leaflets or in newsletters etc.

If you have identified a list of contacts from the church (see 'Arranging the first meeting—contacts' in Training Session 1), work out who is going to invite them. It is amazing how people can get forgotten.

Think about the best way of inviting. For instance, if the contacts are parents of a church children's group, then maybe the leaders of that group are the best people to ask them. Or perhaps you could ask another parent to hand on an invitation. With work colleagues, you could email everyone to say that you are organising a *God and You* course, and mention that you will be coming round with an invitation.

### ***Think about a meal***

If you have more time, why not begin Session 1 with a meal? This would make the first evening a little longer but could really help the group to 'gel'.

Alternatively, you could run an Introducing *God and You* session for people who may be interested in signing up for a course. This could include a meal, a presentation about *God and You*, and contributions from those who have done the course previously or who have recently become Christians. You could organise a session like this, both as a final get-

together for those who have completed the course, and an introduction for new 'students' (see 'In our experience' below).

<b>In Our Experience</b>	<p>'At one time we used to run these courses in our house. We would always finish one course with a testimony and food evening and invite new students to that evening. We would simply have food, then sit down and those who had done <i>God and You</i> were invited to say how it had helped them. We also got one or two people who had recently become Christians to very briefly give their testimony. These were really great evenings and the new guests would feel excited about what was to come. We also found it easy to invite people who were a bit unsure about joining the course. They were invited to just one evening to see what they thought. After the testimony we would briefly introduce the course and encourage people to come the following week.</p> <p>We also found that many who had already done <i>God and You</i> would want to do it again and bring their friends. We would encourage this. We also ran other courses for those who wanted to continue meeting but didn't want to do <i>God and You</i> again. They could bring their friends to the same venue but go to another room for their own particular Bible study. We would all meet together for refreshments first and then go to our groups. Sometimes we had four groups running at one time. Every room was full.'</p>
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## Homework presentations

Get the three group members chosen last session to give an overview of Sessions 1-3 to give their summaries.

## Homework

If possible, select four people (different from last time) to take a session each of *God and You* Sessions 1-4. They will need to go through every question and give summary answers. Specify a maximum of five minutes for each session summary. This ensures that the trainees will have to know their material well, so that they can give quick and concise summaries.

**Now do together...**

***GOD AND YOU: Session Four***  
**What can religion do?**

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE LEADER'S NOTES

## Training Course: Session 5

- *Perseverance and discouragements*
  - Responses to invitations*
  - Erratic attendance*
  - Groups that don't gel*
  - No conversions by the end of the course*
- *Perseverance and disagreements*
- *Perseverance and prayer*
- *Perseverance because of the 'big picture'*
- *Homework presentations*
- *Homework*

## God and You: Session 4

*God's gift Romans 3 v 21-31*

*Theme: Jesus*

## Perseverance and discouragements.

Everyone who runs Bible-study courses like *God and You* encounters discouragements, and there will always be a need for perseverance, both with the big project of providing these courses and with individual contacts. You might find that a number of difficulties come up.

### 1. Responses to invitations

There could be all kinds of negative responses, from outright refusal through wariness and suspicion to avoidance.

- *If people refuse outright*— there is not much you can do except continue to pray and look for further opportunities. Don't be too discouraged. Remember, Jesus told the parable of the sower to show different responses to God's Word, but the point is that we must carry on sowing the seed.
- *Don't assume the worst*—there might be a genuine reason why someone can't make a particular course. This why it is worth running *God and You* courses regularly and frequently.

### In Our Experience

'In 1997, we started running these courses back-to-back. As soon as one course finished, the next one started. These have been running ever since. So if someone can't make one course, the opportunity is always there for them to join later.

We persuaded a church in London to run their evangelistic program every term instead of just once a year. Contrary to what you might expect, this has actually increased the number of contacts, largely because evangelistic opportunities with people come sporadically, but as soon as the opportunity arises a Christian can invite the person on a course that will start soon. Plus it keeps evangelism on the church agenda and in the church prayers.'

- Some people are wary because they don't know what to expect. This is where an Introducing *God and You* session can be very helpful (see 'In our experience' on page X).

### **2. Erratic attendance.**

It can be very discouraging when guests miss a number of sessions and the group is made up of different people every week. It adversely affects the dynamic of the group and the impact of the course, since appreciating the good news depends on first understanding the seriousness of the bad news, built up over a number of sessions. That's why you need to encourage people to come to the whole course. But for all kinds of reasons this doesn't happen. Here are some options to consider:

- Regular SUS courses mean you can always encourage someone to come to sessions they have missed or to start again.
- Sometimes you might have to re-arrange the time of the next session for the whole group.
- Why not organise a one-to-one catch-up session?
- How about giving someone the material to look through at home for the session which they can't make?

<p><b>In Our Experience</b></p>	<p>'With university students, we found that they weren't working their diaries very well for a time-tabled weekly meeting. Instead, at the end of each session, we organised a mutually convenient time for the next one. Sometimes the whole of the course was done in a week because we met every day.'</p>
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### **3. The group doesn't gel.**

Sometime this can matter more to group leaders than to the individual participants, who have different expectations and often seem not to notice any problem. However, the fact that students don't take to each other can inhibit discussion, which affects both the amount of work that the leader has to do, and the effectiveness of the course.

It can be very helpful to set up an informal 'buddy' system in your *God and You* group. Assign a Christian to each guest to look after them, build a relationship and follow-up the contact at other times.

### **4. No conversions by the end of the course.**

By the end of a *God and You* course, people should understand something of the Christian faith, but conversion usually doesn't come so easily, especially bearing in mind that some participants are less 'ripe' than others. An atheist may start to question his beliefs by the end of the course. A nominal Christian may realise she has never properly

understood the Christian message. But, importantly, they are moving in the right direction.

At this point, it is worth knowing some good books appropriate to the various participants that you can pass on to them. Ideally, however, if your guests have become used to opening the Bible, you want to continue getting them into God's Word through small-group Bible study, so now is the time to start thinking and planning about options that you can offer at the end of your first *God and You* course.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	'It was common for people to come back and do a <i>God and You</i> course for a second, or even third time. Most conversions took place during these subsequent courses.'
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## **Perseverance and disagreements**

Don't be alarmed if people disagree, and sometimes strongly, with what they learn in *God and You*. The course is designed to be a safe environment in which these views can be expressed and constructively challenged, with the gospel penetrating their viewpoints.

Very often, people who react strongly to the message reveal that they are becoming insecure and doubtful about beliefs and assumptions they have previously been comfortable with. Sometimes you can remove the sting of this insecurity by allowing someone to express themselves, but then moving gently on.

Occasionally, those with a Christian background are uncomfortable with the idea of three sessions of bad news before the good news about Jesus is broached in Session 5. This shows that even Christians have a very superficial understanding of the issues of sin and judgment, which are essential for understanding the gospel. Again, you can be encouraged that faulty understanding is being challenged by the Bible studies.

## **Perseverance and prayer**

A large part of perseverance is to keep praying for all those involved in the *God and You* course. Keep praying for the guests. Pray too for the Christians involved and for boldness in teaching the gospel.

## Perseverance because of the ‘big picture’

We need to understand and remember:

- God is faithful in using people like us, weak though we may be. He *will* save people.
- The work is urgent. There is no other way people will be saved. They must hear the gospel.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	‘When we first started <i>God and You</i> courses, we always had one or two assistant leaders. Those assistant leaders would often go on to lead the next group and then I, as overall trainer, would become their assistant leader just to help them through the first time. Someone, summing up the ministry of Jesus, said that his approach to training was, ‘ <i>I do and you watch. We do together. You do—I watch. We evaluate together.</i> ’ That is the approach we took with training people to do <i>God and You</i> courses.’
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## Homework presentations

Get the four group members chosen last session to give an overview of Sessions 1-4 to give their summaries.

## Homework

If possible, select five people (different from last time) to take a session each of *God and You* Sessions 1-5. They will need to go through every question and give summary answers. Specify a maximum of five minutes for each session summary. This ensures that the trainees will have to know their material well, so that they can give quick and concise summaries.

**Now do together...**

***GOD AND YOU: Session Five***  
**The gift of God**

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE LEADER'S NOTES

## Training Course: Session 6

- *Decision time*
- *Prayer*
- *Homework presentations*
- *Homework*

## God and You: Session 6

*Right with God: Romans 5 v 1-11*

*Theme: The benefits of being a Christian*

## Decision time

In this last training session for *God and You*, we have reached the point to which the course has been heading, to trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The Christian message demands a response, and we need to communicate that very clearly.

You need to summarise what has been covered. Draw out people's agreement on issues of sin and judgment and the need for God. Now what do we do about it?

Three different responses to the course determine three different subsequent courses of action.

- *The person who trusts Jesus for the first time*—this person needs discipleship and further Bible study in a group or one-to-one. This needs planning NOW—before you have started *God and You*—or it will not happen.

<b>In Our Experience</b>	'We found one of the best things to do was to encourage new Christians to bring their friends to another <i>God and You</i> course. This means they are born into the Christian life as an evangelist.'
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- *The person who comes close but stays on the fence*—these people need more of the same—a second go at *God and You* or a further evangelistic Bible study—until they get off the fence.
- *The person who rejects the message outright*—it is important to follow up these people with friendship. It is also important to try to understand just what it is that is making that person reject the good news of Jesus Christ.

You need to highlight these three responses to the participants, but indicate that the last two are actually the same. There are only two positions that someone can take after hearing the Christian message—belief, shown in repentance and faith, or rejection.

In all of this be frank but not pushy. Give people an opportunity to respond but don't harangue them. Note: this is where a testimony might be very helpful.

## **Homework presentations**

Get the five group members chosen last session to give an overview of Sessions 1-5 to give their summaries.

## **Prayer**

Pray again for...

- the contacts
- the starting of the *God and You* course (s)
- the leaders and hosts.

**Now do together...**

***GOD AND YOU: Session Six***  
**Right with God**

# GOD AND YOU TRAINING COURSE

## LEADER'S NOTES

### APPENDIX 1

**Aim:** This appendix contains material for a talk or series of talks that you could use in main church ministry in order to challenge Christians to join the *God and You* Training Course. The material could be read or printed or (preferably) preached in services or home groups.

### Introduction

Christians are called by God to be heroic. To give their lives for a lost world. What would you do in the following situations?

- You see a child slip into the sea and you know that there is a life ring 50 metres away.
- You see someone in pain on the floor holding their chest and you have a mobile phone in your pocket.
- There is a fire in a house—you have called the fire brigade but the people are sleeping in the house as if all is well.

We are talking about being the hero who rescues and saves someone. Or at least, the person who enables the rescue to take place.

Evangelism is about rescuing people from a far more deadly reality than death. And therefore calls for heroes—people who will put themselves out for others.

So who should do the work of evangelism? Who is it that should take this message out to the world, and who can be successful in doing that? Who are the ones that are sent out with the power of the Holy Spirit? Who are specifically called by God to go? Who is to be a 'hero' to a dying world?

Now we know that all Christians can say something about Christ every now and then, but who is it that is fully called?—who has a special call to do this? Well, let's go to the manual and see what God says, because I want to show you that we all have this responsibility. It's not just a job for professionals.

### So why must we all be involved in reaching a lost world?

#### 1. The love of God.

We should bother with evangelism because of the love of God the Father. Evangelism follows from the nature of the God we worship. Did He keep Himself in icy isolation from the problems of people? Did He coolly look down at a world who rebelled against Him on a reckless journey to destruction, and did He then turn a blind eye?

Listen to one of the most famous sentences in the whole world—a sentence so great, and perhaps so familiar, that we can miss its astounding challenge to us as followers of God.

John 3 v 16 ***‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.’***

a. ***‘For God so loved the world’***

The God we worship is the supreme lover. He loves the world. Did you hear that? God loves the world.

He may not find the world lovely. It certainly doesn’t please Him. Rather, it angers Him. He must, in fact, bring all people to judgment. But He does love the world.

This is no contradiction, because LOVE is not some slushy feeling, or mere attraction. True love is sacrifice for those who are not lovely.

***Romans 5 v 6-8***

***You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.***

***Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***

It is godly to LOVE the world.

*Do we LOVE the world?*

Sometimes, the way Christians speak seems to indicate that we actually hate the world. But it might not just be words. Actions or lack of actions can be the equivalent of hate. We can hate people by ignoring them and their situation.

‘It’s not my fault she fell into the sea. The signs say DANGER. She ignored the sign. It’s her fault.’

‘Someone else is bound to have called the fire brigade? I don’t want to embarrass myself by being too sensational about things or too nosy. I might offend someone.’

Are you godlike? If so, you will LOVE the world. That is what our God is like. So, if we are His children, then we should reflect His character and attitudes. Such love is infectious.

b. ***“..he gave his one and only Son..”***

All lovers will give anything, endure anything, do anything for the one they love.

God, at great cost, has put His plan into action.

### **What do we give?**

Money?

Time?

Energy?

Reputation?

Promotion?

## **2. The Command of Jesus**

Jesus told His disciples very clearly to...

***'... go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' Matthew 28 v 19***

That was Jesus' last command before He left the earth. Now last words are very special. We pay a lot of attention to them. If Jesus made evangelism the subject of His last command on earth, then it must be important. If we love Him and seek to obey Him, then we must carry it out.

### **The word of God commands you.**

We are to spread the message of life *not* because we find it pleasant or easy, not because we may be successful at it, but simply because Christ has called us— He is our Lord and we have no other choice but to obey Him.

The supreme motive for evangelism is to glorify God by obeying His revealed will. God is glorified by commitment to His Word: Look at John 17 v 4, where Jesus is talking about His own work

***'I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.'***

### **What kind of work?**

It's very interesting that when Jesus talks about good works in the Sermon on the Mount, He talks about being persecuted for good works and refers back to the prophets. But why were the prophets persecuted? They were persecuted for speaking the message of God. So surely the good works that Jesus is telling His followers to be doing is to speak the message out (Matthew 5 v 10-16).

One pastor was asked how many members he had in his church, and then was asked how many missionaries. He replied with exactly the same number. *'All of our church members are missionaries.'* The evangelistic team consists of the entire body of the church—without exception.

### 3. The gift of the Spirit.

If we look at the start of the church, we are very likely to find out its original purpose and aim.

Read Acts 2 v 1-8, 11b-12

***Verse 4 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'***

These tongues were languages and we have a list of those languages written down for us in this passage.

This was an amazing but simple sign at the beginning of the church. The Holy Spirit, sent by the risen and ascended Lord Jesus, came upon the disciples, enabling them to speak in different languages so that people from all over the world could hear the message of Christ in their own tongue. That would have shown everyone that this 'gospel' was not only for the Jewish nation, but also for those of other languages and other lands. It's a very simple and clear sign pointing to the truth of Acts 1 v 8, where Jesus had told his disciples:

***'... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'***

But there is more in this passage and it answers the question: **'Who should spread the message to the world?'**

Look at Acts 2 v 17-18.

***"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'***

What is this telling us?

We need to be a little careful because when Peter talks about dreams and visions, he is using words that come from the Old Testament. This is normal Old Testament language for the process of revelation. God revealed Himself to prophets, priests and kings in the Old Testament, through dreams and visions and prophecy. But these are not normal methods today—we now have the complete Word of God (see Hebrews 1 v 1-3).

Peter is saying is that God has revealed His truth to all. Peter is using the language of the Old Testament because he is quoting the prophet Joel. So he is saying, ' Now, rather than just a few prophets, priests or kings having the truth revealed to them so they could tell others, the truth of the gospel will be revealed to all the people of God.' So ,it is no longer a few specially gifted people who prophesy—every believer can now speak out the Word of God.

***Verse 18 'Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'***

The gift is given to all types of people to go out and witness.  
So what's the answer to the question – 'Who should do the work of evangelism?'  
– YOU

#### **What about a particular gift of prophecy?**

Paul, talking about gifts given to the church, says in Ephesians 4 v 11-12:

***It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...'***

There are specially gifted people in the church, but their job is to '*prepare God's people for works of service.*' The heart of all works of service is to build up the church, which must involve evangelism.

So far, we have looked at the first three very powerful reasons why we should bother about evangelism, and they are all rooted in the very nature of God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are profoundly concerned for and utterly involved in evangelism.

Do we need to repent as a church or as individuals for not being God-like?

#### **4. The climax of history.**

##### ***2 Peter 3 v 8-13***

***'But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.***

***But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.***

***Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.'***

Why hasn't Christ returned? Well the answer is – God is 'patient with you, not

wanting anyone to perish.’ He is giving the opportunity for repentance. If Christ had returned a few years ago, you may be in hell now because you hadn’t become a Christian back then. God patiently waits so people will be saved.

## 5. The responsibility of the people of God.

The only people who can make Christ known are those who already know Him. He chooses to rely on us.

***2 Corinthians 5 v 20-21***

***We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***

It is through His people that God communicates.

***1 Corinthians 3 v 9***

***‘For we are God's fellow workers’.***

He doesn’t give this job to His angels but to us. It is Christians who are ambassadors. Christians are to be His active body on earth, doing what He, the Head, communicates to us.

## 6. The privilege of Christians.

What a privilege! We are not only forgiven and reinstated in God’s family, but also given employment in ‘the family business’.

***2 Corinthians 4 v 1***

***‘Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.’***

What a job! To be about the only business that will last forever. Every other business will be destroyed.

## 7. The need of people.

### a. The world is divided into the ‘haves’ and the ‘have nots’.

***1 John 5 v 12***

***‘He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.’***

One group is described as living, and one group as dead. The Bible makes a clear radical distinction between the two.

The Bible is a dividing book, and the gospel is a dividing truth, and Jesus is a dividing Saviour, and the day of judgment is a dividing event. We must bring into our thinking and doctrine of evangelism this dividing issue. (See Ephesians 2 v 12-22 and look at all the contrasts in that passage.)

**b. Do you see people like that?**

The need of people confronts us. David was able to say:

*'Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.'*  
*Psalm 119 v 136*

Hold that in your minds alongside this word from Romans.

*Romans 10 v 14-15*

*'How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

And we could add to Paul's list: 'How can anyone preach to them if **you** don't?'

The need of people confronts you

**So back to the drowning man.**

Whose job? Yours.

God's *heart* is to rescue. God's *command* is to rescue. God *equips* you to rescue. God is *holding off the climax of history* to rescue. God has given you *responsibility* to rescue. God has given you the *privilege* to rescue. God shows you the *need* of people to be rescued.

Let's go out and rescue.

**About *God and You***

That is why we want to start up a *God and You* Training Course. We want to teach you how to set up or be part of one-to-one or small group evangelism. The course starts \_\_\_\_\_ and you need to talk to \_\_\_\_\_. It's a 6-week training course that will take you through the material of *God and You* and teach you what to do.

*God and You* itself takes six weeks, looking at the very centre of the Christian message.

I would like to see two responses from what we have looked at:

1. Join the Training Course.
2. If you can't do that, then start thinking about who you could invite to a *God and You* course. We will inform to you when and where they are happening. But it will be in the near future. I will be reminding you of this regularly.