

## LIFE GROUP VIRTUAL OUTLINE #1 Series - This is the Way!

### Worship – 10 mins. max.

- Worship: (Someone leads a song of worship or play a song from You Tube while everyone else are on mute.) *Option: Ask participants to share testimonies of answered prayers.*

### Welcome – ICE BREAKER 15 mins. max.

Instructions: Have you experienced being lost? – Survival Game

*Ask participants to share seven (7) most important things they need to bring on a hiking trip if ever an emergency happens.*

***Have you ever been lost on a way to a certain location you want to go?  
How did you find your way back to the right path?***

### Word – 30 mins. max.

**Intro:** Manitobans are known for being friendly, helpful, and courteous. It is known as a city with a small-town community feel. Most license plates say "Friendly Manitobans."

**Q:** When you first arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba and saw the car plates, was there an experience that demonstrated the friendliness of this city to you?

**Main Text:** Acts 9:1-2 - *"Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of **the Way**, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem."*

*"Jesus said to him, **"I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*  
John 14:6

**1. God provided a new way for us to have a relationship with Him. This is called the *New Covenant*, where can live a life enjoying the privileges and benefits of being His people.**

Understanding this New Covenant will help us *bridge the gap* (for people to know God) and therefore make us better at giving spiritual directions for others.

**Q:** How good are you in following directions either by map or GPS? Can you share a situation how it was helpful to you?

**2. A covenant is defined as an agreement or contract, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified.** The Hebrew term *bĕrīyth* for "covenant" is from a root word meaning "cutting" because pacts or covenants were made by cutting pieces of flesh of the victim or an animal sacrifice between two parties.

**Q:** Have you entered into a contract with someone? If so, can you describe what it means to you.

### Two Major Covenants in the Bible:

**Old or Mosaic Covenant** – is based on human effort to obey God's laws and the animal sacrificial system for atonement or forgiveness. Animal sacrifice was required in the law for both individual and national purposes for the nation of Israel for the atonement of one's sins

**New Covenant** – is based on the grace (unmerited favor) of God in Christ Jesus through faith in Him. "New Covenant in my blood" I Cor 11:25. God provided the offering and offered Himself for our sins as the Lamb of God. What is the relationship between the two covenants: The Mosaic or Old Covenant condemns every person guilty and incapable of satisfying the holy standards of God. Therefore, it is not possible to have a relationship with God and enjoy His favor and blessings. The New Covenant is a covenant of grace in Christ, through repentance and faith in Christ and His finished work on the cross. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

### Read Romans 3:20-25a NLT

**Q:** Because of *Christ's finished work on the cross*, we no longer need to struggle on our own efforts to receive forgiveness when we sinned against God? Why do you think this is important?

**Q:** Jesus' sacrifice on the cross paved the way for us to enjoy God's favor and blessings for which we are thankful. What are some of the things you are thankful for?

**3. The greatest mystery and struggle that we go through as followers of Christ is living a life consistently obeying and applying the principles written in God's word.**

**Q:** Would you be able to relate some struggles you have as a follower of Jesus?

**Conclusion:**

*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

*Hebrews 8:10 NKJV*

The **promised knowledge of God and intimacy with Him** in the New Covenant is the major source of all the privileges, blessings and benefits of the New Way to God. From this knowledge and intimacy come peace, victory over our sinful nature, hope of eternal life, and freedom from sinful and demonic bondages and strongholds.

**Work (Application) – 5mins. Final thoughts**

The only way to know God is through pursuing an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of salvation (if there are newcomers in our group).

**Closing Prayer: 5mins.**

Please take time to pray for one another. Ask for specific prayer requests. Assign people to take turns in prayer.