



Explanation of the Plan

Take Five is a **plan** for the local church to **merge small home-based groups with personal evangelism teaching and training**. At its core it is a Bible study for believers that prepares and equips them to reach unbelievers.

The strategy consists of **five couples and/or singles**, who meet in respective homes for about **three hours once a month** for five months. Each couple focuses on five unsaved or unchurched couples (we call them the “church-detached”) with the goal of reaching out to them with kindness and care in order to eventually help them know Christ and find a church home.

This monthly Bible study includes a **fellowship meal**, followed by a **20 minute video teaching** followed by about **30 minutes of discussion**. The evening concludes with a **time of prayer** and intercession for any special requests of the group and especially the needs of the focus couples. *Take Five* allows for three vital elements: *supper*—breaking bread together in homes; *soul winning*—cutting edge teaching and small group interaction on up-to-date methods of reaching the lost; and *supplication*—sincere prayer for others that are unchurched or nonbelievers.

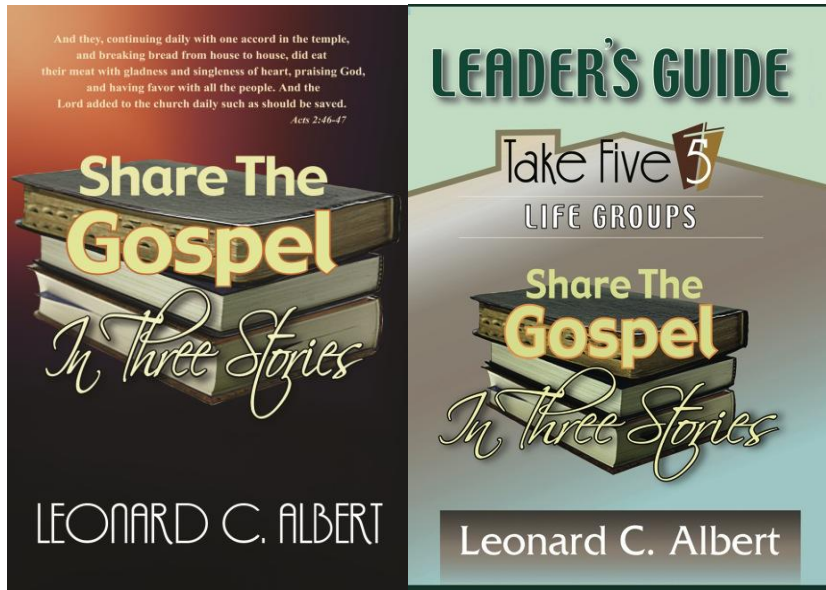
Sessions are held in **two semesters each year**: January to May and August to December but can be started anytime. The sessions follow the academic school year to make it easier on families. Curriculum will be available for four levels of study: personal evangelism, local church ministry, apologetics, and cults and Islam. Each level includes a textbook to study, a DVD to view and a leaders’ guide with discussion questions.

The *Take Five Life Groups* study book for this semester is the newly published *Share the Gospel in Three Stories* by Leonard Albert. Participants will be blessed during the five teaching sessions where each month the author will be sharing via DVD on powerful ideas, instruction

and illustrations on how to do three simple things: **listen** to their story, **talk** about your story and **tell** His story. Students will learn how to connect to the post-Christian culture through lifestyle evangelism using a novel way of sharing the gospel called the “G.R.A.C.E.” outline. They will discover how to use their home as a base for evangelism, how to answer common (and uncommon!) objections, and how to use relationships to lead to friendships to lead someone to Christ. The teaching sessions end with how to engage and assimilate newcomers into the church.

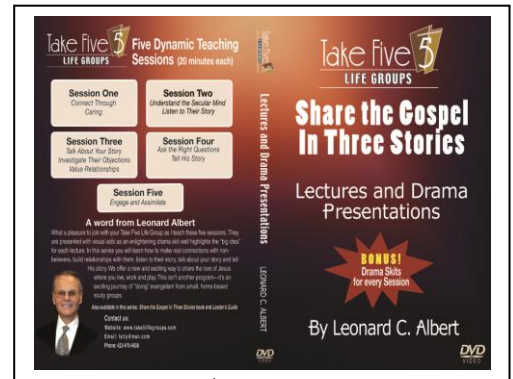
Take Five
Core
Values

1. **Build** relationships with other believers through small groups meeting in homes to learn the process of lifestyle evangelism
2. **Cultivate** associations and friendships with unchurched/unsaved people through acts of kindness and loving attention
3. **Focus** on five couples/singles who are unchurched and begin praying for them on a regular basis that they will come to Christ and the church
4. **Learn** an easy way to share the gospel with unbelievers on a relational level
5. **Understand** the common objections and questions that unbelievers are asking and be able to give them biblical answers
6. **Continue** to find creative ways through friendship evangelism to engage the church-detached
7. **Assimilate** all new believers and new regular attendees into the life and ministry of the local church.



Study book for *Take Five*. All new and very informative!

Our newest *Leaders Guide* makes teaching the *Take Five* sessions fun and easy.



The *Take Five Teaching DVD*. Leonard Albert teaches all five sessions in 20 minute segments.

The three essential items for *Take Five LifeGroups*