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# COMPOSITE

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The Ologies Lesson 8



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## SESSION 8 - COMPOSITE

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### MAIN POINT:

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### MESSAGE NOTES:<sup>1</sup>

Listen to or view message #8 in *The Ologies*, “Composite,” at pscconline.com. You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

#### *Thought Questions:*

1. How are people different from other animals?
2. What is the difference between body, soul, and spirit?
3. How does sin affect the whole person?
4. How does the gospel of Christ reintegrate our spirit, soul, and body?

#### *Next Steps:*

1. How is the Spirit calling you to deny physical desires and defy psychological discomfort (take up your cross) to identify with Christ today?
2. Journal your experience.

#### *Obedience Challenge: Redeeming the Time*

Review last week. How much time was devoted satisfying physical desires? How much was spent on maintaining your personal sense of meaning or self-worth? How much did you devote to living out your stated beliefs? Confess any unfaithfulness and pray for guidance on what the Spirit would have you do this coming week. Write down a basic Spirit-led schedule for this week.

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<sup>1</sup> You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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## DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about humankind as created beings, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Psalm 8
- Tuesday – Psalm 42
- Wednesday – Psalm 51
- Thursday – Psalm 57
- Friday – Isaiah 38
- Saturday – 2 Corinthians 4

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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## INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

### Primer Exercise:

#### *For Children*

Sit down with your child and a battery-operated toy or a device with removable batteries. Say: *We call this a \_\_\_\_\_, but before it was that it was a bunch of parts. Can you tell what some of the parts are?*

Have your child point out some of the parts they can see. Then say: *Good job. Sometimes we get so used to thinking about \_\_\_\_\_ that we don't even think about the parts that make it up. And we really don't think about the parts we can't even see. What are some parts that we can't see?*

After your child lists some of the unseen parts, ask them which parts are more important to the working of the toy/device – the ones we can see or the ones we can't see? Talk about what would happen if certain parts were removed. Then take out the batteries and say: *You can't see the batteries of \_\_\_\_\_ most of the time, but they are pretty important aren't they?*

- Talk with them about how people are made up of seen parts and unseen parts:
  - When I look at you, what parts can I see?
  - What parts of you can't be seen by anyone, even you?
  - How are your unseen parts like the batteries in this toy/device? How are they different?

#### *Everyone Else*

Watch the video [Comedy Hypnotist | The Incredible Boris | TEDxYouth@Toronto - YouTube](#). Now read [Hidden observer - Oxford Reference](#).

- Why couldn't the young people in the video bring the number "6," to mind?
- What part of the person do you think is affected by hypnosis?
- What is the "hidden observer"?

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

## Session One: “Earthen Vessels”

- Read 2 Cor. 4:6-16
  - How was Paul so resilient in the face of many trials?
  - Under what kinds of circumstances was Christ revealed in his body?
- Application and Prayer
  - What is the connection between what we believe and what we say?
  - How will you use your words to express your beliefs this week?

## Session Two: “Being Human”

- Read 2 Peter 2:10-14
  - How are all people like animals?
  - How are some people more like animals than others?
  - What happens to people who live in this way?
- Application and Prayer
  - Talk about decisions people make with their minds vs. ones they make with their bodies. For instance, you might include: “read the Bible,” “go to the gym,” “play video games,” “eat a donut,” “eat vegetables,” and the like.
  - Make a list of good choices for this week and ask God through his Spirit to give everyone the self-control to make good choices.
  - Put everyone’s lists in a visible place and check in through the week.

## Session Three: “Only Human”

- Read 1 Cor. 3:1-4:
  - What were the Corinthians doing wrong?
  - What was wrong with what they were doing?
- Application and Prayer
  - Try to think of other sins which aren’t necessarily indulgence of fleshly desires.
  - Talk about how we can avoid those sins.
  - Pray that God will continue to transform all of you into his image.

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## LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

### 30 Lead Me To The Cross

Words & Music by  
Graham Kendrick & Steve Thompson

1 Corinthians 1:18

Arr. by Darrell Bledsoe

**Verse**

1. How can I be free from sin, lead me to the cross of

Je - sus, From the guilt, the pow'r, the pain,

**Chorus**

lead me to the cross of Je - sus, There's no oth - er way, no  
Flow - ing from a - bove,

price that I could pay, sim - ply to the cross I cling,  
all for - giv - ing love, from the Fa - ther's heart to me.

**Sing**

This is all I need, this is all I plead, that His blood  
What a gift of grace, His own right - eous - ness, cloth - ing me

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Go to this link <https://psconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Lead-Me-To-The-Cross.mp3> for the tune to this song.

### Lead Me To The Cross

**Verse**

was shed for me, 2. How can I know peace with - in,  
in pu - ri - ty, 3. How can I live day by day,

lead me to the cross of Je - sus, sing a song of joy  
lead me to the cross of Je - sus, fol - low - ing His nar -

*Rit. ver 3*

a - gain, lead me to the cross of Je - sus,  
row way, lead me to the cross of Je - sus.

1 *to Chorus* 2 *Fine*

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## Lord, Take Control

Words & Music by  
Anonymous

Romans 12:1

Arr. by Darrell Bledsoe

My heart, my mind, my bo-dy, my soul. I give to You, take con-trol.

I give my bo - dy a liv - ing sac - ri - fice. Lord, take con-trol, take con-trol.

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### Scripture Discussion

- Read Hebrews 2
  - What did Christ do to align human nature back to God’s original intention?

### Pray

- Have someone read Psalm 42 aloud.
- Ask your group why they think the psalmist speaks so much about his soul.
- Take a few minutes for everyone to listen to the cry of their own souls.
- Invite everyone to pray those soul-prayers out loud. Allow for longer-than-usual spans of silence during this time.
- Close when you feel led.

### Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #8 in *The Ologies*, “Composite” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don’t require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other’s **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.