

Karenni Gospel Videos

The Karenni Gospel Video series is a tool developed to clearly communicate the Gospel and beginning your life in Christ to the Karenni people. Hopefully, it is evident from the videos that stories, illustrations and comparisons are powerful and necessary tools for clear communication. In the Karenni culture, stories and comparisons are constantly used as teaching tools in everyday life as parents teach their children or one adult wants to instruct another. Often the comparison or story is told and the 'lesson' is not explicitly stated. In Western culture, we can dump information without story or comparison and assume understanding. This is not the easiest way to teach the Karenni.

Each video is only 5-10 minutes long. For a few of the videos, some background information is given to aid in understanding the cultural leap needed for a traditional Karenni Animist to understand the lesson. Not all Karenni are animist, there are Baptist and Catholics who understand more of the Judeo-Christian background and history, but Animism is the traditional belief of many of the people. Animism includes the belief that there are spirits that can cause bad things to happen to a person or to a whole village. These spirits need to be appeased so that nothing evil or bad happens. After showing the video, there are some discussion questions translated into Karenni to further dialogue about the video message. In addition, there is a separate page with Scriptures in the Karenni language to read and discuss. This is written up separately in order that it can be photocopied as a handout for everyone listening to the video. The English Scriptures are taken from the English Standard Version.

Video of Introduction: **(This video is found at the very end of all the videos on the tape)**

Hello to everyone. With these videos, we hope that it's useful and beneficial for all of you. We prepare the videos to share about creation, salvation and forgiveness. Through this message, we hope you all will be able to understand and that it will be useful for you.

Video 1 – Creation and the Gospel

Background: The Karenni have a traditional creation story. It is a detailed story depicting the male and female wind giving birth to the goddess of creation (Phyai Thulu Mu). She created the heavens, the earth and animals. Later she asked god to take control of all the people on earth. This god is the one who sent down evil and good spirits to the earth. The good spirits were sent to influence people to do good, the evil spirits were sent to punish people for the wrong they do.

Video translation in English: Before God created everything, he created the heaven and the earth. He divided the sky and earth, he divided land and sea, he created all the animals and trees, finally he created Adam (Ada) and Eve (Eva) and placed them in the garden. He told them they could eat everything except the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. The snake is the smartest of all the animals. He asked Eva are you sure God said you cannot eat any of the fruit of the trees? And Eva said, "we are not allowed to touch or eat." The snake said, "No, God lied to you, if you eat, you can have knowledge like God and you can understand/see clearly." So, Eva ate it and gave it to her husband to eat also. Every day God came and had fellowship with them, He loved them very much. But He came that day and didn't see them where they usually were because they were hiding behind the bushes. So, God called them and said to them that they ate from the tree. He cursed the snake, and then said to the woman that she would have pain in childbirth, and the man would have to work the fields. But God is very full of grace and was kind to them, before he drove them out, He killed an animal and made a covering for them. If they had tried to cover themselves with leaves it wouldn't last so long, those leaves would dry out and would fall off, so they would be ashamed again. So, because of God's kindness, He covered them with animal skin so that they would never feel ashamed again. God loved all people so much that He also sent His Son, Jesus Christ to come down to earth to die on the cross. Just like God loved Ada and Eva and covered their shame by killing an animal to cover them, He sent His Son to earth, and Jesus died on the cross and his blood came down. Jesus' death also takes away our sins and the shameful things we have done when we believe in Him and ask Him to forgive us. When we do this God saves us from the wrong things (sin) that we have done.

Questions for discussion:

1. Why did God create people?
 ນີဇ်မဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ ညီကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ မယုဇ်ကမ္ဘာ?
2. What did God command Ada and Eva?
 နီဇ်မဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ယုဇ်ကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာလူ- ကိဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ နှစ် မယုကမ္ဘာလူ ငမ္ဘာကမ္ဘာ?
3. What did they do?
 ဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ မယုဇ်ကမ္ဘာလူ- ကမ္ဘာ?
4. What did God do after they disobeyed Him?
 ဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ နှစ်ကမ္ဘာ နီဇ်မဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ငမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာ ပါကမ္ဘာလူ နီဇ်မဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ မယုဇ် ကမ္ဘာလူ- ကမ္ဘာ?
5. What did God prepare for them to cover their shame/sins?
 နီဇ်မဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာ မယုဇ်ကမ္ဘာလူ ညီကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာလူ ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ ဣဠာ့ကမ္ဘာလူ, ဣဠာ့ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ ညီကမ္ဘာလူ- ဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ကိဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ?
6. What did God prepare for all people to cover and forgive their sins?
 နီဇ်မဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာ မယုဇ်ကမ္ဘာလူ ညီကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ, ဣဠာ့ကမ္ဘာလူကမ္ဘာ ညီကမ္ဘာလူ- ဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ ကိဠာ့ကမ္ဘာ?

Video 3 – The Tiger

Video translation in English: There was a man who was sleeping and dreaming. In his dream a tiger came chasing him. He ran and ran until he saw that he could not go anywhere. But he saw a vine, so he went down the vine, but when he looked down he saw a big alligator. What do I do?? I can't go up because the tiger is there, I can't go down because the alligator. But he was safe on the vine. But, he looked up again and two rats were biting the vine. When he looked up and saw a bright light, and suddenly he woke up. The meaning of this is that the tiger is death coming after him. The rats are night and day, we can die either at night or day. The light is what will save us. Christ came and gave his life to save us. Ask Jesus to come into your heart to save you.

Questions for discussion:

1. What is the meaning of the tiger chasing you?
ពិឃារណ៍ អ្វី អំពី ការ ត្រាត់ ដោយ ត្រី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី?
2. What does the alligator and the rats mean? (no matter what death comes and takes us)
ត្រី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី ហើយ ត្រី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី?
3. What can save us from the tiger, alligator and rats?
តើ អ្វី មួយ អាច រក្សា យើង ឱ្យ រស់ រាន ពី ត្រី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី ត្រី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី ត្រី ក្នុង ការ ប្រាប់ អ្នក អំពី អ្វី?

Scriptures to study for video 3:

1. When we die, we face judgment – Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

ភព្វហធុ ឧបយុទ្ធ- គម្មនេរ្យមុខ្លះ កន្លះ ច្រហម្លី ទេវខ្លះ គម្មរិយកមនេរ្យខ្លះ រៀង ខ្លះ ច្រហម្លីប្រហម្ល ឧបយុទ្ធនុហម្ល, រិធិឯមន្តរ្យហធុ ភម្លង់ រិធារ្យហធុ ខ្លះច្រឡ ឧបយុទ្ធ

2. Jesus is the light that saves us from death – John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

កេហធុរិខ្លះ ហម្លីសហតិ មុតិ មហម្លីច្រហម ភព្វហធុ តុហម្លកេហម្លី តុច, "មធុ មធុ មុតិមធុ ខ្លះគម្លខ្លះល្ងឡ ភព្វហធុ ឆម ខ្លះ ភារ្យបម្ល មធុមហម្លី គម្មនេរ្យមុខ្លះ តុហម្ល, ខ្លះ រិហម ឧបយុទ្ធ ឆម គម្លខ្លះមធុគម្លខ្លះល្ងឡ ខ្លះភល្ងខ្លះ គម្លមហម- គម្ល ខ្លះ ភម្លង់ តុមធុគម្ល គម្លខ្លះល្ងឡ ឆម ខ្លះ ឆមតិ ល្ងឡ ច្រប្របម្លមធុនេរ្យមុខ្លះ ខ្លះច្រឡ ហម្លីតុហម្ល ឧបយុទ្ធ"

3. The road from death to life is Jesus - John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"មធុ មុតិរិធិរិធិ ច្រឡ, ភព្វហធុ ឆម ខ្លះ តុមធុមធុ មធុ ល្ងឡចម្រម ហម្លីរៀង ខ្លះ រម្លង់មធុចម្រម ឧបយុទ្ធ ឆម ខ្លះ តុម្លមហម្លល្ងឡមធុ មធុ ហម្លីគម្មនេរ្យមុខ្លះ គម្លមុតិតុហម្ល, ខ្លះ តុមធុគម្ល ច្រប្របម្លមធុនេរ្យមុខ្លះ គម្លរិមុតិឧបយុទ្ធ មុតិ រៀង ខ្លះ មហមធុប្រហម្លី កន្លះតុតិឧបយុទ្ធ គម្លខ្លះរិធារ្យហធុ គម្ល ខ្លះ រិហម គម្លល្ងបមតិ មុតិ តុច គម្លខ្លះច្រហម្ល រៀង ខ្លះ រិហមតុមធុ មុតិ ឆម គម្លខ្លះប្របម្លមធុនេរ្យមុខ្លះ ខ្លះភតិ មុតិ"

Video 4 – Two Hearts

Video translation in English: You can see there are two hearts. This first heart is a human's heart. It is a black heart because this is a person who doesn't believe in Jesus as his Savior. Here you can see a peacock which means pride. The goat means sexual immorality. The pig eats anything and everything, he is greed. The turtle only wants things for himself, he is very selfish. The tiger is angry easily. If you touch him he wants to attack you. The snake is a liar. The wild dog/wolf is a deceiver and just wants to rip someone off. This person is sad. We can see that Satan rules on the throne here. He controls and rules all these things. If this person thinks about the future when he dies, he does not know where he will go. Even the Holy Spirit tells Him and God's Word tells him about God, but this person doesn't pay attention. Because 1 Cor 2:14, says his eyes are blinded by Satan. So that our sins are forgiven, we try to do good things, but God is not interested in that. But God loved us so much that He sent His only Son into the world. He gave us salvation and forgiveness of our sins. We can have life in the future. This person you can see his white heart. It is a clean heart, because he has Jesus in his heart. His face is happy. He wants to read the Words of God, he has the Holy Spirit in his heart to guide him. His mouth wants to witness for Jesus Christ. So that we can go to heaven, God's Son sacrificed himself on the cross, paid for our debt and paid for our sins. Jesus Christ raised from the dead on the third day. If we believe in what Jesus has done, we will go to heaven.

Questions for discussion:

1. What was in the first heart?
 ្រង់ល្មើ រ្រម្រម្រម្រ ឃ ឡម្រម្រ គ្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រម្រម្រ, រ្រម្រម្រ- ម្រម្រម្រ?
2. What does a black heart mean?
 ្រង់ល្មើ ល្មើរ្រ ម្រ ឡម្រម្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រ?
3. What does this person do when he hears the Word of God and the Holy Spirit?
 រ្រម្រម្រម្រ ឡ ឃ ្រង់ល្មើ រ្រម្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រ, រ្រ ឡ ម្រម្រម្រម្រ រ្រម្រម្រម្រ ល្មើម្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រ ឡ ម្រម្រម្រម្រ?
4. What is in the second heart?
 ្រង់ល្មើ រ្រម្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រ គ្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រម្រម្រ, រ្រម្រម្រ- ម្រម្រម្រ?
5. What does the white heart mean?
 ្រង់ល្មើ រ្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រម្រម្រម្រ ឡម្រ?
6. Why is this person happy?
 រ្រម្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រម្រ ្រង់រ្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រ?
7. How do people get a white heart?
 ្រម្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រម្រម្រ រ្រម្រម្រ ្រង់ល្មើ រ្រម្រម្រម្រ, ឡ រ្រម្រ ម្រម្រម្រម្រ?

Video 6 – Blood Sacrifices Saving Us

Background: In an animist's worldview, if you offend the spirits in the village – for example if someone commits adultery- then they have to give an animal to sacrifice in order to be clean/pure again and in order to make sure the spirits won't harm you as a result of the offense. You have to sacrifice an animal to the spirits and the whole village eats the animal together. If the offense is only in the family then the family eats it together. For example, if there is a person who breaks a tree in the graveyard, then that only offends that persons family. So they go, call a priest. The priest kills a chicken and asks the chicken what sacrifice needs to be made. A smaller sin will be a chicken sacrifice. A larger sin might be a pig sacrifice. They sacrifice to make life clean/pure again, to save them from the harm of the spirits. Sometimes they might just have trouble in their family like sickness or an accident, so they have to ask the priest about a sacrifice. Sometimes if they have an accident in a different place then they have to have a priest call back the soul that was left there to come back to the family.

Video translation in English: I'd like to explain to you about blood saving us. The power of the blood. If in the village or in the community or family a person gets in trouble they must make clean/pure again. They have to kill a chicken to ask the spirit. The spirit may ask to sacrifice a chicken or pig. The way we have done like that, according to our animist belief, we do like that so that we are saved from the evil spirit and things. But a long time ago God created us. From the creation to Moses, God hated the sins that the Israelite people did. He wanted to judge them for their sins, but he is very patient and kind and he prepared a way for them. He said to Moses, just kill a sheep, if you, each family, are not able to kill a sheep then combine some families and kill a sheep and put the blood on the door post. God said he would send a curse. He will pass every house that has the blood on the door, but will judge every house that does not. So they did this. Every year they had to celebrate this Passover by killing a sheep. In the Bible, long ago they would sacrifice a sheep like this to save them from their sins. But now, Jesus has sacrificed himself for us to forgive us our sins. Hebrews 9:22 says that without the shedding of blood, no sins are forgiven. Jesus sacrificed once for everyone. If we believe in his sacrifice, we are saved. Jesus died on the cross and his blood came down. This blood is powerful and saves us. Just as the Bible says the blood saves us from the wrong things we have done, Jesus' sacrifice saves us completely. In the past, the Israelite people sacrificed the Passover once a year and they had to keep sacrificing, but with Christ he sacrificed once and we are saved. Only Christ's blood is powerful and only Christ's blood can save us.

Questions for discussion:

1. Have you ever sacrificed an animal? Why have you done this?
តើ ល្អិត្តហត្ថប្រយោជន៍ តើ គម្រិតិវិធីគម្រិតិល្អិត្ត ឬម្យ៉ាង? ឬម្យ៉ាង លើកលែងតែម្នាក់ម្នាក់
ក៏គិតហត្ថ ឬម្យ៉ាង?
2. What did God ask Moses to do?
លើកលែងតែ តើ គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី?
3. How often did the Israelite people have to celebrate the passover sacrifice?
គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី?
4. Why did God send Jesus?
លើកលែងតែ តើ គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី?
5. What blood is powerful enough to forgive our sins forever?
គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី គម្រិតិវិធី?

Video 8 – God answers prayer

Video translation in English: I would like to explain to you about prayer that you will get for sure. If you ask from Jesus Christ, you will receive. John 16:24 says, “ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” Believe in Jesus Christ. If we believe, we will certainly receive. In the past, you maybe often asked in prayer and maybe you did not get an answer. Maybe the way you ask, did not please God. You need to ask God through Jesus' name. Don't be praying for greedy things, your own comfort, or the world's things. Pray for the things that God wants, and for spiritual things. Ask for your planting, your business and your health through the Lord Jesus' name, and you will receive. You can only get the answer through Jesus Christ's name.

Questions for discussion:

1. What does he teach us about prayer?

ខ្ញុំ ខ្លួនអ្នក ព្រះយេស៊ូវ គ្រូបង្ហាញ អ្វី អំពី ការ ប្រើប្រាស់ ឈ្មោះ យេស៊ូវ គ្រីស្ទ?

2. How should we pray?

យេស៊ូវ គ្រូ បង្ហាញ ឲ្យ យើង ដឹង អំពី របៀប ប្រើប្រាស់ ឈ្មោះ យេស៊ូវ គ្រីស្ទ?

3. What can we pray for?

យេស៊ូវ គ្រូ បង្ហាញ ឲ្យ យើង ដឹង អំពី អ្វី ដែល យើង គួរ ប្រើប្រាស់ ឈ្មោះ យេស៊ូវ គ្រីស្ទ?

Video 11 – Noah's Ark and salvation

Video translation in English: I want to tell you about the wages of sin. We can see this picture. Can you think about this? Do you know about this? In the past, God saw that the whole world, all the people were very evil. God saw that everyone did not deserve to have fellowship with God. All of the people were evil except Noah and his family. Noah was righteous and he loved God. And God told him to make a big ship. And take pairs of all the animals. When Noah built the ship, he preached and told all his friends that God will judge people and send rain, but no one paid attention. And now in this picture we see the ship in the water. God was not pleased with the people and sent the rain and it flooded everywhere and all the people drowned. Only 8 people were saved. Noah and his wife and sons and their wives. After that the water went down and the ship landed. As I told you, all the animals came out from the ship and lived on the earth and all the family was very happy. They wanted to thank God because they were saved. This ship, we can see only one door. This ship represents Christ. The ones who go into the door will be saved. As God said, Noah obeyed God and went into the ship. It is the same, those who believe in Jesus Christ will be saved. The Heavenly Father can fulfill this. He judges those who have sinned. If we don't obey God, and only want what we desire, we will go to hell. But we have to believe in Jesus Christ and confess with our mouths that he is Lord and we will be saved.

Questions for discussion:

1. What did God tell Noah to do?
និយមន្ត្រី ឬ ធាតុ អ្វី ត្រូវ ធ្វើ ឲ្យ គេ ដឹង?
2. What happened?
អ្វី បាន កើត ឡើង បន្ទាប់ មក?
3. What does the ship and door represent?
ឡាន ឬ ទ្វារ តំណាង ឲ្យ អ្វី ខ្លះ ខ្លះ អ្វី ខ្លះ អ្វី ខ្លះ?
4. How can we be saved from God's judgment of our sin?
យើង អាច រក របៀប ដើម្បី រត់ ចោល ពី ការ វិនិច្ឆ័យ របស់ ព្រះ យេស៊ូវ បាន យ៉ាង ណា?

Video 13 – The Christian Life compared to the Lake of Galilee and the Dead Sea

Video translation in English: Here we can see the Galilee Sea and the Dead Sea. These two seas I want to say, Galilee is a beautiful sea, clear and good. It gives people benefits, but the dead sea, is not useful for all people. I just want to say, that a Christian who has taken Jesus as our Savior and they are the same as the Sea of Galilee, it gives our lives benefits and our lives are clear and good. In this way, if Christ lives in us and works in us, it will be like the Galilee sea. It will be beneficial for all people. In our Christian lives, some people don't want to behave like Jesus. But, we have to be the same as Galilee. All around the Galilee, there are villages and many people are fishermen there. The sea really helps all the people around there in their lives. If we are like Galilee, all people will love it and honor that and respect us. The water from Galilee goes all the way down the Jordan river and it flows out and is useful to others. Like that our spiritual lives must flow out and be beneficial to other people. But the Dead Sea is dead. And as we know, there are Christians that are like this Dead Sea. Even though we are Christians, our life doesn't give benefits to others like the Dead Sea. It just hides in our heart, it is like dead. That is why, we don't want to be like this Dead Sea in our life. So, we are Christians and will go to heaven one day, but if we don't live our lives to benefit others, there will be no rewards in heaven. We have our own properties and our own things, but we don't want to help other people with what we have. So, we want to live as the sea of Galilee and get rewards in heaven.

Questions for discussion:

1. How are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea different?

រវាងសមុទ្រហ្គាលីលេ និងសមុទ្រមរតិកា មានភាពខុសគ្នាណាខ្លះ? តើវាមានន័យអ្វី?

2. How do Christians compare with the two seas?

យើងគ្រីស្ទាន ត្រូវធ្វើដូចម្តេច ដើម្បីក្លាយជាសមុទ្រហ្គាលីលេ ឬសមុទ្រមរតិកា? តើយើងត្រូវធ្វើដូចម្តេច?

Video 14 – God's forgiveness

Video translation in English: I want to explain to you about God's forgiveness. You and I and all humans sin all the time. We sin by doing and by thinking. We have failed everything, but God is very good and has made the way for us. 1 John 1:9 says, If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God is very patient and very good to us. He wants us to follow the righteous way. King David sinned and committed adultery with a woman and he was very sorry and depressed for that. He confessed and asked God for forgiveness and God forgave all his sins and made him righteous. He praised God and gave thanks God everyday. God's word says, those who ask for mercy can get that. Those who hide their sin in their heart, he cannot get peace. Prov 28:13 says, Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. God knows our hearts, and wants to forgive all of our sins, he wants us to approach to him, he wants us to do the good things. He says to repent and come back to him. If we sin and we feel sorry, come back to him so that we will be happy. God will forgive you and save you. We don't need to pay back what he has given us. He does this through Christ. Those who are believers, we may sin to each other, so try to forgive each other like God has forgiven us.

Questions for discussion:

1. What kinds of wrong things do people do?
 ၎င်းတို့သည် ဘာတွေကို မှားယွင်းစွာ လုပ်ကြလေ့ရှိသလဲ?
2. What does the Bible tell us to do if we have done wrong?
 ကျွန်ုပ်တို့မှားယွင်းစွာ လုပ်ခဲ့ပါက ဘာလုပ်ရမည်ကို ဘာကြားရသလဲ?

Video 15 – Hand Illustration

Video translation in English: I want to explain to you about God's word and the hands. There are 4 hands. Do you see this one, it is all complete, but the other one only has 2 fingers and that one finger and the last one has no fingers. If we hold this Bible with two fingers it is not strong. It is not enough. The meaning of this is that so that our Christian life will be strong and to bring glory to God and to be beneficial to other people we have to have all five fingers. The little finger is for hearing God's word. We have to hear God's Word. This is important. If we don't hear, how can we believe? We can hear God's word in church and in fellowship, we go to these places to hear God's word. The second finger is reading. There was a Pastor, when he was 20 he counted how many times he had read the whole Bible and he had only read it 17-18 times, he was so sad about that. The times he read the Bible was less than how old he was. So he decided that the amount of times he read the Bible should never be less than his age. So by the time he was 22 he had read it 22 times. So now he makes sure that he has read the Bible more times than what his age is. Do we believe Jesus? How many times have you finished reading your Bible? The Bible is the same as a lamp that shows us a path. It shows us how we should go. If you don't read the Bible how can you know the path? The third finger is studying the Bible. In the Bible it says Acts 17:11 "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. We have to be the same as the Bereans and study the Bible and make sure that what we hear other people preach is the same as what is in the Bible. If we want to give glory to God, we have to study. The next finger is memorizing. We see Jesus, knew the Scriptures very well. When Satan tempted him by saying to make the stone into bread in Matthew 4, Jesus always refers back to the Scriptures, we should do like that. The next one is meditation. We have to think about the Scriptures that we have memorized. We have to think about those. All these other four things that we have done, we have to meditate on those things that we have learned. Which hand would you like to be? Would you like to be the one that is like leprosy with only 2 fingers or one? Or five fingers?

Questions for discussion:

1. What are the 5 ways to grow with God's Word?

គម្រិត្យដំបូងបំផុតនៃការរៀនសូត្រ គឺ ជំនួយពីព្រះ ដើម្បីឱ្យយើង មានជំនួយ ក្នុងការរៀនសូត្រ ឱ្យបានល្អបំផុត តើយើង ត្រូវធ្វើដូចម្តេច?

Video 18 - Taking time to be with God.

Video translation in English: I want to explain to you how to take time to be with God. We can see those in the world that are strong in faith are the ones who take time alone with God. When difficulties come, we don't give up. We have a secret-what is it? To take time alone to be with God. When we are going to spend time alone with God, we first need to

1. Find a place. Christ did this—very early in the morning, he found a quiet place to be with God before he spent time with the crowds. We should do like Christ. It's not necessary to do it in the morning. It can be anytime.
2. Bring a pen or pencil when you go somewhere for your quiet time. If you can write, then follow along with the suggestions below.
 1. a. Praise God with a song to prepare your heart (1-3 songs) and
 2. b. Pray a short prayer. "Open my eyes so that I can see your mysteries."
3. Begin to read a chapter of God's Word. If you are a new believer, begin in John or read Mark. Then, you can read Matthew to Revelation. After reading a chapter, meditate on the verses that God impresses upon you. God can use those Scriptures in your life throughout the day.
4. Write down/record in a journal/notebook
 - a. Write down the date
 - b. Write down the reference you read and copy down the verses that impress you
 - c. Write down what you understand/learn from the verses
 - d. Application—what does God want me to do? Write that down. Such as, God may speak to your heart, preparing you for what you may face in the future. The reason men succeed and don't give up when they face difficulties is because they have strengthened themselves in the Word.
5. (not in the video: pray again focusing on praise, thanksgiving, confession, for others and yourself)

This is basic for growing in the Christian life. If we don't learn this, we can't grow.

Questions for discussion:

1. How do you spend time alone with God? What do you do?
កន្លែងក្នុង ក្រុមប្រជុំ ឯណា ឬ ម្តងម្កាល តើ យើង គួរ តែ ធ្វើ អ្វី ខ្លះ ម្តង ម្កាល ដើម្បី យើង អាច យល់ បាន ក្នុង ការ យល់ ដឹង យើង បាន កាន់ តែ ជ្រាលជ្រៅ បន្ថែម ទៀត?

Video 19 - Christian Life using Front Wheel of Bicycle Illustration

Video translation in English: The front wheel of the bike represents the Christian life. We are the ones who guide and lead people. As Christians, we are the guides/leaders that use the handle bars to steer people. We are like white paper that all people can see. If there is a stain on the paper, it is very easy to see. If the bike is not going forward, it falls. We need to keep going in our lives. If we look at the outer rim tire, it illustrates our obedience to God, full of the Holy Spirit. If we have a small hole in the tire, it's like the Holy Spirit lets us know that we need to fix that hole. That hole represents sin. If we don't pay attention to the Holy Spirit and think it's just a small sin, eventually we will end up with a flat tire and we won't be able to go forward.

There are wheel spokes going in different directions. On the right is to keep moving forward. We must move forward sharing with those who don't yet know Christ. On the left is guiding/witnessing to non-believers. Often the greatest sin for Christians is not to share the Gospel of forgiveness to them. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, Jesus gave us instructions to share with others and we need to obey that command. On the top wheel spoke is living positively when dealing with persecution and difficulties, etc. We have to seek to live in the positive way with endurance and looking at things positively. If we don't do that, we may grow discouraged and give up working. Finally, the lower wheel spoke is character. Sometimes even though we are Christian leaders, we may smoke or drink or commit adultery, doing evil. If we have bad character like that, others will see our example and not be interested in Christ and this will not bring God glory. We are the ones who need to be leading so we should lead people in the right way so that those who follow us will not fall down.

Questions for discussion:

1. How is the Christian life like a bicycle?
ទារុជរិះ ឱ្យដឹងថា ជីវិតគ្រីស្ទាន គឺដូចជា ប្រដាប់ប្រយោជន៍ ណាមួយ ដែល ទាញយក មនុស្ស ទៅរក ភ្នំភ្លើង?
2. How is a small sin like a hole in the tire?
តើ តួនាទី របស់ គ្រីស្ទ គឺដូចជា គ្រាប់ច្រូត ក្នុង ទ្រូង ប្រដាប់ប្រយោជន៍ ណាមួយ ដែរ ឬទេ?
3. What are 4 Christian things that are the 4 spokes of the tire?
ទារុជរិះ ឱ្យដឹងថា ជីវិតគ្រីស្ទាន គឺដូចជា ប្រដាប់ប្រយោជន៍ ណាមួយ ដែល ទាញយក មនុស្ស ទៅរក ភ្នំភ្លើង?

