



BIBLE STUDY GRADER APPLICATION

PRISONERS FOR **CHRIST**
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INITIAL APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Bible Study Grade for Prisoners for Christ. This introductory form is designed to help us get acquainted better. We at Prisoners for Christ are concerned with the growth of God's work, and not simply the work or ministry of Prisoners for Christ. We are committed to seeing people mobilized, sustained, and facilitated in the field in such a way that they become **successful and effective lay servants of the Gospel**.

Please complete this form and mail to: *Prisoners For Christ Outreach Ministries at PO Box 1530, Woodinville, WA. 98072*. Once approved someone from Prisoners for Christ will be calling you.

General Information

Full Name:		Email address:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Cell Phone:	Business Phone:	Home Phone:	
Birthdate:	<u>Referred By Or Team Leader:</u>		

Christian Experience

1. What church are you now attending? _____
 Denomination: _____
 Are you a member? Yes No If no, Please explain.
 Do you attend regularly: Yes No If no, Please explain.
 When did you join? _____
 How long have you been a member: _____ If less than two years, list previous church:
 Date of conversion: _____
 Give approx. date of your baptism (immersion): _____
2. Have you made a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Yes No
3. Do you know for sure that if you died tonight you would definitely go to heaven? Yes No
4. What do you think would get you into God's Heaven?

5. Name, address, and phone number of your pastor:
6. Are you currently serving in your church? If so, how?
7. What do you feel is your knowledge of the Bible? <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
8. Are you currently involved in a Bible study? If so, list them.
9. Please list any Bible study groups you have been involved with in the last three years.
10. How is your current walk with the Lord?
11. Do you have any issues in your life that would preclude you from Christian leadership? If so, please explain.
12. If you are married, how does your spouse feel about your participation as a Bible Study Grader?
13. Why do you feel God is calling you to this type of Prison Ministry?
14. Have you ever been a prison ministry volunteer before? (Please explain: Name of Organization, Length of time as a volunteer, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- ◆ That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Mat 3:16-17; 1 Pet 1:1-2; Isa 48:16
- ◆ The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative word of God. *II Tim. 3:16-17*
- ◆ Man is by nature a sinner from birth. *Ps. 51:5; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12-13*
- ◆ Jesus Christ was virgin born, sinless, died on the cross for the sins of the world, was buried raised from the dead on the third day and is coming again.
Matt. 1:18-21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; John 14:3-4
- ◆ Salvation is a free gift, bestowed by God's grace and received by faith. *Eph 2:8-9*
- ◆ A believer's salvation is secured by Christ alone. *John 10:27-28; Acts 4:12*
- ◆ Immersion in water of a professed believer is the biblical baptism and such baptism is symbolic of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. *Rom. 6:1-4; Acts 8:36-39*
- ◆ The church is the bride of Christ and the body of Christ. *1 Cor. 12; Eph. 5:25-33; Col 1:18*
- ◆ The local church is governed by Godly men known as elders or bishops.
Titus 1:5-9; 1 Tim 3:1; 1 Tim 5:17; Acts 20:28
- ◆ The purpose of the church on earth is to fulfill the last command of Jesus.
Matt. 28:18-20
- ◆ Christians are endowed with spiritual gifts which enable them to minister in the church.
Eph. 4:11ff
- ◆ The Holy Spirit, whom every believer receives at conversion leads and guides us. *Eph. 1:13-14; Rom 8:14*
- ◆ In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus. *Gal 5:22-25; 1 Cor 6:19; Rom 15:5; Eph 4:3*

I have read, I understand, and I am in accord with the Prisoners for Christ Statement of Faith.

I have read the Prisoners for Christ Statement of Faith and disagree with some of it.
(Please explain the areas that you disagree with on a separate sheet of paper.)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print: _____

Job Descriptions and Procedures: Bible Study Graders

Skills Needed: 1. A desire to serve, 2. Moderate knowledge of the Bible, 3. and a gift of caring and encouragement.

Time Estimated: 1-2 hours per week.

1. It is important to understand that the inmates who will be participating in this program come from varying degrees of educational and economic backgrounds. Some of the participants will have a good working knowledge of the Bible and others will not.
2. ***You will need to check your mail box at least weekly.*** You will have a green folder with your name on it at a central pick up point at your home church. Please discuss this with your team leader. **Also remember that the weekly turn around of these lessons is so important to the inmates. Please strive for a one week turnaround time.** If for some reason you can't grade your lessons or you will be out of town on vacation, please let your team leader know ahead of time so they can make arrangements to get the lessons graded and keep the lessons flowing.
3. Always make your comments in *ink* that will stand out, never in pencil. Please never use a red ink pen as that may bring flashbacks of bad experiences from childhood school. Also never assign a letter grade.
4. Feel free to sign your firstname only. Never use your last name. If you have a unique first name you will need to sign your initials.
5. All mail and lessons are funneled through the PFC offices. Never use your full name and never use your home address for any communications with your students!!!!
6. It is often characteristic for beginning graders to use one word responses like: "Good," or "Excellent Answer," "Right On." For a season of time for the beginning grader in learning how to grade lessons, this is ok. However, we want all of our graders to take their grading to the next level of leadership. This will entail becoming involved with giving constructive input to their students assignments and making it personal. If you should have questions on properly graded lessons please feel free to consult your team leaders as most will have samples of correctly graded lessons.
7. 80 % of the inmates have an extremely poor self image of themselves. Therefore, we always encourage them as much as possible. However, if their answers are obviously theologically wrong, please gently steer them to proper scripture reference with a positive correct answer.
8. These Bible Study Lessons were designed to instruct and to encourage the inmate to **apply** the scripture application in their daily walk with the Lord and not just to give factual answers. Keep this in mind when grading their lessons.
9. Establishing a pen pal relationship with an inmate is beyond the scope of this job description. Often a lengthy letter is attached with the returned Bible Study Lesson. However, if you are feeling led to write to an inmate, please consult with the PFC Pen Pal Coordinator or your team leader for further pen pal training.
10. No items, whatsoever, are to be sent to inmates. Everything is considered contraband. **This Is The Only Rule That Is Punishable By Fine And/Or Imprisonment!!!**
11. Remember your mission is to share Jesus Christ. Many inmates are lonely people, and it is easy for them to respond to Christian kindness in the wrong way. If your intentions are made clear from the start, you will be able to avoid misunderstandings.
12. Stick with it, constantly pray for the discernment of the Holy Spirit, and above all--Be A Friend! **Remember You Are Ambassadors Of Christ.**

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 3. I understand that membership at a local church is required of me to qualify for acceptance as a Prisoners For Christ volunteer. If I am not a member of a church I agree to become one within six months of today's date. ____ (initial)
 4. I understand that I agree to attend either the Spring or Fall session of the PFC University Bible Study Grader class, one time. ____ (initial)

DATE: _____

NAME- Print: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

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START DATE: (Leave Blank)

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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