

## III. Guide to the Lessons

### “Get Off to a Good Start”

*But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.*

—2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

### Assumptions and Guidelines

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- This material is transferred over “relational bridges,” covering appropriate Bible content.
- Students may have limited reading, writing, and language skills.
- Students may have limited motivation and self-discipline at the beginning.
- Basic follow-up (discipling) for new believers is relevant to this ministry.
- Flexibility is a key word. Each teaching opportunity will be unique with its requirements, personnel, and responsiveness. This also includes Security Levels, types of materials allowed, number of coaches allowed to participate, amount of time allocated for meetings and events, relationships with chaplains, quantity of trainable coaches prior to and after an evangelistic campaign, and relationships with local churches.
- Coaches (player-coaches, coordinators, and trainers) have completed Prison Fellowship training in basic prison ministry (or have several years of actual experience in prison ministry).

#### Guidelines

- Lessons appeal to varied learning styles: audio, visual, tactile (touch) and kinesthetic (movement)
- Simple
- Easy to use by the student and the player-coach
- 8.5 x 5.5 inch sheets/cards/handouts (carried easily, fits within pockets)
- One-sheet lessons (2 sides); a folded sheet (4 sides) for later lessons
- Bible/pencil/lessons
- Based on an approximate 5th-grade reading level (an appropriate Bible needs to be given)
- Visual – easier to understand (cartoons, diagrams, illustrations, charts, videos, etc.)
- Can be Web-based (transferable from the Internet)
- Easily transferable / “pass-on-able” – can be used in successive “spiritual” generations
- Inexpensively produced and/or reproduced
- Useful in broader areas of ministry (e.g., urban, inner city, etc.)
- Easy to translate into other languages

