

RETOURNER À L'AUTEL

BACK TO THE ALTAR • LEADER ENTRY SHEET

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« Un seul autel. Beaucoup de chemins pour y revenir. »

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1. THE BACKBONE (it never changes)

The 12 studies. Whoever is sitting in front of you.

1 Coming as you are · 2 Savior, Master, Sovereign · 3 His Word · 4 Prayer · 5 The baptism of the Holy Spirit · 6 Water baptism · 7 Heart surgery · 8 The family altar · 9 Being with Jesus · 10 Being sent · 11 Discovering the gift · 12 Entering the harvest

The template. Each day... · Show interest · Connect · Discover · **Your testimony (2-3 min)** · Practice · Challenge.

The two variants. **A** = the believer who has drifted away. **B** = the one who has never believed, or who is fighting an addiction, a vice, a shame. **If the group is mixed, take B.**

The purpose. That he should know Jesus and live with him. **Nothing else is measured.**

🔄 THE RULE OF RETURN (the most important thing on this sheet)

The track is not a line. It is a wheel, and the altar is at the center.

The moment someone tires, doubts, stalls, falls back or goes quiet: you bring him back to STUDY 1. Right now. Whatever week you are in.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) **This is not the entrance door. It is the door you can walk back through as many times as you need to.**

He has missed three sessions? **He catches up on nothing.** Back to study 1, then he picks up where he was. He has relapsed? **He does not restart the track.** He redoes study 1, and he continues. **Coming back is never a sanction. It is the normal movement of a disciple.**

♦ THE SPIRIT IS NOT STEP 5. HE IS THE AGENT OF ALL TWELVE.

Jesus is the S.M.S. (study 2). The Spirit is the C.I.T. (study 5). Comforter (John 14:16-18; 14:26) · Intercessor (Romans 8:26-27) · Teacher (John 14:26; 16:8; 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14). *(In the ESV, John 14:16 says*

"another Helper", not "Comforter". The Greek *paraklētos* = "the one called to be at our side": helper, advocate, comforter. Say it before someone throws it at you.)

Say it from study 1, or the man will believe he has to hold on alone until week 5, he will fail, and he will conclude that he is not cut out for this. **Study 5 does not make the Spirit arrive. It teaches who he is, then it teaches how to ask for him. He is already here. Its two halves are not interchangeable:** teaching without asking produces a man who is informed and dry; asking without teaching produces a man waiting for an emotion.

2. THE SWITCH · Who do you have in front of you?

This is where you choose. The backbone stays the same. What you plug into it changes.

In front of you	You take	Why
A young person (13-25)	STEPS · the video + the sheets	His language, his objections, short format, six Christ-centered Acts
An adult coming back (variant A)	Transformez le monde (58 studies, FEAR)	Narrative: "the story you read together", then you discuss
An adult discovering (variant B)	Variant B everywhere + STEPS video	You do not ask for the wheel from someone who has not gotten into the car
Someone who lives alone	The individual workbook + a remote partner	Without the partner, it is a reading, not a road
A family	12 studies + Transformez le monde 54 to 58	Marriage, family, Jesus loves children, caring for the family
Children	The disciple's workbooks (your site) + the kit + the games	The 7 principles × 3 age groups, already made
Someone who reads poorly	STEPS on video + a plain-English version (NIrV)	He does not have to read. He watches, then he comes and talks
A skeptic who objects	The 5 objections in the matching STEPS sheet	Answer + verse, already written, in French, for your island

[Note: the STEPS objection sheets are French only. The video series has an English audio track on YouTube, but no English sheets exist. You will have to make your own.]

The Bible of the track: the ESV. On the verse that has to land, read it again in a plain-English version (e.g. NIrV).

3. YOUR SESSION, IN 5 MINUTES OF PREPARATION

1. **Three days before** (not the night before), you read the study.

2. You prepare **your 2-to-3-minute testimony**: *"When did I actually live this, not as doctrine, but concretely?"*
3. You prepare **the object** for "Connect". **No object? Take the fallback** (end of the group guide). It works just as well. Sometimes better.
4. You choose **the parallel study** of the day, from the table above.
5. **You check it on yourself**. *"What I have not been through, I cannot facilitate."*

Durations: 20 min (the essentials) · 30 min (small group) · **45 min (the normal format)** · 60-90 min (with the compass or the 7 steps).

The 4 questions that work everywhere:

"Which truth touches you most, **and why that one?**" **"If all of this is true, what changes tomorrow morning?"** "Does this sound like anything you hear around you?" **"Who is the person you could say this to again?"**

And at every session, before the pair-share, you say out loud:

"If you have nothing to say this week, you say **nothing this week**. That is a complete answer. Nobody will ask you why."

4. FALLING, BEING LIFTED, SEIZING

→ **EN-when-it-goes-wrong.md** · PDF: [docs/quand-ca-deraille.pdf](#) · in the page: section "Falling, being lifted, seizing"

Twelve situations, one single document. Do not copy it out here: it will change, and this sheet would then be lying.

The four pits of the one you are walking with · He stalls · He doubts · He wants to quit · He falls back again.

The four pits of the leader · You are exhausted · You think you are illegitimate · You are alone · You want to quit.

(1 Kings 18-19: Elijah calls down the fire, and in the very next chapter he asks to die.) **The four moments to seize**

· He wants to give his heart · He doubts his salvation · He objects · He is in danger.

In all twelve cases, the same rule: the running order can wait. The person cannot.

5. WHERE IS WHAT

You are looking for...	Open
Leading a group	EN-group-leader-guide.md
Walking with someone on their own	EN-individual-workbook.md
Someone has just said yes	EN-the-yes-procedure.md
Which doctrinal lesson to offer	EN-parallel-track.md
The STEPS teaching method and tools	EN-what-steps-adds.md
Seeing how it all connects	carte-12-etudes.png

6. THE 10 REFLEXES

1. **I only facilitate what I have personally been through.**
2. I prepare a 2-to-3-minute testimony.
3. I message every participant **midweek**. (*not "did you do your challenge?" but one truth from the study and one personal question*)
4. **I leave the silences. Two minutes of silence is not a failure.**
5. I never skip the foundations to get to the doctrines.
6. I know the 7 steps to assurance of salvation by heart.
7. I do not forget the junctions (after week 5, after week 8).
8. I name, myself, the person I want to walk with.
9. I keep a simple follow-up sheet, **not a dashboard**.
10. **I am myself a disciple in training, not an expert who teaches.**

7. THE DRIFT DETECTOR

You have drifted if: you talked about the deadline, the form or the number **before** you had prayed with him · you **prayed in his place** · you asked the eunuch's question **in his place** ("what prevents you?") · you **announced his decision** without his asking you to · you gave him **the Sabbath before Jesus** · when you look at him, you are thinking **about what he will bring to your church**.

"One single altar. Many roads back to it."

It is not the abundance that leads you astray. It is the absence of a switch. You now have the switch.
Choose the tool according to the man, never the man according to the tool.