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- **The relationship:** the 12 studies of the track. **It leads.**
- **Knowledge:** the teaching lessons. **They follow, at the pace he chooses.**

You walk alongside. You do not impose. A lesson is never a prerequisite, never a condition, never a program you hand out. You **offer**: "Does this interest you?" If he says no, nothing is lost.

The decision is made: baptism stays at week 5

« Transformez le monde » (*Transform the World*) puts baptism at topic 28, and calls its first 28 topics "the foundations of preparation for baptism". That is the portal's model.

We do not follow it. The jailer of Acts 16 is baptized at midnight. The eunuch at the roadside. **Nothing must make a man who is ready wait behind a program.**

Your defense, when you are asked for it — and you will be asked:

"I am not giving **less**. I am giving in a **different order**. All 28 topics will be taught. They will follow baptism instead of locking it. As in Acts."

THE NON-NEGOTIABLE PROTECTION: the declaration of loyalty

If you baptize a man at week 5 without telling him what body he is entering, he will find out in the third month and he will feel trapped. And he will be right.

You do not have to teach him the Sabbath before you baptize him. You have a duty to tell him that it exists.

Before any baptism, you say this. Out loud. In private. Without drowning it in anything else:

"You are entering a Church that has particular convictions. It believes that the day of rest is Saturday. It has convictions about death, about the return of Jesus, about the way you take care of your body, about money. **You have studied none of these things, and that is not a problem.** You will study them, at your own pace, and **nobody will force you into anything.** But I do not want you to learn it in six months and think that I hid it from you. **You are free to ask me all your questions now. And you are free to say that you would rather wait.**"

Then **you keep quiet**, and you let him answer.

That is the whole difference between walking with a man and trapping him. A man who knows what he is entering and enters anyway is a disciple. A man who has been let in without being told is a conquest. You do not make conquests.

The two sources retained

Main source: « Transformez le monde » (58 studies)

South Pacific Division, **published by the FEAR**. It is your own conference's material.

[Note: « Transformez le monde » is a French-language publication. No English edition is available.]

Its teaching method is close to yours. Each study has four parts, the second of which is "**Main text: the story you read together**", followed by "**questions to consider**". **You read a narrative, then you discuss it.** It is not a fill-in-the-blanks lesson, it is discovery.

It brings three blocks that nothing else covers: practical discipleship (21, 22, 23), the **family** (54 to 58), and **prayer in two movements** (24 and 25, including "When God answers: wait", which is precious for the man who believes God has gone silent).

Its limits: the PDF is entirely made of images (118 pages, 9.3 MB), so it is **not editable, not adaptable, heavy on mobile**. And it contains a spelling mistake, twice, in its own titles: "réssurrection". Report it to the FEAR.

Youth and video source: STEPS SHIFT FR (31 lessons + 3 junctions)

FACSAR / FEAR · Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles. Six Christ-centered Acts.

The video series: Étude biblique | STEPS, [YouTube playlist](#)

Three reasons to put it forward: 1. **It validates your baptism in week 5.** STEPS puts baptism at **lesson 10** and the Sabbath at **lesson 15**. Your own conference's material baptizes **before** teaching the Sabbath, and writes that the order is "intentional and **non-negotiable**". 2. **The video opens the door to the man who reads poorly.** He watches, then he comes and talks. It is the only real solution to the wall of reading. 3. **It is your door of return.** The man who has missed two sessions catches up on video, alone, without having to justify himself to anyone.

And it is your library of objections: each STEPS lesson contains **5 objections** with the answer and the verse. When an objection comes up in one of your 12 studies, you open the corresponding sheet. **Do not redo this work: it is already done, 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.]

Reserve source: LiftingUpJesus (30 lessons)

Describes itself as "*relational in nature. They speak not of what but of Whom*" (John 12:32). Christ-centered, the Sabbath at 19. **Keep it for the man who wants a direct, well-framed doctrinal answer on a precise question.** Its strength is clarity; the strength of « Transformez le monde » is conversation. **License:** free use for Bible studies, **no selling, no modification.**

The 58 studies of « Transformez le monde »

1 The Holy Scriptures · 2 The life, death and resurrection of Christ · 3 The experience of salvation · 4 Growing in Jesus Christ · 5 Being a disciple · 6 Growing further in faith · 7 God's story · 8 Tell others your story · 9 God the Father · 10 God the Son · 11 God the Holy Spirit · 12 Transformed by the Spirit · 13 The Trinity · 14 Creation · 15 The Great Controversy · 16 The nature of man · 17 The New Earth · 18 The Church · 19 A minister of the Gospel · 20 The remnant and its mission · 21 Making disciples, all are called · 22 The good farmers · 23 How do you make disciples? · 24 Learning to pray · 25 When God answers: wait · 26 Overcoming temptation · 27 Reconciliation and forgiveness · 28 Baptism · 29 The Lord's Supper · 30 The law of God · 31 The Sabbath · 32 Worship on the Sabbath day · 33 Handling suffering · 34 Living with persecution · 35 The return of Christ · 36 Death and resurrection · 37 Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary · 38 The millennium and the end of sin · 39 Unity in the body of Christ · 40 Mutual respect · 41 Spiritual gifts and ministries · 42 The gift of prophecy · 43 Christian behavior · 44 Live an upright life to serve God · 45 Live a balanced life · 46 Faith, healing and forgiveness · 47 Watch what you eat · 48 Pray for healing · 49 Christian stewardship of life · 50 God owns everything · 51 God provides · 52 My responsibility toward God · 53 Be faithful to God · 54 Marriage and family · 55 Jesus honors marriage · 56 Love and intimacy · 57 Jesus loves children · 58 Caring for the family

THE FOUNDATION: the five studies before baptism (weeks 1 to 5)

This is not a compulsory program. It is the vital minimum for a man to know what he is doing.

Five studies, five weeks. They answer, one by one, the **three questions of baptism** in your procedure: *Does he know who Jesus is? Does he want to follow him knowing the price? Does he know that he is not the one who will hold on?*

Week	Your relationship	The foundation study	What it settles
1	Coming as you are	3 · The experience of salvation	I am saved by grace, not by my efforts. I may come dirty.
2	Savior, Master, Sovereign	2 · The life, death and resurrection of Christ	Who this Jesus is , and what he did. (<i>reserve: 10, God the Son</i>)
3	His Word	1 · The Holy Scriptures	Where I find the truth. You are not the authority. It is.
4	Prayer	24 · Learning to pray	I can speak to him myself. (<i>reserve: 25, When God answers: wait</i>)
6	Water baptism	28 · Baptism + 5 · Being a disciple	What I am sealing, and what it is going to cost me .

Why "Being a disciple" (5) is glued to week 6, and nowhere else. Baptism without the price is a trap. The rich young man knew everything, and he went away. **Jesus let him go.** A man must know what he is signing. Give him study 5 the same week as study 28, and watch him decide with his eyes open.

And at the end of week 5, before any baptism: the declaration of loyalty (see above). No exceptions.

After baptism: weeks 6 to 12

He is baptized, or he is not yet. **In both cases, the track continues exactly the same.** Baptism is not a finish line, and its absence is not a failure.

Week	Your relationship	The study that lights it up	In reserve
5	The baptism of the Holy Spirit	11 • God the Holy Spirit	12 Transformed by the Spirit • 26 Overcoming temptation
7	Heart surgery	27 • Reconciliation and forgiveness	40 Mutual respect
8	The family altar	58 • Caring for the family	54 Marriage and family • 57 Jesus loves children
9	Being with Jesus	4 • Growing in Jesus Christ	6 Growing further in faith
10	Being sent	8 • Tell others your story	23 How do you make disciples?
11	Discovering the gift	41 • Spiritual gifts and ministries	22 The good farmers
12	Entering the harvest	21 • Making disciples, all are called	20 The remnant and its mission

Note on week 8. "Caring for the family" and "Jesus loves children" fall right into the heart of your family-altar ministry. **No other source gave you that.** It is the best reason for having chosen « Transformez le monde ».

Note on week 10. "Tell others your story" is your John 9:25: "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Your conference's material says the same thing as your study. Use it.

The long haul (months 3 to 12)

It is here, **and not before**, that the great subjects come. He is rooted in grace, he knows Jesus, he is standing. **Now he can receive what, given too early, would have made him run.**

Who God is: 9 God the Father • 13 The Trinity • 14 Creation **The great conflict and man:** 15 The Great Controversy • 16 The nature of man • 36 Death and resurrection **The hope:** 35 The return of Christ • 17 The New Earth • 37 The heavenly sanctuary • 38 The millennium **The body:** 18 The Church • 39 Unity in the body of Christ • 19 A minister of the Gospel • 29 The Lord's Supper **The law and the Sabbath:** 30 The law of God • **31 The Sabbath** • 32 Worship on the Sabbath day **The trial:** 33 Handling suffering • 34 Living with persecution **Prophecy:** 42 The gift of prophecy **Life:** 43 Christian behavior • 44 An upright life • **45 A balanced life** • 46 Faith, healing and forgiveness • 47 Food • 48 Pray for healing **Stewardship:** 49 Christian stewardship • 50 God owns everything • 51 God provides • 52 My responsibility • **53 Be faithful to God** (the tithe) **The home, in depth:** 55 Jesus honors marriage • 56 Love and intimacy

The five traps, and they are serious

1. The Sabbath (31) given too early

It is **the** temptation in an Adventist church: as soon as a man opens up, you want to give him the Sabbath. **Do not do it.** If he meets the Sabbath before he has met Jesus, he will retain a **rule**, not a **person**, and he will leave saying that he was sold a Saturday sect. **Your own conference's material puts it at 31.** That is not an oversight, it is wisdom. Respect it.

2. The tithe (53) given to a man in difficulty

"Be faithful to God" deals with the tithe. Given too early to someone coming out of an addiction, in debt or unemployed, **it sounds like an invoice at the very moment he needed a father.** It comes late, and it comes on his own initiative, never at your request.

3. "Live a balanced life" and "Christian behavior" (43, 44, 45) given to a man in addiction

These are the studies on standards. Given too early, **they condemn him at the precise moment he needed to be carried.** He will conclude that he is not up to it, and he will leave. Remind him, that day, of the order of John 8: "Neither do I condemn you" comes **before** "go, and from now on sin no more".

4. "Living with persecution" (34) given to someone fragile

True, necessary, and **frightening** for an unstable person or one coming out of an addiction. Late, and with someone solid.

5. "Love and intimacy" (56) given without discernment

A delicate subject, never to be handled in a mixed group with someone whose history you do not know. Some arrive there with serious wounds. **In private, with the right person, or not at all.**

The six rules of the parallel track

1. **Knowledge never blocks the relationship.** No lesson is a prerequisite for baptism.
 2. **It never moves faster than he does.** If he wants none of them this month, he is right, and you wait.
 3. **You offer, you do not prescribe.** "Does this interest you?" Never "here is your program".
 4. **A question you cannot answer is good news.** It means he is really searching. **Never bluff.** "I don't know, I'm looking into it, I'll get back to you." Nothing discredits you faster than an invented answer.
 5. **Do not answer questions he is not asking.** Most of the damage done in evangelism comes from people answering objections nobody raised.
 6. **If doctrine turns into a debate, stop.** Come back to the person. **"You do not win a heart by winning a debate":** it is written on your own site.
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The summary, in one image

All 58 studies are given. None is removed. Only the order changes.

5 before baptism (the foundation: who Jesus is, how I am saved, where the truth is, how I speak to him, what I am sealing and what it will cost me). **7 during weeks 6 to 12** (the Spirit, reconciliation, the family, growth, testimony, the gift, the mission). **46 in the long haul** (months 3 to 12), including the Sabbath, the law, the prophecies, the standards, the tithe.

The portal demanded 28 lessons before the water. You ask for 5, and you tell the truth about the other 53. It is more honest, and it is more biblical.

What is left for you to do

Prepare your defense, because you will be asked for it: *"I am not giving less. I am giving in a different order. All 28 topics will be taught, after baptism instead of before. As in Acts."*

Never skip the declaration of loyalty. It is the only thing that separates your model from a trap. If you skip it once, you will have manufactured exactly what you are fighting.

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