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Lent Study

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Discover Easter Through the eyes of John (daily studies through John's Gospel leading to the story of Easter)

'The discovery method' of bible study requires that the leaders are facilitators. In other words they do not need to know answers but be able to instead ask questions that enable God to speak to individuals and the group.

This series of studies this Lent takes us through the whole Gospel of John - through to and beyond Easter. It is very likely the author of John's Gospel is the Apostle John. It contains passages that indicate the author knew the geography at the time and was an eyewitness of what took place. It was written a little later than the other Gospels and therefore has a more developed theology than the three synoptic Gospels. The writer proclaims his purpose of writing when he writes 'this is written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name' (Jn 20: 31). That is also our prayer for each of us



this Lent 2024, as we study this great account of Jesus' life and ministry together.

Note: The discovery method is best done in a group, which you are encouraged to do once a week. The rest of the week - there is a reading a day. We encourage you to try to get into the rhythm and habit of trying to read a section a day at a time that suits you (and your partner if this works for you both). Don't worry too much if you miss a day here and there.

Grace is one of God's greatest character traits and we similarly need to be patient with ourselves. The important thing is making the effort.



Feb 14th Ash Wednesday: John 1:1-18

The New Creation and Jesus

- a. Take a minute to be silent and breathe deeply. Invite God to speak to you.
- b. Read the **John 1: 1-18** for general meaning (aloud if you're more than one).
- c. Then read the passage again - with the idea of remembering the story in your own words (have someone else read the same passage aloud if more than one).

- d. Then retell the story from memory in your own words. (This is easier if you have others with you).
- e. Pray silently for God to speak directly from the passage.
- f. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again and look for what stands out to you.
- g. Ask yourself or the group open-ended questions such as “*What do you see?*”, “*What does this say about the disciples?*”, “*What does this say about Jesus?*”, “*What does it say about God?*”, “*What does this say about us?*”,
“*What is God saying to you?*”.

(Let other participants respond to these or other questions & don't be afraid of silences. If someone veers off course - ask the question “*Where do you see that in the passage or the bible?*”

- h. Finally and importantly let each participant suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them: “**What are you going to do?**”, “**What action will you take?**”, “**Who will you let know about this?**”.

Keep a notebook or record in this book for each person with the date noted. Follow this same pattern for each session, whether you are alone or in a group.

Feb 15th: John 1:35- 50 - Jesus' First Disciples

a. Ask the questions of each person in your notebook.
b. Take a minute silence - breathe deeply. Invite God to speak.

c. Read **John:1:35- 50** for general meaning (aloud if there is more than one of you)

d. Read passage again trying to remember the story in your own words (have another read the passage if there is more than one of you)

e. Retell the story in your own words.

f. Pray silently for God to speak directly from the passage.

g. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again and look for what stands out to you.

h. Ask yourself or the group open-ended questions such as *“What do you see?”*, *“What does this say about the disciples?”*, *“What does this say about Jesus?”*, *“What does it say about God?”*, *“What does this say about us?”*, *“What is God saying to you?”*.

(Let other participants respond to these or other questions & don't be afraid of silences).

i. Finally and importantly ask the three final questions **“What is God asking you to do through the passage?”**,



“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know about this?”.

Keep a notebook or record in this book for each person with the date noted.

Feb 16th: John 2:1-11

The First Sign



- a. Ask the questions in your notebook.
- b. Silence - Invite God to speak.
- c. Read **John: 2:1-11** for general meaning (aloud if in group)
- d. Read the passage again, trying to remember the story in your own words (have another read).
- e. Retell the story (together) in your own words.
- f. Pray silently for God to speak (to each of you).
- g. Spend time silently reading the passage again – look for what stands out.
- h. Ask yourself (or the group) open-ended questions – ***“What do you see?”***, ***“What does this say about the disciples?”***, ***“What does this say about Jesus?”***, ***“What does***

it say about God?”, “What does this say about us?” and “What is God saying to you?”.

(Don't be afraid of silences. They are good)

i. Finally - “What is God asking you to do through the passage?”, “What action will you take?” & “Who will you let know about this?”

Don't forget to update your notebook

Feb 17th: John 2:12-25 - Clearing the Temple



- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John: 2: 12-25** aloud
- c. Read the passage again to remember the story.
- d. Retell the story from memory (together if more

than one).

- e. Pray silently for God to speak directly from the passage.
- f. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again.
- g. Ask open-ended questions such as “*What do you see?*”, “*What does this say about the disciples?*”, “*What does this say*

about Jesus?”, “What does it say about God?, “What does this say about us?”, “What is God saying to you?”.

(Don't be afraid of silences & record the answer to the following in a notebook).

h. “What are you going to do?”, “Who will you let know about this?”.

Feb 18th: John 3:1-21 - Teaching a Teacher

- a. Silence
- b. Read **John 3:1-21**
- c. Read again to remember the story.
- d. Retell the story from memory (together if more than one).
- e. Pray for God to speak directly from the passage.
- f. Silently read the passage again.
- g. Ask open-ended questions such as “*What do you see?*”, “*What does this say about the disciples?*”, “*What does this say about Jesus?*”, “*What does it say about God?*”, “*What*



does this say about us?”, “What is God saying to you?”



h. “What are you going to do?”, “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know about this?”

Record answers.

Feb 19th: John 3:22-36

John’s Testimony of Jesus

- a. Silence.
- b. Read the **John: 3: 22-36**.
- c. Read again to remember.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak directly from the passage & silently read the passage again.
- g. “*What do you see?*”, “*What does this say about Jesus?*”, “*What does it say about God?*”, “*What does this say about us?*”, “*What is God saying to you?*”.

h. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”.
(Record)

Feb 20th: John 4:1-26 - The Samaritan Women

- a. Silence.
- b. Read **John: 4:1-26**.
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. *“What do you see?”*, *“What does this say about Jesus?”*, *“What does it say about God?”*,
“What does this say about us?”, *“What is God saying to you?”*.
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*.
(Record)

Feb 21st: John 4:27-37 - The D's Return

- a. Silence.
- b. Read the **John: 4:27-37**.
- c. Read again to remember.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. *“What do you see?”*, *“What does this say about Jesus?”*, *“What does it say about God?”*,
“What does this say about us?”, *“What is God saying to you?”*.
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*.
(Record).

Feb 22nd: John 4: 39-42

Many Samaritans Believe

- a. Silence.
 - b. Read **John: 4:39-42**.
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. “*What do you see?*”, “*What does this say about Jesus?*”, “*What does it say about God?*”, “*What does this say about us?*”, “*What is God saying to you?*”.
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”.
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Feb 23rd . John 4:43-54

Official’s Son Healed (the 2nd sign)

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 4:43-53**
- c. Read again.

- d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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Feb 24th John 5:1-14

Swimming Pool Healing (the 3rd sign)

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 5:1-14**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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Feb 25th John 5:16-30

True Life

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 5:16-30**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.



f. Questions

g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)

Feb 26th John 5:31-45 John Tells it

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 5:31-45**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.

f. Questions

g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)

Feb 27th John 6:1-15

Feeding of 5000 (the 4th sign)

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 6:1-15**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.

f. Questions

g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)

Feb 28th John 6:16-24

Walking on H2O (the 5th sign)

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 6:16-24**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)=
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Feb 29th John 6:25-35 I Am . . .

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 6:25-35**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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March 1st John 6:34-59 The Bread of Life 1

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 6:34-59**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 2nd John 6:34-59 The Bread of Life 2

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 6:35-59**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 3rd John 7:1-13 Many Leave!

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 47:1-13**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)



March 4th John 7: 14-24

Jesus, the Festivalgoer

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 7:14-24**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)

March 5th John 7: 25- 41 Is This Him?

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 7:25-41**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 6th John 7: 45 - 52 Leaders Disbelieve

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 7:45-52**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 7th John 8: 1-11 Caught in the Act

- a. Silence

- b. Read the **John 8:1-11**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)
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March 8th John 8: 12- 29 Light Ahead

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 8:12-29**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)
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March 9th John 8: 31-41 Kids of God

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 8:31-41**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.

f. **Questions**

g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)

March 10th John 8: 41- 47 Kids of the Other One

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 8:41-47**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.

f. **Questions**

g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)

March 11th John 8: 48-59 Who is this Guy?

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 8:48-59**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.

f. **Questions**

g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)

March 12th John 9:1-34

This Man Born Blind (the 6th sign)

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 9:1-34**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 13th John 9:35-41 **Blindness?**

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 9:35-41**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 14th John 10: 1-21 What's a Shepherd?

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 10:1-21**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 15th John 10: 22-41 Unbelief

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 10:22-41**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 16th John 11: 1-16 A Dying Friend

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 11:1-16**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 17th John 11: 17-37 The Comforter

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 11:17-37**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 18th John 11: 38-44 The 7th Sign

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 11:38-44**

- c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 19th John 11: 45-47 Jesus Withdraws

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 11:45-47**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 20th John 12: 1- 8

Anointed at Bethany

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 12:1-8**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.

- e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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March 21st John 12: 9-11 Many Believe

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 12:9-11**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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March 22nd John 12: 12 - 15

Bringing it Home

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 12:12-15**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**

- g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*

March 23rd John 12: 16-19

Jesus Christ Superstar

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 12:16-19**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**
- g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*

March 24th John 12: 20-26

Unless a Grain Falls & Dies.

Palm Sunday

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 12:20-26**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**



- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)
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March 25th John 12: 27-30

A Voice From Above

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 12:27-30**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)
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March 26th John 12: 31-36

Light Will Last a Little Longer

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 12:31-36**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)

March 27th John 13:18- 18- 13 Betrayal

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 13:18-18-13**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. *“What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)*
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March 28th John 13:1-17
Let Him Wash Those Dirty
Feet -

Maundy Thursday

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 13:1-17**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**



- g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)

March 29th John 18:1-19:42

Crucifixion - *Good Friday*

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 18:1-19:42**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**
- g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)

March 31st John 20:1-10

An Empty Grave - *Easter Sunday*

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 20:1-10**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.

f. Questions

- g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)*

April 1st John 20: 10 - 18

Jesus Appears to Mary

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- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 20:10-18**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.



f. Questions

- g. "What action will you take?", "Who will you let know?". (Record)*

April 2nd John 20: 19 - 23

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 10:19-23**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.

- e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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April 3rd John 20: 24- 31

Jesus Appears to Thomas

- a. Silence
 - b. Read the **John 20:24-31**
 - c. Read again.
 - d. Retell.
 - e. Ask God to speak.
 - f. **Questions**
 - g. “What action will you take?”, “Who will you let know?”. (Record)
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April 4th John 21: 1-14

A Miraculous Catch Of Fish

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 21:1-14**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**

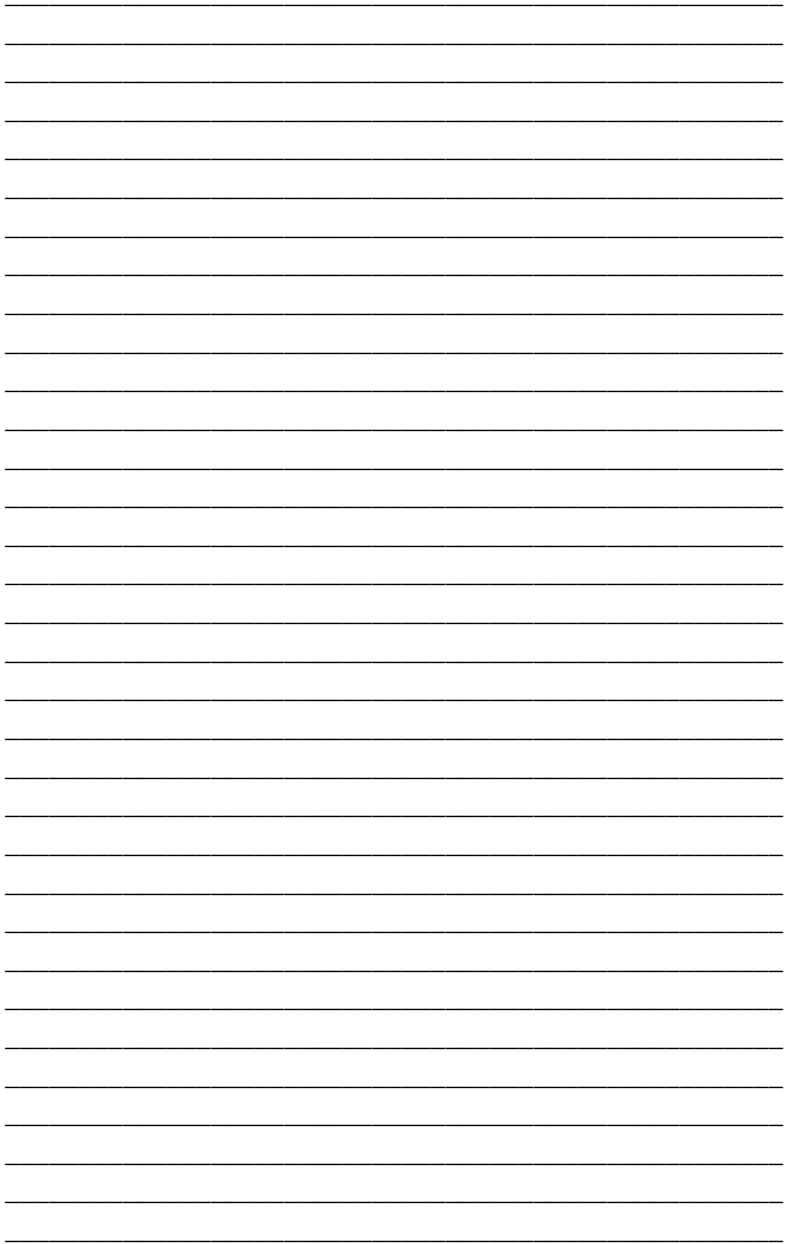
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)



April 5th John 21:15-19

Jesus & Peter

- a. Silence
- b. Read the **John 21:15-19**
- c. Read again.
- d. Retell.
- e. Ask God to speak.
- f. **Questions**
- g. *“What action will you take?”*, *“Who will you let know?”*. (Record)





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