

What is this TXT Fondue program about?

Many people say: "I believe, and I will just provide my comments as an onlooker." But you are instead supposed to actively play a part. The Bible speaks of a training program through which you develop and you can start bearing fruit for King Jesus. In this program we will explain the basic principles of discipleship and we want to excite you to grow spiritually as well. For that, you require the help of a spiritually mature person, because on your own it is hard, nearly impossible, to become spiritually mature.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the fourth fundament: evangelization and deaconry.

We recommend you to read the book of Luke while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:
3.12 Fullness

This program:
4.01 Discipleship

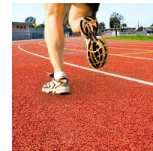
Next program:
4.02 Sons and daughters

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

	1. Conversion	2. Baptism	3. Holy Spirit	4. Evangelization and deaconry	5. Sanctification	6. Future	7. Houses
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1a. In Mark 16, King Jesus gives His disciples the assignment to go out into the world and to show that they are His followers. This was the last commandment He gave His disciples. What happened to Him, after He had said this?

(answer) He was taken away and ascended into heaven (the Ascension).

2a. The followers, who King Jesus called "disciples", followed Him everywhere and in all situations. With which well-known English word is "disciple" strongly associated, and why?

(answer) With "discipline", while that means "to raise" or "to chastise". King Jesus also did this with His followers.

(comment) The word "disciple" is Latin for "pupil".



3a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The disciples obeyed the commandments of King Jesus, spread the gospel in the whole world, and in doing so, made new followers.

Followers produce new followers. First, you are a child of God the Father; then you become a son or daughter (disciple), and ultimately a spiritual adult. Spiritual adults produce new followers. Someone from the team asking the question will draw where you will be accountable for the number of people that have become a follower because of you. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) (At) The white throne.

(comment) On the white throne in heaven, King Jesus will judge all believers. He will then ask them what they did for Him during their lives and how many people they have made a disciple.

4a. Name three things King Jesus did as part of his daily work.

(answer) Possible answers include:

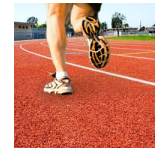
Preach, teach, train, heal, pray, help the poor and oppressed (deaconry).

5a. Behind the scenes, King Jesus was working on developing and training His 12 followers. Can you name the names of four of them?

(answer) The names are:

- Simon (Peter / Kefa)
- Andrew (brother of Simon)
- James (Ya'akov, son of Zebedee)
- John (Yochanan / son of Zebedee)
- Philip
- Bartholomew (Bar-Talmai)
- Thomas (T'oma)
- Matthew (Mattiyahu / the tax-collector)
- James (Ya'akov / son of Alphaeus)
- Thaddaeus (Taddai / Lebbaeus)
- Simon the Zealot (Shim'on / the Canaanite)
- Judas Iscariot (Y'hudah from K'riot)

(comment) Their names are written down in Matthew 10:2-4.



6a. The disciples of King Jesus had to learn, how to live like their Master, so they would have the same impact as He. He lived together with them day and night, gave them practical assignments and taught them with His practical education. For onlookers, it was often difficult to understand His lessons. How come?

(answer) Because in public, He spoke in parables.

7a. Which independence fighter has said: "What keeps me most from becoming a follower of Christ, are Christians"?

(answer) Gandhi.



8a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Carefully learning how to become like King Jesus means, that you as a disciple carefully follow after what your teacher demonstrates. Someone from the team asking the question will make movements. Everyone in the other team will try to imitate these as precisely as possible.

(answer) Make it as difficult as possible for the other team to imitate these movements, by making all kinds of comical movements. The team asking the question decides if the other team has precisely imitated these movements.

9a. We all need a coach to learn how to become a follower of King Jesus. But many do not have such a coach. This is similar to a young mother who has a baby, but who is an orphan herself. We cannot simply hope to get a coach, but we must often help ourselves with books and all kinds of resources. On the other hand, what *can* we do practically?

(answer) Being a coach for others. Just like the young mother will simply care for her newborn baby.

10a. King Jesus healed the sick. The disciples followed after Him, but were not always successful. They needed to have more faith. How did King Jesus teach them to have a greater faith?

(answer) He let them practice a lot. "Learning by doing."

11a. Judas Iscariot betrayed his Master with a kiss, after he had been intensively trained for three years. Which consequences did this have for him?

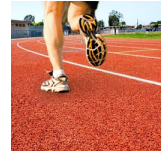
(answer) He had remorse, threw the money back, and committed suicide.

(comment) *Matthew 27:3-5 says:*

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.



12a. A country has a revival when many followers of King Jesus become a disciple and they live according to the principles of the Bible on a daily basis. We find an example of such a revival in Acts 8:1–8:

And Saul approved of their killing Stephen. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.

But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

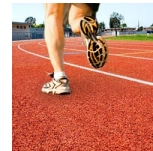
Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

Because of which five properties of a revival, a great joy came over the city?

(answer) The other team must name all five points:

1. The crucified and resurrected Christ is preached.
2. The people paid close attention (with one accord they obeyed what he said).
3. The crowds listened and saw the signs that were performed.
4. Many demons were cast out.
5. Many paralyzed and lame were healed.

Closing question (both teams): 1 Peter 2:21–22 says: "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'" Discuss with one another what it means in practice to follow in the footsteps of King Jesus.



1b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

King Jesus put together a team of people with different backgrounds, and He trained them. His most well-known follower was Peter. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what his profession was. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Fisher.



2b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Peter had to give up his work as fisherman when he became a follower of King Jesus. That wasn't a well-paid or part-time job; it demanded all of his life. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what became his profession according to the Bible. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Fisher of men.

3b. When you want to live a life after the example of King Jesus, you will become like Him. You bear the same fruits. What is meant here by "fruit"?

(answer) The things you do and produce.

(comment) What you produce are among others your spiritual children and your disciples. Making disciples has an eternal effect.

4b. In Matthew 28:19–20a, King Jesus says: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." The disciples did not consider it a "possibility" or a "proposal" to make disciples. Instead, what is it?

(answer) It is an order.

(comment) This text is usually called the Great Commission.

5b. Mark 11:13–14,20–22 says:

Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"

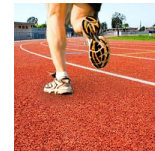
"Have faith in God," Jesus answered.

The tree had not done anything wrong, but King Jesus sacrificed this tree to teach His disciples a principle about bearing fruit. What is this principle?

(answer) That we should produce fruit every day.

6b. Discipleship is the best way to reach our world for God the Father. The believers from the first church had an enormous impact on their surroundings. The apostle Paul had also reached many areas with the gospel of King Jesus. From the letters he wrote, we know that he has trained at least three young men as his disciples. Name the name of one disciple of Paul.

(answer) Timothy, Titus, Silas.



7b. A small group of dedicated disciples, who have been carefully trained as disciples in the image of King Jesus, will be able to reach more for the Kingdom of God the Father than a great number of converts without spiritual depth. According to tradition, how many people were reached with the gospel in the first hundred years after Christ?

(answer) The whole known world at that time.

(comment) *If you want to go quick, go alone; if you want to go far, go together. The first church had the assignment to disciple the whole world.*



8b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

God the Father has a strategy to reach this world as effectively as possible. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what this strategy is. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Make disciples.

9b. What is a disciple?

(answer) A follower or pupil.

10b. Name 4 descriptions for a person who trains people, so someone who has "disciples". You can think of all parts of society.

(answer) Good answers include:

Mentor, master, trainer, coach, boss, instructor, teacher/educator, guru, role model.

11b. A disciple is a follower of King Jesus, who is determined to follow after Him, who wants to learn from Him, and wants to live according to His example. The disciples of King Jesus always learnt in three steps. Which?

(answer)

1. Observe.
2. Do it together.
3. Do it yourself under supervision.



12b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

A well-known Irish band once wrote a song about what many of us want: being determined to become a follower of King Jesus and realize His lifestyle for the rest of our lives. Someone from the team asking the question will draw which song is meant here. The other team will try and guess this. The drawing may not include words or letters.

(answer) U2 – "I Will Follow".

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