

REACH OUT FOR THE REAL LIFE!

Note to the speaker:

Explain what the real life is and why all should reach out for it. Motivate those who are holding back from dedication and baptism to take action. With a warm and positive tone, assure interested ones of Jehovah's help and loving concern

WHAT IS THE REAL LIFE? (3 min.)

People pursue various goals that they believe will lead to happiness, security, and a better future

The Bible identifies a superior goal to reach out for called "the real life" [**Read 1 Timothy 6:19**] (*bhs* 203 ¶21)

The real life is everlasting life in perfection (1Ti 6:12)

Many millions will enjoy everlasting life on a paradise earth as God originally intended for humans (Ps 37:29)

It is worth the effort to get a firm hold on this marvelous gift (1Ti 6:11, 17, 18; *bhs* 203 ¶22)

WHY MAKE THE REAL LIFE YOUR GOAL? (6 min.)

Reaching out for the real life results in benefits far superior to any other course we could choose

We *benefit now*, enjoying better family life, greater peace of mind, and a healthier lifestyle [**Read Isaiah 48:17**]

To pursue any other course leads to bitter results (Ec 5:10; 2Pe 2:19)

We gain the prospect of marvelous *future blessings* (Isa 65:21-23)

Focusing on other pursuits is ultimately a waste of time [**Read 1 John 2:17**]

HOW CAN YOU GET A FIRM HOLD ON THE REAL LIFE? (8 min.)

To gain the real life, you must be baptized as a Christian servant of Jehovah God (Ac 8:12; 1Pe 3:21)

Those who get baptized are motivated by love for Jehovah [**Read Matthew 22:37, 38**]

What are the progressive steps that lead to baptism?

Come to know Jehovah, and *build faith* in his promises (Joh 17:3; Heb 11:6)

You can receive help by having a Bible study and attending congregation meetings (Ac 8:31; Heb 10:24, 25)

Strong faith will give you confidence that Jehovah will care for you if you follow his direction

As a person grows in his love for Jehovah, he *feels regret* over his past sins and *makes changes in his conduct* (Ac 3:19)

With help from Jehovah and fellow believers, you can succeed in making needed changes (Pr 13:20; 2Co 10:4, 5)

Love for Jehovah should move you to *dedicate your life to him* and put his will above everything else [**Read Matthew 16:24, 25**] (1Pe 4:2)

Those who have dedicated their life to God *get baptized* as a public symbol of their dedication (Mt 28:19, 20)

THE REAL LIFE IS NOT BEYOND YOUR REACH (10 min.)

If you believe God's promises, ask yourself, 'What prevents me from getting baptized?' (Ac 8:35, 36)

Jesus said that some would hold back from pursuing the real life (Mt 13:22; *w02* 4/1 14 ¶21)

Some feel that discipleship is too difficult, or they fear that they will fail (*w06* 4/1 28-29 ¶12-15)

God is not asking too much of us, nor is it too difficult to measure up to his requirements (De 30:11-14)

You can succeed, just as others have

[Play the four-minute video *Reach Out for the Real Life!* which shows Bible students who overcame obstacles and got baptized. After the video, discuss what helped those in the video to make progress. Encourage interested ones that they can likewise succeed]

REACH OUT FOR THE REAL LIFE NOW (3 min.)

Now is the time to reach out for the real life; do not delay!

Soon, this system will end and the common lifestyles that people have striven for will be gone (Mt 24:36-42)

Jehovah God will help you to succeed in getting a firm hold on the real life (Php 2:13; 2Pe 3:9)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]