Lesson 8 - Household Evangelism

Review
What were your top takeaways from Lesson #7?

7 Ongoing Elements in a Movement (7 Ways to Raise the Sails for Movement)
1. **Focus on God's Word** (palms up and hands together like a book)
2. **Multiply Extraordinary Prayer** (Cross arms like an X)
3. **Cast Vision** (like you're holding a fishing pole and casting line)
4. **Train Believers to go out among the lost** (like your curling dumbbells)
5. **Go Out Among the lost** (point upward and to the side)
6. **See Groups Start** (hand roll)
7. **Ongoing Coaching** (baseball signals with your hands)

***Break into groups*.** Small groups ~4. Have them do the Accountability & Biblical Persons of Peace sections. Come back together for Discussion.

Accountability (may need to be done at the end of the training or via email if time runs out)

- Can anyone remember and share in their own words the passage we applied last week? (Luke 10:1-16, Matthew 9:35-10:16)
- Did you do what you said you would do?
- Did you share with who you said you'd share with?
- Did you identify anyone that could be a potential person of peace?

Biblical Persons of Peace
Take a minute to reflect on Biblical stories in the New Testament and identify who you believe might have been a person of peace. Find the story in the Scripture and see if they match the criteria of being W.O.O.L. (Y) [Welcoming, Opens Oikos, & Listens].

Below are a few examples of Person's of Peace found in the Scriptures, although some are not listed. Point out the impact that the below P.O.P. had on their oikos. Also, after the trainees have given a few examples of people with strong reputations (good or bad) point out this is often true of people of peace.

Verses	Person(s)	Oikos (influence)
Matthew 9:9-13	Matthew (strong bad reputation)	Tax Collectors & Sinners
Matthew 9:27-29	Blind Men	All over the region
Mark 5:1-20	Gerasene demoniac (strong bad reputation)	Ten Towns
Luke 7:11-17	The Widow's Son Raised from the Dead	Crowd from Nain to Judea
Luke 19:1-10	Zaccheus the Tax Collector (strong bad reputation)	Salvation for Oikos
John 4:1-30, 39-42	Samaritan Woman at the Well (strong bad reputation)	Many Samaritans from village
John 4:47-53	Government Official whose son was sick	Whole oikos believes

Acts 10	Cornelius (strong good reputation)	Relatives and close friends receive Holy Spirit
Acts 16:11-15	Lydia in Phillipi (strong good reputation)	Whole oikos baptized
Acts 16:16-40	Philippian Jailer (strong bad reputation since jailer was a brutal job)	Whole oikos baptized
Acts 17:1-7	Jason welcomed Paul and Silas into oikos	Some Jews, many Greek men, prominent women
Acts 18:7-8	Crispus, synagogue ruler (good rep)	Everyone in oikos believed
Acts 28:7-10	Publius (strong good reputation)	All sick on island healed

Discussion

It's very interesting how many groups came to faith in the New Testament.

Ask, “How many individual conversions do you think there were in the book of Acts?”

Answer: Of some 30+ instances of people coming to faith in Acts, only 3 are individuals while the rest are large or small groups. [Ethiopian Eunuch, Saul, Sergius Paulus (13:12)].

90% of salvations in Acts come through large groups or small groups (oikos) responding. The 10% exceptions are still very valid – Paul, Ethiopian Eunuch, Sergius Paulus BUT they are the small minority.

Why do most Christians use mainly an individual evangelism model?

- Clearly Western individualistic influence is one of the main reasons.
- It’s what we know. It’s how many of us came to faith so that’s how we think others should.

[***Option to break into groups*.** Small groups ~4. Have them answer the questions below.]

Key Questions to Discuss:

- What happens to families when only one person follows Christ?
- How does the family view the new believer?
- How does the community view the believer?
- What happens to families if they all decide to follow Christ together, within a short amount of time?
- How does the community view the family of believers?

Despite how odd it may feel for us to disciple a group of people instead of an individual it is much more beneficial for each person and the group as a whole.

One way to bring a Person of Peace and their oikos on the journey simultaneously is by having them discover what the Bible says while together.

That is why it is so essential that the process be simple and easy to replicate, hence the 7

standard questions we try to stick to. We are not saying these 7 questions we use are "sacred," in fact, sometimes we might adapt them a bit. We just want to make sure the key principles are still addressed. The basic principle is discovering God's truth from His Word. Remember John 6:45 says, "They will all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to me."

Process of Discovery Groups (DG) - for Oikos Gatherings (Families/Groups of Peace)

- Invite the oikos: For example you could say something like, "You have been interested in discussing spiritual things with me. Would you and your family and friends be interested in learning more directly from the Bible?" You could also say something like, "Do you want to get some of your family and friends together and discover what God has to say about life?" etc.
- If they agree to open their oikos to discover more about God, set a time ASAP. It's best, if possible, to meet up with them again within 1-2 days.
- The "question-asker" is the key role – their job is to facilitate discussion by asking good questions. They shouldn't teach or lecture. The Bible is the teacher.
- If possible, the outsider, or the one instigating a Discovery Group with a Person of Peace would coach 1-2 people they've identified as leaders. The outsider wouldn't attend the group but would be coaching those leaders through the process.
- If the outsider is unable to identify people in the beginning to lead the DG or the people he has identified are unwilling to lead the DG, the outsider would only be the facilitator or question-asker for 1-3 weeks. He would then turn it over to someone(s) inside the group and would stop attending as soon as possible.

> Danger! If you lead the Discovery Group longer than 1-3 weeks, others will be very unlikely to ever lead without your help or start a new group!

- When coaching you will help with issues by redirecting them to Scripture and letting them discover the truth on their own. If somebody says something crazy "ask them where they get that idea from the actual text." If they don't make progress, introduce them to another passage where they can discover the truth. Allow Scripture to be the authority. There's no better teacher than Scripture itself.

See "Resource – Process of Discovery Groups" doc for a more thorough explanation.

[In a Large Group ***Option to break into groups*****.** Maybe 2 or 3 larger groups each led by a Trainer.]

Practice - Discovery Group Method Using 7 Questions

Practice this method using either the story from Genesis 3:1-13 or Genesis 6:5-8.
Try to pick the youngest or least experienced leader(s) in each group to be the "Question-asker" (or "Facilitator"). You can either role-play as non-believers or discuss as believers.

> Important: This is a "discovery method" in which participants are led to study directly from God's Word and find their own answers. So we don't lecture or teach them. We just ask questions. Practice NOT answering questions, by saying, "What does the text say?" and "That will become clearer in later weeks." If someone says something weird, practice asking: "Where do you see that in the

text?”

Discovery Group for Households of Peace (who do not yet know Jesus)

INTRODUCTION

1. What are you thankful for?
2. What are your struggling with / stressed by? How about your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers?
3. Is there anything this group will do to help with some of the needs that were just mentioned? (family, friends, neighbors, etc?)

REVIEW LAST DISCOVERY GROUP

- REVIEW the previous story and ask someone to retell the story (group helps).

INTRODUCE NEW PASSAGE TO DISCOVER

- READ new story multiple times & have everyone RETELL story (group helps).

4. What does this passage teach us about God?
5. What does this passage teach us about people?
6. What should you do this week in response to this passage? (I will...)
7. Who should you share with this week?

Discovery Group Debrief

Ask the large group: What did you learn from this process?

Be sure to reiterate the important DNA we want to pass down from each specific question. Express the importance of this DNA being present when the DG becomes a church.

See the document “Resource - Discovery Group DNA” doc for more details if you want.

Review the DMM Cycle Chart & Discuss as a Group

Challenge This Week

- Begin a Discovery Group with your family or close friends.