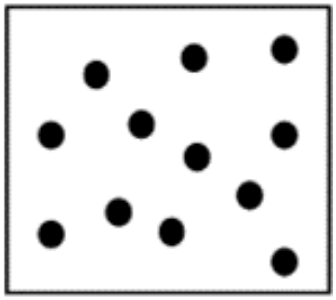
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CLASS ORIENTATION

Orientation Day: This is not information-based discipleship like most other programs. Instead, this is obedience-based discipleship training. Teaching focuses on understanding information. Training focuses on developing wisdom through experience. This involves repeatedly practicing until you develop some skill at something, then setting a GOAL to go out into the real world and do what you practiced. This is not an intellectual exercise. It directly challenges your will to serve and obey the Lord. When you return, the trainer will discuss with you what you did, who you did it with, and what you think you can do better to improve. At the end of this course there is an exam over the material. Those who pass the exam will receive certification

Certification: After you complete all the assignments and pass the exam, your name will added to the register of certified graduates. This is not an ordination or license to do ministry. This is a valuable certification that churches and ministries can see to verify you have successfully completed this training. You can put this certification on your resume to help you get a position with or financial support from a mission-minded ministry or church.

Opening Each Class: We will open each class with everyone reciting the Vision Statement on the back of the workbook. Be sure to say it like you mean it. Then we will open in prayer. The most effective group size is three to twelve. The group time should be organized in three parts: Look Back, Look Up, and Look Forward.

Look Back (approximately 20-minutes): The Look Back is a time for care and accountability. Check attendance, ask about the student's week, and check workbooks to make sure they did the written homework. Then ask each student to briefly describe their experience doing the things they were trained to do. After Looking Back over their homework, turn to the new lesson in the workbook.

Look Up (approximately 40-minutes): The Look Up is a time for learning the new lesson. Briefly explain the information covering the What, Why, and How of the new lesson. If the new lesson is a Bible study, complete the Say/Teach/Do within 30-minutes.

Remember, this is not a teaching ministry, but an equipping ministry. This kind of learning comes from obedience, experiencing the Spirits leadership, resulting in wisdom and maturity. Once a little bit of understanding is reached, the trainer should transition the group to the Look Forward portion of the group time.

Look Forward (approximately 30-minutes): The Look Forward is a time for setting a GOAL and practicing the application of the new lesson. This is the main part of the equipping ministry. Guide the students to set specific personal goals based on the lesson.

After setting a goal based on the lesson, the trainer should first give a physical demonstration of how to do the application, then encourage the students to practice it by roleplaying with each other. While the students are practicing, the trainer should help them do it better. After the students practice several times, they should be able to do it with minor difficulties. At that point, the trainer should stop helping the students and silently watch them practice, then give them some godly feedback, telling them what they are doing right and how they can do better. This is equipping them for the work of service (Eph 4:11-12).

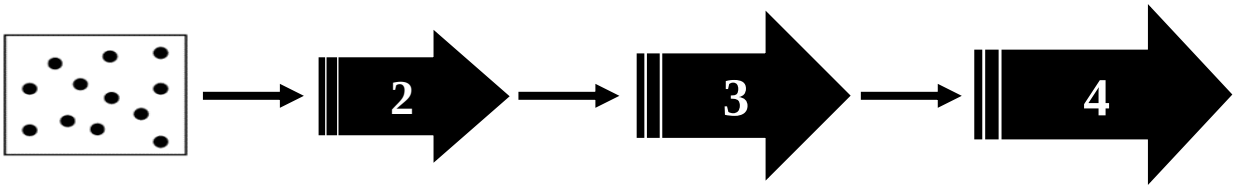
Finally, the trainer should praise the group and cast vision for them about how their obedience to God's Word will have a ripple effect impacting individuals, the community, and the world for the glory of God. This is the kind of lifestyle God uses to advance His Kingdom.

Closing Each Class: At the end of each class, everyone should join together again to recite the Vision Statement and prayer. Opening and closing like this will help form a bond within the community.

LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION:

This is the first in a series of four training manuals. Each manual is a call to more responsibility in the discipleship process. You will grow in your relationship with Christ, in knowledge, in experience, in wisdom, and maturity as you work through each step in obedience to Christ as Lord. This discipleship course helps Christians grow from new believers into mature servants of the Lord. This is an essential training program for missionaries around the world.

This course may be taught as a formal class in a classroom, online, or in the mission field. Whether it is done in a formal or informal setting, the most effective way to do discipleship is in a group so that believers can help one another learn, grow, and change (2Timothy 2:22).



Seed Sower: This picture shows seeds scattered everywhere. It symbolizes how you will learn to share the love of God and the gospel of salvation with other people. As a seed sower, you will learn nine essential things you need to become an effective disciple of Jesus Christ.

- Your new identity
- The will of God
- Be filled with Holy Spirit
- The Great Commission
- Start a ministry
- Share the gospel
- Minister to the lost
- Be a blessing to others
- Help others grow spiritually

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Do You Believe This Gospel? You are guilty of sinning against God (Romans 3:23; 1John 3:4). But ***God loves you*** so much that He sent His Son, ***Jesus Christ, to die on a cross in order to pay the penalty for your sins*** (Romans 5:8). Death is the punishment for sinning against God; but God offers you the free gift of life through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord (Romans 6:23). If you confess Jesus as your Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, then you will be saved (Romans 10:9). Repentance means ***changing your mind***. If you truly repent, then you will ***surrender to Jesus as the Lord over your life and turn from your sins.*** Repentance is important ***because it is necessary for salvation and church membership.***

Read 1 John 3:4. What is sin? _____

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Read Romans 5:8. What are two reasons God sent His Son?

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Read Romans 10:9. What do you think it means to *confess* Jesus as your Lord?

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What does Repentance mean, what will you do when you truly repent, and why is it so important?

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What Is My New Identity(2Corinthians 5:17-21)? When you first believed the gospel and surrendered to Jesus as your Lord, four amazing things happened to you. The *first* amazing thing is God made an exchange between you and Jesus – all of ***YOUR sins were put on Jesus as He died on the cross and the perfectly righteous life that HE lived is now put on you. God declares your sins forgiven and He declares you as righteous in His sight (2Cor 5:21)***. When God did this to you, you received a new identity.

The *second* amazing thing is that you are ***a new creature (2Cor 5:17)***. Everything has changed. Your old way of life is over. Now, you will grow into a whole new way of life in the Kingdom of God.

The *third* amazing thing is that God gave you a responsibility. God gave you ***the ministry of reconciliation (2Cor 5:18).*** You are now responsible to reach out to other people with the gospel and bring them into a loving relationship with God through faith in Christ.

The *fourth* amazing thing is that you are now ***an ambassador for Christ (2Cor 5:20)***. God's purpose and plan for your life is for you to represent the Kingdom of God in this world. As you do this, three things will happen in your life: ***God's Spirit will lead you, your faith will grow, and God will use your experiences to transform your life so that you become more like Christ***.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What did God exchange between you and Christ?

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Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What are you now?

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Read 2 Corinthians 5:18. What is the responsibility God *gave* to you?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. Who are you now?

What three things will happen in your life as you represent the Kingdom of God in this world?

Why Hasn't My Life Changed? The above paragraph is the most amazing part of the gospel. If you truly believe this gospel and surrender to Jesus as your Lord, you really will be saved. But if that is all you ever learn, then you will not discover God's purpose and plan for your life. In order for your life to change, you must do two things every day: ***embrace your new identity and spend quality time with Jesus Christ.***

What are the two things you must do in order for your life to change?

What Is The Great Commission? Our Lord gave us ***marching orders to tell everyone in the world about Jesus and to teach other believers how to follow Him*** (Matthew 28:18-20). These marching orders are called The Great Commission. Sadly, only 2% of all Christians ever tell unbelievers about the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

What is the Great Commission?

Why Should We Obey The Great Commission? We should obey the Great Commission for two main reasons. First, ***our Lord and Savior commanded us to represent Him to the fullest***. Second, ***this is our identity and purpose.*** You are a child of God. You are a soldier of Christ. You are an ambassador for Christ.

Why should we obey Christ's Great Commission?

LESSON 1: FATHER'S HEART

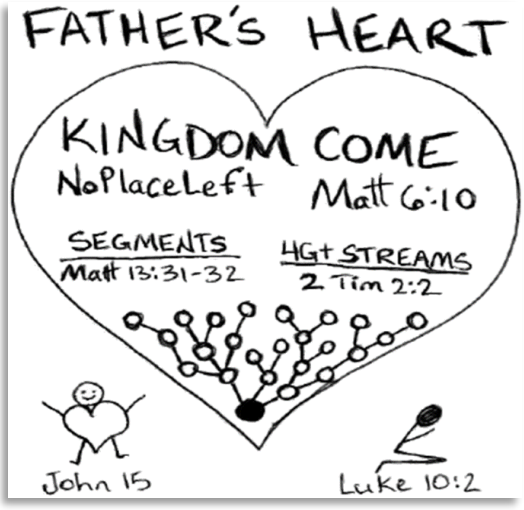
Look Back: In the Gospel of Salvation lesson, we learned how to be saved, our new identity that results from salvation, and the Great Commission. What was the best part of that lesson to you?

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Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to share God's vision for His Kingdom so that Christians will desire to become a part of it.

The Father's Heart is a glimpse into our Heavenly Father's loving desire. The purpose of the Father's Heart is ***to cast vision and create urgency for expanding the Kingdom of God***. By drawing this illustration, you can help people clearly understand God's vision for His Kingdom and see what they need to do in obedience to Him. The entire presentation should take ***no longer than 5 minutes***. Draw the Father's Heart diagram as you explain it. Use the Fathers Heart to cast vision ***to other believers***. When you teach the Father's Heart you are trying to motivate believers to do three things: ***spread the gospel, start/join a Bible Group in their housing area, and learn 4-Fields from you***.



What is the purpose of the Father's Heart?

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How long should the entire presentation take?

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Who should you cast this vision to?

_____

What are the three things you are trying to motivate believers to do when you cast vision of the Father's Heart?

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Father's Heart: [Write Father's Heart and draw a heart underneath it.] Then explain: We know that the Father's Heart is for His Kingdom to come, and that this is achieved by spreading the gospel until there's NoPlaceLeft that hasn't heard about Jesus.

Kingdom Come: [Write inside the heart KINGDOM COME, and NoPlaceLeft and Matthew 6:10.] Then explain: We know this by looking at Matthew 6:10. Jesus instructs His disciples to pray for His Kingdom to come. Here Jesus prays for the Kingdom of heaven to come down and be on earth.



Segments: [Write SEGMENTS and Matthew 13:31-32 and draw a dot.] Then explain: This is a huge global vision that Jesus is sharing. God wants the gospel to reach every segment of the population on earth. The word "segments" mean different races, ages, and social groups. In Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed (the dot) that grows into such a large tree that birds can make their nests in its branches.

[Add circles to the Dot at the bottom of the heart.] Then explain: It starts out very small with few people, like Jesus' ministry started with only the 12 disciples, but as it grows it begins to cover all of the

different segments of the earth's population. We want to see our groups grow to reach all of the various segments in our society.

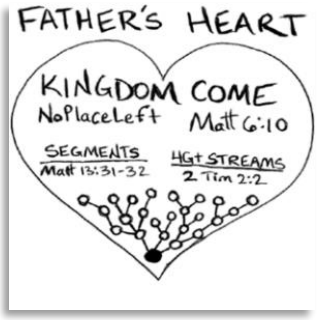
4G+ Streams: [Write 4G+ STREAMS and 2Timothy 2:2]. Then explain: In order for us to achieve saturation – NoPlaceLeft – we need to see movement. [Add more circles to the dot drawing.] Then explain: In order to achieve movement we need to follow what Paul told Timothy in 2Timothy 2:2, "What you heard from me, ..teach to faithful men, who will teach others also." This is how to achieve four generations (Paul, Timothy, Faithful Men, Others). This is what we call 4G+ Streams.

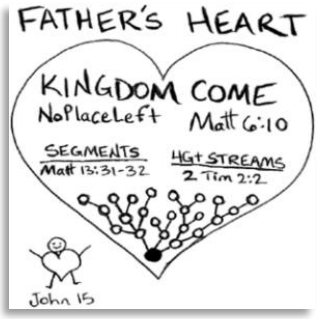
Abide: [Draw a Heart-Stick Man and John 15.] Then explain: In order to do this we must abide in the Word of God. Jesus says that we cannot do anything apart from Him. For this reason, we need to spend quality time learning to obey the Word of God every day.

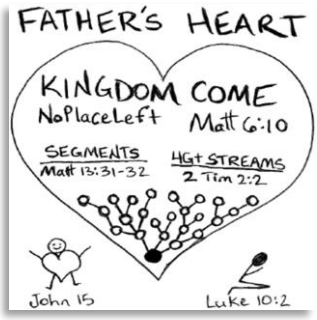
Pray: [Draw Praying-Stick Man and Luke 10:2.] Then explain: We also need to be people of prayer. Jesus said that we should pray for God to send out workers into the harvest. Therefore, we have to spend time in prayer for the workers He is sending out and for the harvest to be reaped.

Conclude the Father's Heart presentation by asking the people you are showing it to if they will join you to help achieve the Father's Heart. As people say yes, confirm their commitment with a handshake and set a time when they can join together for Bible study and to pray for the harvest.

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LESSON 1: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you understand His heart and feel His desire.
Memorize — Draw Father's Heart on a sheet of paper.
G.O.A.L. — Share the Father's Heart with someone else.

LESSON 2: S.W.A.P.

Look Back: In Lesson 1, we learned how to cast vision by sharing the Father's Heart. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to surrender to God's plans and abide in His presence through prayer and Bible study.



You should start each day ***asking yourself, "Am I full of the Spirit today?"*** Are you controlling your thinking and acting, or is the Holy Spirit? You can stay full of the Spirit ***by learning the Word of God and doing it from your heart***. Your goal is ***to have the Holy Spirit guiding you and nothing else***. So, how do you get full of the Spirit, and stay walking in the Spirit?

How should you start every day as a Christian?

How do you stay full of the Holy Spirit?

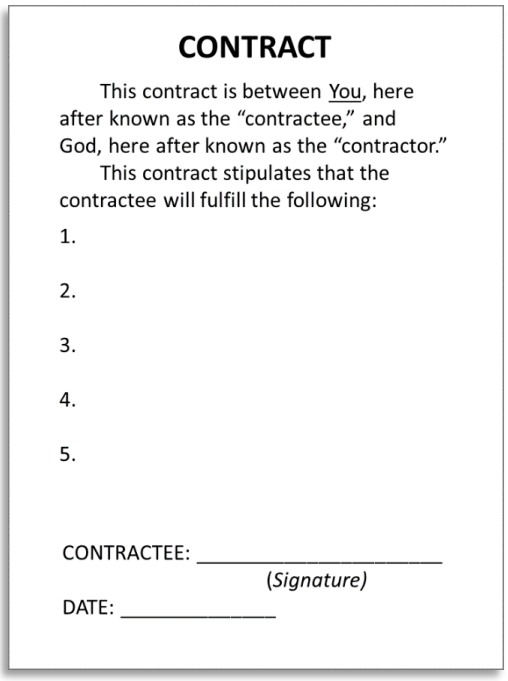
What is your goal?

SURRENDER: Being filled with the Spirit starts ***with surrender***. Surrender is like ***signing a blank contract with God. And then asking God to fill in the terms of the contract as you go about your day***. God wants you to completely surrender to His WILL. Give yourself completely to God and ask Him to change your schedule however He wants. Then, go through your day ***looking and listening for Him to guide you to serve Him***.

How do you start being filled with the Spirit?

What is surrender like?

How should you go through your day?



CONTRACT

This contract is between You, here after known as the "contractee," and God, here after known as the "contractor."

This contract stipulates that the contractee will fulfill the following:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

CONTRACTEE: _____
(*Signature*)

DATE: _____

WAIT IN PRAYER: You should ***spend long periods of time in private prayer and Bible study*** so that you are spending quality time with God. Being filled involves waiting to let God act upon you. This takes rooting yourself out. There are times when you should fast and seek God, anywhere from 1 to 3 days. These are times when God has to do a deeper work in you, for you to be completely full. You must go to the WORD ***seeking directions while signing the blank contract with God every day***.

How do you spend quality time with God?

How should you approach the WORD?

AVOID EVEN A HINT OF SIN: Stop letting your sins build up until you confess them daily or weekly. Instead, ***develop the discipline of confessing your sins to God when you do them***. Practice examining yourself to find roots of sin that may result in sinful actions. Ask the Lord, "***Shine your light in my life. Show me the dark spots in my heart that I don't know about***." Make a covenant with your eyes not to linger upon lustful things. Make a decision to actively monitor your thoughts, words, and actions, and change them so they are pleasing to God.

When should you address sin in your life?

What should you ask the Lord to do?

PROMPTING: When the Spirit fills you, He's going to begin prompting you. You are going to talk about Him, sing about Him, make Him known, praise Him, and thank Him. Sometimes He's going to guide you to a person or place to speak life into others. All of the promptings of the Spirit are going to look ***just like what Jesus did in His life***. Remember that you are walking in the Spirit ***every time you say "Yes" to Him***. When the Holy Spirit prompts you, don't be afraid. Simply, ***thank Him and do it!*** Then your life will be filled with more and more joy because the Spirit is working in you.

What will the promptings of the Spirit look like?

How do you walk in the Spirit?

How should you respond to the Spirit's prompting?

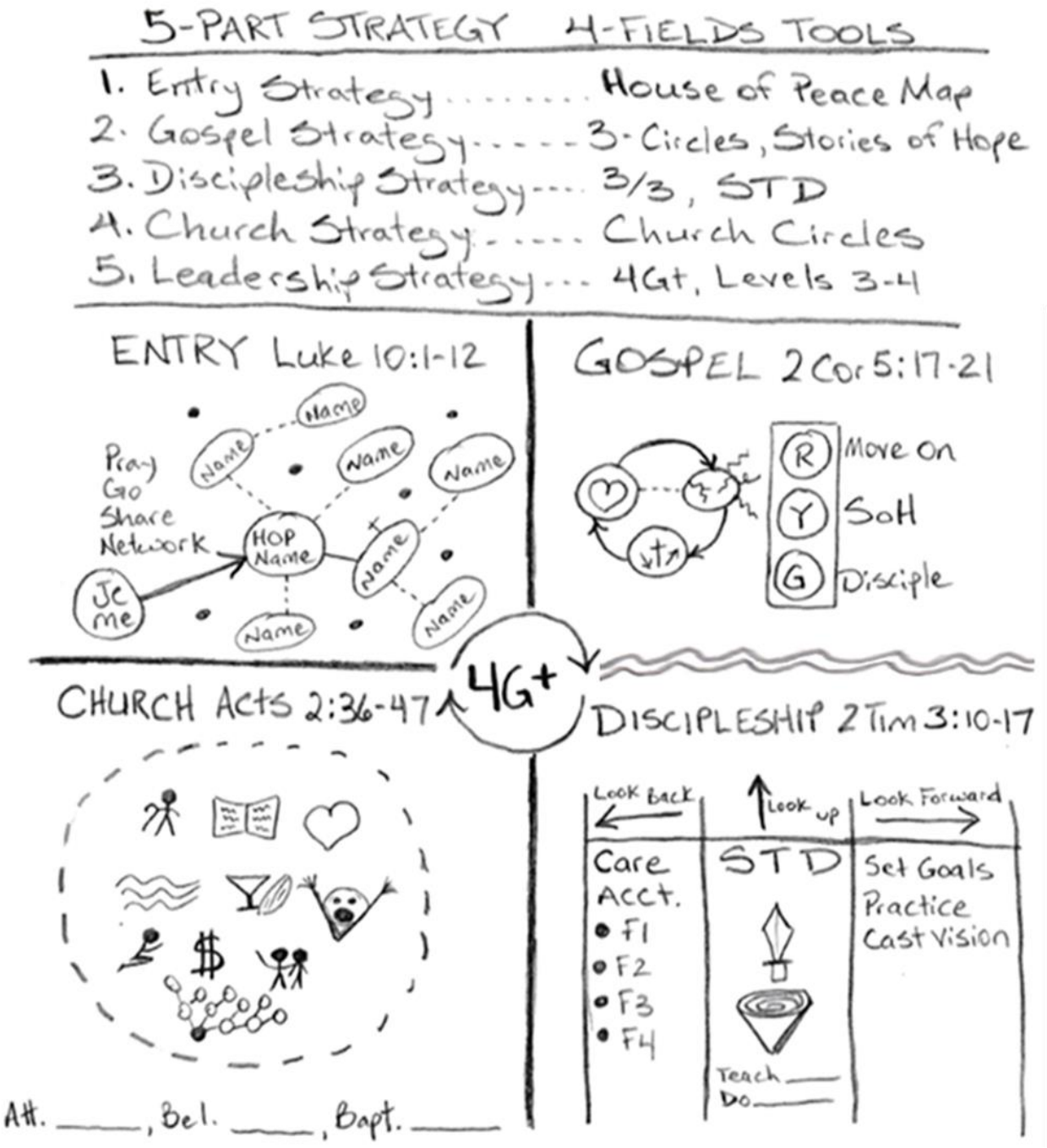
LESSON 2: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Surrender your will to do God's will, whatever it is and whatever it costs.
Memorize — Practice explaining S.W.A.P.
G.O.A.L. — Share the S.W.A.P. lesson with someone else.

LESSON 3: 5-PART STRATEGY / 4-FIELDS TOOLS

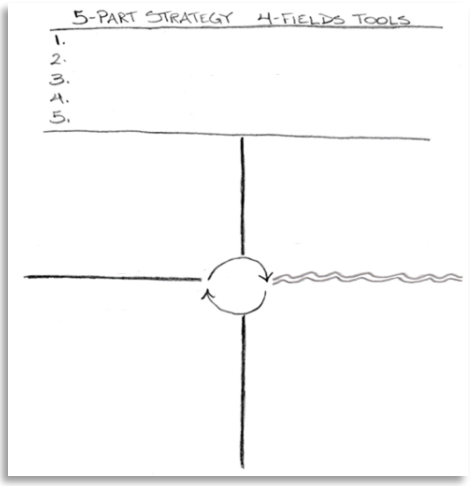
Look Back: In Lesson 2, we learned S.W.A.P. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will practice drawing the 5-Part Strategy / 4-Fields Tools.

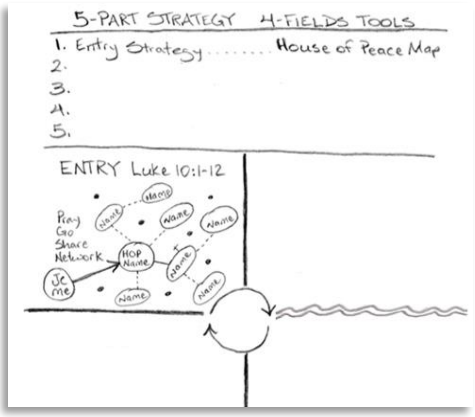


TEACH THE 5-PART STRATEGY / 4-FIELDS TOOLS:

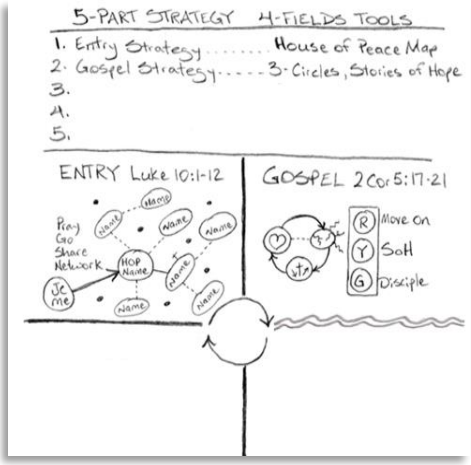
First, draw the structure like you see in this first picture. Label the heading and enumerate it 1-5, then draw the 4-Fields lines separating each field with a circle in the middle. But do not fill in any of the information. Now that you have created a worksheet, you are ready to begin teaching.



Once you are skilled at teaching this diagram, you should be able to give a summary of it within 15-minutes. With practice, you will learn how much time to spend explaining each part and you will develop your own style. When you are about to teach the diagram you can introduce it by saying: *"I am going to show you how thousands of missionaries around the world are spreading the gospel, making disciples, and planting churches to fulfill the Great Commission."*



1. Next, in the heading you should write Entry Strategy and House of Peace Map. Then go down to Field 1 and fill it in while you explain it.
   - ✓ As you draw it explain: "In Luke 10:1-12, Christ instructs us to Pray, then Go into the harvest Sharing the gospel with everyone until we find a Person of Peace. Then we Network through that person's circle of influence inviting all their family and friends to come learn about Jesus. This gathering becomes a House of Peace.



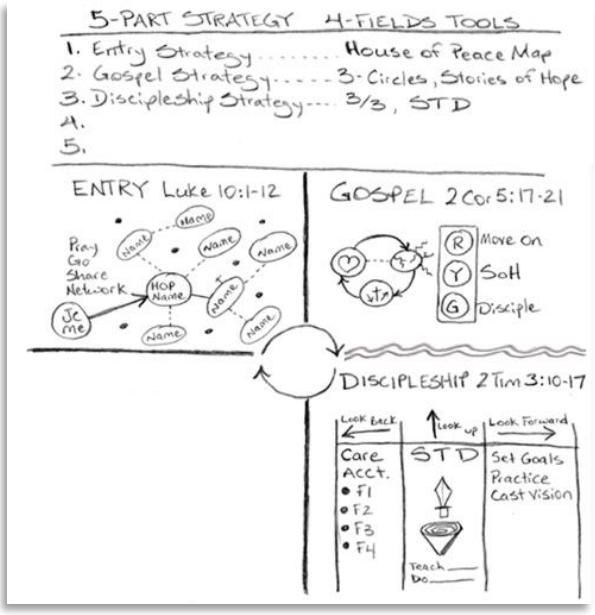
2. Next, in the heading you should write Gospel Strategy and 3-Circles, Stories of Hope. Then, go back down to Field 2 and fill it in while you explain it.
   - ✓ As you draw it explain: "In 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, God tells us that He wants to reconcile the world back to Himself through Christ and that we are ambassadors for Christ who have the responsibility to share the gospel with sinners. Our first gospel tool is called 3-Circles. This is a simple illustration showing how sin separated us from God and how Christ came to redeem us. When you go out sharing the gospel you will get four responses:
     - **A.** Red Light: When someone responds to the gospel with hostility, we politely shake the dust off our feet and move on.
     - **B.** Yellow Light: This is a Person of Peace. When someone responds to the gospel with interest, but is not ready to surrender to Christ, we build a relationship with them and start sharing Stories of Hope. Story of Hope is our second Gospel Strategy tool. As

we share these stories with people, the Word of God gets inside of them and they start to hope for a new life in Christ. When their hope for Christ becomes stronger than their desire for sin, they will repent.

C. Green Light: This is a Person of Peace. When someone responds to the gospel with a willingness to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior then you immediately lead them in prayer for salvation and start to disciple them.

D. Sometimes, people will respond to the gospel by telling you they are already a believer. When this happens, you will start to disciple them.

3. Next, in the heading you should write Discipleship Strategy and 3/3, STD. Then, go back down to Field 3 and fill it in while you explain it.



- ✓ As you draw it explain: In 2 Timothy 3:10-17, God tells us to use Scripture to train believers how to do good works. After people receive Christ as Lord, we begin the discipleship process. Notice the line separating Field 2 and Field 3 looks like water. This symbolizes the new believer is getting baptized as soon as possible. The first tool for achieving this strategy is called 3/3. This tool is a simple way to structure our time for the Bible study group into three parts. For example, if your group has 90 minutes you can spend 30 minutes in each part.

A. The first part is called Look Back. In this part you will provide Pastoral Care and Accountability for everyone to practice the 4-Fields.

B. The second part of your group time is called Look Up. In this part your group looks up to God for a lesson in the Bible. In this part we use the tool called STD. This is a Bible study method called Say Teach Do. You will take a single passage of Scripture to discover what it teaches and how to obey it. The Sword symbolizes the passage of Scripture. The first thing we do is look to see what the passage has to Say about God, Sin, Obedience, and Hope. Then, we draw a funnel. The funnel symbolizes that we summarize all that the passages Says into a sentence with only 15 words. That sentence is what the passage is Teaching. Last we write a short sentence that says how to do what the passage teaches.

C. The third part of the Bible study group is called Look Forward. In this last part, we set a goal for how to obey what we learned. Then we take a few minutes to practice with each other how to do it so that we will be ready for action. Finally, we cast vision for what could happen as a result of our obedience to God.

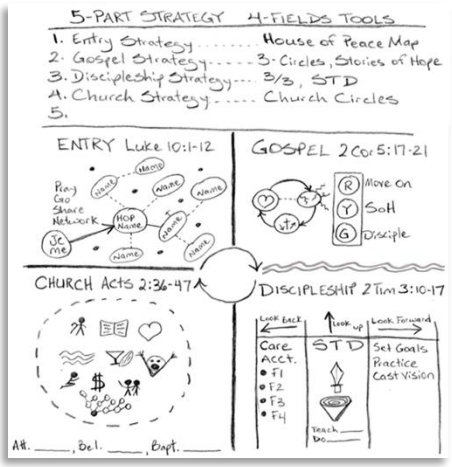
4. Next, in the heading you should write Church Strategy and Church Circles. Then, go back down to Field 4 and fill it in while you explain it.

- ✓ As you draw it explain: "In Acts 2:36-47, we see the first Spirit-filled church. This is a model for how God wants us to come together and function as a community of believers. In this passage of Scripture, we see the church doing ten important activities: Leadership, Bible Study, Fellowship, Baptism, Communion, Worship, Prayer, Giving, Witnessing, and Discipleship. The dotted circle represents the community of believers. When the community commits to help each other grow in Christ, trace over the dotted line and make it solid to signify the group has a solid commitment. By teaching this passage, we intentionally form believers into a church.

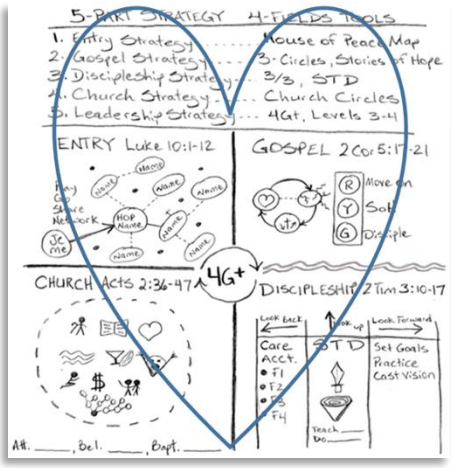
5. Next, in the heading you should write Leadership Strategy and 4G+, Levels 3-4. Then, go back down to the middle circle and fill it in while you explain it.

- ✓ As you draw it, explain: "In 2 Timothy 2:2, we learn that God wants us to make disciples who make disciples beyond the 4th generation. Paul, the 1st generation, tells Timothy, the 2nd generation, to teach faithful men, the 3rd generation, who will teach others also, 4th generation and beyond. The tools for building up leaders are called 4G+ and Levels 3-4 leadership training."

- ✓ *Conclude the presentation by drawing a big heart over the entire diagram and declare*: "I believe this represents God's heart for how He wants us to bring the world back to Him!"







LESSON 3: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to give you a vision for how to achieve the Great Commission.
Memorize — Draw Father's Heart and 5-Part Strategy / 4-Fields Tools on a sheet of paper.
G.O.A.L. — Share the 5-Part Strategy / 4-Fields Tools diagram with someone else.

LESSON 4: ENTRY STRATEGY – HOUSE OF PEACE MAP

Look Back: In lesson 3, we learned how to share the 5 Part Strategy / 4-Fields Tools. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to make and use Your *House of Peace* Map.



The Great Commission is an exciting adventure that we get to do with Jesus. As a missionary, you must have a strategy for entering a new community and meeting people. This is called your Entry Strategy. In ***Luke 10:1-12***, Jesus explains how the Entry Strategy works.

In what passage of Scripture can we find the Entry Strategy?

Before you learn how to do this, you must understand that most people will not accept you or your message about Jesus. This happens for three main reasons: ***They do not want to give up their sinful way of life, They do not trust you, or God is not calling them at that moment.*** The good news is that God is at work in the community where you are about to go. He has already prepared a Person of Peace who will accept you and your message about Jesus. The first part of your mission is to ***find the Person of Peace.***

What are three main reasons why people will not accept you or your message about Jesus?

What is the first part of your mission?

You must not try to find a Person of Peace by judging their outward appearance. The Bible shows that the best Person of Peace is ***usually the worst sinner***. And sometimes the person who looks like they will accept Christ, turns out to be wolves in sheep's clothing (Matt 7:15). The only way you can know if someone's heart has been prepared by God to receive you and your message about Jesus, is to ***share the gospel of salvation with them and see how they respond.***

What kind of people does the Bible show are the best Person of Peace?

How can you find out if someone is a God-prepared Person of Peace?

PERSON OF PEACE SEARCH:

First, I'm going to quickly share a true story in the Bible from John 4:4-42. This story illustrates the importance of the Person of Peace search.

One day Jesus and His disciples went through a Samaritan village. And Jesus sent His disciples into town to get some food, while He went to a well and came upon a sinful woman.

She had a bad reputation. She was at the well at a time of the day when she could avoid other people. So Jesus began talking to her about water. She actually served Him some water.

And then He started talking to her about her sin and her need for Him. Then He presents Himself as the Savior, the Messiah.

This woman immediately believed in Jesus, and she left her water jars and ran back to the village. She told the people to come see "the man who told me all I ever did." And asked, "Could this be the Christ?"

The Bible says that many people from that town believed because of the woman's testimony. And that many more believed because of Jesus' words.

Here we see a village with a lot of lost people. Out of all those people, Jesus decided to speak to and to use ***a sinful woman***. She is an example of what we call ***a Person of Peace***.

Who did Jesus use to reach the village?

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What is she an example of?

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There are three characteristics that we see in this Samaritan woman- a Person of Peace. A Person of Peace will:

1. ***Receive the messenger***. She received Jesus, the messenger. He came with the gospel, and she showed Him hospitality. She had the conversation with Him. She gave Him water.
2. ***Receive the message.*** A Person of Peace will receive the message. This woman heard the gospel, and she responded with faith. That led to change. The Person of Peace is somebody who hears and responds to the gospel. If you're going to find the Person of Peace, you have got to get to the gospel.
3. ***Receive the mission.*** This woman took the gospel back to her village. Using her own testimony, she pointed many from that town to Jesus. They received Him based on this woman's testimony.

What are the three characteristics of a Person of Peace?

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So a Person of Peace will receive the messenger with hospitality, will receive the message of the gospel, and will receive the mission. ***God will use them to bring His message to that town, or to that village***. They are the God-prepared person that God has, and wants to use to reach that community.

Why are we looking for a Person of Peace?

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So as we consider your Target Area, and NoPlaceLeft, we need to remember ***that there are God-prepared people who are just waiting in the harvest***. Although they don't know that God values them and wants to use them in His plan, these are people that He wants to use to reach their community, their friends, their family. And they are just waiting to hear ***the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ***.

What do you need to remember when you consider your Target Area, and NoPlaceLeft?

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What are they waiting to hear?

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Before we move on, the Bible has several examples of a Person of Peace. In addition to The Woman at the Well, in John 4, we will look at seven more examples below. Remember a Person of Peace meets three characteristics. Examples include the following:

Jesus Showed How To Do It:

1. Zachius—Luke 19
2. The Demoniac—Mark 5
3. Levi—Mark 2
4. Woman at well—John 4

Disciples Followed Jesus Example:

5. Cornelius—Acts 10
6. The Jailer—Acts 16
7. Lydia—Acts 16
8. Ethiopian—Acts 8

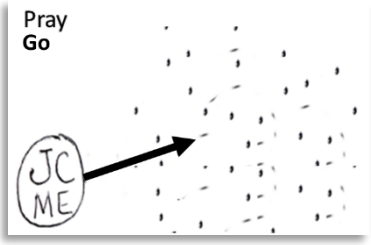
There are four basic steps to finding a Person of Peace. The tool that you use to achieve this part of your mission is called House of Peace Map. Look at the following four steps and practice drawing and explaining it on a piece of paper.

1. In Luke 10:1-2, Jesus commands us to Pray. Notice, He does not tell us to pray for the harvest. The people in the community are the harvest. Regardless what we think, Jesus says the harvest is "great." The problem is that nobody wants to labor in the harvest. Therefore, we must pray for the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest.



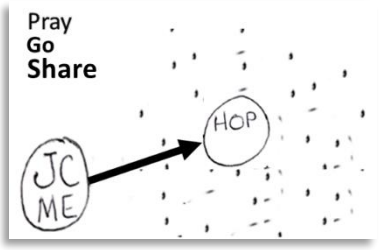
   - On a sheet of paper write the word Pray and down below draw a circle with JC/Me in it. The circle symbolizes Jesus Christ in you. Now draw some dots out to the right. The dots are the community of people where you are going to find a Person of Peace.

2. In Luke 10:3-4, Jesus commands you to Go into the community (harvest). He gives a warning that it can be dangerous. He says not to take anything. The reason is because God will provide everything you need in the harvest. He also says not to greet anyone. In other words, He does not want you to get distracted from the mission.



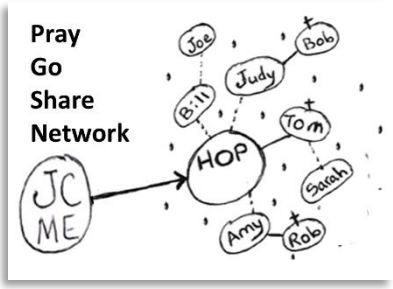
   - Write the word Go and draw an arrow from your circle into the harvest.

3. In Luke 10:5-8, Jesus commands you to search for a Person of Peace and build a relationship with them. He instructs you to say "Peace to this house." That means, instead of arguing about religious differences or condemning them, you are to conduct yourself in a gracious manner so that you are sharing a message about peace in a peaceful manner. When you Share the gospel in this manner, if a Person of Peace is there, then you will make a friend.



   - Write the word Share, and at the tip of the arrow, turn one of the dots into a big circle. Inside the circle write HOP. Congratulations, you found a Person of Peace!

4. In Luke 10:9, Jesus commands you to heal the sick and tell them about the Kingdom of God. You must believe God wants to show His love and power by healing them. God can heal them of various kinds of sickness: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. After God moves in their life, they will invite everyone they know to come learn about Jesus. You must be intentional about trying to meet their entire Network of family and friends. You will become their teacher and the HOP will become a house church. This is your House of Peace Map.



- Write the word Network and draw a lot of circles connecting to the HOP. These other circles are the people coming to learn about God.

YOUR OIKOS:

Now let's say that you are not going to a new and different community. Instead, you are going to do missions in and around your own community. In this case, look at yourself as the Person of Peace who has already experience the love and power of God. Look at your location as the House of Peace. Who are all the people in your network?

The Greek word "*Oikos*" in the Bible means "***household***". In biblical times, the word household included more than just the people who lived together under one roof. Your Oikos includes your ***circle of influence, such as family, friends, coworkers, servants, and neighbors, or relational network*** (Acts 11:14; 16:31). As ambassadors of Christ, God wants us to show ***His love and share the gospel*** with everyone in our *Oikos*.

What does the word *Oikos* mean in the Bible?

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What does your *Oikos* include?

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What does God want us to show and share with everyone in our *Oikos*?

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You're about to learn how to draw and expand your personal *Oikos*. We are just considering, "Who are the people in your life that God wants you to reach out to?" This is the best place to start making disciples. As a disciple of Christ, the center of your *Oikos* is a circle that says ***JC and Me.*** The remainder of your *Oikos* should focus on ***the people in your circle of influence who you are in contact with***. These people may include your family, friends, room-mates, neighbors, coworkers, etc.

Think about the people you know. Who are some people in your life who claim to be Christians? Also, who are some of the people in your life who are far from God? In order to put someone in your *Oikos*, you should have ***enough influence with them that you can ask them to share their opinion on a verse of Scripture with you, and they will***. The only kinds of circles in your *Oikos* are ***Disciples and Persons of Peace***.

As a disciple of Christ, what is at the center of your *Oikos*?

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What should the remainder of your *Oikos* focus on?

How much influence do you need to have with someone in order to put them in your *Oikos*?

What are the only two kinds of circles in your *Oikos*?

Disciples: A disciple is ***someone who has surrendered to Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior***. Draw ***a solid line*** from your circle to theirs, write their name in the circle and put a cross on the circle. **Example:** *I think about my family member, Josh. And my, neighbor Betty. Also a guy from work, Todd. As well as a buddy of mine from school, Jason.* (Go ahead and take some time to add some names of people in your life that claim to be Christians.)



What is a disciple?

What kind of line do you put with a disciple?

Person Of Peace: A Person of Peace is ***a man or woman who is not surrendered to Christ, but who is open and receptive to the Word of God***. The kind of line you draw for Person of Peace is ***a dotted line*** from your circle to theirs. Write their name in the circle, and ***do not put a cross on it***. However, when they surrender to Christ, ***trace over the dotted line to make it solid and place a cross next to their name***. **Example:** *I think about my family member, Tom. My neighbor Rick. A guy from work named Kevin. A buddy of mine from school named Steve. Considering my hobbies, there is a guy named Jon.* (Go ahead and take some time to add some names of people in your life that are far from God.)



What is a Person of Peace?

What kind of line do you put with a Person of Peace?

Can you put a cross with a name that has a dotted line?

What do you do when a Person of Peace surrenders to Christ as their personal Lord and Savior?

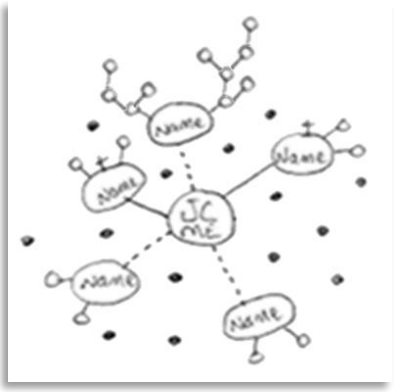


Nations: The dots in your *Oikos* represent the "nations." We do not have influence with the dots. The nations are people from different ethnic groups. Some are already disciples and some are People of Peace, but some may not be

interested in Jesus at all. ***When you meet someone and develop a bit of influence with them***, turn the dot into a circle and add them to your *Oikos*.

When does a dot become a circle?

Generations: Now open your Bible and read John 17. We see in this chapter that Jesus was praying for His disciples. Specifically in v.20, He prays ***for those whom His disciples will reach. We see here that Jesus prayed for generations***. He was praying for movement. So we want to pray for generations, starting with the people in our life.



We see from Scripture that Jesus expects us to impact generations, because He prayed for it. We are able to map out generations of people with our *Oikos*. Draw smaller circles extending from the Disciples and Person of Peace showing that they have their own circles of influence. **Example:** *I think of my family member Josh, and his wife Amie who are Christians. Also my, neighbor Jay and his sister Melissa, who are also Christians. I also think of my family member, Tom and his girlfriend Dana who are far from God. Tom's brother Ray who is far from God. Ray's sister, Sara who is far from God. Also, Dana's brother Robby who is far from God. And Robby's buddy Jeff.*

You can see from this simple example, we are able to map out many generations of people who God has placed in our lives. (Go ahead and take some time, and ask the Holy Spirit to make a map of people in your life, who God wants to reach with His love.)

Who do we see Jesus praying for in John 17:20?

Prayer Strategy: What we have created here with our *Oikos*, is a prayer strategy. This is a Prayer Map. If you want to see NoPlaceLeft in your Target Area, you start by seeing NoPlaceLeft in your *Oikos*. We should enter into our prayer closets and pray for all people in three ways:



1. **<u>Stir</u>**: We pray ***for God to stir up His Holy Spirit in disciples***. We ask this so they, and us, will have boldness to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with unbelievers (Matthew 9:35-39; Luke 6:2).
2. **<u>Cultivate</u>**: We pray for the people with dotted lines to their names by asking for God to ***cultivate the soil of their hearts***. We ask this so the seed of the Gospel will fall on good soil and produce much fruit (Luke 8:4-15).
3. **<u>POP</u>**: We pray for the dots by ***asking for God to put us in the path of a Person of Peace*** so God can use us to influence them toward Christ (John 6:37,44). Jesus commands his disciples to seek the "Person of Peace" (Luke 10:5-6).

How do you pray for the people with crosses by their names?

How do you pray for the people with dotted lines?

How do we pray for the Dots?

Will you commit to praying for these people, and looking for opportunities to share the gospel with them? Pray that God will ignite a movement through the people in your life so that you can see NoPlaceLeft—starting with your *Oikos*?

HOP/Oikos: In the following lessons we will use the term HOP/Oikos. This refers to either your ***House of Peace Map and/or your personal Oikos***. Keep these terms and their meanings in mind as you study and apply future lessons.

What does HOP/Oikos refer to?

When all the network of people gather at your House of Peace, some of them may not be saved. Encourage them to join together on a weekly basis to learn more about Jesus. At every meeting ***share your Testimony, or 3-Cricles and one Story of Hope***. As you continue doing this, many of them will come to faith in Christ over time. You will learn how to do this in Lessons #5, #6, and #8.

What should you do at every weekly meeting?

LESSON 4: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to stir His Spirit inside of you to go out and find a Person of Peace.
Memorize — Draw your House of Peace Map on a sheet of paper.
G.O.A.L. — Go out to find one new Person of Peace to add to your House of Peace Map.

LESSON 5: GOSPEL STRATEGY – TESTIMONY

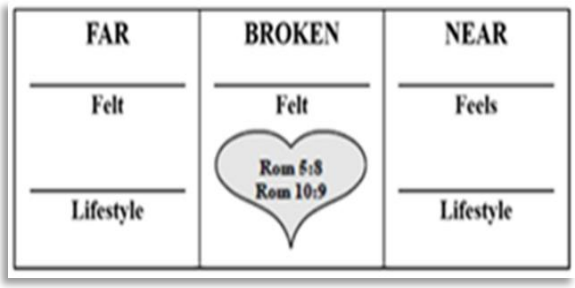
Look Back: In lesson 4, we learned about the House of Peace Map. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to share Your Testimony about what Jesus has done in your life.

Now we are going help you develop an answer to the question, "What do we say?" We are going to develop skill using the first tool for sharing your testimony.

TESTIMONY:

We need to know how to tell people about how Jesus saved our lives. If you don't think it's possible to share your testimony ***in 2-minutes***, then set your timer and I will just model it for you.



There was a time in my life when I used to be an angry alcoholic. But that Lifestyle destroyed my family and I felt completely hopeless.

One day, I woke up under a bridge. On the ground next to me was a little pamphlet about Jesus. I read it and learned that even though I was a sinner, God loved me so much that He sent His Son to die for my sins so I could be forgiven. I believed it and got on my knees. I prayed for Jesus to become my Lord and Savior

Now that Christ is my Lord and Savior, I love people and have a healthy lifestyle. Would you like Jesus to become your Lord and Savior and have all your sins forgiven?

Your testimony should be broken into three parts: ***Far***, ***Broken***, and ***Near***. Far describes ***your life before you surrendered to Christ***. Broken describes ***your life when you surrendered to Christ***. Near describes ***your life since you have surrendered to Christ***.

How much time should it take to share Your Testimony?

What are the three-parts of Your Testimony?

What does the first-part describe?

What does the second-part describe?

What does the third-part describe?

Introduction: "***There was a time in my life when…***"



Far: Consider two words that describe your life before you chose to follow Jesus. The first word should describe ***how you felt***. The second word should describe ***what your lifestyle was like***. For me, it was angry and alcoholic. But you go ahead and think of your own words that describe your life. I know it can be hard. Just ask the Holy Spirit to give you two words that really summarize how your life use to be. **Example:** "*… I used to be an angry alcoholic*." (Write these two words in the box on the right, then go ahead and practice it up to this point two times with your buddy.)

What is a good way to introduce your testimony?

What should the first word describe?

What should the second word describe?

Broken: Now we want to talk about our brokenness and how we came to Jesus. Think of one word to describe how you felt in your brokenness. This word should describe ***how terrible you felt when you finally hit rock bottom*** before you cried out to God. In your mind, go back to the moment of your salvation and remember the emotions of that moment. I like to say that I was hopeless. **Example:** *"But that Lifestyle destroyed my family and I felt completely hopeless."* (Write this word in the box on the right, then go ahead and practice it up to this point two times with your buddy.)



What should you think about when you choose this word?

Heart: The gospel is the heart of your testimony. The Bible says that the gospel is the power of God. For your testimony to have the power of God, it must contain the gospel. No Gospel, no power. The gospel is summarized in two verses ***Romans 5:8 and 10:9.***

Romans 5:8 explains ***that you believed God loved you and Jesus died for you.*** Romans 10:9 explains ***that you responded to what you believed by praying and confessing Christ as your Lord***. Take these two verses and ***put them in your own words to describe yourself.*** Summarize how you came to believe the gospel and how you responded to it. Take some time and describe the details of that setting. In your mind, go back to the moment of your salvation and remember the emotions of that moment—let them be expressed on your face and in your voice. **Example:** "*One day, I woke up under a bridge. On the ground next to me was a little pamphlet about Jesus. I read it and learned that even though I was a sinner, God loved me so much that He sent His Son to die for my sins so I could be forgiven. I believed it and got on my knees. I prayed for Jesus to become my Lord and Savior.*" (Once you have got this in your own words, go ahead and practice up to this point two times with your buddy.)

What two verses summarize the gospel?

What does Romans 5:8 explain?

What does Romans 10:9 explain?

What do you do with these two verses?

Near: Now we are going to think of two words that describe your life now that you are near to and following Jesus. The first word should describe ***how good you feel now***. The second word should describe ***what your lifestyle is like now***. For me, it was love and healthy. **Example:** "*Now that Christ is my Lord and Savior, I love people and have a healthy lifestyle.*" (Write these two words in the box on the right, then go ahead and practice up to this point two times.)



What should the first word describe?

What should the second word describe?

Invitation: This is the last part, inviting them into the conversation. The purpose of the Invitation is ***to offer salvation***. If you do not offer salvation to others then this is not Good News for anyone else but you. Simply ask, "Would you like Jesus to become your Lord and Savior?…" If they say yes, ***lead them in the Prayer For Salvation*** (Lesson #9).

What is the purpose of the Invitation?

What should you do with them if they say yes?

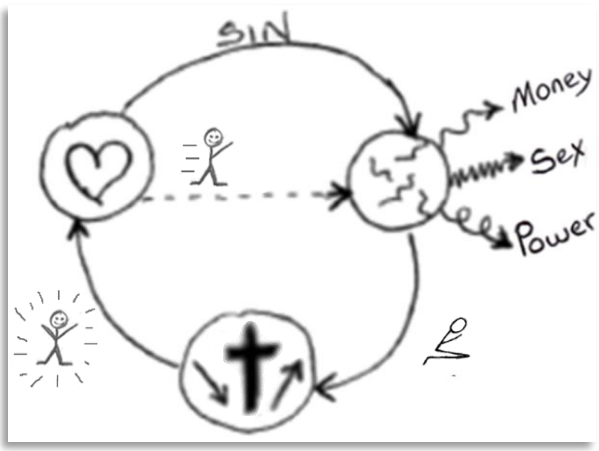
LESSON 5: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you learn to say your Testimony with the gospel of salvation in it.
Memorize — Spend this week practicing your testimony until you can say it naturally.
G.O.A.L. — Share your testimony with some people in your House of Peace Map.

LESSON 6: GOSPEL STRATEGY – 3-CIRCLES

Look Back: In lesson 5, we learned how to share our Testimony. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to use 3-Circles to share the gospel.



Now we are going to develop some skill at using the second tool for what to say, called the 3-Circles. This is a very powerful tool for achieving the Gospel Strategy. Now you will learn how to share your 2-minute testimony using the 3-Circles. The purpose of this simple tool is ***to gain someone's attention and present the gospel***. By drawing this illustration, you can help people ***see clearly where they are and what they need to do***. After you learn how to draw and explain the 3-circles, practice blending your own testimony into it. The entire presentation should take no longer than ***5 minutes***. Draw the circles as you explain them. Explain them one at a time, starting with Broken, then moving to God's Perfect Design, then finally Jesus.

What is the purpose of this simple tool?

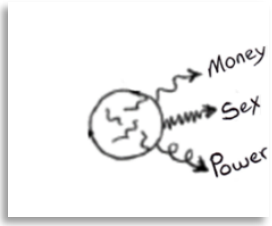
What two things do you want to happen as a result of drawing this illustration?

Combined with your testimony, how long should this entire presentation take?

Broken: [1st draw a broken circle.] **Explain:** We know that the world is broken ***because we can see in the news that crime and war are all over the world.***



[2nd draw crooked lines with the words Money, Sex, and Power.] **Explain:** It's not only the world that is broken. The people are broken. I tried to deal with the brokenness in my life ***by chasing after money, sex, and power.*** I tried to get as much as I could. But no matter how much I got, I only became more broken.*"*



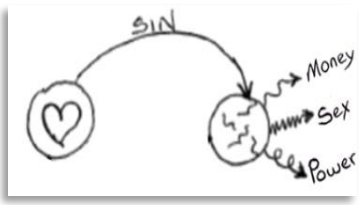
How do we know the world is broken?

How did you try to deal with your brokenness?

God's Love: [3rd draw a circle with a heart inside of it.] **Explain:** God did not originally plan it this way. God created us ***to be in a love relationship with Him.***



[4th draw the arrow connecting these two circles.] **Explain:** But we turned our back on God and did our own thing. That is called sin. And sin ***always leads to brokenness***.



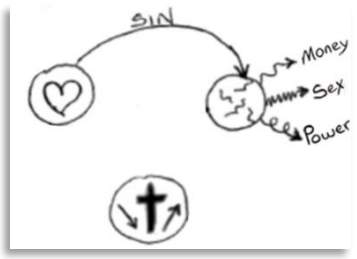
What was God's original plan for us?

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What does sin always lead to?

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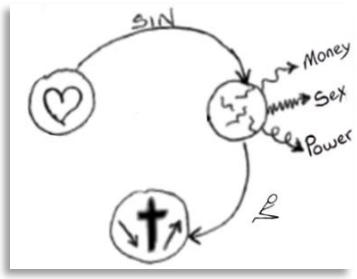
Jesus: [5th draw a circle and put a Cross with the two arrows inside of it.] **Explain:** But God loves us so much that He did not want to leave us in our brokenness. God sent His Son Jesus to come down from heaven. ***Jesus lived a perfect life and then died on the cross to pay for all our sins***. Then, Jesus rose from the dead and went back to heaven.



How did Jesus live and die?

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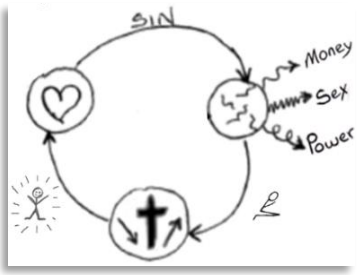
[6th draw the arrow from Broken to Jesus.] **Explain:** When we turn our broken lives over to Jesus as our Lord and Savior, ***God forgives all our sins and starts to heal our broken lives***.



What happens to us when we turn our broken lives over to Jesus as our Lord and Savior?

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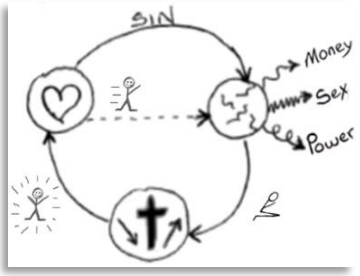
[7th draw an arrow connecting the last two circles.] **Explain:** As we follow Jesus, ***we grow as children of God and experience the love of God flowing into our lives***. Instead of a broken life, we enjoy God's purpose and plan for our lives.



What happens to us as we follow Jesus?

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Go: [8th draw a dotted line arrow from God's Love to the Broken World.] **Explain:** God loves broken people so much that He sends us to go back into the broken world ***to tell them about Jesus.***



What does God send us into the broken world to do?

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After you draw and explain the 3-Circles ask these questions:

1. ***Have you ever experienced brokenness in your life?***
2. ***Where are you at in this diagram?***
3. ***Where do you want to be?***
4. ***Do you want Jesus to become your Lord and Savior?***

What are the four questions?

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In response to the four questions above: If they reject you, the drawing, or try to argue, then they are not a Person of Peace. ***Do not press them, politely move on.***

In response to the four questions above: If they say they are in the broken circle, but they are not ready to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they are a yellow light. ***Build a relationship with them and start sharing Stories of Hope*** (Lesson #8).

In response to the four questions above: If they say they are in the broken circle, but they do want to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then ***lead them into the Prayer for Salvation*** (Lesson #9) ***and then Affirm them*** (Lesson #10)***.***

In response to the four questions above: If they say they are already with Jesus, God, or Going back to help others, ***then Affirm them*** (Lesson #10)***.***

What should you do if they reject you, the drawing, or try to argue?

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What should you do if they say they are in the broken circle, but they are not ready to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

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What should you do if they say they are in the broken circle but they do want Jesus to become their Lord and Savior?

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What should you do if they say they are already with Jesus, God, or Going back to help others?

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LESSON 6: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you learn to show people the 3-Circles.
Memorize — Spend this week practicing the 3-Circles until you can explain it naturally.
G.O.A.L. — Share the 3-Circles with some non-Christians in your House of Peace Map and with at least one stranger.

LESSON 7: GOSPEL STRATEGY – TRAFFIC LIGHT

Look Back: In lesson 6, we learned how to share 3-Circles. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn about the 4 Types of responses you can expect from sharing the Gospel with people.

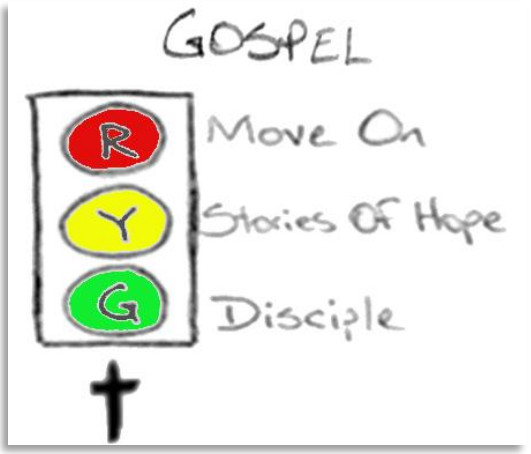
As an ambassador for Christ the most powerful thing God has entrusted to you is ***the power of the Gospel.*** You must learn to wield this power with skill. In this part of your training, you will have the privilege to go out and share Jesus with potential People of Peace. You must do two things to find a Person of Peace: ***pray for God to lead you to one and share your Testimony and/or 3-Circles with the people you encounter.*** When someone responds to your Testimony and/or 3-Circles with desire to receive Christ, your next steps are to lead them in the Prayer For Salvation (Lesson #9) and then Affirm them (Lesson #10).

What has God entrusted to you?

What two things must you do to find a Person of Peace?

GOSPEL RESPONSES:

As we are out, in the community sharing the gospel looking for people of peace, you are going to encounter ***four types of responses*** (Acts 17:32-34). Turn in your Bible to Acts 17:32-34. (While they're reading this, draw your stoplight.) We use a ***traffic light and a cross*** to illustrate 4 Types of responses.



Alright. What are the different responses that we see here in this passage, to the gospel? What is the first one? "*Some mocked*." That is a Red-light response. What was the second response? "*We would like to hear more about this.*" That is a Yellow-light response. And the last one? "*They repented and believed*." That is a Green-light response.

Let's go back. The Red-light, whether polite or rude, represents ***people who reject the Gospel***. The Yellow-light, "*we want to hear more*," represents ***People of Peace who are open to hearing more, but are not ready to surrender to Christ***. The Green-light represents ***people who desire to surrender to Christ*** as a result of hearing Your Testimony and/or 3-Circles. In our drawing, the Cross represents ***Christians you encounter as you share the gospel*** with people.

With these 4 Types of responses on your mind, look back at your HOP/*Oikos*. Everyone in your HOP/*Oikos* is going to have one of these four responses. How they respond will define how you are going to interact with them for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Take a careful look at the following action-steps.

What will you encounter when you share Your Testimony?

What symbols are used to illustrate these 4 Types of responses?

What do Red-lights represent?

What do Yellow-lights represent?

What do Green-lights represent?

What do Crosses represent?

Now the question is, "What is our response to them?"

Red-Light: When Christ sent His disciples to go find Persons of Peace, He explained that they would encounter opposition to the gospel (Matthew 10:14; Luke 10:11). When this happens, we are to ***move on*** and ***keep looking for a Person of Peace***, but you may ***pray for them*** because they are included in "praying for all men to come to the knowledge of truth and be saved" (1Timothy 2:1-8). ***Do not add red lights to your HOP/Oikos***.

What are your three action-steps when you encounter a Red-light?

Can you add a Red-light to your HOP/*Oikos*?

Yellow-Light: God is working in many people's lives drawing them to Christ (John 6:44). Yellow lights ***are Persons of Peace***. They are open and receptive to hearing about God. When you share your testimony you will find that some people do not reject the gospel, but are ***not ready to surrender to Christ as their personal Lord and Savior***. Often they will say things like, "I'm not ready yet, but one day I will be." ***Add this Person of Peace to your HOP/Oikos***.

When you shared your testimony, the seed of the gospel was planted on the soil of their heart. Now you are responsible to water that seed by doing Discovery Bible Studies (***start by sharing Stories of Hope*** in this training manual) with them. We are just getting them into the Scriptures. As you water that seed, pray for God to give the increase so that they will come to faith and be saved (1Corinthians 3:6-7).

Who are Yellow-lights?

How do you identify a Yellow-light?

Can you add a Yellow-light to your HOP/*Oikos*?

What is your action-step when you encounter a Yellow-light?

Green-Light: Sometimes when you share your testimony, people will respond by ***expressing desire to receive Christ as their personal Lord and Savior***. Immediately ***pray with them for their salvation*** (Lesson #9) and then ***Affirm them in their new identity*** (Lesson #10).

After you finish Affirming them, do three things: ***invite them to attend worship services, to join the local weekly Bible study, and introduce them to other disciples of Christ. Don't forget to add their name to your HOP/Oikos and pray for them regularly.***

How do you identify a Green-light?

What are your five action-steps when you encounter a "green light?"

Can you add a Green-light to your HOP/*Oikos*?

Cross: When you go out sharing the gospel, some people will respond to you by telling you that they also believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. When you meet them, ***Affirm them and invite them to join your training group***. Don't forget to ***add these believers to your HOP/Oikos***. Try to meet with them on a weekly basis.

What should you do to people who tell you they believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

What should you do with fellow Christians?

Can you add believers to your HOP/Oikos?

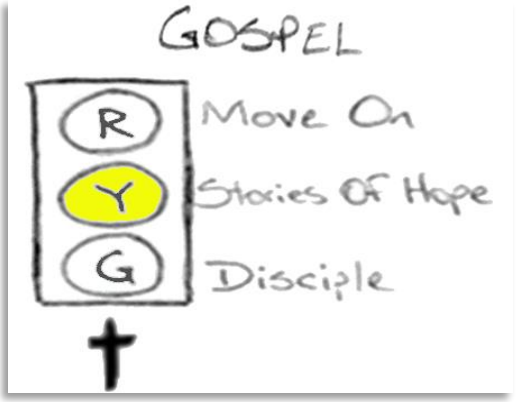
LESSON 7: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you learn to tell the difference between Red and Yellow lights.
Memorize — Spend this week practicing your Testimony and 3-Circles.
G.O.A.L. — Ask God to lead you to go find one new Person of Peace. Then go out and share your Testimony and 3-Circles with at least five strangers.

LESSON 8: GOSPEL STRATEGY – STORIES OF HOPE

Look Back: In lesson 7, we learned how people will respond to the gospel. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to share Stories of Hope that will lead people to trust Jesus for their salvation.



When you share your Testimony/3-Circles with someone, ***you are planting the seed of the gospel within the soil of their heart***. Sometimes they will give their life to Christ right then and there. If they don't give their life to Christ but they are interested in hearing more about Jesus, then they are a Person of Peace. And, as you know a Person of Peace is also called a Yellow Light.

What are you doing when you share your Testimony/3-Circles?

After planting the seed, you are responsible ***to water it and pray for God to give the growth***. Water the seed ***by building friendships and sharing stories of hope***. Building friendships is very important ***because, "nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care***." Love them and water the seed in their hearts.

What two things are you responsible to do after you plant a seed?

What two things do you do to water the seed?

Why is building friendships so important?

The Stories of Hope are a selection of stories that Jesus lived and taught. Between the time of the Crucifixion of Jesus and the writing of the first Gospel account of Christ ***there was a period of about 25 years***. During this time, followers of Christ advanced the Kingdom of God by sharing their testimonies and ***stories about how others came to Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and eternal life***. The Bible is full of these stories. Jesus knew that stories can stir people's hearts in ways mere facts do not. Over the ages, disciples have used these stories to water the seeds of the gospel.

How much time was there between the crucifixion of Jesus and the first Gospel account?

How did the followers of Christ advance the Kingdom of God before the Gospels were written?

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Five of the Stories of Hope are:

1. The Sinful Woman Forgiven. (Luke 7:36-50)
2. The Lost Son. (Luke 15:11-32)
3. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. (Luke 18:9-17)
4. The Conversion of Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-10)
5. The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus. (Luke 22:66-24:12)

When people hear these stories, three important things happen to them: ***the Word of God gets inside them, they reflect on the gospel that was sown in their hearts, and they begin to sympathize with a character in the story***. The word sympathy is very important for you to understand. This means ***one person can feel what another person is feeling***. It is very important for you to tell the Story of Hope in such a way that the person you are talking to can feel what it's like to be the person in the story who is coming to Christ ***because God wants them to feel hope in Christ for their salvation.***

What three things happen when someone hears a Story of Hope?

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What does the word sympathy mean?

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Why is it so important for you to tell the story so that a person can feel what its like to be the person coming to Jesus?

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God causes them to hope for three things: ***Hope for forgiveness of sins; Hope for a relationship with God; Hope for a new life in Christ***. Hope is extremely powerful. It causes people to put one foot after the other to move in the direction of what they hope to get.

What three things does God cause them to hope for?

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As you continue to water the seed of the gospel, you will notice changes in them. They will take steps in the direction of Christ. They may begin asking spiritual questions, praying, and reading the Bible. Eventually, their hope for Christ will become stronger than their love for sin. When this happens, ***they will turn to Christ and surrender to His Lordship over their lives***.

Do not try to memorize these stories word for word. You should know them ***well enough so that you can tell them in your own words with enthusiasm and emotion***. You will be surprised how easy they are to remember. The better you learn them and practice telling them, the more effective you will be at grabbing and holding other people's interest. Make sure you emphasize ***the points that correspond to the first three questions below***.

What happens when their hope for Christ becomes stronger than their love for sin?

How well should you know these stories?

What should you emphasize when telling a Story of Hope?

After telling the story, ask 5 questions:

1. ***Which character is most like you?***
2. ***What did this person hope to get from Jesus/God?***
3. ***How did Jesus/God treat this person when they came to Him?***
4. ***How do you think Jesus/God will treat you when you come to Him?***
5. ***Do you want Jesus to become your Lord and Savior now?***

What are the five questions you should ask after sharing the Stories of Hope?

Don't Forget: Every week when the people in your House of Peace join together, share your Testimony or 3-Circles and then share a new Story of Hope. Continue doing this and by the time you start the Level 2 Training Manual, ***you will be able to start a real New Testament Church!***

What will happen as a result of you doing this every week?

LESSON 8: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you learn to share Stories of Hope with people.
Memorize — Spend this week practicing a Story of Hope until you can say it naturally.
G.O.A.L. — Share your Testimony or 3-Circles with at least five strangers, and share a Story of Hope with half of the Yellow Lights in your House of Peace Map.

LESSON 9: GOSPEL STRATEGY – PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Look Back: In lesson 8, we learned how to share Stories of Hope. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

Look Up: In today's lesson you will learn how to lead someone in a prayer for salvation. Some people think it might be wrong to lead another person in prayer for salvation. For this reason, we will look at a Chapter of the Bible where we see Jesus teaching His disciples how to pray.

In the first verse of Luke 11, we see that John the Baptist and Jesus both taught their disciples how to pray: "It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.'" Jesus gave them a model prayer and then, in the same lesson on prayer, explained that people can pray to God for the Holy Spirit, which is necessary for salvation.

When someone responds to your Testimony/3-Circles or Story of Hope by saying they are ready to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior, you should reassure them they made the best decision of their life. Then grab their hands, tell them to close their eyes, bow their head and repeat after you. When you lead them in prayer, you must say it in short pieces so that they can remember what you said and repeat it. There is no one right way to do it. But the following prayer is very good.

1. Father God,
2. I confess I have sinned.
3. Please forgive me for my sins.
4. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins.
5. I believe He rose from the dead.
6. I surrender to Jesus as my Lord and Savior.
7. Please help me change my life.
8. I want to live for You.
9. Thank You for loving me.
10. I pray in Jesus name.
11. Amen.

LESSON 9: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you learn to lead people into a prayer for salvation.
Memorize — Spend this week practicing this Prayer for Salvation.
G.O.A.L. — Share your Testimony or 3-Circles with at least five strangers, and share a Story of Hope with all the rest of the Yellow Lights in your House of Peace Map.

LESSON 10: GOSPEL STRATEGY – AFFIRM

Look Back: In lesson 9, we learned how to lead someone in a Prayer for Salvation. **We also set a goal for last week. Describe your experience completing last week's GOAL.**

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Look Up: In today's lesson, we will learn how to show a Christian what their identity in Christ actually is. This is a very important step in discipleship because it helps establish a new believer in the Christian life. This step answers the inner questions that every new believer has: What just happened to me? What am I now? What am I supposed to do? Who am I now?

Mark Your Bible: Take out your Bible and open it to 2Corinthians 5:17-21. Mark these words either by underlining them or coloring them:

1. Verse 17, mark the words "new creature."
2. Verse 18, mark the words "gave us the ministry of reconciliation."
3. Verse 20, mark the words "ambassadors for Christ."

AFFIRMATION:

Immediately after you have prayed with them for their salvation, turn to 2Corinthians 5:17-21. As you read the passage, emphasize the words you marked. You should read it in such a way that they can read it silently as you read it out loud, sitting side by side.

1. **Exchange**: First, start with verse 21. Explain to them, "***In verse 21, we learn that Jesus was perfectly sinless, but when He hung on the cross, He took our sins upon Himself and gave His righteousness to us. This exchange is necessary because this is how God punishes sin, forgives sinners, and reconciles believers to Himself. When you gave your life to Jesus, this exchange happened between you and Christ.***"

   What do you explain in verse 21?

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2. **Identity**: Second, point to the words marked in verse 17. Explain to them because of the exchange, something great happened to them. Ask them, "***What are you now?***" They should tell you "I am a new creature." If they are a little shy, encourage them by saying, "Let me hear you say 'I am a new creature!'"

   What do you ask them in verse 17?

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3. **Responsibility**: Third, point to the words marked in verse 18. Ask them, "***What is the responsibility that God gave to you?***" Their answer should be, "The ministry of reconciliation." Explain the word reconciliation means two people who were in conflict are now at peace. Tell them they were in conflict with God, but because they surrendered to Christ as their Lord, they now have peace with God. Tell them, just like God used me to bring you to Christ, He will use you to bring others to Christ.

What do you ask them in verse 18?

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4. **Identity**: Fourth, point to the words marked in verse 20. Ask them, "***Who are you now?***" Their answer should be, "I am an ambassador for Christ." If they are a little shy, encourage them by saying, "Let me hear you say 'I am an ambassador for Christ!'" Explain to them that an ambassador is someone who represents the Kingdom of Jesus in this world.

   What do you ask them in verse 20?

BRING:

You have begun the discipleship process. Now you must continue helping the new believer follow Christ. You should do three things:

1. After you affirm someone, the first thing you should do is ***introduce them to other followers of Christ who will help them in their new life***. If there are other Christians nearby, make the introductions right away.

   What is the first thing you do after you Affirm a fellow believer?

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2. After you affirm someone the second thing you should do is ***invite them to church***. Tell them you will contact them about 30 minutes before church begins and pick them up to go with you. Then, make sure you follow up with them.

   What is the second thing you do after you Affirm a fellow believer?

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3. After you affirm someone the third thing you should do is ***invite them to your Bible study group***. Tell them you will contact them about 30 minutes before church begins and pick them up to go with you. Then, make sure you follow up with them.

   What is the third thing you do after you Affirm a fellow believer?

LESSON 10: LOOK FORWARD

Pray — Ask God to help you learn to Affirm fellow believers in their identity.
Memorize — Spend this week practicing how to do the Affirm.
G.O.A.L. — Share your Testimony or 3-Circles with at least five strangers, and share a Story of Hope with Yellow Lights in your House of Peace Map. Go to all the Believers in your House of Peace Map and Affirm them.

LEVEL 1 EXAM

There are five tools in the oral exam: Testimony, 3-Circles, Story of Hope, Prayer for Salvation, and Affirm. You must demonstrate each one of these tools within the allotted time and your demonstration must contain all six parts. If you go over the time or miss any parts you must retake the test.

TESTIMONY ~ TIME: _____ (90-SECONDS MAX)

_____ 1. **FAR**- Briefly described how they *felt* and their *lifestyle* when far from God.

_____ 2. **BROKEN**- Briefly described how it *felt* to be broken when they cried out to God.

_____ 3. **HEART**- (Rom 5:8) Explained the gospel that God loves them and Jesus died for them.

_____ 4. **HEART**- (Rom 10:9) Explained their response to the Gospel by praying for salvation.

_____ 5. **NEAR**- Briefly described how it feels and what their lifestyle is like after being saved.

_____ 6. **BRIDGE OFFER**- Ended testimony by asking, "Would you like to be saved?"

3-CIRCLE ~ TIME: _____ (5-MINUTES MAX)

_____ 1. **DIAGRAM**- Drew the diagram correctly.

_____ 2. **DIAGRAM**- Explained the diagram correctly.

_____ 3. **QUESTION #1**- "Have you experienced brokenness in your life?"

_____ 4. **QUESTION #2**- "Where are you in this picture?"

_____ 5. **QUESTION #3**- "Where would you like to be?"

_____ 6. **QUESTION #4**- "Would you like to take that step now?"

STORY OF HOPE ~ TIME: _____ (5-MINUTES MAX)

_____ 1. **STORY**- Explained the entire story without forgetting any major parts.

_____ 2. **QUESTION #1**- "Which one of these three people is most like you?"

_____ 3. **QUESTION #2**- "What did she hope to get from Jesus?"

_____ 4. **QUESTION #3**- "How did Jesus treat her when she came to Him?"

_____ 5. **QUESTION #4**- "How do you think Jesus will treat you when you come to Him?"

_____ 6. **QUESTION #5**- "Do you want to come to Jesus now?"

PRAYER FOR SALVATION ~ TIME: _____ (2-MINUTES)

_____ 1. **LEAD**- Grabbed their hands and said, "Close your eyes and repeat after me."

_____ 2. **CONFESSION**- "I'm a sinner."

_____ 3. **PROFESSION**-"I believe Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead for my sins."

_____ 4. **REQUEST**- "Please forgive me."

_____ 5. **SURRENDER**- "I surrender to the Lord Jesus."

_____ 6. **THANKSGIVING**- "Thank you for loving me."

AFFIRM ~ TIME: _____ (5-MINUTES MAX)

_____ 1. **READ**- out loud 2Cor 5:17-21.

_____ 2. **EXCHANGE**- Explained the exchange in v. 21.

_____ 3. **QUESTION #1**- Pointed to v. 17 and asked, "What are you now?"

_____ 4. **QUESTION #2**- Pointed to v. 18 and asked, "What is the responsibility God gave you?"

_____ 5. **QUESTION #3**- Pointed to v. 20 and asked, "Who are you now?"

_____ 6. **BRING**: Invited- to Bible study, Church, and introduced to other believers.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

CONGRATULATIONS!

You completed Level 1 Missionary Training.

BEFORE TAKING LEVEL 2 TRAINING, YOU MUST:

1. …lead at least one person to Christ, and
2. …start at least one House of Peace, and
3. …be meeting with several people at the House of Peace on a weekly basis, and
4. …be sharing your Testimony and/or 3-Cirlces at the weekly meetings, and
5. …be sharing a different Story of Hope at each weekly meeting.

If you are not doing these things, then you will not be able to fulfill any of the Level 2 Training assignments. But, if you are doing these things, then you will be ready to start the Level 2 Training Manual, and you will be able to start a real New Testament Church!

LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. CHANGE THE WORLD!

We believe
God is transforming this into a place
where the Kingdom of God
is growing like the mustard seed
that becomes a large tree
(Matt 13:31-32).

We believe
this culture will be known
by its love for God
and love for others
(Matt 22:37-40).

We believe
this will become a training ground
where thousands of Disciples
are equipped to serve as ambassadors
who advance the Kingdom of God
wherever they go from here
(2Cor 5:17-21).