

PARTICIPANT'S NOTES



A PROCESS TO EQUIP PEOPLE TO INITIATE, BUILD AND MULTIPLY THE LOCAL CHURCH, FAITH COMMUNITIES & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS, SO THAT EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS HAS A PLACE FOR CONNECTION, GROWTH AND EQUIPPING. THIS IS VITAL FOR THE VISION OF EVERYONE KNOWING SOMEONE WHO TRULY FOLLOWS JESUS.

PURSUE

Foundations for Growth

[As we mature in Christ, we discover that God has done two things that require a response. First, He has called us to Himself. Second, He has called us to others in order to help believers in these two callings and to help non-believers in coming to these two callings (see Matthew 22:37-40, Mark 3:14). This part of our life with God (helping non-believers discover these two callings) is what Paul describes as the Ambassadorial role. So, within the "job description" of any believer or church, three major categories exist: personal growth, evangelism, and discipleship.]





Praise

Read **Psalm 118:28**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are ways God has been faithful to you this past week?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **John 10:22-30**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

On the cross Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life as a sacrifice for your sins. As one of his sheep, he wants you to know that you have eternal life and you will never perish. You are safe in his hands and no one, including Satan himself, can snatch you away.



Preparing

- Read **1 John 5:11-13**.

Pursuing

- Who are the people from your friends, relatives, or co-workers that need to hear about Jesus? Write down their name and start praying for them.
- Perhaps this story from John 10 would be good to share with someone this week.
- Use [Next Step Goals](#) sheet and “I will by when” statements to write down your goals. Then, share your goals with the group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s applications/goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful to what we are learning and use us to help others.

In Your Time With God

- Consider [reading](#) or [listening](#) to **Transferable Concept #1: How You Can Be Sure You Are A Christian** and discussing it with another group member.



Praise

Read **Psalm 48:9** and **Psalm 30:10-12**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Luke 15:11-24**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Our heavenly Father is willing to forgive the sins of His children. Our sin does not change the fact that God is our Father. But sin does have consequences and it does affect our fellowship with God. **1 John 1:9** assures us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all wickedness.”



Preparing

- Continue to pray for those you know that do not yet know Jesus.
- Understanding Oikos Network Mapping - watch the [video](#).
- Download [GodTools App](#)

Pursuing

- Create your own [Oikos Network List](#) by writing down the names of those with whom you can begin to pray for, show care to, and eventually share about Jesus.
- Write “I will by when” statements on your [Next Step Goals](#) sheet and share with your group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s applications/goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful to what we are learning and use us to help others.

In Your Time With God

- Consider [reading](#) or [listening](#) to **Transferable Concept #2: How You Can Experience God’s Love and Forgiveness** and discussing it with another group member.



Praise

Read **Psalm 66:4**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Though all Christians have the Spirit living in them, not all Christians are directed and empowered by the Spirit. When we trust in our own efforts or take control of our lives, the Bible calls us carnal and we don't experience an abundant or fruitful life. Read **Galatians 5:22-24**. We can use 3 circles to help us remember the 3 types of people described in 1 Corinthians (draw the 3 circles). See [Satisfied](#) booklet, page 7 for 3 circles diagram.



Preparing

- Go through the [Satisfied](#) booklet. (It is also in the [GodTools App](#))
- **The Spiritual Breathing principle**
 - Exhale – 1 John 1:9 confess our sins, agree to change our attitude or actions
 - Inhale – surrender control of your life to Christ
- Let's ask God to fill and empower us with the Holy Spirit. (See page 12 of Satisfied booklet)
- Practice drawing the 3 circles and teaching the Spiritual Breathing principle.

Pursuing

- Who might you initiate with to share what you have learned about the Holy Spirit or share about Jesus?
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and tell them to your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone's applications/goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful to what we are learning and use us to help others.

In Your Time With God

- Consider [reading](#) or [listening](#) to **Transferable Concept #3: How you can be filled with the Holy Spirit** and discussing it with another group member.



Praise

Read **Psalm 29:2**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Acts 8:25-40**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

In **Matt. 3:13-17**, Jesus was baptized and modeled it to His followers. Ever since the time of Christ, everyone who begins to follow Him has made this commitment. Being baptized shows others He changed our lives and symbolizes our identification with the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:4-5). Jesus gave us a mission of going, baptizing & teaching others (Matthew 28:18-20). Each week we discuss our mission to help us prepare for it.



Preparing

- Learn [Gospel on a Napkin](#) using this text with a video [link](#) as well.
- The [PPT](#) of Gospel on a Napkin will help, too. (*This will take some practice.*)
- Practice starting a conversation and sharing about Jesus.
- What to do [when someone says YES to Jesus](#).

Pursuing

- Review and update your [Oikos Network List](#).
- Write “I will by when” statements on your [Next Step Goal](#) sheet and tell them to your group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s applications/goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful to what we are learning and use us to help others.

In Your Time With God

- Watch another version of [Gospel on a Napkin](#)



Praise

Read **Revelation 7:12**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement

Context

Read

- **Luke 24:36-49**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, **Romans 10:17** and **Hebrews 4:12** to highlight truths about God’s Word. Reading the Bible each day is an important part of getting to know Jesus.

Preparing

- Make a commitment to read at least one chapter from the Word of God each day, beginning with the Gospel of John.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach you through His Word as you read the chapter and then answer three questions:
 - What is this passage about?
 - How can I apply it?
 - Who can I help using this passage?
- Meditate on what the Holy Spirit has taught about the meaning of this passage.

Pursuing

- Consider people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you could tell this week’s story or share about Jesus.
- Write “I will by when” statements on your [Next Step Goal](#) sheet and tell them to your group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s applications/goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful to what we are learning and use us to help others.

In Your Time With God

- If you are not yet in the habit, why not begin reading the Bible on a daily basis.



Praise

Read **Psalm 100:2**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Luke 11:1-13**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Prayer is simply talking to our heavenly Father. We can use these 4 points to summarize what Jesus taught:

Praise Him and keep Him the center;

Request what you need from Him;

Acknowledge your sins;

Yield your life to His will and to His Kingdom.

We can be confident that He hears us and that His heart is to give us good things.



Preparing

- Practice praying using the 4 points of the summary.
- Practice sharing any previous lesson.

Pursuing

- Consider people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you will tell the story or share about Jesus this week.
- Write “I will by when” statements on your [Next Step Goals](#) sheet and tell them to your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s applications/goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful to what we are learning and use us to help others.

In Your Time With God

- Consider [reading](#) or [listening](#) to **Transferable Concept #9: *How to Pray*** and discussing it with another group member.



Praise

Read **Psalm 16:7-11**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

- Read **John 14:16-21, 25, 26**.

Read

- **John 15:1-11**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Without Jesus, we cannot do anything. We can only have a fruitful life when we depend on and remain in Him. This happens as we submit in obedience to His ways, allowing his life to flow in and through us so that we can bear fruit for the glory of God. In other words, we need to let the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, direct and empower our lives by faith. Imagine what a community of people abiding in Christ would look like and could do in our city!



Preparing

- Review the principles of Spiritual Breathing from FBS #3, “[Keeping in Step with the Spirit](#)”.
- Practice any skill or topic from previous lessons as needed.

Pursuing

- Consider people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you could tell this week’s story or share about Jesus.
- Write “[I will by when](#)” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers - to bear fruit through us.

In Your Time With God

- Consider [reading](#) or [listening](#) to **Transferable Concept #4: *How to Walk in the Spirit*** and discussing it with another group member.



Praise

Read **Psalm 33:1-5**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Luke 18:35-43**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Jesus has great compassion for people! He asked the blind man an amazing question, “*What do you want me to do for you?*”, then met the man’s needs. As followers of Jesus, we take the initiative to show compassion for people in the power of the Spirit by asking people the Amazing Question: Let them (the person you’re asking) know that you believe in the power of prayer, and will be praying for them, regarding how they would answer Jesus’ amazing question. Also consider ways you might care for them in practical ways.



Preparing

- Read [Supplement FBS #8 Amazing Question](#) (in Appendix).
- Practice telling the story and using the *Amazing Question*. Include practice on transitioning a conversation to the story.

Pursuing

- Identify a few people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you can pray and care for using the *Amazing Question*.
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers - to bear fruit through us.



Praise

Read **Romans 11:33-36**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Luke 8:4-15**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Jesus sent out his followers to do the same things he had been doing: praying for people, caring for their needs and sharing about the Kingdom (see **Luke 10:1-11**). This can be summarized as Prayer, Care, Share. He multiplied himself by training and sending out new workers. A Person of Peace will receive you and your message. [God-Prepared People](#) will open new networks of people to the gospel through their relational networks (see Bible verses **In Your Time With God** section).



Preparing

- Review using the *Amazing Question* and caring for others.
- Practice any skill or topic from previous lessons as needed.

Pursuing

- Identify a few people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you could take the initiative to care for this week.
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone's goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.

In Your Time With God

- Study the following examples of [God-Prepared People](#) and discuss with another group member: Luke 19:1-10, Mark 5:14-20, John 4:1-42, Acts 16:13-15.



Praise

Read **Psalm 66:1-4**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Acts 22:1-21**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Paul's story (testimony) can be summarized in 3 parts:

- his life before meeting Christ,
- how he met Christ, and
- his life after meeting Christ.

This pattern is still an effective way to tell others what Jesus has done in our lives. Our stories are a powerful witness of the benefits of knowing the Lord.



Preparing

- Listen to one person's story (3-minute story / testimony). What caught your attention?
- Use the worksheet “[Sharing Your Personal Story](#)” to begin writing your story.
- Practice sharing your story with a partner.

Pursuing

- Identify people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you could take the initiative to minister to this week.
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone's goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.

In Your Time With God

- Continue writing “[Sharing Your Personal Story](#),” asking God to help you be a great communicator.

Directions: Using the two or three sentences in each of the sections below, expand your story with three parts (we suggest using 300-500 words maximum): 1) your life before Jesus, 2) how you met Jesus with a brief explanation of the Gospel, 3) your life after meeting Jesus. Make sure to use as few religious sounding words as possible unless you explain what they mean.

My Life Before Christ

2 words about your life before Jesus

2 to 3 sentences about your life before Jesus - make sure you utilize your 2 words

How I Came to Christ

2 to 3 sentences about how you came to know Jesus

My Life After Coming to Christ

2 words about your life after Jesus

2 to 3 sentences about your life after coming to know Jesus - - make sure you utilize your 2 words



Praise

Read **Psalm 95:1-7**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement

Context

Read

- **Acts 1:1-8**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

To follow Jesus means that we will obey His command to be His witnesses. But we can only do what is needed with the help of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Only as He empowers us, can we be effective witnesses. God's desire is that we witness to everyone--those like us and those not like us; those near to us and those who live all over the world.

Preparing

- *Success in witnessing is simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.* (Agree/Disagree. Why?)
- Review the Spiritual Breathing principle.
- Pray to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Pursuing

- Identify a few people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you could take the initiative to minister to this week.
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and share with your small group.
- Make plans to attend, if you've not already, a [Changing Face of Evangelism](#) training.

Praying

- Commit everyone's goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.

In Your Time With God

- Consider [reading](#) or [listening](#) to **Transferable Concept #5: *How you can be a fruitful witness*** and discussing it with another group member.



Praise

Read **Psalm 9:1-2**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Acts 10:24-35**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

God-prepared People will open up their relational networks. We can share the gospel with individual people, but we need to also look for opportunities to follow open doors to share with the friends and family of God Prepared People. Other examples of the gospel spreading through relationships are Lydia (Acts 16:14-15), the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:30-33) and Matthew the tax collector (Matthew 9:9-10).



Preparing

- Brainstorm how you could set up a missional event with a God-Prepared Person (in a home, coffeehouse, church, park, etc.).
- Discuss: Topic? Ideas? How to invite and set up?
- Discuss how to ask the God-Prepared Person to co-host the event with you.
- Discuss how to use Explorer Tools like Story of the Soul, and JESUS Film clips to have spiritual discussions.
- Discuss The Sometime Strategy and who might you meet with over a cup of coffee.
- Discuss how to follow up with those who put their faith in Christ.

Pursuing

- Identify at least one God-Prepared Person that you could partner with to co-host an outreach-event.
- Identify a few people from your Oikos Network List with whom you could take the initiative to reach out to this week.
- Write “I will by when” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit our goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.



Praise

Read **Psalm 100**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement

Context

Read

- **Acts 2:41-47**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Read **Matthew 16:18**. The Holy Spirit led the early believers to meet together regularly for worship, prayer, fellowship, study of God’s word, loving one another, and reaching out to those who did not yet know Christ. In every location of the book of Acts, people became followers of Christ and they made this same commitment to one another. This is a description of a local church.

Preparing

- Use the [Acts 2 Diagnostic Tool](#) and discuss the health of your current church.

Pursuing

- Consider a few people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you could take the initiative to minister to this week.
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone’s goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.



Praise

Read **Matthew 10:29-31**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Luke 22:14-20**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Jesus modeled to His followers a way to remember His sacrificial death on the cross. The bread represents His body that was broken for us. The drink represents His blood that was shed for us and opened a new way to relate to God. He also commanded them to keep practicing it. In 1 Corinthians 11:23-30, we see that as Paul started new churches, he taught all new believers how to obey Jesus' command.



Preparing

- Practice the Lord's supper.
 - Read **1 Corinthians 11:23-30**.
 - Take time to confess your sins and talk to the Lord.
 - Take the bread, which represents His body that was broken for us. We will eat it together.
 - Take the drink, which represents His blood that was shed for us. We will drink it together.
 - Pray and thank the Lord for what He has done for us.

Pursuing

- Consider a few people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you will take the initiative to minister to this week.
- Write “[I will by when](#)” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone's goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.



Praise

Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Acts 4:32-37**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Summary

Even from the beginning of the church, the believers cared for one another's needs by giving. We learn from this story that we should give willingly, not under compulsion. This is clearly stated in 2 Corinthians 9:7. Read **Acts 11:27-29**. The early church also gave to believers in other churches. This shows us that our giving can be used for needs outside of our own church. Read **Luke 8:1-3**. This story shows us that giving is also used for taking the gospel to other places and spreading God's message. In 1 Corinthians 16:2, Paul encourages people to practice giving each week to be used for these purposes.



Preparing

- How is giving handled in your church?
- Identify needs where your giving can be used.
- Share with the group about a skill or topic from previous lessons that you would like to either practice or discuss further, so as to help prepare you to minister to others.

Pursuing

- Identify a few people from your [Oikos Network List](#) with whom you can take the initiative to minister to this week.
- Write “[I will by when](#)” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone's goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.



Praise

Read **Hebrews 13:14-15**.

Care

Choose one of the following to share about last week:

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?
- What would you ask from Jesus to do for you this week?

Celebrate Faithfulness

- What are you celebrating in terms of mission?
- What happened as you trusted God with your goals and “*I will by when*” statements?

Motivation and Encouragement



Context

Read

- **Luke 14:25-33**

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage??

Retell the Story

Summary

When we follow Christ, the benefits are eternal and beyond comparison: forgiveness of sins, salvation, and security in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. But being a disciple of Jesus will not make you exempt from pain and trials. Because we live in an evil world, following Christ will also bring you persecution and challenges. Anyone who desires to live a godly life in Jesus will be persecuted by others. But let's be encouraged by Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends. Read **1 Peter 4:12-16, 19**.



Preparing

- Practice any skill or topic from previous lessons to help prepare to minister to others.

Pursuing

- Identify a few people from your [*Oikos Network List*](#) with whom you will take the initiative to minister to this week.
- Write “*I will by when*” statements and share with your small group.

Praying

- Commit everyone's goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.

In Your Time With God

- Review all Pursue FBS 1-15 sessions and choose a resource you may have overlooked up until this time.

STORIES OF HOPE





Care

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What difficulties did you face this week?

Pray

- Jesus asks, "What would you have Me do for you?" (Luke 18:41)

Motivation and Encouragement

Read

- The Sinful Woman - Luke 7:36-50

Discovery Discussion

- What caught your attention and why?
- Who do you identify most with in the story?
- What can we learn about God or people?
- How can we live differently in light of this passage?

Retell the Story

Pursuing Jesus

- Why would you consider following Jesus?
- What holds you back from following Jesus?

Pray

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Pharisee & Tax Collector - Luke 18:9-17

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Resurrection – Luke 24:1-20

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Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

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Satisfied?

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Satisfaction: (n.) fulfillment of one's needs, longings, or desires

What words would you use to describe your current experience as a Christian?

Growing

Frustrated

Disappointing

Fulfilled

Forgiven

Stuck

Struggling

Joyful

Defeated

Exciting

Up and down

Empty

Discouraged

Duty

Intimate

Mediocre

Painful

Dynamic

Guilty

Vital

So-so

Others?

Do you desire more? Jesus said, *“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him”* (John 7:37, 38).

What did Jesus mean? John, the biblical author, went on to explain, *“By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified”* (John 7:39).

Jesus promised that God’s Holy Spirit would satisfy the thirst, or deepest longings, of all who believe in Jesus Christ. However, many Christians do not understand the Holy Spirit or how to experience Him in their daily lives.

—> *The following principles will help you understand and enjoy God’s Spirit.*

The Divine Gift

Divine: (adj.) given by God

God has given us His Spirit so that we can experience intimacy with Him and enjoy all He has for us.

The Holy Spirit is the source of our deepest satisfaction.

The Holy Spirit is God's permanent presence with us.

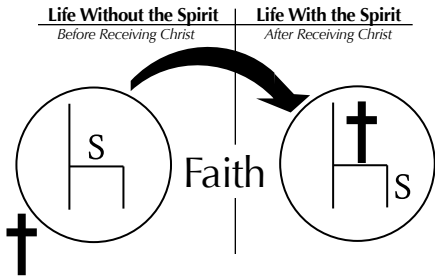
Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16, 17).

The Holy Spirit enables us to understand and experience all God has given us.

"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us" (1 Corinthians 2:12).

The Holy Spirit enables us to experience many things:

- **A genuine new spiritual life (John 3:1–8).**
- **The assurance of being a child of God (Romans 8:15, 16).**
- **The infinite love of God (Romans 5:5; Ephesians 3:18, 19).**



The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14).

The spiritual man makes judgments about all things... We have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:15, 16).

But those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit (Romans 8:5, NLT).

—>Why are many Christians not satisfied in their experience with God?

The Present Danger

Danger: (n.) a thing that may cause injury, loss, or pain

We cannot experience intimacy with God and enjoy all He has for us if we fail to depend on His Spirit.

People who trust in their own efforts and strength to live the Christian life will experience failure and frustration, as will those who live to please themselves rather than God.

We cannot live the Christian life in our own strength.

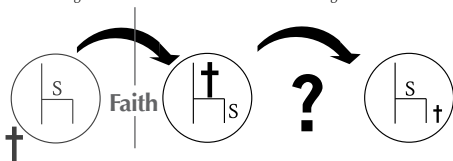
“Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?” (Galatians 3:3).

We cannot enjoy all God desires for us if we live by our self-centered desires.

“For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want” (Galatians 5:17).

Three Kinds of Lifestyles

A Self-centered Life	A Christ-centered Life	A Self-centered Life
Before Receiving Christ	After Receiving Christ	



“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual, but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?” (1 Corinthians 3:1–3).

—>How can we develop a lifestyle of depending on the Spirit?

The Intimate Journey

Journey: (n.) any course from
one experience to another

By walking in the Spirit we increasingly experience intimacy with God and enjoy all He has for us.

Walking in the Spirit moment by moment is a lifestyle. It is learning to depend upon the Holy Spirit for His abundant resources as a way of life.

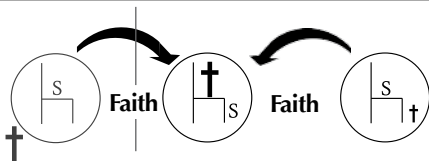
As we walk in the Spirit, we have the ability to live a life pleasing to God.

“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature...Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16, 25).

As we walk in the Spirit, we experience intimacy with God and all He has for us.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22, 23).

The Christ-centered Life



Faith (trust in God and His promises) is the only way a Christian can live by the Spirit.

Spiritual breathing is a powerful word picture which can help you experience moment-by-moment dependence upon the Spirit.

Exhale: Confess your sin the moment you become aware of it—agree with God concerning it and thank Him for His forgiveness, according to 1 John 1:9 and Hebrews 10:1–25. Confession requires repentance—a change in attitude and action.

Inhale: Surrender control of your life to Christ, and rely upon the Holy Spirit to fill you with His presence and power by faith, according to His **command** (Ephesians 5:18) and **promise** (1 John 5:14, 15).

—>***How does the Holy Spirit fill us with His power?***

The Empowering Presence

Empower: (v.) to give ability to

We are filled with the Spirit by faith, enabling us to experience intimacy with God and enjoy all He has for us.

The essence of the Christian life is what God does in and through us, not what we do for God. Christ's life is reproduced in the believer by the power of the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit is to be directed and empowered by Him.

By faith, we experience God's power through the Holy Spirit.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Ephesians 3:16, 17).

Three important questions to ask yourself:

1. Am I ready now to surrender control of my life to our Lord Jesus Christ? (Romans 12:1, 2)

2. Am I ready now to confess my sins?
(1 John 1:9) Sin grieves God's Spirit
(Ephesians 4:30). But God in His
love has forgiven all of your sins—past,
present, and future—because Christ
has died for you.
3. Do I sincerely desire to be directed and
empowered by the Holy Spirit?
(John 7:37–39)

**By faith claim the fullness of the Spirit according to
His command and promise:**

God COMMANDS us to be filled with the Spirit.

“...be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18).

God PROMISES He will always answer when we
pray according to His will.

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching
God: that if we ask anything according to his
will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears
us—whatever we ask—we know that we have
what we asked of him” (1 John 5:14, 15).*

—>How to pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit...

The Turning Point

Turning point: time when a
decisive change occurs

**We are filled with the Holy
Spirit by faith alone.**

Sincere prayer is one way of expressing our faith. The following is a suggested prayer:

Dear Father, I need You. I acknowledge that I have sinned against You by directing my own life. I thank You that You have forgiven my sins through Christ's death on the cross for me. I now invite Christ to again take His place on the throne of my life. Fill me with the Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled, and as You promised in Your Word that You would do if I asked in faith. I pray this in the name of Jesus. I now thank You for filling me with the Holy Spirit and directing my life.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If so, you can pray right now and trust God to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

How to know that you are filled by the Holy Spirit

- Did you ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit?
- Do you know that you are now filled with the Holy Spirit?
- On what authority? (On the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word: Hebrews 11:6; Romans 14:22, 23.)

As you continue to depend on God's Spirit moment by moment you will experience and enjoy intimacy with God and all He has for you—a truly rich and satisfying life.

An important reminder...

Do Not Depend on Feelings

The promise of God's Word, the Bible—not our feelings—is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. Flying in an airplane can illustrate the relationship among fact (God and His Word), faith (our trust in God and His Word), and feeling (the result of our faith and obedience) (John 14:21).

—> Continued on the next page . . .



To be transported by an airplane, we must place our faith in the trustworthiness of the aircraft and the pilot who flies it. Our feelings of confidence or fear do not affect the ability of the airplane to transport us, though they do affect how much we enjoy the trip. In the same way, we as Christians do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

Now That You are Filled with the Holy Spirit

Thank God that the Spirit will enable you:

- **To glorify Christ with your life (John 16:14).**
- **To grow in your understanding of God and His Word (1 Corinthians 2:14, 15).**
- **To live a life pleasing to God (Galatians 5:16–23).**

Remember the promise of Jesus:

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”
(Acts 1:8).*

If you would like additional resources on the Holy Spirit, please go to www.campuscrusade.org

If this booklet has been helpful to you, please share it with someone else.

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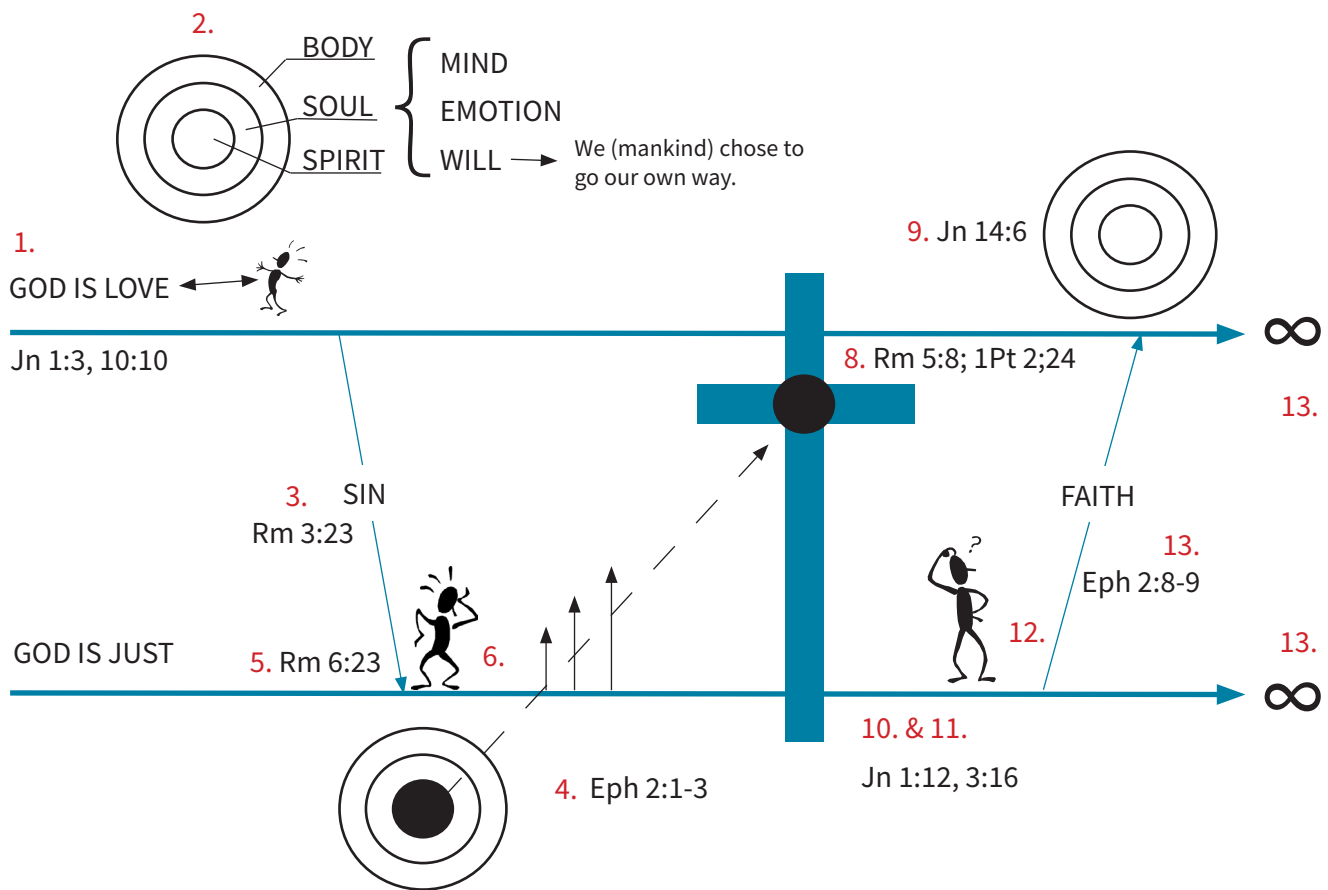
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Gospel on a Napkin



The Gospel on a Napkin

Let's go a bit deeper into the [Guide role](#). Being an effective guide involves two skills: knowing what the gospel is and how to share it well, along with your personal story of coming to Christ. In these next few minutes we will take the time to show how many share the gospel these days. In this example, we assume the conversation has progressed to a point – exercising the grace and wisdom of an Explorer – where now we can share the gospel openly. We call this the [gospel on a napkin](#). See the illustration/diagram in the Appendix that goes along with this.



WHAT TO SAY	WHAT TO DRAW & WRITE
1. “Here are a few things that show us what the Bible says about knowing God personally.” “God created mankind to know Him and have life abundantly in relationship with Him. He loves us. (Quote John 1:3, 10:10) He wants a relationship with us.”	In the upper left corner, write “God is love” with an arrow going across the page
2. “When he created us, he gave us body, soul and spirit.” “Our soul is our mind, will and emotions. Our spirit is where we find our meaning by being connected to God. Here we find our sense of purpose. We are meant to be whole by living in relationship with Him. Why are most people not experiencing an abundant life?” {Listen}	Draw circles and words as you explain in the middle of the page above the line you’ve drawn.
3. “As human beings, our soul set our minds on things independent from God (point to word: “mind”), and we longed for things (point to word: “emotions”) that God warned mankind against. We choose to go our own independent way and fellowship with God was broken” (point to word: “will”). Quote Romans 3:23.	
4. “Ephesians 2:1-3 says we have died spiritually. We are separated from the life God intended us to have – a thriving life, one of abundance, connected to Him.”	Color-in fully the circle called “spirit” with black ink – indicating man is dead spiritually.
5. “He is just and must correct what is unjust, what is wrong. There is a penalty for sin.” Quote Romans 6:23.	Draw a line down from the “God is love” line and write the word “sin” on it. Now, draw a stick figure of a man on a new line with an arrow across the page – a lower parallel line. On the left, next to the lower line, write “God is Just and Holy”.
6. “We try to recover the abundant life, knowing something is missing, by living a good life, taking adventures, being religious, philosophy, etc. But we cannot reach God or the abundant life because we have sinned.”	
7. “We need help. New life must be given to us (because we are dead spiritually).”	Draw new circles for body, soul, spirit and say (pointing to spirit):
8. Quote these verses: Romans 5:8 and 1Peter 2:24. As you draw a dark circle say: “Jesus died for our sins, taking our penalty on himself.”	Write “Romans 5:8” and “1 Peter 2:24” on the napkin between the two parallel lines. and draw a cross that intersects with both the top and bottom parallel lines (God is love and God is just and holy.) Draw a dark circle (representing sin and its penalty) on the center of the cross.



WHAT TO SAY	WHAT TO DRAW & WRITE
9. Quote John 14:6 and point to the inner circle (spirit), saying, “The life we need only Jesus can give us. Jesus is the WAY (to God), the TRUTH (He’s trustworthy) and the LIFE (exactly what we need to overcome our spiritual death). He rose from the dead showing his payment for our sin was enough.”	
10. Quote John 1:12.	
11. Quote John 3:16.	
12.	Draw a stick figure on the other side of the cross, a line going up to the God is love line, and the word faith on that line.
13. “God asks us to consider the consequences of our decision to receive Him by faith or not. We can know God’s love forever, receiving his gift of grace, knowing He died in our place to pay the penalty of our sin. Yet, we can, of course, pay for it ourselves and be separated from Him - and life – forever.” Quote Ephesians 2:8, 9.	Draw eternal symbol at the end of both parallel lines, saying,
14. “Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive us of our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of our will. You Can Receive Christ Right Now by Faith Through Prayer (prayer is talking with God). God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer: “Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.” If this is the desire of your heart, you can place your trust in Him – put your faith in Him and His work (death to forgive you, resurrection to give you new life).	



FBS Pursue #4 Supplement

When Someone Says Yes to Jesus and The Gospel

Remind them of the three things we need to do when someone says “yes” to the gospel.

1. Let them know that you want to help them grow in their new relationship with Jesus. Set up a time to start meeting with them for Bible study. Invite them to your church fellowship. As you follow the person up, help them to gain a vision for sharing their faith, albeit new faith in Christ and be intentional in it. Here is how you can motivate for this. Say, *“Builders keep lists: running tallies of lumber, lunch orders, roofing nails, and the like. A CoJourneyer does the same in their role as a Builder. We want to pray by name for those God has carefully placed in our life who don’t yet know Him. It’s a list we can always add to and update as we explore the lives of our friends and acquaintances.”*
2. Ask them, *“Who are some others that need to hear this?”* Encourage them to pray for those people regularly. Help them download *GodTools* or encourage using Gospel on a Napkin. **This is a VERY important step that allows us to see the multiplication of the gospel. We have learned that a Person of Peace is a person of relationship. They are excited and open to reach their network of family and friends with the good news. You are simply casting a vision for this from the very beginning of their new life in Christ.*
3. Pray for them before you leave.

The Amazing Question Stories

Below are stories using The Amazing Question. The question has been proven to be an effective “tool” that quickly identifies deep felt-needs while at the same time putting these same individuals on a path to resolving those deep felt-needs. (Passage from Luke 18:35-43)

Krystal the Server

A group of friends were dining at an Italian restaurant. There was a mixture of deep and jovial conversation throughout our dinner. Our server, Krystal, as she periodically came back to serve us, was kind, sanguine and conversational.

At the end of the dinner, I mentioned to her privately that we appreciated her service. I went on to say that we were all part of a faith-based, global community that focused on meaningful relationships, changed lives and giving people an opportunity to make a difference. She was intrigued. I went on to ask if I could share a true story of a huge difference made in someone's life. She was eager to hear it.

“The story is about when Jesus was approached by a blind man one day. On that day, the blind man heard the noise of a throng of people passing by. Bartimeaus, the blind man - after learning that the huge crowd was following Jesus - cried out to Him, ‘Jesus, Son of David. Have mercy on me.’

“And, Krystal, then Jesus turned around and asked Bartimeaus an amazing question - ‘What would you have me do for you?’ Bartimeaus said, ‘Lord, let me recover my sight.’ And Jesus healed him.

“I said, “If Jesus were to make a difference in your life, like He did that day, and He asked you, ‘Krystal, What would you have me do for you?’ What would you say? Whatever you say, I will pray for you.”

She was stunned, and began to open up. In five short minutes she mentioned her need to “get her life on track”. She mentioned that she used to have warm thoughts about God, but because her life was so hard she was mad at God, and knew it was wrong. She wanted to start over again with God but did not know how.

I gave her my card with my story on it (on our website [my-story.me here](https://www.my-story.me)), and my wife's business card, too (I'm in the habit of carrying them both for situations just like this). I also showed her a picture of my wife, and mentioned that “Sometime, we'd love to get a cup of coffee with you and hear about your journey. Would you be up for that?” She excitedly said yes.

We exchanged contact information. We've texted a few times, and hope to be meeting with her soon.

A 17 year-old high school student

As the Alice in Wonderland themed birthday party for my four year old granddaughter was finishing, I struck up a conversation with the 17 year old boy who welcomed young birthday revelers. He worked at a local shop. I asked him about his job, school, and friends. He asked me what I did. I told him about a project I was working on to test a method of telling stories to people in order to help them with a desire. And, then I asked if it would be okay to tell him one of these stories. He welcomed the interlude in his work of serving lemonade to children at the party. As I prepared to tell the story of Jesus going into Jericho and encountering the blind man, I decided to use my hands to help him follow the action and feel the implications. In fact, I wanted him to sense Jesus was the center of the conversation.

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." 42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Telling the story as best as possible from memory, I asked him to imagine the encounter to be physically very close. I brought my left hand up, semi-open to the eye level space between both of us. I wanted him to imagine Jesus at eye level between us. And then I brought the right hand up, again semi-open as I depicted the blind man approaching and coming close to Jesus. Both hands were semi-open, palms facing each other as Jesus asked the amazing question, "What do you want me to do for you?" After I finished telling the story, but still holding my hands between us, I went back to the question and the implications of it being open-ended. Obviously the response from a blind man saying, "Lord, let me recover my sight" was a reasonable answer. But he could have answered anything based on, "What do you want me to do for you?" As I asked the question the second time I paused to let the scene and the amazing question sink deeply into the young man's mind. "Isn't that an amazing question," I asked him as he nodded in thought. I then turned the left hand, the "Jesus hand" towards him and said, "If Jesus came to you and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?", what would you answer? He now was deep in thought and actually started quietly to express things out loud but putting a question after each thought..."Good grades?...Time with friends?" and then he had the answer he would tell Jesus, "I would ask for a tighter relationship with my father." I then pulled my left hand back from between us and told him what an amazing request that was. I told him that it

was so amazing that I would pray to Jesus and ask him to do just that. As we finished our brief time together he asked me if I had more stories like this. He encouraged me to try them out on him. I gave him MyStory and assured him I would.

In the next few days, I went on-line to FamilyLife ministry and found the topic of how to write a story to your parents. I printed out the heart of what to do, put it in an envelope, and I found the young man at work. I gave it to him and told him that as I was praying for him, this idea came to mind and I thought it might help him in his amazing request of Jesus. A few weeks later, I checked back and he had started to write a tribute to his father.

The 63 year-old and End-of-life Foundation She Started

As my flight was one-hour out of New York City from Minneapolis, I asked my seatmate on my left, Lynn, what she would be doing in New York and what she did. "Visiting her daughter," came back the answer to the first question and, "Run a foundation I started to help people who are terminally ill but would like to stay in their homes," came the answer to the second question. She asked what I did, and I told her in general terms what I had been doing in Eastern Europe for the last 33 years and then quickly added that I am now testing a method of telling a simple story to people that seems to help them. I then asked if I could tell it to her and she gave her assent. As I prepared to tell the story of Jesus going into Jericho and encountering the blind man, I decided to use my hands to help Lynn follow the action and feel the implications. In fact, I wanted Lynn to sense Jesus was the center of the conversation. It would be a bit difficult because she was to my left, but I knew it would be worth the effort.

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the response from a blind man saying, "Lord, let me recover my sight" was a reasonable answer. But he could have answered anything based on, "What do you want me to do for you?" As I asked the question the second time I paused to let the scene and the amazing question sink deeply into Lynn's mind as our plane made a large swing to come into JFK from the east. "Isn't that an amazing question," I asked her as she nodded in thought. I then turned the left hand, the "Jesus hand," towards Lynn and said, "Lynn, if Jesus came to you and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?", what would you answer? She was now deeply in thought and then she had the answer. She replied, "I would ask him for volunteers to help with my foundation." I then pulled my left hand back from between us and told her what an amazing request that was. I told her that it was so amazing that I would pray to Jesus and ask him to do just that. Pondering her answer and as the landing gear dropped down, I asked Lynn if she had gone to churches and asked the pastors to help her. She told me she hadn't. I encouraged her to try and tell the same story of Jesus going into Jericho and the request she had made to Jesus. She liked the idea and assured me she would. I gave her my MyStory and then Lynn confided to me that she attended Youth for Christ meetings when she was a teen.

Jeff the Walmart Store Manager

He sat to my left, the window seat, seat A. I guessed him to be in his mid-forties. On this three-hour flight from Minneapolis to Orlando, I had determined not to wait until a "more opportune" time in the flight to start a conversation. On my last 9 hour international flight I kept waiting for just the "right opportunity" and barely talked with my seatmate. I believed I had now found a more winsome way to get into a conversation and transition to the Lord.

I asked him what he did and that opened up a flow of knowledge from him about what it is like to manage a 180,000 square foot Walmart. He also told me about his 15 year old twins and his 11 year-old son. The more he talked, the more determined I was to somehow tell the story of Jesus going into Jericho and the blind beggar.

I asked about how important Research and Development (R and D) was in Walmart, and he quickly gave me the latest examples. I then told him that in my work with my Christian organization I am involved in R and D. We have found it to be very helpful for many people to hear a simple Bible story. "Could I tell it to you?" I asked. He said yes.

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As we finished our brief time together I gave him my MyStory.

The Difference between a Person of Peace and God-Prepared People (a 4th Soil Person)

Characteristics of Person of Peace

As in Luke 10:1-11 - Jesus tells the disciples where to go, what to say, with whom to talk, what to watch out for, and what to do if their message is rejected. These detailed instructions do not represent the goal of the assignment: A harvest. The overarching mission involves broad seed-sowing throughout Galilee.

Jesus' plan to care for the disciples as the "House rule" that provides a base of operation for fieldworkers assigned to unfamiliar mission fields - see Mark 10:6, Matthew 10:11, Luke 10:7

In other words, Jesus instructed His disciples to find a home base, then cease the search for more home bases. They were not to waste time looking for multiple homes while they sowed the area with the gospel. Is it possible for a Person of Peace to also be a Fourth-Soil Person? Certainly! When the area has been sown, travel to a new area and repeat the process; first find a Person of Peace, then again saturate the area with the gospel.

They are...

- Hospitable
- Generous
- Agreeable
- Open
- Finding one helps you target your ministry area

Characteristics of God-Prepared People/Fourth-Soil People

Lydia (Acts 16:14-15), the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:30-33) and Matthew the tax collector (Matthew 9:9-10)

Each of these individuals becomes a believer and reproduces.

They represent a profile of the Fourth-Soil Person mentioned in the Parable of the Sower. According to the Parable of the Sower, a Fourth-Soil Person includes the following: believes the gospel, perseveres and reproduces even when passing through a time of testing (i.e., threat of persecution), and reproduces regardless of the threat and distractions of worry, riches, and pleasures of life. Jesus provides additional information by describing the Fourth-Soil Person as a generous or hospitable person

who reproduces (i.e., sees people come to know Jesus and makes new disciples) at a pace of thirtyfold, sixtyfold, or a hundredfold.

Sowers do not make Fourth-Soil People; they find them through seed-sowing. People often ask me how to transform second- and third-soil people into Fourth-Soil People. Although I believe this is a possibility, I remind them of Jesus' Parable of the Growing Seed (Mark 4:30–32; Mark places this parable after the Parable of the Sower)—that our assignment is only to sow and reap a harvest. Efforts to transform second- and third-soil people into Fourth-Soil People should not replace broad seed-sowing efforts to find Fourth-Soil People in the harvest fields.

They are...

- Generous
- Open their relational networks
- Scriptural examples show these people win his/her household, connect the disciples to the community, and start a movement in the community.
- Movement-Catalysts

Questions for Discussion

1. After reading this, how would you explain the difference between the Person of Peace and the Fourth-Soil Person?
2. The Fourth-Soil Person multiplies through the *oikos* (household) principle.
3. How would you describe that in our modern world? What is our *oikos*?
4. How can you imagine this principle leading to movements?

Explorer Tools

Explorers enter unknown territory to discover, learn, and understand. Most people's spiritual journeys are unknown territory to us, even if we have known them for a long time. As explorers, we listen and ask good questions to discover where people are on their journey. There are many Explorer tools that help us initiate spiritual conversations or take a conversation farther or deeper.

Jesus Film Clips

One of the most effective strategies used worldwide is the Jesus Film Project app. It uses the power of film to create opportunities for people to engage with the life-changing story of Jesus, in their heart language, no matter where they are in the world. You can use very short clips to do anything from introducing someone who has never heard of Jesus to one of His key teachings, to leveraging the power of visual media when doing a small group. Clips like this really help the Scripture to "come alive".

There are also 43 different creative, **short films** you can find on the app and each has the option to share those films via text or social media. There are discussion questions you can ask to start conversations about the film.

You can download the Jesus Film app [here](#).

The Sometime Strategy

SomeTime is an experience dedicated to exploring the back-stories of our friends. During this experience, you will be asking friends, *"Sometime, I'd like to hear about your spiritual journey... would you be up for that?"* It's really that simple!

As you meet with them, you listen to their story. Most likely they will ask you about your story, and you can share! If they don't ask you, you can say, "Hey next time we get together, I'd like to share my story with you. Does that sound okay?" You might be just two appointments away from the opportunity to share the gospel!

Story of the Soul

Story of the Soul is an interactive, coffeehouse experience. Using art, film, music, poetry and other media, we explore the stories the soul of mankind is and has always been telling. Each event centers around a universal theme that seeks to answer common questions every human soul wrestles with. Through guided discussions around film clips, songs, poetry and art, we discover how our wounds can be healed and how our longings can be satisfied through the Gospel. [You can download a toolkit here](#) to understand the process and plan your own Story of the Soul outreach.

Life in the City

Life in the City is a questionnaire that gauges people's spiritual temperature, creates opportunities for spiritual conversations and connects them to opportunities to serve. BELOW YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE ONLINE VERSION OF THE LIFE IN THE CITY QUESTIONNAIRE.

As God's people, we must understand His heart for the city and understand what cities need from His people. Our response as Christians to the needs and troubles of the people in the city will reflect what is most on the heart of Jesus. This tool will help you connect to people and bring them closer to the systemic problems of the city.

You can find **Life in the City** (mobile and desktop web version) [here](#).

ACTS 2 DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

7 - Developed strength	6 - very strong	5 - somewhat strong	4 - acceptable	3 - somewhat weak	2 - very weak	1 - absent
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This list reflects elements of what a healthy church looks like. Consider the strength of your current church by placing the proper number beside each category to reflect your thoughts. Commit to praying for your church, and consider how you might serve your local church.

1. Prayer (P)	
2. Baptism (B)	
3. Caring Leaders (LD)	
4. Fellowship (F)	
5. Word (WD)	
6. Witness (PCS)	
7. Worship (WS)	
8. Giving (\$)	
9. Lord's Supper	
Total	

Sent 6:7 Next Step Goals Sheet

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OIKOS NETWORK LIST

Name of your accountability partner:

Participant's Network:
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