



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.



STEP 1-3 SESSION NOTES

(STEP 4 - LAUNCH AND DEVELOP SESSION NOTES NOT INCLUDED)



PROCESS OF SENT 6:7

There are two options. **The first process** takes one month. It's suggested for all those who follow Jesus. **Becoming a CoJourneyer** is a process to equip every believer to initiate everyday gospel-conversations. You will also become familiar with **PURSUE** - a web-based app that helps build the right foundations of faith, the Word and community in every follower of Jesus.

The second process takes 12 months. It's suggested for all leaders who want to mobilize the church to multiply the church on the frontiers of mission. **Sent 6:7** steps 1-4 is a process to equip leaders to initiate, build and multiply the local church, faith communities and discipleship groups.

Here is an overview of the **Sent 6:7** process (refer to chart on next page for more information):

- **Step 1: Becoming a CoJourneyer #1** training (a 2-3 hour session, plus three weeks of application)
- **Step 2:** A follow-up meeting of accountability and fellowship (a 1.5-hour session)
- **Step 3: Becoming a CoJourneyer #2** and **Sent 6:7 PURSUE - foundations for growth** training (3-4-hour session)
- **Step 4: Sent 6:7 - LAUNCH** - preparing to lead (11 sessions) and **Sent 6:7 - DEVELOP** - peer-coaching among leaders – a community for leadership development and missional effectiveness (12 sessions to be used in coaching circles and/or self-directed study)

It may be smart to put this process into a simple rhythm. The frequency of your sessions is up to you. To establish your meeting rhythm, keep in mind that application of Sent 6:7 sessions require time.

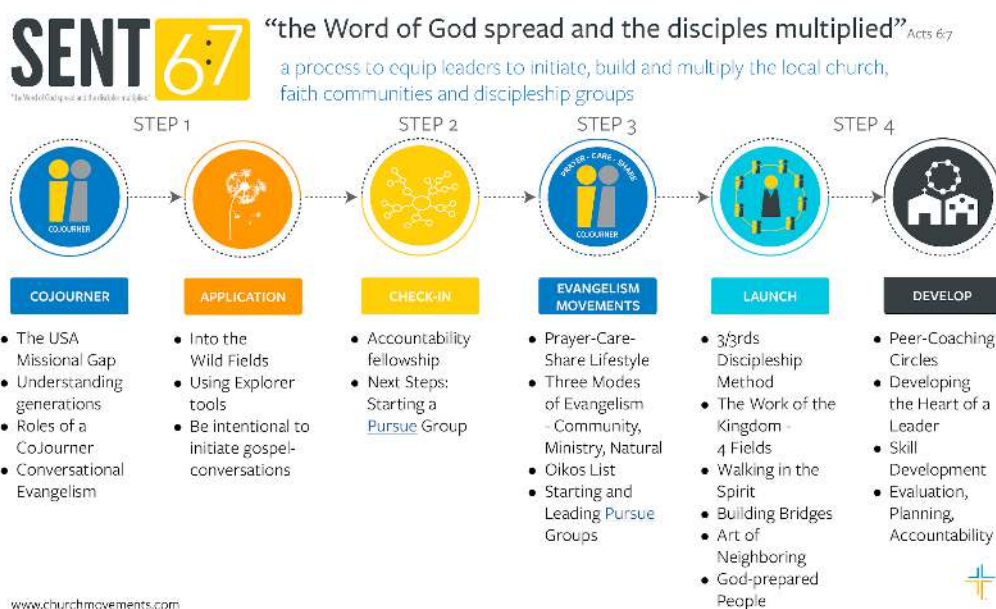


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Becoming a CoJourneyer is an extensive curriculum. This curriculum can be taught as standalone modules. Altogether, with interaction, there is training content for up to eight hours. So, be flexible, depending on how much time you've allotted and your audience.

MODULE: PERSPECTIVE 1a & 1b

This module is foundational for the entire curriculum - that's why we devote two sessions to it. In part 1a we discuss the U.S. missional gap, set expectations, address current realities and establish our posture regarding evangelism. In part 1b we take a good look at research (an extensive qualitative study) that will help us understand the people of our day, what they value, how we are perceived as Christians, and much more. The key idea: There are ways to appropriately engage others in significant gospel conversations, while navigating cultural resistance and dealing with today's barriers. We need to converse with understanding, patience and wisdom.

MODULE 2: COJOURNERS

CoJourners is an equipping paradigm for conversational evangelism. The key idea: People are already on a spiritual journey. We have an opportunity to come alongside them and play a role in the work God is already doing in their lives. This module builds confidence in initiating spiritual conversations through simple skills and tools. We are introduced to the four roles of a CoJourneyer – Explorer, Guide, Builder, Mentor – and the skills necessary to be fruitful in each role.

MODULE 3: COJOURNER TOOLS

Introduced during the CoJourners Explorer Role, this module provides practical training, interaction, and hands-on experience with current, effective evangelism strategies and tools including: Sometime, Your Story, Soularium, Gospel on a Napkin, Life in the City, EveryPerson.com, the Jesus Film app, Story of the Soul, and more. This module also gives you the opportunity to highlight your local partners' strategies, events and tools.

MODULE 4: COMPREHENSIVE EVANGELISM

This module is helpful for pastors, ministry leaders, and church-planters who want to understand what a biblical evangelism movement looks like, so they can lead well in evangelism. It introduces the three modes of evangelism, the essentials of an evangelistic movement, and an outcome analysis for diagnosing the state of their church/ministry. The key idea is helping leaders develop a comprehensive evangelism plan. We also give a preview to **PURSUE** – foundations for growth. This helps us in our CoJourneyer role as a Mentor.

Imagine the future...



...five years from now:

Our cities are filled with kingdom citizens...

- Engaging with love for the well-being of all in the city...
- Grounded in the gospel and its theology...
- Sharing the gospel as part of a prayer-care-share lifestyle.

Our cities are filled with vibrant, multiplying churches and gospel movements...

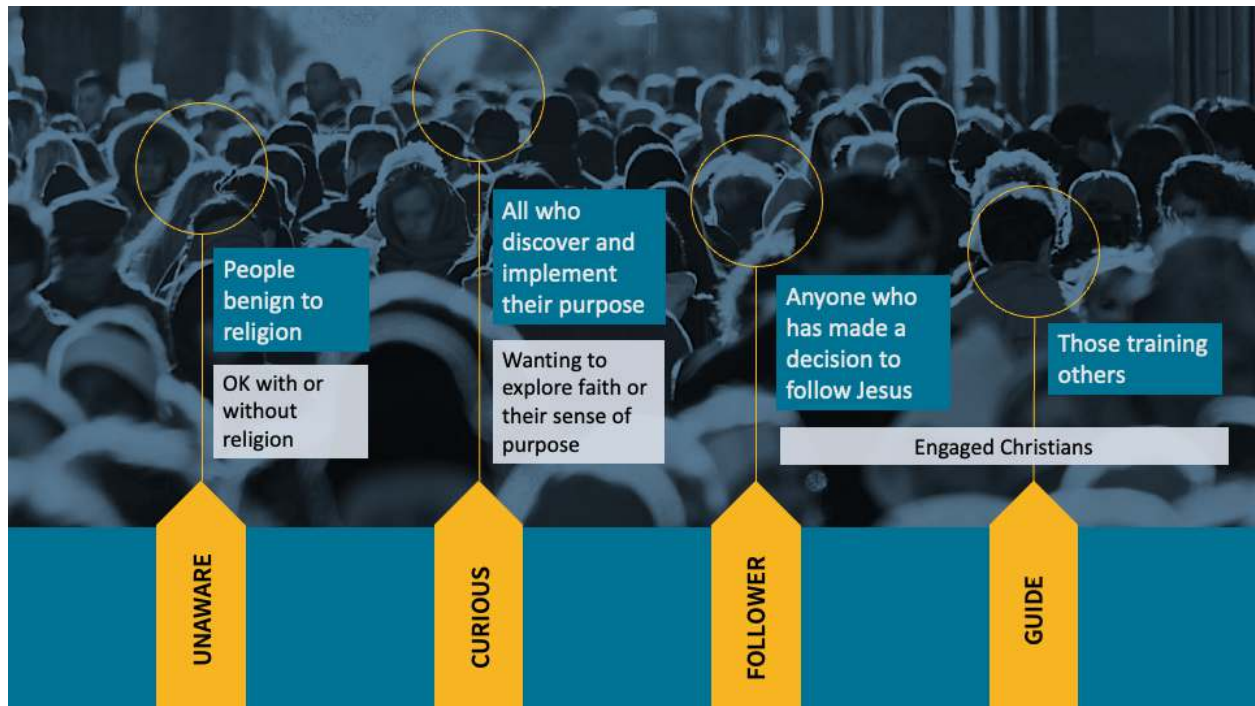
- Expressions of natural, ministry and community mode evangelism
- Multiplying discipleship
- Seeing the gospel spread throughout our cities changing lives and changing communities

...for God's glory and for the well-being of the city.

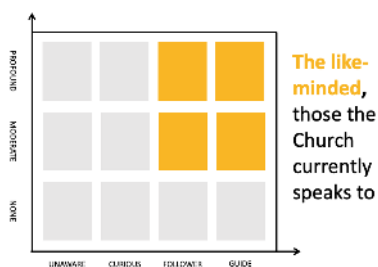
Objectives:

- Discuss barriers to evangelism—personal, theological, social, cultural, and practical.
- Introduce CoJourners—a spiritual journey-based, equipping paradigm for conversational evangelism with practical tools to help believers engage effectively with those with whom they rub shoulders.
- Help participants to think comprehensively and lead effective evangelism efforts in their local church.

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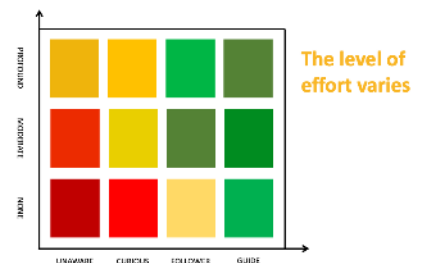
In every conversation, in every interaction, we must know who we are talking to and be considerate of their beliefs and their understanding of Jesus (if any)-or to their relationship with Christians. From this starting point we can better share our story and the story of Jesus with others. We must respect the path they are on and not merely determine how we can move someone along a spiritual path.



The like-minded, those the Church currently speaks to



The size is not the same



The level of effort varies

Our CHALLENGE: going from the Greenhouse to the Wild Field

Obstacles & Barriers to Evangelism

Five Personal Barriers:

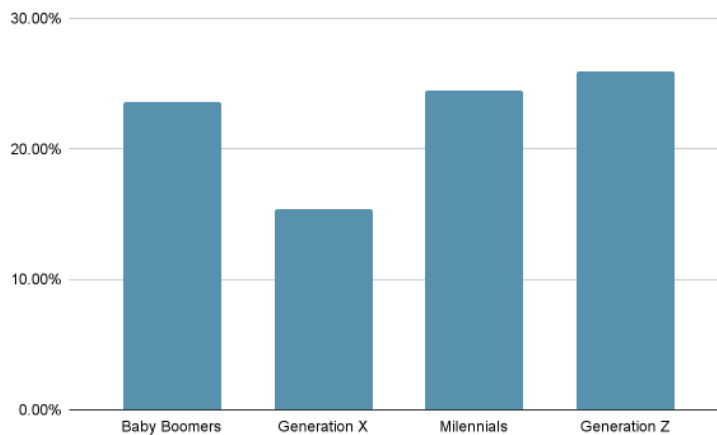
- Lack of Desire
- Fear
- Lack of know-how
- Lack of relationships with the unchurched and unbelieving
- Busyness

Add to these, the counter currents in our culture...

- Religious pluralism, tolerance and relativism
- Public image of the church

Which one or two is the greatest barrier for you, your church or your movement?

Population Cohort



Module 2: CoJourners



Joining Others In Their Spiritual Journey

Introduction & Overview

1. Everyone is on a spiritual journey.
2. God is already at work in the lives of others.
3. God desires to use you.

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:5-6)

The Four Roles

- Explorer:
- Guide:
- Builder:
- Mentor:



Interaction:

1. When you think about sharing your faith, what comes to mind?
2. How does thinking about evangelism as joining others in their spiritual journeys motivate you?
3. What are the implications for you, your church or your church-planting movement?
4. How does that change the thoughts/images often associated with evangelism?

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Module 3: CoJourney Tools

Conversation Starters (See Appendix 1)



SOMETIME

Sometime is designed to help us get past some common obstacles through a few simple steps.

It seeks to create a space for joining others in their spiritual and life journey.

<https://www.cru.org/train-and-grow/share-the-gospel/outreach-strategies/sometime/sometime-overview-and-guide.html>

- 80% of those who asked, “Sometime...”, had a follow-up spiritual conversation
 - 82% of the spiritual conversations that resulted were considered positive. Only 2% felt negative, the other 16% were neutral. That means 4 out of 5 conversations that result are positive, and almost never negative (1 out of 50)
 - 74% of these spiritual “exploring” conversations became gospel conversations
 - 15% of the gospel conversations indicated a decision to receive Christ
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Your Story in Three Phrases



EveryPerson.com

EveryPerson.com addresses pressing questions while giving our friends reasons to begin a relationship with God. More than 900 people every day from many nations find Christ through it!

On this slide you'll note multiple resources.

Life in the City



AIM:

- Introduce a faith-based non-profit, church or city network
- Research for the City :: Raise Up Volunteers
- Discover Journeys :: Change the Narrative

THE TOOL ITSELF:

- Introduction/Greeting
- Four Questions
- Resources and Follow-through

WAYS TO TAKE THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

- Paper Questionnaire
- Web-based
- Banners

INTRODUCING THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

"I'm part of a community engagement organization (or _____ church) made up of leaders and volunteers who collaborate to serve the well-being of cities nationwide. It's called _____. In order to better understand and serve this city, we seek feedback regarding the following questions. It takes about three minutes. Can you help me?"

OR

"I am with _____ - a collaboration to serve the well-being of cities. It's a faith-based non-profit involved in helping solve systemic issues in cities of the world."

THE SURVEY:

1. Select three words describing the type of city in which you'd like to live.

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|------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> artistic | <input type="checkbox"/> diverse | <input type="checkbox"/> family oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> safe | <input type="checkbox"/> food culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fun | <input type="checkbox"/> growth/innovative | <input type="checkbox"/> active | <input type="checkbox"/> thriving | <input type="checkbox"/> just |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community | <input type="checkbox"/> nightlife | | | |

2. What holds people and cities back from thriving?

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|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> broken families | <input type="checkbox"/> unemployment | <input type="checkbox"/> apathy | <input type="checkbox"/> crime | <input type="checkbox"/> selfishness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hopelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> racism | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> income inequality | <input type="checkbox"/> isolation | <input type="checkbox"/> injustice | | |

3. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following nine statements and why.

☐ My city has plenty to celebrate.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ The people in my city are satisfied.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ People in my city have meaningful work and opportunities to advance.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ Family support is strong.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ I am hopeful about the future.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ The housing situation in my city is adequate.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ Good food is easily available to all in my city.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ There is justice for all in our city.

___Agree ___Disagree

☐ I feel safe and protected from violence.

___Agree ___Disagree

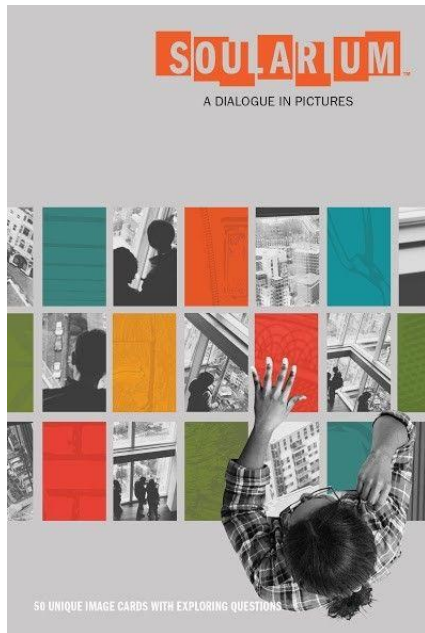
4. This list we just looked over came from a passage in an ancient manuscript (Isaiah 65:17-25) that speaks about cities. It contends that this is what God wants for each individual and city.

Does that surprise you? ___Yes ___No

Why or why not?

THE THEOLOGY OF "LIFE IN THE CITY" - ISAIAH 65:17-25

Soularium



Just as sunlight illuminates a solarium, Soularium opens a window to the soul. Because images connect deeply with our emotions, they enable us to engage in meaningful conversations about life and God. With Soularium you'll discover just how easy and enjoyable it is to come alongside someone on their journey.

1. Which image would you choose to describe your life right now?
2. Which image represents what you wish were a part of your life right now?
3. Which image would you choose to describe God?
4. Think about your life so far. Which image best describes what you've experienced spiritually?
5. When you think about your spiritual life or journey, which image best represents what you wish were true?

The Jesus Film App



One of the most effective strategies used worldwide is the Jesus Film Project app. This app has media in over 1700 languages and allows you to share Jesus with everyone, everywhere in any language.

1. What themes stood out to you in this film?
2. Do you see any of those themes in your own life?
3. I see these themes in my life, because... (share an example from your own life).





It's an interactive coffeehouse experience where we explore stories the soul tells through the arts. We utilize visual arts, film, poetry and music in an one-and-a-half-hour event.

www.storyofthesoul.org

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/partners/resources/strategies/story-soul/>

Think through your next steps:

Who?

How?

What?

I Will _____ By When _____








Application and Check-In: _____

Module: Perspective 1b - People

How Love Responds :: Meaningful Conversations

1. Be Present and Listen_____
2. Find Common Ground_____
3. Walk in Their Shoes_____
4. Talk Like a Real Person_____
5. Create a Better Story_____

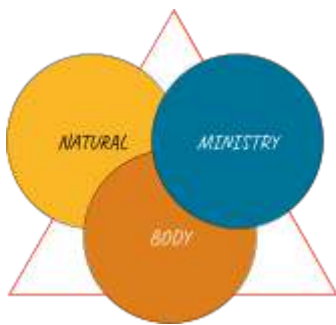
Meet The 7 Personas

						
Those OK with or without religion		Wanting to explore faith or their sense of purpose		Engaged Christians		
UNAWARE		CURIOUS		FOLLOWER	GUIDE	
The anti-dogmatic	The content	The anxious	The explorer	The disillusioned	The inquisitive progressive	The faithful
"Most religious people or people of faith are so entrenched with their beliefs that they don't really want to hear any counter arguments. They are not open to new ideas. This sort of repels people who approach with an open and logical mind."	"I do not feel any discontent with my agnosticism. I am open-minded and am always up for a learning experience, but I do not feel as though I am missing anything in my life."	"I believe in a higher power, but I'm not really sure if that is God, or time or universe. It does kinda suck being this confused, but I suppose it doesn't bother me."	"I have questions about the the numerous religions and which one is closest to actuality. I have a hard time believing anyone has it exactly right."	"To me, religion is a manmade construct to control the populous. Unfortunately, it uses the faith and spirituality of people to manipulate them for monetary, land, and power advancements. Faith is something you believe in, not something you are told to believe in."	"I do believe there is a God. I believe I was created by God and I can communicate with Him through prayer and listen to His words. At times, I feel that I am disappointed with myself when I failed to reach the target."	"My spiritual goal in life is to follow the path of Jesus, trying to live with the beliefs of what's good and moral and trying to help those who are still looking for something or someone to believe in."

Module 4: Comprehensive Evangelism

Modes of Evangelism Overview

Your Story :: Your Journey To Christ



- Did you come to Christ primarily through the influence of a body of believers (such as a local church, a Christian organization, a Bible study, etc.)? (BODY)
- Did you come to Christ primarily through the influence of someone you knew personally (a friend, acquaintance, relative, etc.)? (NATURAL)
- Did you come to Christ primarily through someone doing a ministry of outreach and evangelism? (Large group outreach, one-on-one evangelism, etc.)? (MINISTRY)

(Or some combination of the above? Or some other path?)

Evangelism & Church Movements:

A Biblical Foundation

What you think about evangelism and how you think about it are equally important.

If you have been around the church very long, you've probably been exposed to multiple views about evangelism. The more you've heard, the more you may have become confused. There are a lot of different views out there, as well as different emphases, strategies and approaches. Many of these, of course, can be helpful. But at times the messages seem a bit conflicting.

The influence of our culture doesn't help the cause. Evangelism is not a highly regarded activity by those who don't understand the issues at stake. In media and public discourse caricatures abound. Let's remember that Christianity is neither authentic or relevant to those who don't follow.

How do you sort it all out? Go back to the beginning. Study the primary documents — the New Testament. See what evangelism meant to Jesus and his early followers. With that foundation, you will be able to align your witness¹ with what God desires and adapt your plans to the challenges and opportunities of today.

The following study is designed to help you establish a biblical foundation for evangelism, upon which Christ can grow the evangelistic fruitfulness of your church movement. Scripture passages are organized under five primary questions, each further developed by subheadings. Prayerfully read each passage. Jot down in a separate journal the insights that you discover and examples you find. At the end of each question, write a brief summary paragraph synthesizing your conclusions about evangelism.

[For a more complete study see, Davy & Byers, "Getting Biblical About Evangelism" (CruPress, © 2009.)]

1. What are the spiritual dynamics that empower evangelistic church movements?

- The role and power of prayer
 - Matthew 9:35-38
 - Mark 1:35-39

¹ A witness is one who clearly and personally states a truth that they believe. A witness shares what they know about Jesus Christ and what they've experienced walking with him.

- Acts 4:23-31
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- The importance and power of the gospel
 - Romans 1:14-17
 - Romans 10:8-17
 - 2 Corinthians 5:20
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- The role and ministry of the Holy Spirit in evangelism
 - Acts 1:8
 - Acts 4:29-31
 - Acts 8:26-40 (v.29)

Summarize your insights about the spiritual dynamics of evangelism:

2. What different relational contexts and conversational settings characterized the evangelism of Jesus and the early church?

(Note: There are three primary relational contexts that God works through and around which leaders can strategically plan and equip their people for effective outreach: 1) Natural relationships – when a believer witnesses to someone in a natural relationship, whether intimate or a casual acquaintance. 2) Ministry outreach – when a believer witnesses to someone as an intentional ministry outreach. 3) Body Witness – the corporate witness of believers to those who become exposed to or involved with a community of believers. Evangelistic momentum is generated when all three are present and working together.)

- The witness of the community of believers as a body (Body Witness)
 - John 13:34-35; 17:22-23
 - Acts 2:42-47
- Natural relational connections and lifestyle evangelism (Natural Witness)
 - John 1:35-51
 - John 4:4-26
 - John 4:28-30, 39-41

- John 9:1ff, 35-38
- Intentional and strategic evangelistic ministry (Ministry Witness)
 - Mark 1:35-39
 - Acts 8:26-40
 - Acts 17:16-34

Summarize your insights about the relational contexts and conversational settings that can characterize the evangelistic church movements:

3. What skills and competencies in evangelism did believers develop or demonstrate?

- The ability to engage in significant conversations to discover the spiritual interest in others and opportunities for witness. (In “Becoming a CoJourneyer”, Appendix B, the Explorer role)
 - Acts 17:22-23
 - Colossians 4:5-6
- The ability to share Jesus through meaningful, conversational evangelism that is wise, gracious, open and clear. (The Guide role)
 - Acts 8:26-40
 - Colossians 4:3-4
 - Ephesians 6:19, 20
- The ability to deal with the issues and obstacles in people’s lives that keep them from Christ, building pathways forward with grace and truth. (The Builder role)
 - Acts 17:2-3
 - 1 Peter 3:15
- The ability to encourage and establish new believers in their faith. (The Mentor role)
 - Colossians 1:28-29; 2:1-5
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Summarize your insights about the skills and competencies believers can develop and demonstrate in evangelism:

4. What kind of ministry opportunities and strategies did our Lord and his disciples employ to spread the gospel?

- Mobilizing laborers in intentional and strategic ministry outreaches.
 - Matthew 9:35-10:42
 - Mark 1:32-38
 - Luke 10:1-12
- Engaging individuals across a broad spectrum of spiritual interest and openness
 - Acts 13:44-52
 - Acts 17:16-34
- Utilizing a variety of venues or initiatives to communicate the gospel.
 - The four gospels themselves: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
 - Acts 2
 - Acts 13:14-52
 - Acts 16:13-15

Summarize your insights about the variety of ministry opportunities and strategies employed to spread the gospel:

5. How were new believers cared for, established in the faith, and incorporated into the local fellowship?

- Involving new believers in local church movements
 - Acts 2:42-47
 - Acts 11:21-24
 - Acts 14:21-23
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10
- Establishing new believers in the foundational truths of the Christian life
 - Colossians 1:28-2:7
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Summarize your insights about the care and establishing of new believers in the faith:

Evangelistic Church Movements: An Outcome-Based Assessment

The principles discovered in the Biblical Foundation (Appendix F) provide the basis for characterizing evangelistic movements by five primary outcomes:

1. Believers are experiencing the spiritual dynamics of witness.
2. Gospel conversations are common.
3. Believers are growing in their ability to communicate the gospel with clarity and relevance.
4. Leaders and laborers are working together in effective outreaches.
5. New believers are being established in the faith and engaged in the church- movement community.

Together these five desirable outcomes provide a balanced description of the type of evangelistic movement we seek to build. They also provide the basis for evaluating the

evangelistic health and momentum of our local church movements. Honest evaluation provides the critical insights needed for developing effective plans and tactics.

In the assessment tool that follows, each of the five outcomes is further developed by 3 or 4 indicators. While the outcomes are general in nature, the indicators provide specific markers that can be used in evaluation and assessment.

Directions

The assessment is most effective when done together by a leadership team or community. When the team meets, first motivate and envision with brief comments from your Bible study from your study notes from *Evangelism & Church Movements: A Biblical Foundation*. Second, make copies of the tool for each participant. Have each person prayerfully and individually rate the relative strength or weakness of each indicator using a scale of 1 to 7.

- 1 – Absent
- 2 – Very Weak
- 3 – Somewhat Weak
- 4 – Minimally Acceptable
- 5 – Somewhat Strong
- 6 – Very Strong
- 7 – Fully Developed Strength

Tabulate the team's answers for each indicator. Discuss your church, movement, or team's strengths and weaknesses as indicated by the indicator scores. Listen carefully and learn from each other's perspectives.

Don't be discouraged by the results. Rather, spend time in prayer, asking the Lord for wisdom in determining the next steps and trusting Him for continued growth and fruitfulness in evangelism.

Based on your church movement's stage of development and capacity, identify the two or three areas that need priority and focus. Brainstorm new ideas; seek out best practices from other leaders and teams; consider national resources and opportunities. Your evangelism plan should include priorities and action plans that address areas of weakness, while sustaining the areas of strength.

What is an Evangelistic Movement?

1. Believers are experiencing the spiritual dynamics of witness (Romans 1:14-17, Acts 1:8, Acts 11:19-24).
2. Gospel conversations are common (John 4:1-9ff, Luke 9:1-6, Acts 8:26-40; 17:17).
3. Believers are growing in their ability to communicate the gospel with clarity and relevance (Ephesians 6:19, Col 4:2-6, John 4:39-42).
4. Leaders and laborers are working together in effective outreaches (1 Cor 9:23, Acts 17:16-34).
5. New believers are being established in their faith and engaged in our church-movement community (Luke 19:5-10, Acts 2:46-47, 1 Thes 1:5-10).

Evangelistic Movements

An Outcome Analysis

Three or four indicators delineate each of the five primary outcomes of an evangelistic movement on the following page.

Rate on a scale of 1 to 7 each indicator for your movement.

7 — Fully Developed Strength
6 — Very Strong
5 — Somewhat Strong
4 — Minimally Acceptable
3 — Somewhat Weak
2 — Very Weak
1 — Absent

Outcome-Based Analysis

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Believers are experiencing the spiritual dynamics of witness							
Intrinsically motivated by love for God and others							
Actively dependent on the power of the Spirit in witness							
Intentionally participating in the Great Commission							
Commonly praying for the city, the community and the lost							
Incarnating the gospel becoming a source of love and hope in our communities							
2. Gospel conversations are common							
Believers are faithfully bringing others into the experience of gospel-centered community. (Body Mode of Witness)							
Witness is occurring as a way of life, as believers take advantage of natural opportunities and initiate within relationships. (Natural Mode of Witness)							
Gospel conversations are occurring as part of ministry outreach initiatives, both individual and collective. (Ministry Mode of Witness)							
3. Believers are growing in their ability to communicate the gospel with clarity and relevance							
Believers are able to engage in significant conversations to discover the spiritual interest and experience of others (CoJourney Explorer Role)							
Believers are able to communicate the gospel with clarity and relevance – openly, directly, graciously, wisely (Guide Role)							
Believers are able to constructively address the issues and obstacles in the spiritual journeys of others – such as intellectual, emotional, cultural, historical, philosophical issues (Builder Role)							
Believers are able to encourage others along their spiritual journey – grounding them in the Word, their faith and the church community (Mentor Role)							
4. Leaders and laborers are working together in effective outreaches							
Opportunities to hear and consider the gospel are being provided to others through regular ministry outreaches							
Ministry outreaches fruitfully engage individuals across a broad spectrum of spiritual interest and openness							
Opportunities to hear, understand and respond to the gospel are provided through a variety of venues or initiatives (i.e., gospel on-line; gospel bearing gifts; gospel events; gospel conversations; gospel in action; gospel groups)							

5. New believers are being established in their faith and engaged in our church-movement community							
Our movement/community is made up of a healthy percentage of new believers							
We know who are the new believers are and their level of interest and involvement							
We are intentional in establishing new believers in the foundational concepts of the Christian life							

Evangelism and Gospel Engagement Planner

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. Proverbs 21:5

May he (the Lord) grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! Psalm 20:4

Planning enables us to better discern God's plans and align our efforts with his. It is not a substitute for dependence, but rather an expression of our dependence on him for wisdom and guidance.

Planning is also important in stewardship. While ministry is first and foremost a work of God, we are called to be good and faithful stewards of the opportunities and resources he entrusts to us.

The planner below will help you think through the next steps in building a strong evangelism culture in your church movement.

Who Are We?

What is our Purpose?

What is our Mission?

What is our Vision?

What are our Values?

Where are we now? (S.W.O.T.)

Use a SWOT format to summarize insights into your current reality based on your Evangelistic Movements: Outcome-Based Assessment.

- S - Strengths: In what areas do we excel by the grace of God?

- W - Weaknesses: What areas need growth or improvement?

- O - Opportunities: What opportunities are rich with potential that we might press into as a team?

- T - Threats: What external factors could potentially harm, hinder or keep us from moving forward?
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Where are we going? (GOALS)

What are we trusting the Lord for and seeking to accomplish through our evangelism efforts? List 3-4 clear goals (depending on your church, movement or network's capacity) that are measurable and have a time frame.

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How are we going to get there? (STRATEGIES and TACTICS)

Strategies are the areas of focus that take you where you want to go. Tactics are the individual steps and action plans that get you there.

Evangelism movements will have strategies around Prayer and Body Witness (for example, "Come & See" events), Natural Witness ("Care & Share" initiatives), and Ministry Witness ("Go and Reach" efforts).

Based on your ministry's stage of development and capacity, identify which strategic areas that need priority and focus. Brainstorm new ideas and tactics. Seek out best practices from other leaders and teams. What opportunities are before you? What roadblocks need to be eliminated? What resources are available?

As you identify tactics for each area of strategic focus, be sure to identify leadership, training, as well as resources to allocate and a timeline for execution.

Prayer Strategy:

- Tactics: _____

- Leader(s): _____
- Training: _____
- Resources: _____
- Timeline: _____

Body Strategy:

- Tactics: _____
- Leader(s): _____
- Training: _____
- Resources: _____
- Timeline: _____

Natural Strategy:

- Tactics: _____
- Leader(s): _____
- Training: _____
- Resources: _____
- Timeline: _____

Ministry Strategy:

- Tactics: _____
- Leader(s): _____
- Training: _____
- Resources: _____
- Timeline: _____

When will we do this? (CALENDAR)

All ministries have seasons that must be considered to move towards greatest effectiveness. What is the natural rhythm of your ministry year? When are your 3 or 4 seasons for strategic outreach and gospel engagement? Follow each season with time to consolidate the fruit of each outreach.

- **Season 1: Outreach _____ Month**

Strategy: (E.G - a Well-being initiative like being a reading tutor for after school programs or the SomeTime strategy - training all to ask a friend or colleague,



“Would you be up for getting coffee SomeTime? I’d love to hear more of your story/spiritual journey?”)

- **Season 2: Outreach _____ Month**

Strategy: (E.G. – Life in the City image questionnaire (a well-being initiative, digital strategy, neighboring, back to school ideas, etc.)



- **Season 3: Outreach _____ Month**

Strategy: (Christmas coffees and special services, evangelism coffeehouse like Story of the Soul, serving Christmas dinner in a family shelter or sorting donated items for families in need--have people invite their neighbors to join in a non-religious event with you, etc.)



- **Season 4: Outreach _____ Month**

Strategy: (Easter outreaches, VBS, etc.)



This [Evangelism Plan Template](#) can help you visually and briefly communicate your vision, share your goals and encourage others to pray.

Evaluating your missional movement health for church planters

The chart and questions below will help you look at the culture of a missional movement that

- sees the lost coming to know Christ,
- sees followers of Christ becoming CoJourners (those who share the gospel wisely, openly, graciously and directly to others as one who comes alongside others in their spiritual journey),
- sees new leaders developed and
- sees new churches, discipleship groups, or faith communities planted.

Missional health assessment²

A new movement-culture paradigm is needed. Look over the chart outlining a healthy progression of a disciple, and then answer yes or no to the following questions regarding your church or organization.

Evaluating Movement Health Categories for “Peer-Coaching Circles” (Sent 6:7 DEVELOP)



Yes/No

- ___ Are people becoming believers and followers of Christ?
- ___ Are they being established in Christ, His Word and the Church?
- ___ Are followers of Christ presenting the gospel openly and clearly with wisdom and grace?
- ___ Is there good training and coaching with the Five Fundamentals (see Responsibility #4) in a place that raises up new mobilizing leaders?
- ___ Are new faith communities being established that reflect what a church is to be?
- ___ Are we expressing our dependence on God in extraordinary prayer?

4+ Yes: If you answered yes to four or more, you're in great health!

2-3 Yes: If you answered yes to two or three, celebrate the wins, but also take time to evaluate the areas where you have room to grow.

0-1 Yes: If you answered yes to one or less, I would encourage you to step back and reexamine your ministry priorities.

² Sent 6:7 DEVELOP, [Church Movements, Cru](#)

For More Information Visit:

- www.churchmovements.com
- <https://crustore.org/cojourners-field-guide.html>
- <https://storyofthesoul.org/>
- www.JesusFilm.org
- <https://www.jesusfilm.org/partners/resources/strategies/story-soul/>

[Appendix 1]

The art of transitioning from explorer to guide

(conversation starters and real-life examples of spiritual conversations)

Questions to get us started

Conversations are not so difficult once the ice is broken and someone initiates – but initiation is the hard part. God’s Word tells us several times to “be ready” to represent our Lord wherever we find ourselves (1 Peter 3:15). Preparing questions to ask in our relationship networks is wise. Let’s take some time to prepare some questions for the people we see on a regular basis. There are just a few questions here to help get you started. Follow up questions are much easier, or just ask “why”?

After you have asked several questions, (maybe several conversations down the road), one of the best ways to bring up spiritual things is to share your personal story of what God has done in your life. You might have time for only a 30 second version (Your Story in Three Phrases), or you might have time for a longer version, be prepared for both.

The Amazing Question*

You can start by saying: “There is a story 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. The blind man - after learning that the huge crowd was following Jesus - cried out to Him, ‘Jesus, Son of David. Have mercy on me.’

“_____, then Jesus turned around and asked Bartimaeus an amazing question - ‘**What would you have me do for you?**’ * He 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, What would you have me do for you? What would you say? Whatever you say, I will pray for you.”

Conversation Starter Examples

Thang from Seattle typically asks these three questions when he can:

- If God was real, how would you describe Him?
- If you go or don't go to a religious establishment, why? or why not? (this almost always leads to "what happened")
- If you could know God personally, would you be interested?

If you are asked: "What do you do?" you can say something like this:

- "My day job is working for a software company, but one of the most satisfying things I do is engage with people about their spiritual journey. I volunteer with a website that deals with difficult questions of life" – and then you can give them the "Everyone.com" card.
- "I am involved in a community of people (a faith-based non-profit) that helps with problems in our community (you can list some things your church or organization does to serve your community, homelessness, food insecurity, human trafficking, fatherlessness, 3rd grade reading levels in under-performing schools). Meaningful relationships, changed lives, and giving people an opportunity to make a difference is important to us."

Depending on the circumstances, you could continue with these questions or weave them into the conversation:

- "Do you think much about these issues?"
- "What gives you hope when you face the challenges of life?"
- "What is your biggest fear?"
- "Do you think about spiritual things much?"
- "What words would you use to describe your life spiritually?"
- "What was your religious background as a child?"
- "If you could know God personally would you be interested?"
- "Why do you think people believe in God, go to church, pray? Are any of these things important to you?"
- "Has anyone ever simply described what a Christian is or isn't? Could I share my perspective with you?"
- "If Jesus were standing before you and would ask this question, 'What do you want me to do for you?', what would your answer be?"
- "Sometime, I would like to hear about your spiritual journey. Would you be up for that?"

If you are asked during the conversation: “How did you get involved in these kinds of things?”

- Answer (contextualize your answer to fit your story) Here’s my example: “Spiritual things didn’t interest me very much earlier in my life. Then about (# of years ago) my perspective completely changed.” (Stop, don’t just keep talking, see if they are interested. Perhaps they’ll ask another question.)

If you are asked: “What brought the change?”

- Answer: (Share a line from your story). I used to be an atheist. // I was challenged by (“this book” “this person”, “meeting these people,” “hearing this”) to really pursue the concept of truth. // I met some people that broke my paradigm. // I read some things that changed my mind. // I discovered my concept of God was completely wrong.

If someone says: “I’m a good person. I grew up in the church. I even pray sometimes.”

- Answer this: “If you would arrive at Heaven’s gate (let’s say), and God would ask you ‘Why would I let you in?’, what would your answer be?”

Real-Life Conversations:

In a fast food restaurant – asking a person if I could sit at his table, due to lack of space...

After a few minutes of conversation, I asked:

Me: “What do you do?”

Him: “I’m an IT guy. What about you?”

Me: “I’m helping young people find their value and purpose and show how to build lasting relationships. One thing I focus on is helping to build their emotional intelligence.”

Him: “Hm... very interesting.”

Me: “Yeah, it is. Do you mind if I ask you a question that I ask from these kids, too?”

Him: “Yes.”

Me: “What is your biggest fear?”

Him: “Losing my kids.”

Me: “Oh, man, I can understand that, I have three kids.”

Him: “I have one.”

Me: “What works for you to overcome your fear?”

Him: “I pray or go to a mass.”

Me: “Oh, are you a Catholic?”

Him: “Yes.”

Me: “Do you mind if I ask another question?”

Him: "Go ahead."

Me: "Let's say you die and go to Heaven's gate. Saint Peter will be standing there and asks you this question, 'Why would I let you in?' ... What would your answer be?"

Him: "I've prayed and tried to be good."

Me: "What if your best is not good enough?"

(You could weave in, "As I understand the Bible, that's not going to be good enough for either of us" and go on to share your personal story.)

A soldier on a plane:

Me: Thank you for serving our country. How often do you have a chance to go home?

Soldier: Every 6 months.

Me: What's the most difficult thing about serving in the military?

Soldier: Being away from my wife and kids.

Me: Wow, that's a huge sacrifice! How do you cope with that?

Soldier: It's hard, very hard, it can be very lonely.

Me: There were times in my life when I really struggled with loneliness. It took a while to overcome that pressing emptiness in my soul. What helps you to overcome that feeling?

Soldier: I try to keep myself busy. What helped you to deal with it?

Me: There was a time when my father left me and I completely felt betrayed and lonely... (from this I shared part of my personal story).

A guy was in my house fixing my computer. When he was done, we had this conversation:

Me: "I noticed that you're wearing a Saint Christopher medal."

Computer Guy: "Oh yeah, I have to. I travel so much."

Me: "Yeah, I understand that. Could I recommend to you that maybe you go over the head of St. Christopher to someone higher up, to God? Because God cares about you. He also wants to help you, and to guide your life, and take care of you. Maybe no one has ever shared with you how you could have this kind of relationship with God. May I give you this card? It has a website that will explain how you can know God in this way." (I gave him a business card with EveryPerson.com on it.)

Computer Guy: "Wow. Thanks so much. I will definitely look at this tonight. That's so kind of you. I will definitely look at this. Thanks again."

On a flight, the girl next to me opened an enormous, hardbound book of Horoscopes. She took the book, nearly put it in my lap, and started this conversation:

Astrology Girl: "Which sign are you?"

Me: “Well, I have cancer.” (She immediately flipped to that page and we started reading together.)

Me: “Ok, yes this is true of me, and this, and this. Oh gee, not this one at all. You know, here’s the thing about this. Some of this fits me and some doesn’t. But when it comes to my life, I want something I can fully count on, all the time. I’ve concluded that God exists, and that he knows me completely, because he created me. He knows everything that’s true about me. And even better, he offers to guide me in life. He offers to guide anyone who will begin a relationship with him. He gives insights and his wisdom for some major areas of our lives. AND he’s fully reliable. Here’s a website that explains how you can have a relationship with God like that.” I write down, EveryPerson.com.

Astrology Girl: “Thanks very much. I really appreciate that. I’ll take a look at it.”

At a hotel that had a fire drill. I’m standing outside the front door of the hotel with a group of people and this woman asks me:

Convention Woman: “Are you with our convention?”

Me: “No. I’m with a website that takes on the hard questions about life and God...like why life is so hard, evidence for God’s existence.”

Convention Woman: “I’m an atheist, but I’m searching.”

Me: “Well, you will LOVE this website. It gives you reasons to believe in God and shows you how you can begin a relationship with him. Let me give you a card.”

Convention Woman: “Thank you so much!”

On a flight. The man next to me asked:

A man on flight: “What do you do?”

Me: “I’m with a website that takes on the hard questions about life and God...like why life is so hard, evidence for God’s existence.”

A man on flight: “I have a friend who’s been trying to get me saved for two years.”

Me: “What’s your hesitation?”

We talked for two hours. I heard all of his concerns. He asked me how his life would change if he did ask Jesus into his life. He had questions about Jesus’ deity, the Bible, what it meant to be in relationship with God, etc. At the end of the flight I said:

Me: “You can’t ask Jesus into your life just because your friend wants you to. You need to know it’s true. You need to really get your questions about God answered. Here’s a card to a website that will fully give you reasons to ask Jesus into your life. Spend some time on it and make a decision.”

A Man on flight: “Thanks. I will.”

Another man on a flight:

2nd man on flight: “Hi. What kind of work are you in?”

Me: “I’m with a website that takes on the hard questions about life and God...like why life is so hard, evidence for God’s existence.”

2nd man on flight: “Hm...how did you get into that?”

Me: “I was an atheist. I met a Christian whose life I admired. For 1.5 years I asked her questions. The evidence she provided outweighed the evidence against God. I asked God into my life and he changed my life.” [My testimony in 17 seconds]

2nd man on flight: “I’m an atheist. What convinced you?”

Me: “Mostly it was the earth’s position to the sun and the properties of water. They were too precise to be just chance.”

At the end of the flight I gave him a card to EveryPerson.com. And I wrote on the back of it, “The Spiritual Adventure Pack” – a series of 7 emails written specifically to atheists/skeptics. He was very appreciative.

Taxi driver:

Taxi driver: “It’s really hard to find riders now. Uber has really cut into our business, and I worry about my family.”

Me: “I can imagine. I bet that’s scary. You know, when I’ve been worried about the future, I find that God is able to guide me and take care of me. I’m wondering if anyone has ever shared with you how you can know God like that. May I give you a card to a website that will explain how you can go to God and know that he hears you?”

Taxi driver: “Thank you so much. That is so kind of you.”

Questions for neighbors

- Observation questions are great, what do you notice about their house, family, pets?
“Good morning, I noticed some new flowers, where did you get them?”
- Does your family need anything?
- Want to come over for dessert tomorrow evening?
- Would you like to come over for coffee tonight?
- It’s a great night for a walk!
- Do you or your family play any sports?
- Have you found a great place for hiking?
- Could I borrow a shovel? Screwdriver? Drill? Etc....
- How did you find those flowers? Remodeler? Roofer? Playset?

Questions for coworkers

- Would you like to grab lunch this afternoon?
- Can I get you anything from the store?
- Does your family have any plans for _____ break?
- How do you get your work done from home? How do you manage the interruptions?
- Where are you going on vacation?

Questions for friends (you already have a relationship with friend, so you can be more direct)

- What are you doing this weekend?
- When can we see each other again?
- How are you handling the relationship with your wife, husband, kids, in -laws?
- Can we meet for lunch / coffee – I really need to tell you something
- Tell me what happened? I am so sorry.
- Can I share with you how I was able to deal with such a hard situation?
- Invite them over for coffee, dinner, firepit, etc...
- Share an EveryPerson.com article that relates to a situation you are discussing

Questions for family (family relationships can be both very friendly and easy or very difficult, you will know how far you can go in each unique situation)

- I'd love to see you again, can we get together next week sometime?
- Ask about their jobs, families, schools,
- Bring up a personal experience you have had at work or play. Why was that fun or difficult?
- Empathize with them over something hard going on in their lives
- Share something you have learned in life that you did not know
- Share something from Church that you heard or experienced that has helped you. Could it be helpful to your family too?

[Appendix 2]

God's Heart for the City

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.

In Nehemiah's day, the wall of Jerusalem burned down and the people lived in disgrace. As then, the people in our cities have been neglected and our cities have deteriorated to very troubling levels. (*) Listening to the troubling voices in our cities will help us determine how love should respond. Allowing God to burden us will lead the Church of Jesus to make the most loving and impactful contribution we possibly can. (Allow. Seek. Take Initiative. Plan. Mobilize. Cast Vision: 141 years called normal!) God burdened him and he responded beyond the norm.

Missional leaders should focus on cities, because God is causing the global tribe of mankind to move into cities. Cities are both the present and the future missionary challenge, expanding the definition of "the ends of the earth."

Every year, 70 million people around the globe move from rural areas and villages to urban areas. That's equivalent to the population cities the size of Chicago, Singapore or the Bay Area beginning every month.

UN Population Division's study on World Population suggests that by 2050 68.7% of global population will be urban; 86.2% (in more developed regions) 6 billion will live in cities by 2045

To see movements everywhere, so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Christ, Kingdom leaders should, with great resolve, go after these centers of influence.

To understand God's heart for cities, we have to look below the surface as to what a city actually is. My thoughts: a city is a concentration of people and the culture they create in community – schools, businesses, institutions, art, structures, food industry, entertainment – where the values and needs of the group are met and what the group reveres is amplified, places of refuge and opportunity. So, God loves them: 1. God gave the oppressed a city to live in (Ps 107:1-9); 2. The Messiah's mission includes His people "renewing ruined cities" (Isa 61:4); 3. God showed His love for a notoriously pagan city, Nineveh. Although Jonah ran from his call to that city, God expressed His love for this city in a stunning way: "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow...But Nineveh has more

than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?” (Jonah 4:10-11). This shows we must enter into the darkness of a city to learn God’s heart for cities. 4. There is no reference to the church in the NT that is smaller than a city. God values cities. 5. The early church was primarily urban.

Jesus reveals how love responds in his 1st sermon. At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus went to Nazareth, and entered the synagogue. A scroll was given to Him. He purposefully turned to Isa 61. He chose it because it defines and describes not only His mission, but the mission of those who follow Him. After reading it, He said, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” He means for us to understand that the time of the great work of redemption had come. And this prophecy will be fulfilled and carried out by His disciples as well!

This passage reveals ... Isa 61:1b-4 “...the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor (the afflicted). He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² ... to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion —...that love responds by proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel. These verses show both a verbal message and a lifestyle of love are needed! E. Swanson says “the Gospel flies on the wings of good news and good deeds...” They combine to magnify Christ! It takes both to reach ...what love aims to do. ³ “and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair (fainting).” Jesus wants to radically change people; from head to toe. Look at the passage. In this OT society, when grief was unbearable, people threw ashes on their heads. Jesus wants to replace dark ashes with jewels; to adorn us with a crown of beauty! Oils were poured all over the body (like today) on special occasions. The oil of gladness reflects a good mood (Ps 45:7); it was forbidden to be used in times of public grief (2 Sa 14:2). Clothes that expressed joy replaced the heavy burden of a depressed soul. When Jesus changes a life, everything changes – including the city: ⁴ ... they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations”!

The Theology of Life in the City (an explorer tool) answers, “What is God’s vision for people and cities?” He wants to transform people from head to toe and for cities to be made new; for the whole gospel to be shared (good news told, good deeds done). God desires a city to be characterized by the following (the coming new heaven and new earth show what life in the city will be like): Isa 65:17-25: “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in

that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD." Other texts to consider: Jer. 29:1-14; Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 22:37-39, Acts 10:36-38

V. 18 – The city is a delight. Ask one from the audience something they take delight in re: the city they are from? All in the city love it - find it to be a place of beauty. It's not utilitarian only. It is a place of gladness, fun and celebration. God values beauty. His creatures can enjoy that beauty he created! Gen 2:9 – God made trees to be “pleasing to the sight and good for food.” So, from the very beginning God was not only a God of the useful (food) but a God of the beautiful.

V. 19, 20 – The people in my city are satisfied/content/healthy/free from distress. Joy replaces sorrow and anxiety gives way to peace – perpetually! (Impossible without the Messiah's atoning sacrifice on the cross): 1) The infants, toddlers and children in our city are well-taken care of: nourished, ready for school, experiencing a good education. 2) The youth in our city are safe: from crime, trafficking, food insecurity, homelessness, etc.; 3) The elderly live long and full-lives, have adequate support, maintain social lives and have good healthcare.

V. 21-22 – A life that flourishes; where people enjoy the work of their hands without fear of plunder or loss (the homes they build, they themselves will live in – without invasion, take overs or insecurity - the grapes they themselves have planted); a life of significance (impact, permanence, endures); along with meaningful work. The housing situation in my city is more than adequate (consider homelessness, rentals, homeownership options, costs, etc.). We have great food available to enjoy (in schools, via community gardens and grocery stores, etc.) and good food-rescue operations for the poor. Food anxiety is low.

There is justice for all in our city. I.E. – those living in the margins, suffering from sorrow and those who are poor are supported, given options and empowered in my city. Racism, prejudice, injustice and bigotry are fading issues in my city.

V. 23 – People are hopeful about the future; not bearing children for calamity (trouble) instead have well-being, peace, and family support is strong (for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them). v. 25 they are safe. Hurtful things cease.

V. 24, 25 – People enjoy a relationship with God and experience His answers, guidance, confidence and peace. They enjoy an intimate relationship with God, experience His readiness to answer them and desire to provide perfect peace. “Prayer that is the Lord’s delight can only arise from the enjoyment of close fellowship with Him” (A.W. Pink).

The Church must pursue: mobilizing a growing number of believers with a PCS lifestyle that are having significant gospel conversations as a way of life where they live, work and play!

[Appendix 3]

Creating Your Testimony

“If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way” (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT).

Take a few minutes now to work through these questions so you can be ready for the next open door God gives you to tell your story.

My Life Before Christ

- What about my life before Christ will relate most to the non-Christians I know?
- What did my life revolve around? Where did I get my security, identity or happiness from?
- How did those things begin to let me down?

How I Came to Christ

- When was the first time I heard the gospel? What were my initial reactions?
- When and why did my perspective begin to change toward Christ?
- What were the final struggles that went through my mind just before I accepted Him? Why did I finally decide to accept Christ (or give Him complete control of my life)?

My Life After Coming to Christ

- How is my life different now? List some specific changes in your character, attitude and perspective on life.
- What motivates me now? What do I live for?
- Even though my life still isn't perfect, how does knowing Christ help me deal with that fact?

Now that you've answered these questions, take a few minutes to write out your story as if you were telling it to someone. For more on writing your story read [Preparing Your Personal Testimony](#).

Helpful Hints

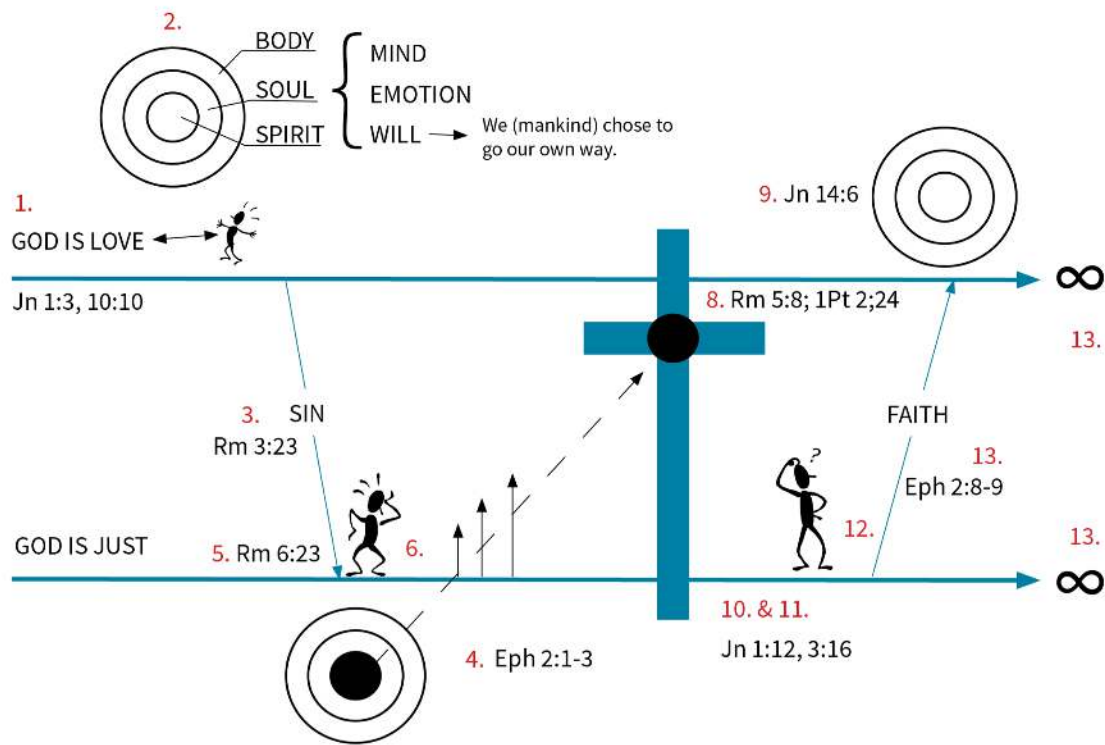
- Pray before you write out and share your story. Ask God for wisdom and the words to say.
- Write the way you speak.

- Be honest. Aim to keep your story to three to five minutes. At that length, it's easily something you can share in a conversation without it becoming a monologue.
- Practice your testimony out loud several times until you feel comfortable with it.

Congratulations! You've created your personal testimony.

[Appendix 4]

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.

You can learn and practice Gospel on a Napkin by referring to this training video.



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 humanity 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 <u>mind</u> , <u>will</u> and <u>emotions</u> . 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 chose 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 1 Peter 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.
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	

<p>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).</p>	
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[Appendix 5]

Four Fields

