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SI LIFELONG JOURNEY MAP TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD

Stage	Who	Destination	Training/Tools	Duration
1 Your LIFELONG JOURNEY to make MATURE and MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES	ALL Christians	You continuously make disciples who multiply to the 4 th Generation.	Entry Training Events -MULTIPLYING DISCIPLER LAUNCH (MDL) or -LEADER LAUNCH (LL) or -JOURNEY STAGE 1 Ministry Tools -JOURNEY STAGE 1 -MINISTRY MAP, -TRAVEL GUIDES, -SI HOPE & LIFE and GROW & MULTIPLY TOOLS	-1 Day MDL or -3 Day LL -4 to 6 month <i>JOURNEY STAGE 1</i> training -A lifetime journey of making multiplying disciples
2 Your <i>LifeLONG JOURNEY</i> to plant and Grow MULTIPLYING CHURCHES	Many Christians	You continuously plant and grow churches that multiply to the 4 th Generation.	-SI Training Events -JOURNEY STAGE 2 -SI Ministry Tools	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY</i> <i>STAGE 2</i> training
3 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to train MULTIPLYING church planting LEADERS	Some Church Planter Trainers	You continuously identify and train leaders/church planters who multiply to the 4 th Generation.	-SI Training Events -JOURNEY STAGE 3 -SI Ministry Tools	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY</i> <i>STAGE 3</i> training
4 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to Serve on a MULTIPLYING TEAM to Multiply to the next place	A Few Leaders on a local STRATEGIC IMPACT TEAM	You continuously serve on a team that multiplies to the next place (sector, village, city).	-SI Training Events -JOURNEY STAGE 4 -SI Ministry Tools -Annual FAN-THE-FLAME LEADERSHIP SUMMIT	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY</i> <i>STAGE</i> 4 training
5 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to Launch and Lead a MULTIPLYING MOVEMENTS .	A Select Few Regional <i>STRATEGIC IMPACT</i> High Capacity Movement Makers	You continuously launch multiplying church movements in new countries and regions.	-SI Training Events -JOURNEY STAGE 4 -SI Ministry Tools -Annual FAN-THE-FLAME LEADERSHIP SUMMIT	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY</i> <i>STAGE</i> 5 training

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION IS CONTINUOUSLY MULTIPLY TO THE 4TH GENERATION AT EVERY LEVEL.

STRATEGIC IMPACT	

Strategic Impact Multiplies

Leaders * Disciples * Churches * Movements

IDENTITY:

We are a movement of like-minded leaders, passionately committed to Jesus Christ and to each other for the fulfillment of His Great Commission.

VISION

We exist to offer every person the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ in our lifetime, or die trying.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. - Matthew 28:18-20 And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MISSION

We prayerfully identify and train Leaders to multiply Disciples who ignite Church Planting Movements everywhere. "...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

- 2 Timothy 2:2

STRATEGY:

We establish Leadership Teams in Strategic Cities of the world to multiply Church Planting Movements among every people group. "(Paul) took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord." - Acts 19:9-10

PROCESS:

<u>Vision Seminar (VS)</u> "See THE GREAT COMMISSION." A one-day introduction to STRATEGIC IMPACT.

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLER LAUNCH (MDL)

"EXPERIENCE THE GREAT COMMISSION." A vision for and practical training in evangelism and making multiplying disciples.

LEADER LAUNCH (LL)

"LEARN THE GREAT COMMISSION." An intensive experience in personal growth, leadership skills, and church planting.

LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD (JOURNEY)

"LIVE, LEAD, AND LAUNCH THE GREAT COMMISSION." A LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD through multiplying disciples, churches, leaders, and movements.

LEADER INTENSIVE TRAININGS (LIT)

"GROW IN THE GREAT COMMISSION." Intensive experiences for those in the JOURNEY to grow in leadership character and leadership competency for the Great Commission.



STEP 2:

STEP 4:

STEP 5:

STEP 6:

STEP 8:

10 STEPS TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD (V31)

CHANGE YOUR THINKING

CHANGE your THINKING from the goal of "building my church" to "reaching my lost community \rightarrow country \rightarrow world." (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 20:24)



PRAY

PRAY for laborers for the Harvest! (Luke 10:2; Acts 13:1-3) PRAY for Holy Spirit to guide and empower every part of your life as you fulfill His Great Commission! (Ephesians 3:14-19; John 15:5)



CAST THE VISION

Cast God's VISION to His people for saturating your area with the Gospel. (Acts 1:8; 13:1-3)



GATHER AND EQUIP A TEAM

Identify, select, GATHER AND EQUIP a team of at least two multiplying church planters each year. (Acts 14:21-28; 19:9-10; Colossians 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:2)



SELECT A SITE

PRAYERFULLY SELECT A SITE or a group of people God is leading you to reach with the Gospel. (Acts 16:6-40)

- A. DISCERN where the Holy Spirit is leading you to start a new church.
- B. INVESTIGATE needs, strongholds, and activities in the area that would affect the new church.



Evangelize

EvangeLize the people in the area. (Acts 5:42; 14:21,25; 20:20)



DISCIPLE THE NEW BELIEVERS

DISCIPLE the new believers where they are. (Acts 14:22; 20:20)

GATHER THE NEW BELIEVERS INTO A NEW CHURCH

GATHER the new believers together for the four basic ministry PRIORITIES of the church:

- A. Worship (Acts 2:42-43; 1 Corinthians 14:26-35; 16:1-2; Colossians 3:16),
- B. Growth (Acts 2:42; Colossians 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:2),
- C. Fellowship (Acts 2:44-46; 8:35-38; Ephesians 4:11-16),
- D. Evangelism (Acts 2:47; 5:42; 8:4; 19:10; Philippians 2:15-16).



MULTIPLY THE DISCIPLES

MULTIPLY the disciples in the new church by repeating the first 8 steps. (1 Thessalonians 1:7-8)



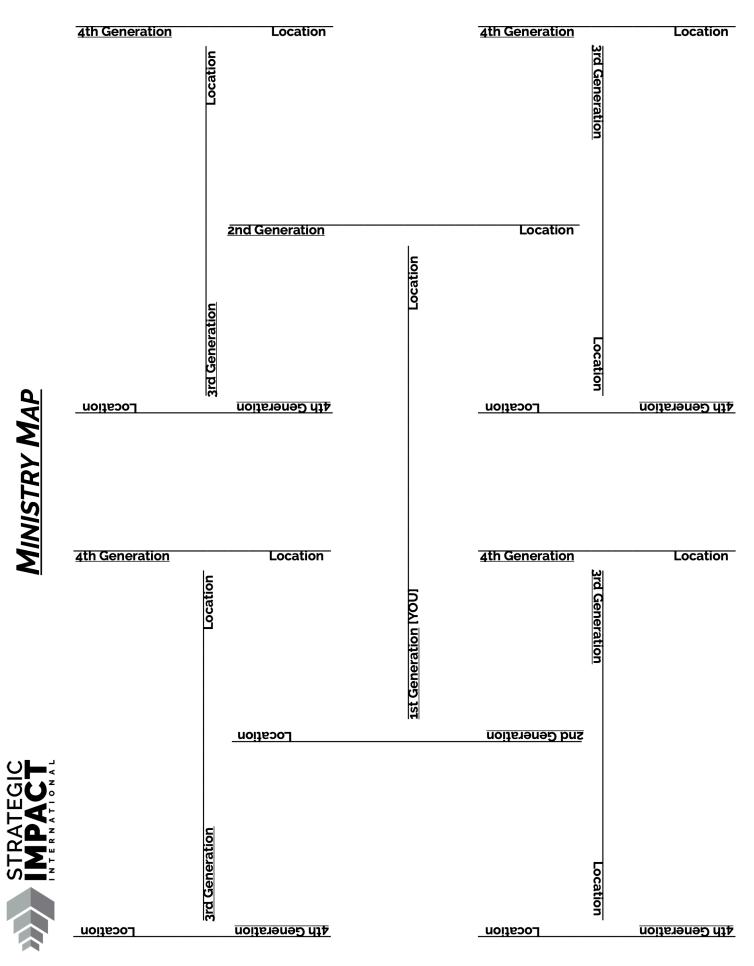


STEP 9:

LOCK ARMS TO LAUNCH A MOVEMENT

LOCK ARMS with other Leaders to launch a movement of multiplying disciplers to fulfill the Great Commission.

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STRATEGIC IMPACT SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS

These questions are intended to help you grow in your devotion to Christ, personal relationships, Godly character, and faithfulness to your commitments.
You will grow together through confession of sin to God and to one another in a spirit of mutual discipleship (1 John 1:9; James 5:16; Ephesians 4:25; Galatians 6:1).
They are to be asked and answered with honesty, grace, and complete confidentiality in a spirit of genuine love. This is **NOT** a time of condemnation (Romans 8:1), but of encouragement toward love of God and neighbor, good deeds, and righteousness.

"BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW." (GALATIANS 5:22-23)*

This week...

- 1. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus?
- 2. Have you walked in **love**, **peace**, **patience**, **kindness**, **and forgiveness** in your relationships with **family**, **friends**, **fellow believers**, **neighbors**, **and enemies**?
- 3. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ? How?
- 4. Did you exercise self-control and honor Christ in your financial dealings?
- 5. Did you exercise self-control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior?
- 6. Who have you added to your MINISTRY MAP this month?

A word about commitment and your JOURNEY TEAM...

As you grow and serve together in your *JOURNEY TEAM*, you may have a team member who cannot or will not complete their weekly commitments ("I Will" statements, evangelism, discipleship, and Bible reading). This may be due to other responsibilities in their life or it may be from a lack of commitment to the *JOURNEY* path. If this is the case, we leave the final decision of how to handle this situation to your *JOURNEY TEAM*. Our recommendation is to grant the struggling member 2 or 3 weeks to fulfill their weekly commitments, and if they fail to do fulfill the commitments, you excuse them from your *JOURNEY TEAM* and proceed without them. They are welcome to join another *JOURNEY TEAM* in the future when they are able to fully commit to *JOURNEY* path. The ones who will fulfill the Great Commission will not be the people who are the smartest, richest, or most excited. The ones who will fulfill the Great Commission will be the

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STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD JOURNEY TEAM PROCESS

Welcome to your *JOURNEY TEAM*. Your team of 3 to 5 brothers and/or sisters in Christ is on a lifelong journey together to reach your lost world with the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Similar to taking a long walking journey together, your team will need to take regular *REST STOPS*. The *JOURNEY REST STOPS* should happen as a weekly meeting of the *JOURNEY TEAM* and will take about an hour and a half. We have found that holding the *REST STOPS* at the same time and location encourages consistency and commitment. Each *REST STOP* will involve *4 LOOKS* and *10 QUESTIONS* which will help you successfully reach your destination together. The *REST STOPS* are a time of group discovery — no one "teaches," but everyone on the team will learn from each other as you read a passage of the Bible, then discuss and answer the questions.

- 1. LOOK BACK As with any journey, it is beneficial to see how you have progressed since the last *REST STOP*. Looking Back involves the first three discussion questions which focus on:
 - Your spiritual and character growth in Christ (QUESTION 1),
 - Your keeping of the commitments you made from the previous **REST STOP** (QUESTION 2),
 - The people that you witnessed to and discipled during the previous week (QUESTION 3).

NOTE: These **LOOK BACK** questions are very important. Your *JOURNEY* is about growing in knowledge and obedience to Jesus. If team members do not fulfill their commitments each week, the team should not move forward, but should repeat the same *REST STOP* material at the following *REST STOP* meeting.

- 2. LOOK UP Your team will look up to God in the Bible to learn how to grow while on your *JOURNEY*. You will discuss **QUESTIONS 4** and **5** each week based on a specific Bible passage: *What do you like or find encouraging about this passage*? and *What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage*?
- 3. LOOK INSIDE Looking inside involves QUESTIONS 6 and 7, which are related to the specific truth of the Bible passage. These questions help you think about how you will apply the truth from the Bible you are discussing. Following the the LOOK INSIDE questions, your team will read together a one page *TRAVEL GUIDE*. This *TRAVEL GUIDE* will help clarify the *CORE TRUTH* of the Bible passage.
- 4. LOOK AHEAD QUESTION 8 will lead you to write what you will specifically **do** to obey the truth of the Bible this week. In QUESTION 9 you will list **who** you plan to share Jesus with or disciple in the coming week, and discuss how you and your *JOURNEY TEAM* can work together in Evangelism and Discipleship before your next *REST STOP*. QUESTION 10 asks what portion of the Bible you will read daily over the coming week. We recommend a minimum of 3 chapters per day of Bible reading, though the amount is up to you. Your fulfillment of the commitments made in QUESTIONS 8, 9, and 10 will be confirmed during the next *REST STOP* meeting.
- 5. **PRAY** Finally, as you end your *REST STOP*, pray for one another's needs and continue to pray for one another until your next *REST STOP* meeting.

Each **REST STOP** meeting will follow this same pattern — **4 LOOKS** and **10 QUESTIONS**. As you grow together and obey what the Lord teaches you from the Bible in **STAGE 1** of the **JOURNEY**, you will be equipped to and involved in continually making multiplying disciples on your **JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD**.

Your first **REST STOP** begins on the next page. May the Lord bless you greatly as you begin your **JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD**.



LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD®

JOURNEY STAGE 1

"LIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION"

REST STOPS, TRAVEL GUIDE, MINISTRY TOOLS

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 1 - YOUR FIRST LOVE 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus this week?
- 2. (**NOTE**: For each *REST STOP* during the *JOURNEY* beginning next time you will be asked: Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?)
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Revelation 2:1-7** aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Revelation 2:1-7 again and discuss:

- 6. What ministry/religious activities do you sometimes substitute for a first-love fellowship with Jesus?
- 7. What practical ways have helped you to grow in your first-love fellowship with Jesus?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 1 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Revelation 2:1-7** again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 1 - YOUR FIRST LOVE

Jesus made it very clear in Matthew 22:37-40 what God wants most from His people: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

More than anything else, God wants you to love Him with all your being. This is an amazing thing — the Eternal, Almighty Creator longs for a love relationship with YOU!

God did not complain against Israel for their religious activities or sacrifices. His complaint was that they substituted these things in place of loving devotion to Him. (See Psalm 40:6-8; 50:7-17). His anger was aroused by their idolatry, substituting devotion to some other thing above Him (see Ezekiel 6:9).

In Revelation 2:1-7 Jesus compliments the church at Ephesus for their hard work, endurance, purity, correct beliefs, and suffering for Him. This was a really good church! Yet He rebukes them because they had abandoned their first love (verse 4). He tells them to repent and return to a passionate, first-love fellowship with Him (and others), or He would remove their lamp stand, which was their church (verse 5. See also Revelation 1:20). Jesus tells them — and you — that He would rather have NO church than a GOOD church without love!

Everyone faces the danger of substituting service for God in place of love of God. People are often impressed with positions, titles, wealth, and power — even in the church! However, God is impressed with a heart that is fully devoted to Him (Psalm 40:6-8). God longs for a close, love relationship with you more than your service for Him.

A growing love relationship with Jesus is the source of everything in your life as a Christian. Every other motivation will eventually fail. Love for Jesus is the only thing that will keep you going through difficulties and disappointments. Love for Jesus is the only thing that will keep you loving people. Love for Jesus is the only thing that will keep you seeking to share the Gospel with lost people. Love for Jesus is the only thing that will keep you motivated to fulfill the Great Commission. Love for Jesus is the only thing that will keep you overcome trials and persecution. Jesus said, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*" (John 14:15). Out of love flows obedience.

CORE TRUTH: GOD WANTS FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS PASSIONATELY IN LOVE WITH JESUS.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLDSTAGE 1 - REST STOP 2 - YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST3-5 TEAM MEMBERS4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Romans 8:14-16** aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Romans 8:14-16 again and discuss:

- 6. Ask God: "What do You think of me?" Write down whatever the Lord says to you.
- 7. Ask God: "Who do You say that I am?" Write down whatever the Lord says to you.

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 2 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Romans 8:14-16 aloud again and answer:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

As you dismiss, pray for one another's needs and continue to bring these needs to the Lord in prayer until next week's *REST STOP*.

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STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 2 - YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Who are you? Why do you exist? Accurately answering these two questions will give your life value and meaning. Not knowing the answers to these two questions will lead to frustration and despair.

But where do the answers come from? Your society and culture attempt to provide you answers to both questions. Other people attempt to define you and compel you to live within the identity and purpose they give you. On the other hand, many try to search deep inside themselves to discover their true identity and purpose. But none of these sources for answering who you are and why you exist are satisfying, nor are they true.

The only one who truly knows who you are and why you exist is the one who created you and saved you: God himself. The Psalmist declares about God: *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb"* (Psalm 139:13). God knows your **identity** because He made you. God told the prophet Jeremiah, *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations"* (Jeremiah 1:5). God knows your **purpose** because it is the reason He created you.

Consequently, neither you nor anyone else can define your true identity. Neither you nor others can define your real purpose. You can only **receive** the identity and purpose God has given you.

You receive your true identity as sons/daughters of God when the Holy Spirit causes supernatural transformation in your hearts through faith in Jesus. This is not something you can do for yourselves. You can experience "spiritual understanding" of who you are and why you exist only when the Holy Spirit imparts His revelation to you.

Paul prays for you to have supernatural revelation in your spiritual understanding of God: "*that the Father may give to you a spirit of… revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know…*" (Ephesians 1:17-18a). You can **know** who you are because God has declared it in His Bible. But you will understand who you are and why you exist only when you **receive** this revelation of your identity and purpose by faith.

Before you received Christ, you were spiritual "orphans." But at the moment of salvation, God adopted you as a "son/daughter" and gave you *"the Spirit of adoption as a son*" (Romans 8:15b). As a result of your adoption as children, you now call God: "Abba! Daddy!"

Yet, you will continue living out of an "orphan spirit" until you **hear** and **accept** the Father's declaration of your true identity in Christ: "You are my beloved son/daughter. I am so pleased with you!" **Receive**, and then **reinforce** your true identity and purpose by asking your heavenly Father: "Who do You say that I am?" and "Why do I exist?" And then living out this true identity and purpose through faith.

CORE TRUTH: TRUE IDENTITY AND PURPOSE CAN ONLY BE RECEIVED BY "REVELATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT," AND NOT ACHIEVED BY HUMAN EFFORTS.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 3 - YOUR FIRST PRIORITY 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:2 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:2 again and discuss:

- 6. Why do many pastors and leaders focus more on church activities than reaching a lost world?
- 7. How would focusing on making multiplying disciples specifically change your ministry priorities?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 3 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:2 aloud again and answer:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): ______

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 3 - YOUR FIRST PRIORITY

Many pastors and church leaders have a noble, but misguided, ambition to build a great church. Many often define a great church as one with many people, a nice building, great programs, a big budget, and a great reputation. A church like this may be great in God's eyes, or it may not.

However, Jesus never called any of you to build a great church. You will not find a command to build a great church, or even to plant a church, in the New Testament! The important thing about any church is not the number of people, buildings or programs it has. Rather it is whether that church is fulfilling God's primary purpose.

If Jesus did not call you to build a great church, then what are you to do? He made it very clear in His last command. You are to "*Go and make disciples of all the nations*…" (Matthew 28:19). This is your Great Commission. Your primary purpose is to take the Gospel to people in your neighborhoods, villages, cities, and nations, and to make multiplying disciples who multiply His kingdom. You find this pattern in the New Testament book of Acts. As the apostles and disciples concentrated on making other disciples, churches were planted, they grew and they multiplied (See Acts 6:1, 7; 9:31; 19:10). These churches were simple in structure and easily multiplied. They were led by growing leaders and engaged in simple practices such as worship, serving one another, mutual discipleship, and witnessing to outsiders (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1; 1 Corinthians 14; Colossians 3:15-17; 4:2-6).

Brothers and sisters, you must change your thinking about what God has called you to do! Your primary focus is not planting and building great churches but on making and growing multiplying disciples. If you make it your goal to make multiplying disciples, then multiplying churches will result!

Jesus' last command must be your first priority.

CORE TRUTH: JESUS DID NOT CALL YOU TO BUILD A GREAT CHURCH BUT TO MAKE MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 4 - MAKE THE SIMPLE GOSPEL MESSAGE CLEAR 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Did you exercise self-control and honor Christ in your financial dealings this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?

5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 again and discuss:

- 6. What do these verses teach for someone to be saved and have eternal life?
- 7. How do Christians sometimes confuse others about what is required to receive eternal life from God?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 4 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s):_____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 4 - MAKE THE SIMPLE GOSPEL MESSAGE CLEAR

God desires everyone to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). He has called you to partner with Him in this great cause of evangelism. Our vision is that everyone hears about how to know Jesus, the only hope of eternal life.

In your *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD* you must continually share the Gospel with people in your community. It is very important that you understand the Gospel and share it in **true**, **clear**, and **simple** way so that others might come to saving faith in Christ. Experience has shown that many Christians — even pastors and leaders — are confused about this most important issue.

The essential elements of the Gospel message are found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 51-53:

- 1. Jesus Christ died for your sins, verse 3.
 - A. God loves people and desires that everyone be saved and have eternal life (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:4).
 - B. Every person has sinned against God and is separated from Him (Romans 3:23).
 - C. Jesus is the only sinless Son of God who paid for sins and He is the only way to eternal life (Romans 5:8; John 14:6).
- 2. Jesus was physically buried, verse 4.
- 3. Jesus was bodily raised from the dead on the third day, verses 5-8.
- 4. Those who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior will have their sins forgiven and obtain eternal life, verses 1-2, 51-53.
 - A. It is only by receiving the gift of eternal life through God's grace in Jesus that you are saved (Ephesians 2:8-9).
 - B. Faith (trust in Jesus) is the only way to be saved from sin and gain eternal life (John 1:12; 3:16; Romans 10:9-10).

STRATEGIC IMPACT has designed an evangelistic tool to help you share this simple Gospel message and give others the opportunity to put their faith in Christ.

REVIEW THIS TOOL AND THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE IT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

CORE TRUTH: CONTINUALLY GIVE THE TRUE, SIMPLE AND CLEAR GOSPEL MESSAGE AND INVITATION TO AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

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NOTE: A full version of the *STRATEGIC IMPACT 3 ARROWS HOPE & LIFE TOOL* is available on pages 47-48. Feel free to make unlimited copies (at your own expense) for use in evangelism.

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- 1. Get to know the person you want to share with by asking about THEIR STORY:
 - Find out about their spiritual background
 - Ask if spiritual things are important to them.
 - Ask whether they feel they have a good relationship with God or not.
 - Ask if they would like to have a good (better) relationship with God.
 - Ask permission to share YOUR STORY (your testimony). If they agree:
- 2. Share YOUR STORY (your testimony) of:
 - What your life was like BEFORE you trusted Jesus,
 - HOW you came to place faith in Jesus as your Savior,
 - How your life is different AFTER trusting in Jesus for Salvation.
 - Ask: "Would you like to know how you can be sure you have eternal life with God?"
- 3. Use the 3 ARROWS HOPE & LIFE TOOL to discuss GOD'S STORY with the person.
 - Show the verses from John 3:16-18 and the Four Symbols.
 - Say: "These verses are some of the most well known in the Bible and tell us how we can have eternal life with God. Can I discuss them with you?"

Ask the person if they would read John 3:16-18 aloud.

- Be sensitive if they cannot read. If they say something like, "I do not have my glasses," then you read the verses out loud.
- 4. Point to the HEART (GOD) symbol and say:
 - This symbol represents God. Ask:
 - "What do you learn about God in these verses?"
 - Emphasize that <u>God loves everyone</u> in the world. Ask:
 - "Do you believe that God loves you?"
 - "How did God show his love for the world?" (He gave his one and only Son for us.)
 - "What does God want for everyone in the world?" (That they do not perish but have eternal life)
 - If necessary, refer to supporting verses about God's love from point #1 inside the tool.
- 5. Point to the **PEOPLE** symbol and **say:**
 - This symbol shows that people are separated from God and His love. Ask:
 - "Why do you think people are separated from God and do not have eternal life with him?"
 - Explain that the reason is because of our sin and not believing in Jesus, the Son of God.
 - "What is the danger for us if we continue in our sin and unbelief?"
 - Explain that we will be condemned because of our sin and unbelief and not have eternal life.
 - If necessary, refer to supporting verses about people's sin from point #2 inside the tool.



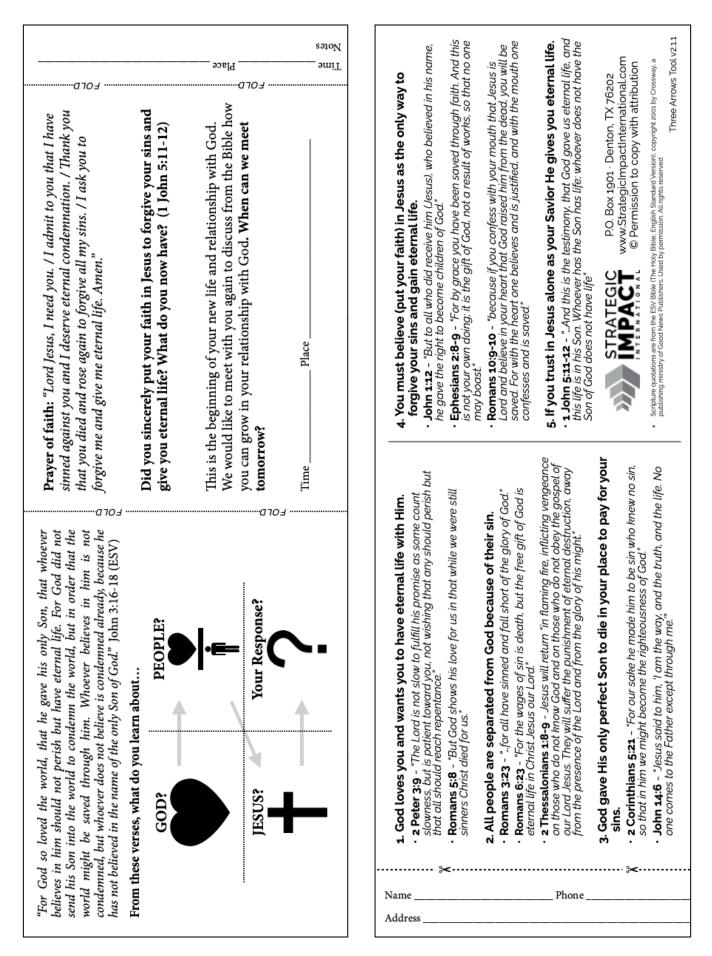


Ask the person (or you) to read John 3:16-18 a second time.

- 6. Point to the **CROSS** symbol and **say:**
 - This symbol represent Jesus, the Son of God, and what He did for us. Ask:
 - "Why do you think God sent Jesus into the world?"
 - Explain that the reason was to die in our place for our sin.
 - "What must we believe about Jesus in order to have eternal life?"
 - Explain that He is the only Son of God who never sinned, that He died for our sins so we can be forgiven, that He rose from the dead and is the only way to have eternal life with God.
 - If necessary, use the supporting verses about Jesus from point #3 inside the tool.
- 7. Point to the QUESTION MARK (YOUR DECISION) and say:
 - Every person has a decision about Jesus and the gift of eternal life God offers. Ask:
 - "According to these verses what must you do to have eternal life with God?"
 - We must believe (put our faith) in Jesus as the one who died in our place to forgive our sin and is the only way to have eternal life.
 - "What do you think it means to believe (put your faith) in Jesus?"
 - Agree that this is true.
 - Believe that Jesus is the only way to have eternal life.
 - Personally rely on Jesus alone in order to know God and have eternal life.
 - "What is your decision? Would you like to put your faith in Jesus to forgive your sin and give you eternal life?"
 - If they say "Yes," lead them through the prayer of faith on the back of the tool.
 - Make sure to give them assurance of eternal life by asking and reading 1 John 5:11-12.
 - If they say "No," ask them why they do not want to put their faith in Jesus. Clarify any confusion with them based upon their answer.
 - If necessary, use the supporting verses from point #4 inside the tool.
- 8. Congratulate the person on their new faith in Jesus. Tell them that this is the beginning of their new life and that you would like to meet with them again to help them grow in their new faith in Christ.
 - Ask to meet with them the next day or as soon as possible.
 - Write down the time and place on the tool.
 - Write down their name and the time and place to meet them on the tear off part. Keep this for yourself.
 - Give the tool to the person and ask them to read the inside points before you meet again.

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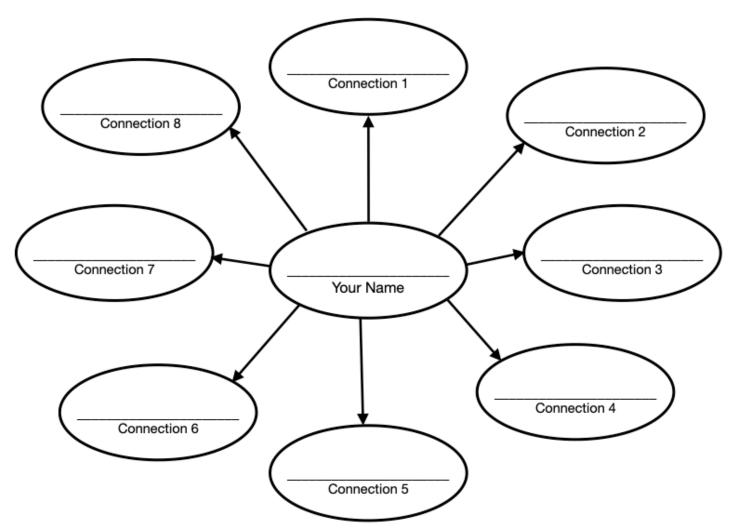


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WHO?

Who should you share the simple, clear message of the Gospel with? **EVERYONE** — but begin with those with whom you already have a connection.

- 1. Use the chart below to **list** people with whom you have a connection in your **everyday life routine**. These connections may be a close friend or someone you have seen regularly at the market, but do not even know their name.
- 2. Over the next week, pray daily that God would open the heart of each person to the Gospel.
- 3. Make a time to **GO TO them** (it could be in your normal routine), **share** what the Lord has done for you, and **share** the true, simple, clear Gospel message with them using the *STRATEGIC IMPACT 3 ARROWS HOPE & LIFE TOOL*.
- 4. **Report** to your *JOURNEY TEAM* about what happened during your next meeting.



- Be sensitive to those God brings across your path in your **DAILY WAY OF LIFE** with whom you can share.
- You (and your *JOURNEY TEAM*) should also pray and identity a **TARGET group or site** where you will share the Gospel

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LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Did you exercise self-control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read Acts 26:1-29 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?

5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Acts 26:1-29 again and discuss:

- 6. What were the major things that Paul emphasized in his personal salvation testimony?
- 7. Share one or two major things Jesus has changed about your life since you became a Christian.

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 5 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Acts 26:1-29 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 5 - YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Every Christian, like Paul, has a story (testimony) about their experience with Jesus. Your personal testimony is your unique story about how you trusted in Jesus and how He has changed your life. God will use your testimony to make a powerful impact on others and open doors to tell them His story, the Gospel.

For God to use you it is necessary to be involved with "outsiders." (Colossians 4:5) As you meet and talk with others, begin with asking about "their story." **Ask questions** about what they believe. Here are examples of questions that will help to find about another person's relationship with God:

"Do you believe in God? Why, or why not?"

"How would you describe your relationship to God?" "Do you feel far away or close to Him?"

"What do you think keeps you from having a great relationship with God?" "What do you think you would need to do to have a great relationship with God?"

"Are you certain you have eternal life with God after you die?" "How do you know?"

"Who, in your opinion is Jesus Christ?" "Why do you think He came to earth?" "Why did He willingly die on a cross?"

"What do you think God requires for you to be sure you will have eternal life with Him after you die?"

Ask permission to tell them the difference Jesus has made in your life (your testimony). Your story must...

- **be Brief** no more than one (at the maximum 2) minute!
- **be Conversational** not "preachy" or a sermon, but a dialogue, using a normal conversational tone. Not memorized.
- avoid religious or theological words that "outsiders" do not understand.
- not be about your church (or any church) or other non-essential issues: moral issues, politics, etc.
- be about Jesus and what He has done in your life!
- Include three basic parts or movements:
 - 1. What your life was like before you met Jesus...
 - 2. How you met Jesus and placed faith in Him...
 - 3. The difference Jesus has made/is making in your life...
- contain the basic elements of the Gospel someone should know how they can become a Christian simply from hearing your story.
- be built around a common human need/theme that people can relate to.
- end with a question/invitation to hear about God's story: "Would you like to know how you can have eternal life with God?"
- **be written** (and evaluated/revised) **but not memorized**. Write it and read it to someone with "outsider" ears to give you feedback. Revise it, then read it aloud to yourself for 30 days.
- be shared intentionally and often! Pray for opportunities to share!

Assignment: Write out your personal testimony along the guidelines above this week. Follow this general outline, (1) **My life before Jesus**...(name one or two major things that were true of your life before you met Jesus), (2) **How I learned about and trusted in Jesus**... (3) **The difference Jesus has made in my life**. (How Jesus changed the one or two major things). Read it to someone who will evaluate it with "outsider" ears to give you feedback. Revise it. Read it aloud to yourself for 30 days. Seek to share your story often!

CORE TRUTH: GOD WILL USE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY POWERFULLY TO INFLUENCE OTHERS TOWARD SAVING FAITH IN CHRIST.

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LOOK BACK (Review *SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS* on page 6) 1. Who have you added to your *MINISTRY MAP* this month?

- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

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LOOK UP

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 again and discuss:

- 6. You are to embody the love of Jesus. As you read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 replace the word **"love"** with **your name** for each statement. (example: "George is patient and kind.") If your family, friends, neighbors, or enemies heard you, which statements would they believe are true?
- 7. What specific changes do you need to make in your life to better embody love in all of your relationships (family, neighborhood, church)?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 6 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **1** Corinthians 13:1-13 aloud again and answer:

8. In light of these verses, what will you do as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____"

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 6 - THE PRIORITY OF LOVE

1 Corinthians 12 explains the importance of the various spiritual gifts given by God to His people. It instructs that you should be unified in the same Holy Spirit even though your gifts differ. You need each other WITH your differences so that the fullness of the body of Christ may better display the glory of God. You are instructed to *"earnestly desire the higher gifts."* AND THEN, the Bible tells you that there is something even more important than the gifts — the *"more excellent way"* (1 Corinthians 12:31b). The more excellent way is the way of LOVE described in the next chapter of Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 13 is very familiar — so familiar that the words may have lost some of their force. Focus on just how essential love is compared to other gifts and abilities in v. 1-3. Love is the ingredient which makes all the other gifts and abilities have value. Without love, they are annoying, fruitless, and worthless.

READ: Matthew 22:36-40. Jesus stated that LOVE — love for God and love for Neighbor - is the foundation for all the all of declarations of the law and all of the teaching and instruction of the prophets!

- 1. Love is your most foundational **command** from Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:34-40; 1 John 4:19-21; Matthew 5:43-47). Love God, Love neighbor. You cannot do one without the other.
- 2. Love is **evidence** of the work of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23) The fruit of the Holy Spirit is LOVE expressed as joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- 3. Love is the **proof** that you are followers of Jesus Christ. (John 13:34-35) Jesus gives **EVERYONE** sinner and saint the right to judge whether you are truly one of His disciples. His only criteria is **LOVE** for one another.
- 4. Love is the **aim** of the instruction of doctrine and a guard against drifting into unimportant teachings or speculation (1 Timothy 1:5).
- 5. Love should be the **root** of all of your actions (1 Corinthians 16:13-14). Be on guard! Stand firm! Act like men! but "Let **all** that you do be done in love."

What does love look like in daily life? The answer is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-13. Patience; kindness; not envious or boastful; not irritable or resentful; rejoicing in the truth; bearing, believing, hoping, and enduring all things.

When Jesus returns, you will no longer need many of God's gifts.

Prophecies? They will pass, for what will there be to prophecy about in the presence of Jesus?
Tongues? They will cease, for what need will you have of them?
Knowledge? It will pass, for you will know fully!
Faith? Your faith will be completely satisfied and will become sight!
Hope? Your hope will be fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ!

Love, however, will remain forever.

CORE TRUTH: LOVE MUST BE AT THE CENTER OF ALL THAT YOU DO IN EVERY PART OF YOUR LIFE AND YOUR MINISTRY.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 7 - YOUR LIFESTYLE OF EVANGELISM 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

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LOOK UP

Read John 4:1-39 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read John 4:1-39 again and discuss:

- 6. What and who do believers in Christ avoid that keeps them from following His model of living for the one purpose of reaching others Jesus?
- 7. What personal plan can I put together to begin living for the proclamation of the Gospel?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 7 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read John 4:1-39 aloud again and answer:

8. In light of these verses, what will you do as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

As you dismiss, pray for one another's needs and continue to bring these needs to the Lord in prayer until next week's *REST STOP*.

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STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 7 - YOUR LIFESTYLE OF EVANGELISM

What a great privilege and responsibility you have to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those around you who are lost! The Gospel alone brings peace with God and provides hope of eternal life with God. Only by believing the Gospel and thereby receiving God's gift of salvation can anyone experience an eternal, loving relationship with God and with other people. The Apostle Peter reminds you of your privilege and responsibility to share the Gospel as a lifestyle in 1 Peter 3:15b – *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have…*"

Peter exhorts you to "*be prepared to give an answer*." In the story you read about Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, you discovered Jesus was prepared to share the Gospel and took the initiative to do so with people as He met them. Likewise, in your training, you have learned how to share the essential elements of the Gospel message clearly and simply using the *STRATEGIC IMPACT 3 ARROWS HOPE & LIFE TOOL*. As you continue using this tool, you will gain greater confidence and joy in sharing. Armed with your testimony and this tool, and prompted by the Holy Spirit, you will boldly start spiritual conversations with lost people who need to hear the Good News.

Peter exhorts you to be prepared to give an answer *"to everyone who asks you.*" The Holy Spirit is constantly at work preparing hearts to receive the Gospel you share. He convicts people that they are sinners and prompts them to seek a solution for their separation from God. Jesus did not have to convince the Samaritan woman she was a sinner nor of her need for salvation. Likewise, your task is never to convince anyone of their need for salvation; rather, your task is merely to share God's solution to their need. This truth should give you confidence to take the initiative to freely share with people that you know and meet, knowing that the Holy Spirit has already prepared hearts to receive truth and prepared you to sow truth into those hearts. Your role is to constantly look for people who are open to spiritual issues. Like Jesus, you initiate by asking questions and talking to people in your daily life to find out their level of spiritual interest.

One of the ways the Spirit prepares hearts to receive the Gospel is by those who need Jesus observing your transformed life. This is what Peter means when he says you are to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you *"to give the reason for the hope that you have."* People are watching you live life. As they see the Holy Spirit's transforming work in you, they will want to know how they can have what you have, too. Your hope in Jesus is contagious and attractive!

Peter begins by exhorting you to *"always*" be prepared to share the Gospel. Evangelism is more than an event. Evangelism is a **lifestyle**. Evangelism is living out your hope in Christ that provides an attractive context for those around you to believe the Gospel you share with them. Your story of God's work in your life, accompanied by the evidence of the Spirit changing you, allows you to explain to others – simply, clearly, and boldly – that what they see in you can be their experience too, when they put their trust in Jesus.

So, brothers and sisters, always be prepared and take the initiative to share with anyone at any time the Good News that Jesus is your hope – and He is the only hope for eternal life with God.

CORE TRUTH: JESUS CONSTANTLY SHARED THE UNIQUE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE, AND YOU MUST IMITATE HIM BY BRINGING THIS MESSAGE TO EVERY PERSON AS A WAY OF LIFE.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLDSTAGE 1 - REST STOP 8 - THE FOUNDATION OF THE BIBLE3-5 TEAM MEMBERS4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

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LOOK UP

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 again and discuss:

- 6. What is God's purpose for the Bible in your life?
- 7. Which one of the 6 methods of handling the Bible do you most need to grow in?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 8 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s):

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

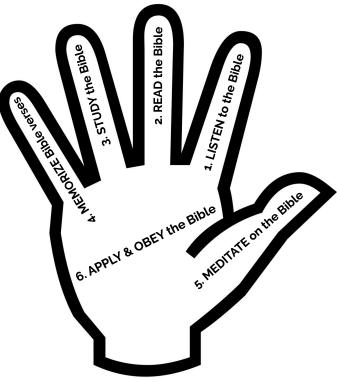
STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 8 - THE FOUNDATION OF THE BIBLE

The foundation for successful Christian life and ministry is knowing and obeying the Bible. God gave you the Bible so you may "*be complete, equipped for every good work*" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). You cannot grow in your faith and minister to others unless you saturate your mind, heart, and lifestyle with the truth of the Bible. The Bible describes six ways you can saturate your life with its truth.

- 1. **Listen**. The people of Israel gathered to listen to the Bible (Joshua 8:34-35). Paul told Timothy to publicly read the Bible (1 Timothy 4:13). Regularly listen to others read it, perhaps as a family. If possible, listen to the Bible by audio recordings or on the internet.
- 2. **Read**. Each king of Israel wrote down their own personal copy of the Bible so that he might *"read it all the days of his life"* (Deuteronomy 17:18-19). The church is commanded to read the New Testament letters (Colossians 4:16). You must continually and repeatedly read the whole Bible. We encourage you to read at least three chapters every day.
- 3. **Study**. Ezra *"devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord"* (Ezra 7:10). Carefully observe, interpret and apply the Bible to understand what it teaches, so that you may learn to live a righteous life (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- 4. **Memorize**. A young person stays pure by hiding the words of the Bible in his heart (Psalm 119:11). Jesus stood against Satan's temptations by quoting Bible verses He had memorized (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). We encourage you to memorize at least one verse per week. A proven method to do this is to read the verse aloud seven times per day for seven days.
- 5. **Meditate**. God told Joshua to meditate on the Bible day and night (Joshua 1:8). Psalm 1 says that a fruitful and abundant life results as you meditate on the Bible. To meditate means to think carefully how the Bible applies to your life. Meditation and memorization go together.
- 6. **Apply and obey**. God gave you the Bible to change your life. If you do not apply the truth of the Bible, James says you deceive yourself (James 1:22-25).

Your hand is a good way to help you remember these six methods. The fingers represent ways to handle the Bible, and the palm represents obedience. If you do these six things, you will have a firm 'grasp' on the Bible!

Core Truth: THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND MINISTRY IS UNDERSTANDING AND OBEYING THE BIBLE.



STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 9 - CONFESSION OF SIN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review *SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS* on page 6) 1. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?

- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

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LOOK UP

Read **1 John 1:5-9** aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read **1 John 1:5-9** again and discuss:

- 6. What must you do to remain in fellowship with God?
- 7. Are there any specific sins you need to confess right now?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 9 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **1 John 1:5-9** again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 9 - CONFESSION OF SIN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS

Fellowship with God and other believers is so important. 1 Peter 3:18 says that Christ died in order to bring you into **fellowship with God**. Jesus told you that *"all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:35). Jesus gives the world permission to judge if you are His followers by looking at your fellowship with Him and each another.

In 1 John 1:5-10 you see two contrasts: (1) Walking in the light is contrasted to walking in the darkness and (2) Confessing you have sinned is contrasted to denying that you have sinned.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

God is holy. God is light. He never has been in the darkness (sin), since darkness is the absence of light. Fellowship with God is determined by your walk. Your fellowship with God is not revealed by your words, but by what you do (Verse 6). If you walk in darkness, you cannot be in fellowship with God. But, if you walk in the light, as God is in the light, you not only have fellowship with God, but you have fellowship with each other and your sins are forgiven. Walking in the light does not mean perfection. It means progress in spiritual maturity. You will occasionally step into the darkness and sin, but you do not REMAIN there. You consistently confess your sin and return to walking in the light, which leads you to the second contrast.

CONFESSING YOU HAVE SINNED

The Bible is clear that "*ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). When believers confess sins you are restored to fellowship with God and with one another. The blood of Christ is so powerful that He can forgive ANY sin. God, the Light, is so powerful that He can overcome ANY darkness. Never forget your continual need for cleansing. You can become self-righteous and proud, relying on your goodness. There is a danger for pastors and Christian leaders to get to the point that you not only deny that you presently sin, but that you have ever sinned. Pastors and church members are equally dependent upon the blood of Christ for forgiveness. You must all walk in humility and be sensitive to sin in your lives. You rejoice that God has redeemed us, that He HAS forgiven you and will forgive you of any present sin, if you confess it. To deny that you sin is to "*call God a liar and His word is not in us*" (1 John 1:10). You must regularly and consistently confess (agree with God about) your sin.

CONSEQUENCES

Fellowship with God and one another is a sweet delight and central to your lives and your ministry. To damage that fellowship is to harm your own selves. If you do not practice the truth, others will not trust us or listen to what you say about Christ. Honest confession is why asking and honestly answering the *SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS* each time your team meets is so important. As you stay accountable to God and to each other, you grow in His grace and you experience sweet fellowship with God and one another in Christ.

When you openly confess your sins to God, He is faithful to forgive. Only by receiving forgiveness from God can you learn to forgive and love others. The world watches if you are honest about your own sins. People watch to see if you will forgive as you have been forgiven and if you love one another. The world watches to see if you truly delight in fellowship with God and with one another. THE WORLD IS WATCHING. WHAT ARE YOU SHOWING?

CORE TRUTH: REGULARLY CONFESS YOUR SIN TO MAINTAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHER BELIEVERS.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 10 - MAKING MATURE AND MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Did you exercise self-control and honor Christ in your financial dealings this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read Mark 1:16-17 and Colossians 1:28-29 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?

5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Mark 1:16-17 and Colossians 1:28-29 again and discuss:

- 6. Describe what a mature and multiplying disciple looks like.
- 7. What must you be and do to develop other believers into mature followers of Jesus who multiply?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 10 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Mark 1:16-17 and Colossians 1:28-29 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what will you do as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 10 - MAKING MATURE AND MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

Christ's Great Commission is clear: "*Go and make disciples of all the nations*" (Matthew 28:19). It is not enough to evangelize. You are to make disciples who multiply and make other disciples. As disciples multiply, then new churches will be planted and multiply. The New Testament reveals four general levels in developing a growing and multiplying disciple:

The **first stage** is bringing someone to faith in Jesus. A disciple is first a **believer** (1 John 5:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8). Sadly, however, this is often where you stop. You often invite people to faith in Christ and then ask them to join a church but do little else with them. New believers are infants in Christ who need individual attention to grow! (1 Corinthians 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:2). It is very important for you as a discipler at this stage to **SPEND TIME** with them helping them grow. Jesus did this with those who first placed their faith in Him. (John 1:35-42).

In the **second stage** you help a believer become a **follower** of Christ (Mark 1:17; John 1:43; Colossians 2:6-7). A follower of Christ understands and applies basic truths like assurance of salvation, how to read and understand the Bible, how to relate to the Holy Spirit, the importance of baptism and the church, how to confess sin, how to pray. The *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL* helps you to lead others to discover and do these things. It is also important to **show them how** to do these things. They need to see you live the truth. So at this stage your role is to **DEMONSTRATE** how to follow Christ, (1 Corinthians 11:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:10-11). Jesus' disciples learned by watching Him pray, witness, care for the sick and the poor, and teach the Bible. You, too, must instruct **and** show others how to live in Christ and serve Him.

The **third stage** helps a follower of Christ become a **worker** for Christ, (Ephesians 4:12). Jesus told His disciples, *"Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men,"* (Mark 1:17). A follower "fishes" for people. **All** followers should be taught to share the Gospel and help new Christians to grow in Christ. Teach and show them how to use the *SI 3 ARROWS HOPE & LIFE* and *GROW & MULTIPLY TOOLS*. Ephesians 4:12 says followers are to be equipped to do the work of ministry — to love and serve others. Invite them to **go with you** as you minister. Your role is to **DELEGATE**_ministry tasks to followers as you observe and train them (Matthew 10; Luke 10).

The **fourth stage** of discipleship is to help a worker become a **multiplier**, (Matthew 9:36-37; 28:18-20; John 15:5, 16). Multiplication is your goal. Not until those you disciple are discipling others has true discipleship taken place (2 Timothy 2:2). You will continue to encourage and help them, but now they are **fully responsible** for reproducing other disciples. Only when people you bring to faith in Christ are winning and discipling others and helping to plant new churches are you successful (Acts 6:1, 7). Your key role with reproducers is to **MULTIPLY** them. It is important for you to participate in the *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD*, but also to **train others** using this material.

You pray and work to see **believers** become **followers** who become **workers** who become **multipliers** (Colossians 1:28-29). But, these stages do not take place in order one after the other. They happen **all at the same time**. As new believers grow, get them started serving and multiplying! As this process is repeated, a rapid movement will permeate a whole city, nation, and region, and the Great Commission will be fulfilled.

CORE TRUTH: YOUR GOAL IS TO MAKE MATURE DISCIPLES WHO BELIEVE, FOLLOW, WORK, AND MULTIPLY.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 11 - RIGHTLY RELATING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Did you exercise self-control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read Acts 1:8 and Galatians 5:16-22 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Acts 1:8 and Galatians 5:16-22 again and discuss:

- 6. How does the Holy Spirit empower you to live for and serve Christ?
- 7. What must you do to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 11 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Acts 1:8 and Galatians 5:16-22 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 11 - RIGHTLY RELATING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

God desires for you to have a dynamic personal relationship with Jesus Christ by means of His Holy Spirit who lives in you (Romans 8:9-14). God never intends for you to follow and serve Him by your own efforts. He has given you His Spirit so that you might grow to be more like Christ and to serve Him by His power. He does this as you walk in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16). What does this mean specifically?

First, the Holy Spirit will **comfort and encourage** you (John 14:15-21). He is your Counselor. He will comfort you in your heart and mind. To experience His comfort, you must **obey** His commands (John 15:14-15).

Second, the Holy Spirit **will guide you into all truth** (John 16:12-15). He **inspired** the original apostles to write the Bible, God's revealed Word. Now He will **illuminate** (make clear) His truth to you through the words of the Bible (Ephesians 1:17-18). You must read the Bible **listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. As you read, pray, "Lord, speak to me."**

Third, the Holy Spirit **will reproduce the life of Jesus in you** (2 Corinthians 3:18). When you believed in Jesus, His Spirit came to dwell in your spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17). The new birth does not mean that you are mature in Christ, though. The Holy Spirit will increasingly transform your character to be like Jesus. This is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). He does this when you **daily choose to say "Yes" to Him** and "No" to the desires of the Flesh.

Fourth, the Holy Spirit will lead you **to do and say what He wants** (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:21; Philippians 2:12-13). He will prompt you to desire and act in a way that pleases Him. He speaks to your heart and mind, but you must be careful because Satan and demons also influence your thoughts. **Be sensitive to His prompting moment-by-moment, but make sure that the leading agrees with the Bible**.

Fifth, the Holy Spirit **will win and disciple others through you** (John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 4:10-11). You cannot do this supernatural work on your own, but as you witness to others, the Holy Spirit will draw many to faith in Christ. He will use the spiritual gifts He gives you to help other believers grow in their faith. So, **cooperate with the Holy Spirit by telling others about Jesus** and expect Him to work in and through you to help others grow.

Jesus gave you His Holy Spirit to comfort, teach, transform, lead, and use you to win others to faith in Jesus. You will have a joyful and fruitful Christian life as you cooperate with the Holy Spirit and walk with Him moment-by-moment every day.

CORE TRUTH: GOD GAVE YOU HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO MINISTER TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU AS YOU FULLY COOPERATE WITH HIM.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 12 - ESSENTIALS FOR DISCIPLING OTHERS 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review *SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS* on page 6) 1. Who have you added to your *MINISTRY MAP* this month?

- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

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LOOK UP

Read 2 Timothy 1:2-3,14; 3:10-17 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?

5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read 2 Timothy 1:2-3, 14; 3:10-17 again and discuss:

- 6. What "tools" does God use to help others grow into mature disciples?
- 7. Who are two people the Lord wants you to intentionally disciple right now?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 12 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read 2 Timothy 1:2-3, 14; 3:10-17 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s):

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 12 - ESSENTIALS FOR DISCIPLING OTHERS

Your call is to make multiplying disciples which will result in starting multiplying churches. As you faithfully share the Gospel, some people will trust in Christ as Savior. It is very important to help them grow into maturing and multiplying disciples. Visit people in their homes, schools, and work places. Disciple new believers individually or in groups of 3 to 5 people. If possible, visit a new believer within 48 hours of when they trust in Christ. Provide them with at least a Gospel of John if you are able. Use the guidelines for 4 Topics/4 Visits from the Gospel of John found on the the *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL*. After the first visit, schedule to meet at least each week until you finish the first four Foundation Visits.

Essential follow up and the SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL

Helping new believers grow into maturing and multiplying disciples involves much more than a Bible study! The following are the essential tools for discipling others:

- 1. The Bible is the most important "curriculum" you can use to disciple others (2 Timothy 3:16-17)!
- 2. Pray faithfully for and with your new disciples (Ephesians 1:15-23).
- 3. Encourage new believers to rely on the **Holy Spirit** to transform them into the likeness of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).
- 4. You! Your influence with a new believer is vital. Spend time with new Christians informally apart from your Bible study. Take them with you to evangelize others. Let them "see" you follow Jesus in your daily life (2 Timothy 3:10-11).

After the first four visits, ask those who have been faithfully met with you for 20 more visits. Help them multiply disciples by: (1) Learning the Bible and how to follow Jesus (**Grow**); (2) Showing them how to tell others about Jesus (**Witness**); (3) Encouraging them to use these tools to disciple others (**Multiply**).

Follow this basic 5 Step Process as you meet together

- 1. **RELATE**: Ask how they are doing and what has happened since your last meeting.
- 2. ENCOURAGE: Ask and answer Spiritual GROWTH QUESTIONS (based on Galatians 5:22-23): This week...
 - A. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus?
 - B. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies?
 - C. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?
 - D. Did you exercise self-control and honor Christ in your financial dealings?
 - E. Did you exercise self-control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior?
 - F. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?
 - G. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. **DISCUSS**: Read and discuss the Bible passage for that visit's topic using the following **6** Question Format (as described in the *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL*)
- 4. PLAN: Agree to read a portion of the Bible during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
- 5. **PRAY**: Pray together for each other and commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

CORE TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR DISCIPLING OTHERS ARE THE BIBLE, PRAYER, THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU.

[Return to previous page to discuss "LOOK AHEAD"]

NOTE: A full version of the *STRATEGIC IMPACT GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL* is available on pages 49-50. Feel free to make unlimited copies (at your own expense) for use in evangelism.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD TOOL FOR REST STOP 12 - THE STRATEGIC IMPACT GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL

Follow this 5 Step Process when you meet together

- 1. **RELATE**: Ask how they are doing and what has happened since your last meeting.
- 2. ENCOURAGE: Ask and answer *SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS* (based on Galatians 5:22-23): This week...
 - a. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus?
 - b. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies?
 - c. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?
 - d. Did you exercise self-control and honor Christ in your financial dealings?
 - e. Did you exercise self-control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior?
 - f. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?
 - g. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL..." commitment(s) this week?
- 3. **DISCUSS**: Read and discuss the Bible passage for that visit's topic using the following **6 Question Format** (as described in the *SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL*).
 - a. Make sure everyone feels comfortable discussing the questions together based on the Bible. [**NOTE**: This is **not** the place for a sermon. You are helping the new believers learn how **they** can study and apply the Bible in their lives.]

6 QUESTIONS

Read the passage aloud.

Discuss and **interact** over the following questions:

- 1. What did you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 2. What <u>confuses</u> you or makes you <u>uncomfortable</u> in this passage?

Have someone else **<u>read</u>** the passage aloud **AGAIN**.

Discuss the next two questions:

- 3. What do you learn about <u>people</u> in this passage?
- 4. What do you learn about <u>God</u> in this passage?

Have someone read the passage aloud for the THIRD TIME.

Discuss the final two questions:

- 5. Because of what I learned in this passage, this week, **I WILL...** Make a commitment of obedient action for the coming week. Be specific. (NOTE: <u>Write down</u> their answers and follow up about this at the beginning of the next visit.)
- 6. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple using this material? (NOTE: Name someone and tell why and when you will tell him or her. <u>Write down</u> the names of those they want to talk to and follow up at the beginning of the next visit.)

- b. **Visit 1**'s topic is "Who is Jesus?" and the passage in the Bible is John 14:1-11.
- c. When you have finished this first discipleship visit, you and the new believer will have **read the same Bible passage** out loud a total of **three times**.
- d. You both will have **answered the first four questions** which should have provided some helpful **insights** into the Bible passage.
- e. You both will also have have made **commitments** toward **obedient actions** based on what you both have learned, and **committed to share Jesus** with a specific person.
- f. On your **next visit**, be certain to **follow up** with each other regarding how you fulfilled your "I Will…" obedience commitments made in Question 5 and evangelism commitment made in Question 6 the last time you met for discipleship.

FOUNDATION VISITS

Visit 1: Who is Jesus? John 14:1-11

Visit 2: New life & God's Love. John 3:1-18

Visit 3: Being sure of your Salvation. John 10:27-30

Visit 4: Abiding in Jesus. John 15:1-11

- g. There are three more topics and Bible passages provided as **Foundation Visits** for future discipleship. It is important to remember that the goal is for this new believer to be able to read, understand, and obey the Bible on their own as they grow in relationship to Jesus and to other believers.
- h. After the four **Foundation Visits**, it is a good time to stop to assess the progress of the new believer and decide whether to continue on to the **Grow & Multiply Visits**. If they have remained faithful to continue to meet, have grown in faithfulness toward keeping their weekly commitments, and have shared Jesus with others in their life, you should definitely continue to disciple them toward maturity and should bring them into the church.
- 4. **PLAN**: Agree on a portion of the Bible that each will read individually during the week (3 chapters per day is suggested).
 - a. Be sensitive to those who do not know how to read or struggle to read.
 - b. Provide alternatives like audio Bibles if possible.
 - c. Make sure to write down the answers from Questions 5 and 6 for follow up in your next visit.
 - d. Schedule your next Discipleship Visit.
 - e. Observe who is committed and faithful to participate doing the reading at home, ready to learn more about Christ and to share Jesus with others. THESE are the people whom you should continue the discipleship relationship with after the initial 4 Visits.
- 5. **PRAY**: Conclude your time by praying together for each other and confirm the commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLDSTAGE 1 - REST STOP 13 - THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS3-5 TEAM MEMBERS4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[NOTE: If someone did not complete their commitments, do NOT go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read Mark 8:27-38 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Mark 8:27-38 again and discuss:

- 6. What is your answer to Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?"
- 7. Describe how will you specifically deny yourself for Jesus and his Gospel.

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 13 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Mark 8:27-38 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

As you dismiss, pray for one another's needs and continue to bring these needs to the Lord in prayer until next week's *REST STOP*.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 13 - THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

Jesus asked His disciples (and all believers) two important questions (Mark 8:27-38). Your answers to these questions determine your **eternal destiny** and your **present priorities**.

The **first** question is about who Jesus really is. During His earthly life people had various opinions about Him. Some thought He was either John the Baptist, or Elijah or one of the other prophets. Many people today think that He is either a great religious teacher or moral example. But Jesus asks, *"But who do you say that I am?"* (v. 29). The only acceptable answer is the one that Peter gave: *"You are the Christ of God!"* Peter's confession affirms that Jesus is the Messiah, the unique and only eternal Son of God, who became a man and died to forgive your sins. He is the resurrected Lord who will return to the earth to judge every person and reign forever. Your eternal destiny depends on who you believe Jesus is.

The second important question is found in the teaching that Jesus gave after Peter's confession. Jesus predicts his suffering, death, and resurrection. Then he gives this instruction to everyone who listens to him:

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38).

The **second** question is, **"Who and what are you going to live for in this life?"** You only have two options: You can live for your own selfish purposes and seek to gain all that this sinful, evil world offers, or you can lose your lives for Christ and His Gospel.

While it is natural to think it is best to live for your own interests and to gain as much as you can, Jesus says that will ultimately result in "losing" your soul — your true, spiritual selves. You are much more than just physical, temporal beings. You are most of all eternal, spiritual souls made for your Creator and His purposes.

The best choice is to live for Jesus Christ and His Gospel. When you courageously follow Him and live for His Gospel, then you gain your souls — the joyful, spiritual self you were created to be now, and praise and reward from Jesus when He returns (see v. 38).

CORE TRUTH: DENYING SELF INTERESTS FOR JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD, AND HIS GOSPEL RESULTS IN THE BEST LIFE POSSIBLE.

[Return to previous page to discuss "LOOK AHEAD"]

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - REST STOP 14 - TIME ALONE WITH GOD 3-5 TEAM MEMBERS 4 LOOKS - 10 QUESTIONS 15 REST STOPS

LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies this week?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

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LOOK UP

Read Mark 1:21-39 and Luke 5:15-16 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read Mark 1:21-39 and Luke 5:15-16 again and discuss:

- 6. Why do you think Jesus made it a priority to get away to spend time alone with His Father?
- 7. What specific change will you make to keep time alone with God a top priority?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 14 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read Mark 1:21-39 and Luke 5:15-16 again and discuss:

8. In light of these verses, what will you do as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): _____

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

As you dismiss, pray for one another's needs and continue to bring these needs to the Lord in prayer until next week's *REST STOP*.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 14 - TIME ALONE WITH GOD

A daily time alone with God is essential for you to grow in your love and obedience to Christ, to renew your mind, to keep your focus and motivate you to stay true to your calling.

This was the practice of great men and women of God, both in the Bible and throughout history. Consistent time with God reading and studying the Bible and praying is vital for your growth as a child and servant of God. Without it, you cannot enjoy the abundant relationship with God that He desires for you.

Jesus demonstrated this in his own life. If regular time alone with God was important for Him — the sinless, all powerful Son of God — then how much more so for you — weak, sinful, and needy sons and daughters of God!

You have discussed Jesus' "long day" of ministry in Mark 1:21-39, which began early when He taught in the synagogue and continued late into the night teaching and healing. Yet Jesus made it a priority early the next morning to rise and go out to spend time with God. This passage, along with Luke 5:15-16, reveals four practices of Jesus:

- 1. He made it a priority to spend time with His Father in prayer, meditating on the Bible passages He had memorized, and listening for guidance for the day.
- 2. He planned this time He got up early in the morning (in Mark) and "often withdrew" to be by Himself to pray (Luke).
- 3. He withdrew from people to be with His Father.
- 4. He went to a particular place.

You must follow Jesus' example if you want to keep your fellowship with God fresh and your service for Christ effective. Other devotional practices that believers have found helpful include: Recording your thoughts, prayers, and what God is teaching you in a journal; reading a devotional book can also help; singing to and worshiping the Lord; and setting aside special extended times for fasting, prayer, and meditation.

Remember, your time alone with God is not for ministry to others or preparation for teaching, but to enrich your own relationship with God.

CORE TRUTH: A DAILY TIME ALONE WITH GOD IS ESSENTIAL IF YOU WANT TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

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LOOK BACK (Review SPIRITUAL GROWTH QUESTIONS on page 6)

- 1. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?
- 2. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- 3. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?

[**NOTE**: If someone did not complete their commitments, do **NOT** go forward! Everyone must complete their commitments before moving to the next *REST STOP*. If this is occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Ezra 7:10 aloud and discuss together the following questions:

- 4. What do you like or find encouraging in this passage?
- 5. What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?

LOOK INSIDE

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Ezra 7:10 again and discuss:

- 6. What do these verses say results when you accurately know, understand, and obey the Bible?
- 7. Why do you think it is so important to become a lifelong student of the Bible?

[Read together TRAVEL GUIDE 15 on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Ezra 7:10 aloud again and answer:

8. In light of these verses, what **will you do** as an act of obedience this week? Be specific.

"I WILL _____

9. Who will you tell about Jesus this week and/or who will you disciple this week? (Tools on Pages 47-50)

Name(s): ______

How can you work together as a JOURNEY TEAM in evangelism and discipleship this week?

10.What portion of the Bible will you read daily this week? (3 chapters per day is suggested)

PRAY

As you dismiss, pray for one another's needs and continue to bring these needs to the Lord in prayer until next week's *REST STOP*.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 - TRAVEL GUIDE 15 - HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Your ministry goal is to make multiplying disciples to the 4th Generation (see 2 Timothy 2:2). Paul discipled Timothy who was to train faithful people to disciple others. One of the most effective "tools" that Paul used was to teach him truth that he had learned from Jesus. (Read 2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:2, 15; 3:10, 14).

Paul strongly urged Timothy to continue in what he had learned and in the "sacred writings" (2 Timothy 3:14-15). Then he stated the reason: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for **every good work**" (verses 16-17).

If you are to grow into mature men and women that God desires, you must learn to **know**, **understand**, and **apply** the Bible to your lives. If you are to make multiplying disciples you must use the Bible to help them grow and become mature men and women of God. Ezra is a good model to follow. He *"set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel"* (Ezra 7:10).

Each of you needs to develop the skill of how to study the Bible. This skill will enable you to be life long students of the Bible who understand, live out, and teach it to others.

There are **three basic steps** in studying the Bible:

- You must see what the Bible says. This is carefully observing what is written. It is easy to be careless and not see clearly what the authors of the Bible wrote. To observe the text means to read it carefully and repeatedly to really see what is there, not insert other ideas into the text.
- 2. You must **understand** what the Bible means. This is correctly **interpreting** what is written. A correct interpretation of the Bible comes when you understand the original author's meaning at the time he wrote to the specific people he was writing to.
- 3. You must **apply** what the Bible teaches. This is **putting into practice** what is written. The most important step in studying the Bible is to consider carefully how the passage **applies** to your life. God intends you to practice the truth you have discovered. God did not give you the Bible just for information. He wants your life to be transformed by His truth.

The following *PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TOOL* will help you observe, understand, and apply the Bible to your life.

(Begin by having each one on the JOURNEY TEAM use this tool to study 2 Timothy 2:1-7 this week.)

CORE TRUTH: YOU MUST BE LIFELONG STUDENTS OF THE BIBLE SO THAT YOU KNOW WHAT IT SAYS, UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS, OBEY ITS TRUTH, AND TEACH OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

[Return to previous page to discuss "LOOK AHEAD"]

STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD TOOL FOR REST STOP 15 - PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TOOL

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

Text: _____

Date:

OBSERVE: What do I SEE?

What do I learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?	Who are the people in these verses? What do I learn about myself or people?
What are the commands and promises in the text?	What are the cause / effect relationships? How do things relate?
Where and when does the action take place? Describe the place, setting, or time elements.	What important or repeated words or ideas are expressed?
Why does the author write this? What problems were the readers facing?	What are these verses about? What is the main topic or idea of this passage?

NOTE: The more time you spend observing the text, the better you will be able to understand and interpret it.

INTERPRET: Answers I need to UNDERSTAND this passage.

Questions	Answers		
What key words or concepts do I need to define?			
Who are the people in this passage that I need more information about?			
What comparisons or contrasts do I need to understand?			
Are there figures of speech? What do the figures of speech mean?			
What type of literature is this? (Historical narrative, poetry, laws, correspondence, prophecy)			
Where does this passage fit in God's story of salvation? (Old Testament, New Testament)			
WHAT IS THE PRIMARY TRUTH OR IDEA OF THIS PASSAGE? Write this in one sentence.			

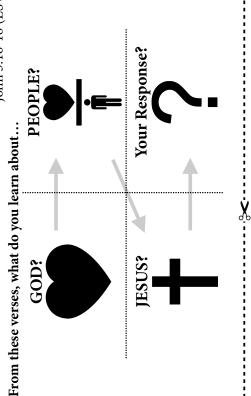
APPLY: How will this passage CHANGE MY THINKING, ATTITUDES, and ACTIONS?

Teaching	Reproof	Correction	Training in Righteousness
Is there an example to follow? What did I learn? Are there universal principles of how God acts or how I should act?	Is there a sin to confess? What lies do I believe or things I do wrong? Why? What is the root of this kind of thinking?	Is there a command to obey? What will I do now? How can I correct my wrong thinking or actions?	Is there a promise to claim? How can I improve this area in my life? How can I form new habits of thinking and acting?

Now is the time to talk with God about what you learned and what He specifically wants **you** to **do today**. Write out what He says and your reactions:

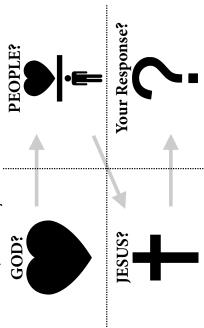
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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not John 3:16-18 (ESV) because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."



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Prayer of faith: "Lord Jesus, I need you. / I admit to you that I Thank you that you died and rose again to forgive all my sins. / have sinned against you and I deserve eternal condemnation. , I ask you to forgive me and give me eternal life. Amen."

Did you sincerely put your faith in Jesus to forgive your sins and give you eternal life? What do you now have? (1 John 5:11-12)

This is the beginning of your new life and relationship with God. We would like to meet with you again to discuss from the Bible how you can grow in your relationship with God. When can we meet tomorrow?

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	<u>5 Steps</u>
	1. <u>RELATE</u> : Ask how they are doing and find out what has been happening in their lives since your last meeting.
SI GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL V3.0	 ENCOURAGE: Begin your time mutually answering Spiritual Growth Questions (based on Galatians 5:22-23). This week A. Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus? B. Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies? C. Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How? D. Did you exercise self control and honor Christ in your financial dealings? E. Did you exercise self control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior? F. Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who? G. Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL"
	 <i>commitment(s) this week</i>? 3. <u>DISCUSS</u>: Read and discuss the Bible passage assigned to that visit's topic using the following 6 <u>question format</u> provided in the next panel.
STRATEGIC IMPACT	4. <u>PLAN</u> : Agree on a portion of the Bible that you will read during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
P.O. Box 1901 · Denton, TX 76202 www.StrategicImpactInternational.com © Permission to copy with attribution	 <u>PRAY</u>: Conclude your time by praying together for each other and the commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.
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.5702 2.500 2.500 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	Discuss the next two questions: 3. What do you learn about <u>people</u> in this passage? 4. What do you learn about <u>God</u> in this passage?
Visit 2: New life & God's Love.	Have someone else read th <u>e passage aloud AGAIN.</u>
seusəl ei odW :I iieiV II-I:4I ndol	Discuss and interact over the following questions: I. What did you <u>like</u> or find <u>encouraging</u> in this passage? 2. What <u>confuses</u> you or makes you <u>uncomfortable</u> in this passage?
	Read the passage aloud.
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GROW & MULTIPLY VISITS

Visit 5: Prayer. Matthew 6:5-15

Visit 6: Confessing your sins. 1 John 1:5 - 2:2

Visit 7: Your testimony: Tell others how Jesus changed you. Acts 26

- A. Use this 3-point outline to help them think through their own testimony:
 - 1. What my life was like before I trusted Iesus.

2. How I met Jesus.

- 3. The difference Jesus has made in my life since I put my faith in Him.
- B. Have them share their one-minute testimony with someone before your next visit.

- Visit 8: Witness: Telling others about Jesus. Acts 1:1-11 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- A. Train them how to use the SI HOPE & LIFE TOOL.
- B. Go with them to tell someone about Jesus using the tool.
- C. NOTE: If they lead someone to Christ, help them learn how to use this GROW & MULTIPLY TOOL to start discipling the new believers.

<u>Visit 9:</u> Fellowship with other believers in a church. Acts 2:40-47 Hebrews 10:19-25

- A. Invite the new believer to come to the new church.
- B. Help the new believer to commit to being a participating member of the new church.

Visit 10: Be baptized. Acts 8:26-38 Matthew 28:19 Acts 2:40-41

- A. Invite the new believer to be baptized.
- B. Have the new believer invite family and friends (especially those who may not know Christ) to witness his/her baptism.

Visit 11: Communion: The Lord's Supper. Luke 22:14-20

A. Invite the new believer to celebrate Communion with you and other believers.

Visit 12: Obedience. Iohn 14:15-21

A. Ask what area of life they sense the Lord is asking them to obey.

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> Romans 14:5-12 sovereign God. Submission to the Fordship of Christ;

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Visit 14: Forgiving others.

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Visit 23: Stewardship of life.

Visit 22: The authority of the

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Visit 21: The priority of love.

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LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD STAGE 1 Summary

CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed *STAGE 1* of your *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD.* During this stage you have grown in your relationship with Jesus and others on your *JOURNEY TEAM.* You have worked together to evangelize and disciple new believers. At this point each of you should have **a group of at least yourself and two others** that you are leading through the *STRATEGIC IMPACT GROW* & *MULTIPLY TOOL* "visits."

The names of those that you are discipling should be placed on your *MINISTRY MAP* (page 5) and you will continue to disciple and mentor them so that they also will become multiplying disciples. Your goal is to have them begin making disciples who make disciples — to the 4th Generation. Each one of them should also be given a *MINISTRY MAP* to help them get started. When your *MINISTRY MAP* is complete to the 4th Generation, then you will continue to encourage and mentor them...and then begin another *MINISTRY MAP*!

The Great Commission that Jesus gave you says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations…" (Matthew 28:18). This call and command is for every Christian. In STRATEGIC IMPACT we believe that all we have to do to fulfill Christ's Great Commission is to continuously make maturing and multiplying disciples to the 4th Generation.

This is the call of your *LIFELONG JOURNEY*. Your *JOURNEY* should never end until either you go home to heaven to be with the Lord or until He returns. As you continue to make maturing and multiplying disciples, you will have an exponential eternal impact on their lives — AND on the lives of the spiritual generations whom they multiply! Nothing else you do in this life will be as significant as making multiplying disciples.

It is now time for you to progress to **the next stage** of the *JOURNEY* — to continue to make multiplying disciples **AND to be involved in starting and leading a new church**. Remember, a church is **"a group of Christ followers led by qualified spiritual leaders under the authority of the Bible who gather regularly to worship God, grow spiritually, love and serve one another, and go make multiplying disciples in their lost world."** It can meet in a house, under a tree, on a football pitch, in a schoolroom, or in its own building. The setting is not what defines a church.

We invite you to begin *STAGE 2* of the *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD*. In *STAGE 2* you will continue to meet with your *JOURNEY TEAM* to participate in the weekly "*REST STOPS*," and also work together to **plant** and **lead** a **new church**. Your goal will be not only to make multiplying disciples but to lead and begin **multiplying churches** as you lead others through the *STAGE 1 JOURNEY*.

May the Lord bless you as you continue your LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD!

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