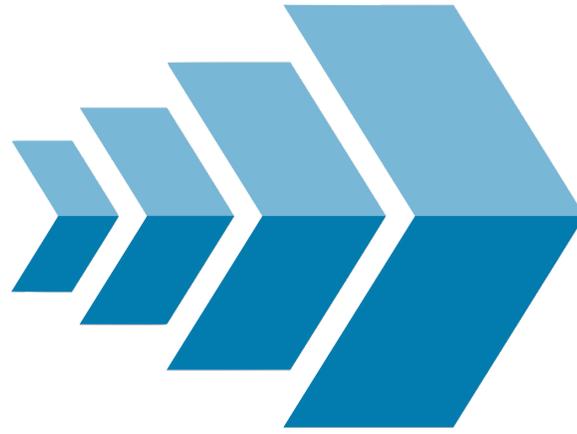


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SI LIFELONG JOURNEY MAP TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD

STAGE	Who	Destination	Training/Tools	Duration
1 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to make mature and multiplying disciples	All Christians	You continuously make disciples who multiply to the 4 th Generation	<u><i>Training Events</i></u> <i>LL, MDL, JOURNEY STAGE 1</i> <u><i>Ministry Tools</i></u> <i>-JOURNEY STAGE 1</i> <i>-MINISTRY MAP</i> <i>-TRAVEL GUIDES</i> <i>-SI EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS</i>	-1 Day <i>MDL</i> , 3 Day <i>LL</i> -4 to 6 month <i>JOURNEY STAGE 1</i> training -A lifetime of continually making mature and multiplying disciples to the 4 th Generation
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.	<i>-SI Training Events</i> <i>-JOURNEY STAGE 2</i> <i>-SI Ministry Tools</i>	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY STAGE 2</i> training
3 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to train church planting leaders	SOME Church Planter Trainers	You continuously identify and train leaders/ church planters who multiply to the 4 th Generation	<u><i>Training Events</i></u> <i>-LEADER INTENSIVE</i> <u><i>Ministry Tools</i></u> <i>-JOURNEY STAGE 3</i> <i>-MINISTRY MAP</i> <i>-TRAVEL GUIDES</i> <i>-SI EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS</i> <i>-JOURNEY STAGE 1 with new leaders</i>	-3 Day Leader Intensive -4 to 6 month <i>JOURNEY STAGE 2</i> training - A lifetime of making multiplying disciples, planting multiplying churches and training multiplying church planters
4 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to Serve on a MULTIPLYING TEAM to Multiply to the next place	A Few Leaders on a local <i>STRATEGIC IMPACT TEAM</i>	You continuously serve on a team that multiplies to the next place (sector, village, city).	<i>-SI Training Events</i> <i>-JOURNEY STAGE 4</i> <i>-SI Ministry Tools</i> <i>-Annual FAN-THE-FLAME LEADERSHIP SUMMIT</i>	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY STAGE 4</i> training
5 Your <i>LIFELONG JOURNEY</i> to Launch and Lead a MULTIPLYING MOVEMENTS .	A Select Few Regional Strategic Impact High Capacity Movement Makers	You continuously launch multiplying church movements in new countries and regions.	<i>-SI Training Events</i> <i>-JOURNEY STAGE 4</i> <i>-SI Ministry Tools</i> <i>-Annual FAN-THE-FLAME LEADERSHIP SUMMIT</i>	-1-3 Day Training Events -4 to 6 months <i>JOURNEY STAGE 5</i> training

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

**STEP 1:****CHANGE YOUR THINKING**

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

**STEP 2:****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)*

**STEP 3:****CAST THE VISION**

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

**STEP 4:****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)*

**STEP 5:****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.*

**STEP 6:****EVANGELIZE**

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

**STEP 7:****DISCIPLE THE NEW BELIEVERS**

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

**STEP 8:****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).*

**STEP 9:****MULTIPLY THE DISCIPLES**

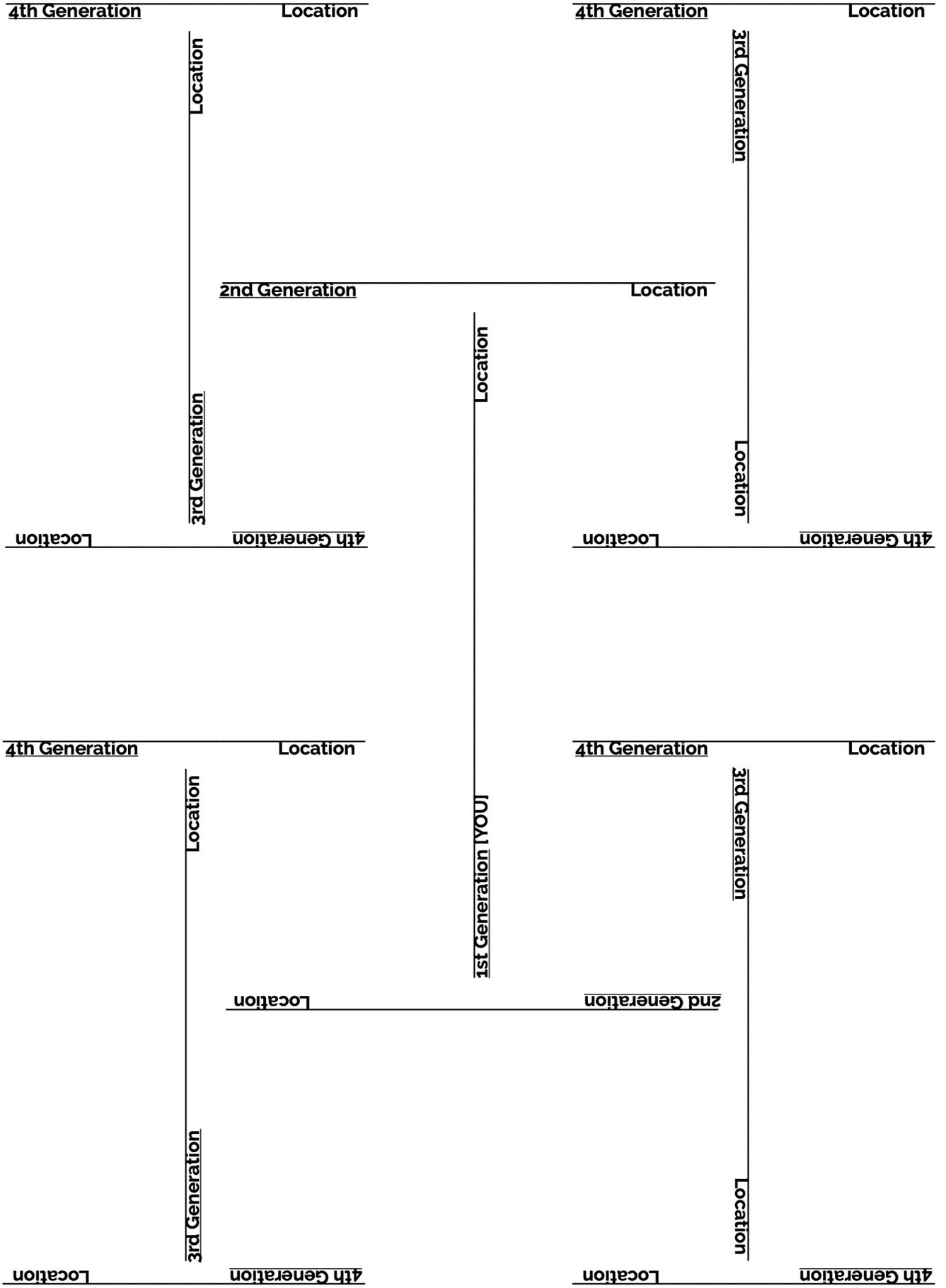
*MULTIPLY the disciples in the new church by repeating the first 8 steps.
(1 Thessalonians 1:7-8)*

**STEP 10:****LOCK ARMS TO LAUNCH A MOVEMENT**

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

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MINISTRY MAP



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 people who are most devoted, committed, and obedient to Christ.

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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.

As you meet for each **REST STOP**, you will follow this pattern using **4 LOOKS** and **10 QUESTIONS**. As you grow together and obey what the Lord teaches you from the Bible individually and as a team in Stage 3, you will be equipped and involved in continually developing new leaders to make multiplying disciples and plant multiplying churches on your **LIFELONG 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 **LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD**.

STAGE 3 - REST STOP 31 - FULFILL YOUR ROLE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

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?

[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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Ephesians 5:21-6:4** 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 **Ephesians 5:21-6:4** again and discuss...

6. In your own words, describe how God says a husband/wife is to relate to his/her spouse.
7. In your own words, describe how God says children/parents are to relate to his/her parents/children.

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 31* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Ephesians 5:21-6:4** 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 39-42)

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*.

STAGE 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 31 - FULFILL YOUR ROLE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 says that if church leaders do not lead their families well, they cannot lead the church. Family is your **first priority and a proving ground for ministry**. God defines how you are to fulfill your unique role as a husband, wife, or parent. As you give careful attention to fulfilling your unique family roles, God will bless you with joy and enhance your ministry to others.

The Role of the HUSBAND: Ephesians 5:25-33 says a husband's primary role is to **love his own wife**. Love for his wife is to be like the sacrificial love that Christ shows for the church. He is to put his wife's interests above his own (verse 25) and treat her with the same care that he gives himself (verse 29). He should consider how his decisions and actions will affect the welfare of his wife. Colossians 3:19 also says husbands should not be harsh with their wives — to **never** abuse them physically or verbally. A second important responsibility is found in 1 Peter 3:7: *"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered."* A husband is to study his wife in order to **understand** her unique needs, desires, and limitations as his fellow heir of eternal life and grant her honor as such. A third responsibility is found in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10. God directs every person to take care of their own needs. As leaders of the family, husbands are also responsible for **providing for their family's needs**. A wife can help (Proverbs 31), but her primary responsibility is work in the home (1 Timothy 2:3-5). This means that as you serve Christ, you will need to find ways to work to provide for your family, much like Paul did on many occasions in his own ministry. (see Acts 18:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:11-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9).

The Role of the WIFE: Genesis 2:15-25 reveals that God created the first man, Adam, to worship Him and do His work in the world. Yet, God said that it was not good for Adam to be alone. So, God made the first woman, Eve, to be his **suitable helper** (verse 18). A wife is not to be independent, but to be a companion who comforts, encourages and assists her husband in worshiping and serving God. In fulfilling her role, the Lord calls her to **submit**, or yield, to her husband in the same way the church submits to Christ. Submission does not mean that she is inferior, less intelligent or talented than her husband (Galatians 3:28-29; 1 Peter 5:7), but that God has given the husband authority to be the leader in his family. To submit does not mean a wife cannot share her opinions or insights, or that she always agrees, but it does mean that a wife respects her husband's role as the leader of the family and accepts his decisions.

A **mutual responsibility** of both husband and wife is in the area of sexual relations (1 Corinthians 7:1-7). Both are to be **devoted emotionally and sexually** only to each other! (verse 2). Their bodies belong to each other. Each must seek to satisfy the other's wants and needs (verses 3-4), and not self-fulfillment alone. You should never demand or force sex, or use sex as a reward or punishment. As both partners take this approach, then both partners' sexual needs will be satisfied.

CONCLUSION: God has given husbands and wives very clear directions in fulfilling their unique roles. Don't focus on or demand that your spouse fulfill their role, but concentrate on being the husband or wife that God wants you to be.

CORE TRUTH: GOD HAS DESIGNED SPECIFIC ROLES FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES SO THEY MAY EXPERIENCE A LOVING MARRIAGE AND BRING GLORY AND HONOR TO HIM.

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

STAGE 3 - REST STOP 32 - PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST

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?

[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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Luke 10:1-3** 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 **Luke 10:1-3** again and discuss...

6. What does Jesus say you must do to reach the spiritual harvest around you?
7. How will you remind yourself to pray regularly for laborers for the harvest?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 32* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Luke 10:1-3** 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 39-42)

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 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 32 - PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST

Every believer is called to obey the Great Commission: “Go...and make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8). Making multiplying disciples is a work of the Holy Spirit in and through God’s people as He draws the lost to Himself (John 6:65, 3:27). This call is beyond human abilities. But Jesus promised: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” He also said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” and “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” If God gives you a command to obey, you can be certain that He will also provide you all you need to obey His command. But you must ask Him in faith! 1 John 5:14-15 says, “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” Is fulfilling the Great Commission God’s will? YES! Does Jesus have the power to fulfill the Great Commission? YES! How will He do it? By His power at work **in and through YOU!**

Prayer shows humble dependence upon God’s infinite glory and resources to accomplish His purposes. Through prayer, you give thanks to God for Christ’s finished work on the cross and His provision and work in you. You also find direction in how to glorify Him by making mature and multiplying disciples. You are empowered to do what God wants as you pray.

Everything in your life and ministry must be soaked in prayer. But prayer is not all that you do. You first bring your plans to God in prayer and then you move forward with confidence that He will direct and empower your actions.

One important thing you should pray for is “harvest workers.” In Luke 10:2-3, Jesus says, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.*” He tells you to ask for more workers, but also sends you out into the harvest **right now!** As you go, pray for more workers. This means that workers **for** the Great Commission harvest will come **from** the harvest! Most of the workers who will fulfill the Great Commission have yet to trust Christ for salvation! So, when you ask the Lord for workers, you are asking for multiplying disciples! As individuals and as a team, you **must be devoted to prayer!** If you have a means, an easy reminder is to set an alarm for 10:00 AM every day to remind you to pray for laborers for the harvest (10:00 AM refers to Luke 10).

The Strategic Prayer Guide *TOOL FOR REST STOP 32* on the next page will help guide your prayers.

CORE TRUTH: PRAYER MUST PERMEATE YOUR MINISTRY OF MAKING MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.

[Return to previous page to discuss “LOOK AHEAD”]

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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **2 Corinthians 3:16-18** 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 Corinthians 3:16-18** again and discuss...

6. Why is it that some Christians turn back into a lifestyle of sin and defeat?
7. How can you continue to walk in, and even increase, the freedom that is already yours in Christ?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 33* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **2 Corinthians 3:16-18** 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 39-42)

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 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 33 - WALK IN FREEDOM

Like a slave who has been freed, but continues to voluntarily live in bondage, many born-again believers do not realize the **freedom** that they already have in Christ. Tragically, it is possible to taste a measure of **freedom**, only to relapse into a lifestyle of **spiritual bondage**, literally returning to the very sin FROM WHICH YOU WERE SAVED! Some people profess to follow Christ, but then, in a short time, they choose to go back to the sins of their life before trusting in Jesus. into their sin.

Every believer needs to discover how to MAINTAIN the freedom they already have in Christ. True freedom is not just deliverance “FROM” the power of sin. Even more so, it is deliverance “TO” be **all that God created you to be**. True freedom is NOT only **avoiding** sin. True freedom IS wholeheartedly **pursuing** Christ.

3 specific principles from the Bible tell you how to maintain your freedom in Christ:

1. BY TURNING to the Lord.

*“But whenever a person **turns to the Lord**, the veil is taken away”* (2 Corinthians 3:16). You are to turn FROM yourself or anything else, and turn TO the Lord. You turn FROM your own abilities, and turn TO the unlimited resources of Christ. For example, a common sin among Christians is UNFORGIVENESS. In unforgiveness, when someone wrongs you, rather than let go of (turn from) that offense, it *“springs up”* in your heart as a *“root of bitterness”* (Hebrews 12:15), and grows until it **CHOKES THE LIFE OUT OF** God’s Presence in your heart. Instead, you should forgive as you have been forgiven by Christ and extend the same grace you have received from Christ.

2. BY YIELDING ourselves completely to Jesus as Lord.

You will experience growing spiritual freedom to the degree that you continually “YIELD” to (1) the authority of the Bible, (2) the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and (3) the empowering control of the Holy Spirit. The essence of maintaining spiritual freedom is **SUBMITTING your WILL to His WILL**. Jesus said: *“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”* (Luke 9:23). You experience the **resurrection LIFE** of Christ, when you first **die** to self, and **SURRENDER** your life completely to His — every day.

3. BY living continually in the intimate PRESENCE of the Lord.

God invites you to continually “dwell in the Lord’s Presence.” *“He who **dwells** in the shelter of the Most High Will **abide** in the shadow of the Almighty”* (Psalm 91:1). *“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who **abides** in Me and **I in him**, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5). **STAYING in intimate relationship** with Jesus Christ **ought to be the normal** Christian Life. God is inviting you to be **FILLED** with His **presence**, His overwhelming **love**, and His unlimited **joy**.

Open your heart today and **RECEIVE** the unconditional offer of God’s Presence. Open your heart and **RECEIVE** *“rivers of living water”* (John 7:37-38). **INVITE** the Holy Spirit to **FILL** you **COMPLETELY**.

CORE TRUTH: YOU EXPERIENCE FREEDOM THROUGH AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST BY YIELDING YOURSELVES CONTINUALLY TO HIM.

[Return to previous page to discuss “LOOK AHEAD”]

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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Matthew 9:35-38** 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 **Matthew 9:35-38** again and discuss...

6. Why did Jesus feel such compassion when he looked at crowds of people?
7. According to this passage, why do you think so few Christians actively share the Gospel with lost people?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 34* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Matthew 9:35-38** 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 39-42)

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*.

God loves people! It is why He created people. It is why He has a purpose and plan for every person. It is why He desires that all people everywhere be reconciled to Him and experience His love in their lives. Love is God's motivation for sending His own Son to save lost souls (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

When Jesus saw the crowds of people who flocked around Him to hear Him teach, to receive healing, and to be delivered from spiritual bondage, the Gospels say Jesus' heart was full of compassion (Matthew 9:36). Despite their various motives for coming to Him, Jesus' motive for engaging them was love. Jesus loves people.

Out of His love, Jesus always obeyed His Father, even when the personal cost was high. He obeyed even when those He came to save refused to listen to Him, falsely accused Him, scorned His love, and rejected His message of salvation. He obeyed His Father even to the point of sacrificing His own life to save those who hated Him.

Jesus obeyed because His heart was full of compassion for all people, everywhere, all the time. He recognized that people are *"harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"* (Matthew 9:36). People are harassed by sin and helpless to do anything to change their condition. Without a Shepherd to guide, protect, and save them, people are lost and have no hope.

Jesus has commanded you to *"make disciples of all the nations."* As His followers, you are called to obey Him and share His gospel with the lost. But unless you have the same compassion Jesus has for lost souls, you will easily give up when your message of love is ignored, your witness is maligned, and your lives are threatened.

That is why you need hearts that beat as Jesus' heart beat with compassion for lost souls. Where does this compassion for lost souls come from? It can only come from God Himself. Only God's love in you and flowing through you will enable you to love people enough to fulfill the Great Commission.

Without compassion for the lost, you will not obey for very long. Without compassion for the lost, you will not persevere when your message is rejected. Without compassion for the lost, you will not respond as Jesus' did when persecuted.

So continually ask God to fill your heart with His love for lost souls. Ask Him to enable you to see others as harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. And then as He fills you with His compassion, lead lost souls to the Shepherd who loves them, and gave His life to save them.

CORE TRUTH: ALIGN YOUR HEART WITH JESUS' HEART OF COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR LOST SOULS.

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 35 - LEADING FROM EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Matthew 20:20-28** 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 20:20-28** again and discuss...

6. What do you think are the motives of those who “want to be first” and “lord over others?”
7. What does Jesus, the Son of God, model about healthy emotional leadership?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 35* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Matthew 20:20-28** 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 39-42)

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*.

STAGE 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 35 - LEADING FROM EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

There are several characteristics of healthy leaders:

1. Healthy leaders lead from spiritual, mental, and emotional health, and they are dedicated to the health of others.

Many Christian Leaders are committed to achieving results, yet because they are not spiritually and emotionally healthy, they inflict various wounds on those they lead. This causes **chaos** and **instability**.

Some examples of **unhealthy leaders**:

- They are **willfully blind to see their own issues** which creates constant chaos and confusion, and then they make everyone around them feel like it is their fault.
- They have to have absolute **control** over and micromanage **everything** and **everyone**.
- They believe they are the **most important people on the team**.
- They **bully** and **threaten** others to get their own way.
- They see themselves as **victims of circumstances**, and take no responsibility.
- They are emotionally **up** one minute, and **down** the next.

2. Healthy leaders choose to separate their work from their inner sense of personal well-being.

Healthy leaders choose to separate their work from their inner sense of personal well-being.

Healthy Leaders do not derive their **identity** and feelings of personal **worth** exclusively from their work or ministry. They do not misuse their leadership position to get **emotional needs met**. Their ministry flows out of their secure identity in Christ. Therefore, they are able to serve the best interests of the ministry since their emotional value is found in Jesus apart from the work they do in ministry.

3. Healthy leaders embrace the collective wisdom of multiple counselors.

No one has sufficient **wisdom** to consistently make good decisions **by oneself**. Proverbs 24:6 wisely advises: *"In a multitude of counselors there is victory."* Wise Leaders build a team of others who possess Godly wisdom, and then **listen to them** before making any major decisions.

4. Healthy leaders are lifelong learners who focus on their own personal growth.

A **lifetime** of personal growth in every area of life will pay great benefits later in life. Like a farmer who **harvests after the growing season**, you will harvest the **benefits** of wisdom, if you dedicate yourself now to the **lifetime** pursuit of personal development.

There is a very subtle **deception** that you face in leading: You can mistakenly think that because you have done something for a long time, you no longer need to **keep learning**. It is absolutely **lethal** to ever think that you have "arrived" and therefore, no longer need to **keep growing** and **keep developing** yourself.

CORE TRUTH: HEALTHY LEADERS CONTINUE TO GROW PERSONALLY SO THAT THEY BRING WISDOM, STABILITY, HEALTH AND GROWTH TO THEIR TEAM.

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

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?

[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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Acts 2:42-47; 8:1-4; 11:19-24** 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 2:42-47; 8:1-4; 11:19-24** again and discuss...

6. What actions do members of your church take which focus on multiplying generationally? How can you best train them for this work of the ministry?
7. What actions do members of your church take which focus on multiplying geographically? How can you best train them for this work of the ministry?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 36* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Acts 2:42-47; 8:1-4; 11:19-24** 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 39-42)

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*.

STAGE 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 36 - MULTIPLYING GENERATIONALLY AND GEOGRAPHICALLY

As the new church grows, your tendency will be to shift from **expanding to new areas** — multiplying “geographically” — to focusing **solely** on multiplying “generationally” within the church body. **Both** geographic and generational multiplication are **essential** in obeying Jesus’s commands, keeping His church healthy, and fulfilling the Great Commission.

MULTIPLYING GENERATIONALLY

It is essential to equip the people of the church toward maturity in Christ. You must challenge and equip the church toward walking in a manner worthy of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27). Walking in increasing obedience (2 John 1:6). Walking in understanding and fulfillment of their calling (Ephesians 4:1—3). Walking as Ambassadors for Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:20). Walking as multipliers of the kingdom of God! You must work with them toward becoming **coworkers with you** — **NOT** as **children**, but as mature **brothers** and **sisters** in Christ! Your role of leadership — whether that is an apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, or teacher — is to *“equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ [the church]”* (Ephesians 4:11-16). **They** must be able to search the Scriptures for God’s direction. **They** must be able to pray. **They** must be able to make and mature multiplying disciples — to plant multiplying churches — to equip the next generation of leaders. **They** must be able to remain faithful and steadfast, no longer *“tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes”* (Ephesians 4:14). They must mature to more faithfully multiply — generation after generation after generation.

According to Acts 1:8, Christ told the disciples they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, which took place at Pentecost. BUT, they did NOT obey the last part of Acts 1:8 *“... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* They were active locally in Jerusalem, but they went no further. For about 4 years, they spread the gospel and brought new believers into the family and fellowship of the church. Consequently, in Acts 8:1-4, a great persecution came and scattered the believers — not the apostles, but the normal, everyday Christians. Where did they scatter? Judea and Samaria and beyond. These who were scattered went about preaching the word (v4). They had been equipped *“for the work of the ministry and the building up of the body of Christ.”* They were now multiplying geographically for Christ.

MULTIPLYING GEOGRAPHICALLY

In Acts 11:19-24, it is the normal, everyday Christians who first share the gospel with gentiles! These scattered new believers shared the gospel with **everyone** as a part of their **daily life**! They had been sent out by what had happened in their life — persecution — and continued to multiply geographically. In Acts 13:2, Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the church at Antioch intentionally to expand into new areas and multiply geographically. Whether through the circumstances of life OR intentionally sending out missionaries — mature disciples faithfully multiply!

You **MUST** be mature and steadfast in your faith — multiplying **both** generationally and geographically!

CORE TRUTH: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS TO MULTIPLY BOTH GENERATIONALLY AND GEOGRAPHICALLY IS ESSENTIAL TO OBEY CHRIST’S COMMANDS, FOR THE HEALTH OF THE CHURCH AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THE GREAT COMMISSION.

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 37 - CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

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 **2 Peter 1:3-8** 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 **2 Peter 1:3-8** again and discuss...

6. How do these verses give you confidence in being the person God wants you to be and accomplishing what He wants you to accomplish?
7. In what area of personal growth or serving Christ do you need to rely on His strength and provision right now?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 37* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **2 Peter 1:3-8** 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 39-42)

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 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 37 - CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

God wants to do a great work through you in your community, city, and region. However, you may sometimes hesitate or have doubts in doing what God wants. Why? It may be because of sin. Or you may not feel adequately trained. But often it is because you simply lack confidence. Perhaps you think that you are not talented, educated, important, trained, or experienced enough to be used by God in significant ways. You might say, “I am not a great leader. I do not have skills, personality, or gifts to influence others.” So, how do you overcome a lack of confidence?

You must understand that confidence to be and do what God wants DOES NOT DEPEND on your own skills, abilities, or resources.

This is verified by Paul’s description of most believers found in 1 Corinthians 1:26-29:

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”

Christians are ordinary people who serve an extraordinary God. Your confidence should not depend on your own ability, but on God’s ability to work in and through you to accomplish His purposes as you devote your efforts to His desires.

Confidence to accomplish **everything** God created you to **be** and **do** comes **from Christ** who dwells in your life! Because of sin, **every person** fails to live up to the standard of being and doing what God wants (Romans 3:23). However, when you believed in Christ you were **born again** spiritually (John 3:3-5) and you **became a new person** (2 Corinthians 5:17). At that moment the Spirit of Christ came to **dwell in you**. Colossians 1:27 says, “*Christ is in you, the hope of glory.*” As you grow in Christ, you **increasingly become** the person God created you to be. So, even though you may not have great abilities and resources in yourself — the great news is that, because Jesus dwells within you, He can do in and through you **all that He desires!**

Because Christ is in you, you can be confident that: (1) You will **become** the person God has created you to be as you yield to the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:3-8), and (2) You can **do** everything God calls you to do through Christ who gives you strength (Philippians 4:13). God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary work so that **He gets the glory!** Your responsibility is to be **available** and **obedient** to the Lord. Your confidence comes from your identity in Christ. Your confidence rests in His power to change you and use you to do what He wants! Since Christ, the hope of glory, dwells within you, the issue is no longer, **if** you can be and doing what God calls you to, but **will** you?

CORE TRUTH: BECAUSE CHRIST DWELLS IN YOU, YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL ENABLE YOU TO BECOME AND ACCOMPLISH ALL HE DESIRES FOR YOU, AS YOU MAKE YOURSELF COMPLETELY AVAILABLE TO HIM.

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STRATEGIC IMPACT - LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD
STAGE 3 - REST STOP 38 - MAINTAIN YOUR VISION FOCUS
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 **Luke 15:1-32** 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 **Luke 15:1-32** again and discuss...

6. How do these Scriptures demonstrate God’s heart toward the lost?
7. How can you keep this passion to reach the world for Christ fresh in your thinking/vision?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 38* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Luke 15:1-32** 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 39-42)

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*.

STAGE 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 38 - MAINTAIN YOUR VISION FOCUS

Jesus' three parables in Luke 15 give a glimpse into God's heart: The LOST SHEEP, the LOST COIN and the LOST SON. The shepherd leaves 99 sheep so that he can search for one LOST sheep. The woman searches her house diligently until she finds one LOST coin. The grieving father waits patiently until his LOST son returns home. There are **3 stories**, but only **1 point**: **"...the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"** (Luke 19:10). And if your hearts align with God's heart, you also will feel compelled to reach your generation with the saving message of Christ.

The Bible reminds that God is *"...not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9), and *"God desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4).

MAINTAIN YOUR VISION FOCUS:

During your lifetime, you will face many **distractions**. Some will come from EXTERNAL sources, but most will originate from WITHIN. One of the most difficult tasks of a leader is to **MAINTAIN your FOCUS**: **"keep the main thing the main thing."** Your responsibility as a leader is to KEEP God's Vision "white hot" in your own heart. As you fervently pursue God's vision, He will empower you to fulfill His purposes in ways that are beyond your human ability.

Then you are to CAST and RE-CAST and RE-RE-CAST God's vision over and over to people in **fresh** and **vibrant** ways. It has been said that vision needs to be RE-CAST every 28 days, because people lose focus. Both for yourself and for those you lead, you need time every month just to **"re-ignite the fire"** and then IMPART that fire "AFRESH" to people you serve.

The main purpose of every believer's life is to glorify Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31). God gives you many roles and responsibilities to fulfill in your Christian walk so that you may honor Him every area of life. All of these are valuable and necessary to live out God's kingdom purposes — and ALL of these things should work together for the GREAT purpose of **fulfilling the Great Commission in your lifetime**. God has already provided you with all the resources you need! With God's help, the church CAN give all 7+ billion people alive today an opportunity to say "YES" to Jesus! When you get to heaven, and look back on your earthly life, there will be INTENSE JOY and GREAT REJOICING with those whom God used you to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ. *"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."* (Luke 15:7).

Your **"job description"** is that of an ARTIST: using your words to **"paint a picture of future reality"** that is so CLEAR and so GRIPPING, that it COMPELS people to **join with you** in reaching the world for Christ! You are invited, if your heart is fully **aligned** with God's heart, to join in this noble task of world evangelization!!

CORE TRUTH: YOU MUST REPEATEDLY MODEL AND CAST THE VISION OF REACHING YOUR LOST WORLD TO THOSE YOU LEAD.

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 39 - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **1 Peter 4:7-11** 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 Peter 4:7-11** again and discuss...

6. As you understand it right now, what spiritual gifts do you think God has given you?
7. Either affirm or share what you think one another’s spiritual gifts are and how you have seen this in practice.

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 39* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **1 Peter 4:7-11** 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 39-42)

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 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 39 - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

When you trusted Christ as Savior, you were given at least one spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11). Churches differ about the number and nature of the spiritual gifts (See list of spiritual gifts below). Most agree, however, that all believers receive spiritual gifts. Peter writes that there are two broad categories of spiritual gifts: speaking gifts and serving gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Spiritual Gifts in the New Testament

Romans 12:6-9	1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 28-31	Ephesians 4:7-12	1 Peter 4:10-11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prophecy • Service • Teaching • Exhortation • Giving • Leadership • Mercy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word of wisdom • Word of knowledge • Faith • Gifts of healing • Working of miracles • Prophecy • Distinguishing spirits • Helping • Administration • Tongues • Apostles • Teaching • Interpretation of tongues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostles • Prophets • Evangelists • Shepherds • Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking • Serving

Why did God give spiritual gifts? Peter says their purpose is to “*serve one another*” (1 Peter 4:10). Paul says spiritual gifts are given “*for the common good*” (1 Corinthians 12:7), and that God gives gifted leaders to his church “*to equip the saints for the work of ministry*” (Ephesians 4:11-12). As believers minister to others with their spiritual gifts, the body of Christ builds itself up in love (Ephesians 4:18). Obviously the gift of evangelism would be used to win those outside the church, and any spiritual gift could also be used to influence those who do not know Christ. The ultimate reason God gave spiritual gifts is “*that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ*” (1 Peter 4: 11). Your spiritual gifts are **not** for **your** glory, but to **help others know Christ and grow in Him for God’s glory**.

Here are some considerations to help you discover the spiritual gifts God has given you:

- **What do you like to do?** Where do you find enjoyment in serving others in the church? Desires and enjoyment can indicate what your gifts are.
- **When do others grow in Christ and thank God for your ministry?** This points to your spiritual gifting. When you see God work through you in a particular area of service, it probably means He has gifted you there.
- **What skills and experience do you see the Holy Spirit using in your life?** God often uses your skills and experience along with the Holy Spirit’s supernatural ability. Ask God to supernaturally empower your natural talents for His glory.

God gives you spiritual gifts to minister to others on your team, in your church, and in your community. The Bible teaches that spiritual gifts are to be used to **serve other** believers **and** to reach the lost! The Great Commission is for every Christian, no matter what their particular spiritual gift) might be.

CORE TRUTH: USE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU TO BUILD UP AND SERVE OTHERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST AND REACH THE LOST WITH THE GOSPEL — ALL TO THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD!

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 40 - MULTIPLYING CHURCHES TO THE 4TH GENERATION

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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Acts 9:31** 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 9:31** again and discuss...

6. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the process of multiplication?
7. What is your responsibility in the process of multiplication?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 40* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Acts 9:31** 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 39-42)

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*.

By now, you are very familiar with the priority of multiplication and with 2 Timothy 2:2 “...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.” Four generations being represented: Paul, Timothy, the Faithful, and Others Also. The book of Acts shows you how this progression of multiplication takes place — and the pattern it describes is one that you should fully follow. It does not only describe the multiplication of disciples, but also the multiplication of leaders, and finally the multiplication of churches.

When persecution struck the church in Jerusalem and the believers were scattered (Acts 8:1). Everywhere they fled to escape persecution, they “preached the word,” and **multiplied disciples** (Acts 8:4). As they did this, they also **identified, equipped, and multiplied leaders** from among those disciples such as Barnabas, who was first mentioned in Acts 4:36 and became a recognized leader by Acts 9:27.

With multiplying disciples spread out far and wide, and with new multiplying leaders being identified and equipped to lead, and with no denominational divisions yet in place — did the church in each town, village, and city just gain more and more people until it was massive? Surprisingly, no! Acts 9:31 says that after the disciples escaped the persecution, “... the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.” The term translated as “built up” means, “constructed, edified, emboldened.” Remember, the church is NOT a building! The 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.” The church is God’s PEOPLE. So, “built up” is not referring to physical construction, but spiritual maturity! Why maturity? Not so the church could continue to swell with new believers, but so it could **multiply!** Every church multiplied disciples, identified, equipped, and multiplied leaders SO THAT they would multiply churches everywhere!

This happened whether disciples were scattered by persecution, whether they relocated voluntarily to a new city, or whether they were intentionally sent out as missionaries like Paul, Barnabas, Silas, John Mark, Timothy, Titus, and many others who went into new areas, multiplied disciples, identified and equipped leaders from among those disciples, and planted new churches. When the church was in a state of peace, it continued to multiply. Wherever disciples went, for whatever reason they went there, the church was built up and multiplied.

Simply put, if **disciples** are multiplied to the **4th Generation**, **leaders** must be multiplied to the **4th Generation** so that **churches** are multiplied to the **4th Generation**. 4th Generation multiplication **must** start with disciples and it must extend **through** 4th Generation leader multiplication **to** 4th Generation church multiplication.

This was how it was done in the early church and this is how today’s church will do the same. Multiply to the 4th Generation! Disciples! Leaders! Churches! Until ALL have heard the good news of Jesus Christ and the Great Commission is fulfilled, just as is promised in Matthew 24:14, “*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come!*”

CORE TRUTH: AS YOU WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU CAN TRUST HIM TO MULTIPLY CHURCHES TO THE 4TH GENERATION.

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 41 - GET BACK UP

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?

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LOOK UP

Read **Mark 5:1-20** 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 5:1-20** again and discuss...

6. Before you had read the end of the story, how did you expect the people who came from the city and the country who came to see what happened to react to Jesus?
7. When your plans and efforts do not bring about the result you expected, how can you best encourage one another to persevere and try again?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 41* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Mark 5:1-20** 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 39-42)

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*.

When one attempts something new, it is almost as important to **fail** as it is to **succeed**. At first, this may seem to be a confusing idea, but the skills, knowledge, and experience gained in a failed attempt are often **greater** than those gained from a success — and are often what are needed to build toward future success.

Consider a small child learning to walk. The child can observe others walking, so he knows that walking is possible and desirable. However, when he makes his first attempts, he will fall — and when he falls, it will require him to overcome fear and pain, get back up, and try again. As an adult, he will likely fall again — but he has learned through experience that there is nothing permanent about his present condition on the ground — he can overcome a fall by getting back up. This idea is given as a wise saying in Proverbs 24:16, “...for the righteous falls seven times and rises again...”

The *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD* is similar. When you first attempt to share the Gospel with an unbeliever, he or she may not trust Christ as Savior. While this is not failure, it has not brought about the end you were expecting — salvation! Similarly, when you use the *10 STEPS* process to plant a new church, it may fail on the first attempt. It is important to remember that the *10 STEPS* are biblical and have been proven over and over throughout history in every culture and country around the world. Your response should be like that of the child learning to walk — NOT, “Others might be able to walk, but I cannot. I give up.” — INSTEAD, “This attempt did not end as I desired. I will **learn** from my experiences, **get back up**, and **try again!**”

Remember that God’s Word **will** accomplish His purpose (Isaiah 55:10-11). In your reading of Mark 5:1-20, one would expect the crowd gathered from the city and country to rejoice that the demon-possessed man who had been afflicting their region is now “*clothed and in his right mind*” (v.15). Instead, they begged Jesus to **leave** (v.17). At first, this seems like a failure, but it was not — the formerly possessed man was not only saved, but also sent out to proclaim to his friends and to everyone in the area (the Decapolis was a group of ten cities) what Jesus had done for him. Additionally, all the individuals in that crowd saw the saving power of the one true God, even if they did not immediately place faith in Jesus for salvation. And later, when Jesus returned to the area again the people welcomed Him gladly, probably because of the testimony of the man freed from demons (Mark 5:53-56).

This points to a principle found in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. **Read this passage.** To summarize, Paul says two things: (1) He is willing to do **anything** to reach people with the Gospel, so they may know its blessings, and (2) In this effort, using all means, only **some** will be saved (v.22). Not everyone who hears your testimony or your sharing of the gospel will trust Christ for salvation. Not every attempt to plant a church will result in a thriving local body of believers who continue to multiply. Your efforts may not always produce the results you have anticipated or desired. **In those moments, remember that you are obeying the command of Christ.** In those moments, **learn all you can** from any mistakes made or any efforts which could be improved. In those moments, **give thanks** for the fruit God brought. And most importantly, in those moments, “**get back up**” as the righteous do and **start again...** so that **all things** may be used to reach the lost with the only hope of salvation — the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CORE TRUTH: WHEN THE RESULTS OF YOUR MINISTRY SEEM TO FAIL, LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE, GET BACK UP, AND START AGAIN.

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 42 - THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF GOD

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?

[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 occurs often, refer to page 6 for help.]

LOOK UP

Read **Psalm 86:8-10** 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 **Psalm 86:8-10** again and discuss...

6. Why is God alone the only worthy object of love, devotion, and worship?
7. What promise does the Psalmist declare regarding worship of God?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 42* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Psalm 86:8-10** 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 39-42)

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*.

STAGE 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 42 - THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF GOD

The Great Commission is important. To go and make disciples of all the nations is the primary mission of the church. But this mission will not last forever and it is not the ultimate purpose of God. The ultimate purpose of God is to be worshiped by all of His creation.

God created the universe to display His glory (Psalm 19:1). He created this planet to reflect His greatness and power (Romans 1:20). He specially created people to willingly and joyfully worship Him as they acknowledge who He is and care for the earth He created (Genesis 1:18-20; Psalm 145:9-11; Luke 19:37-40). But Adam and Eve rebelled against this purpose of worshiping God and chose instead to worship themselves. As their offspring, you have inherited this orientation toward sinful worship of the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:23, 25).

The Great Commission is the mission of the Church in order to bring a rebellious world back into the right worship of its Creator. God is seeking worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). This is why He commands His disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations, so that all people everywhere will become worshipers of Him (1 Chronicles 16:31; Psalm 67:4; Acts 17:29-31). Evangelism exists because the worship of God does not yet exist among all peoples.

When Jesus returns, the Great Commission will be over. Those who have repented of their sin and received Jesus as their Lord and Savior, will enter into an eternity of worship (Matthew 25:34; Revelation 5:9-10, 13). Those who have refused Him, will realize their error (Philippians 2:10-11), but will nevertheless be separated for eternity from worship of the true God because of their sin and lack of repentance (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 1:7).

Psalm 86:8-10 reminds you that the Great Commission **will** be fulfilled and people from all nations **will** worship God throughout eternity. This should be a source of great joy and confidence for you now. In obeying God to make disciples of all nations, you are assured by God that your task will one day be completed (Matthew 24:14)! Your labor now is not in vain. God is seeking worshipers from all nations, and one day people from all nations will worship Him. Hallelujah!

But until that day of completion, your obedience to make multiplying disciples is the highest display of true worship. In fact, that is really what worship is all about: obeying God (Romans 12:1). As glorious and necessary it is to regularly gather together to declare God's praise through your prayers and songs (Hebrews 10:25; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:26), even more important is your daily obedience to do all that God has called you to be and do (1 Samuel 15:22-23a).

God's ultimate **purpose is to seek and save worshipers** who will know Him and be with Him for all of eternity. This purpose **will be accomplished**. And you can speed its accomplishment as you obey God in making disciples of all nations (2 Peter 3:12). This is true worship.

CORE TRUTH: THE WORSHIP OF GOD IS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF MANKIND.

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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 **1 Timothy 3:1-13** 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 Timothy 3:1-13** again and discuss...

6. What are the qualities God looks for in a leader for his church?
7. Who are people in your church that are demonstrating the character qualities listed in these verses? Who will you ask to start *STAGE 1* of the *JOURNEY* with you? Schedule a time in the coming week when you ask them to start.

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 43* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **1 Timothy 3:1-13** 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 39-42)

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*.

Multiplication is your goal — disciples multiplying disciples, leaders multiplying leaders, churches multiplying churches, movements multiplying movements. This will **only** happen if you constantly identify, equip, and send out the next generation of multipliers. If you fail in this, you will never reach your community. However, you should not send out immature and unprepared believers to multiply disciples, churches, leaders and movements. Here are four critical qualities to consider as you develop and send leaders:

HEART: The most essential trait of a potential leader is a **humble** heart that seeks to **obey** God's commands. Look for people who are **quick to confess sin**. When they are made aware of sin, they immediately **repent** and **return** to God's path. They have more faith in the Bible than their own ideas and wisdom. An humble heart does not think poorly of oneself; it raises the value of others. Leaders with humble hearts are **servants** that seeks peace, not those who crave controversy or promote division. They are daily filled with the Holy Spirit's fruit. They seek God's desires over the desires of the world or of their flesh (Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 6:3-10).

CHARACTER: Leaders who have humble hearts demonstrate a **lifestyle of Godly character**. This does **not** mean they are perfect, but they deal with their mistakes and sins. They do **not** love riches, but use their possessions as a **steward** of God. (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19) Requirements for God's leaders are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-11. Most of these standards deal with **proven character** rather than skills. All believers should strive to develop these character qualities, but leaders must also **model** them for others! Look for men and women who **embody** these Godly qualities (see also 1 Timothy 6:11-21)!

TEACHING and DOCTRINE: Leaders should grow in ability to **teach well AND teach right things**. They must learn how to **study the Bible** to gain a good understanding of the foundational truths about Christ and what it means to be His disciple. (See Titus 2 and *JOURNEY REST STOPS 17 and 18*). Ability to teach does **not** mean one has to be an eloquent public speaker, but they must be able to **communicate Bible truth** in a **clear and understandable way** (1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Colossians 4:3-4).

TIME: A person's heart, character, teaching, and doctrine are **proven over time**. You discover potential leaders as you spend time with them in **many situations** — in their **families**, as they **serve**, as they **communicate to believers** and to the **lost**. Leaders for the next generation are **worth your time and effort**. Too little time with them has the danger of releasing immature leaders (1 Timothy 5:22-25). However, **restricting a prepared leader can frustrate** them or cause them to become **passive**. Neither of these are good. Ask God to use you to help **develop** disciples into mature leaders, and then **launch them** so you may walk together as **fellow multipliers** for the King!

Without intentionally **identifying** and **investing** in the next generation of leaders, there will be no more churches planted because there will be no one to lead them. You should have a *MINISTRY MAP* not only for multiplying disciples using the *SI DISCIPLESHIP TOOL*. You should also begin another *MINISTRY MAP* for Multiplying leaders that you take through your *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD*.

CORE TRUTH: YOU MUST BE DILIGENT TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP GOD'S NEXT GENERATION OF MULTIPLYING LEADERS.

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STAGE 3 - REST STOP 44 - RELEASING YOUR BEST PEOPLE

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 **Acts 13:1-5** 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 13:1-5** again and discuss...

6. What priorities did the church at Antioch demonstrate by releasing Barnabas and Saul (Paul) to serve in expanding God’s kingdom?
7. In what specific ways can you and your church demonstrate the same priority of expanding God’s kingdom?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 44* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Acts 13:1-5** 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 39-42)

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 3 - TRAVEL GUIDE 44 - RELEASING YOUR BEST PEOPLE

The Bible says that **God will supply** what you **need to be** and **do all** that He requires. For those who give generously, He will provide for their needs — and often abundantly more (Matthew 6:31-33; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Philippians 4:19).

God is a giving God. You know John 3:16, “*For God so loved the world that He gave...*”. **What** did God give? He gave His **best**, “*His only Son.*” He also gives you His Holy Spirit for your transformation, growth, and fellowship (Luke 11:13). If you follow His model, then you will also **give your best, too**.

Some church leaders and churches exist only for themselves. But, when a leader and a church truly embrace God’s mission, they exist for God’s purpose that is **outside** themselves, and in fact, a purpose that is **greater** than themselves. This is the true joy of life: To be **on mission** with God, and to **partner with Him** in fulfilling the purposes of God in your own generation.

You are God’s **steward** who has been entrusted with His gifts, talents, time, and resources to accomplish His mission to make multiplying disciples of all nations. And as His chosen leader, He has also entrusted you with other people to collaborate with you in carrying out His mission.

As a steward, your role is to **develop**, **empower**, and **release** others to the roles and responsibilities God has for each one of them. To **develop** is to help others understand who they are in Christ and what He has called them to be and do. To **empower** is to encourage others to pursue their responsibility to carry out God’s mission and equip them with the necessary skills to do so. And to **release** is to free others to multiply the process of developing, empowering, and releasing others without unreasonable burdens placed on them. The only requirement the church at Antioch had for Barnabas and Saul was to share how God had worked in and through them on their journey.

Those you develop and empower will become your best people. They will share your passion for God’s mission and desire to give their lives to develop, empower, and release others as you have. Releasing your best people will result in much greater work than you could accomplish on your own. That is the true goal — to release people to fulfill God’s kingdom purposes!

Fulfilling God’s purpose will require that **you give your best people** away — release them — for the goal of multiplying new disciples, planting multiplying churches, and multiplying new leaders. This giving is often **costly** and **sacrificial**. But, this is God’s call on your life — to deny yourself for Him and for the Gospel (Mark 8:34-35). As you do, Jesus promises that you will “save your souls,” — you will find true, abundant life. And in the process, God will grow your passion for and your capacity to make a Kingdom contribution with your life.

CORE TRUTH: THE MORE GOD’S PEOPLE SACRIFICIALLY GIVE TO HIM, THE MORE HE GIVES BACK TO HIS PEOPLE AND MULTIPLIES HIS KINGDOM.

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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?

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LOOK UP

Read **Romans 15:14-29** 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 **Romans 15:14-29** again and discuss...

6. What was Paul’s goal and the strategy that he used to accomplish it according to these verses?
7. Why do you think it is important to have specific goals and strategies to fulfill the calling of the Great Commission that He has given to you?

[Read together *TRAVEL GUIDE 45* on the next page.]

LOOK AHEAD

Read **Romans 15:14-29** 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 39-42)

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*.

Organized sports teams usually have a unique “Playbook”. The team’s Playbook outlines different strategies, procedures, and techniques the team uses to be successful and win games. *STRATEGIC IMPACT* also has a “Playbook” which governs our purpose, priorities, and strategies that define our success. The *STRATEGIC IMPACT* Playbook asks and answers five critical questions:

QUESTION 1: Who are we? (Identity)

ANSWER: We are a movement of like-minded leaders, passionately committed to Jesus Christ and to each other for the fulfillment of His Great Commission. *STRATEGIC IMPACT* is not a church, denomination, or even an organization. We do have a few staff members, but we are primarily a **movement** of leaders from many churches and denominations around the world. Our passion for Jesus and commitment to each other unites us. As a **movement** we have one central purpose: **to work together to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus.**

QUESTION 2: Why do we exist? (Vision)

ANSWER: We exist to offer every person the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only way to God (John 14:6). He is the perfect, sinless eternal Son of God who died to pay for everyone’s sins. God wants all people to be saved and obtain eternal life, and we exist to offer Jesus as the only hope of eternal life to all people on earth.

QUESTION 3: How do we behave? (Values)

ANSWER: We behave in love (“arm locker”), with passion (“on fire”), and strategic intentionality (“doer of the thing”). These three behaviors define our core values. 1 Corinthians 16:14 says, “*Let all that you do be done in love.*” Love for one another on our teams is our top priority. We symbolize this by “**locking arms**” with each other. The second value is passion for Christ and passion for lost people. Our first priority is love for Jesus and we care deeply about His mission that lost people come to faith in Him. We symbolize passion as being “**on fire.**” Our third value is being intentional in using a strategy to fulfill the Great Commission. We don’t just talk about making multiplying disciples! We have a **plan** that **we work** to do it. We symbolize strategic intentionality by describing ourselves as “**doers of the thing.**”

QUESTION 4: What do we do? (Mission)

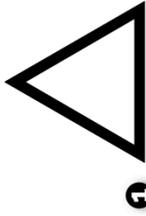
ANSWER: We prayerfully identify and train leaders to multiply disciples who ignite church planting movements everywhere. Every person in the world needs to hear the Gospel. This will only take place if there is a church near them filled with Christians who tell them about Jesus. New multiplying churches will only be started by maturing and multiplying disciples. So, we train Christian leaders to make maturing and multiplying disciples who plant multiplying churches **everywhere.**

QUESTION 5: How do we succeed? (Strategy)

ANSWER: We establish self-multiplying and self-sustaining STRATEGIC IMPACT TEAMS in strategic cities of the world and continually multiply at all levels to the 4th Generation. When every strategic city has a *STRATEGIC IMPACT TEAM* using their own resources to continually multiply disciples, churches, and leaders to the 4th Generation to reach every neighborhood, town, village, and person in their region, we succeed.

CORE TRUTH: THE STRATEGIC IMPACT PLAYBOOK DEFINES OUR IDENTIFY, PURPOSE, VALUES, STRATEGY, AND MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN FULFILLING CHRIST’S GREAT COMMISSION.

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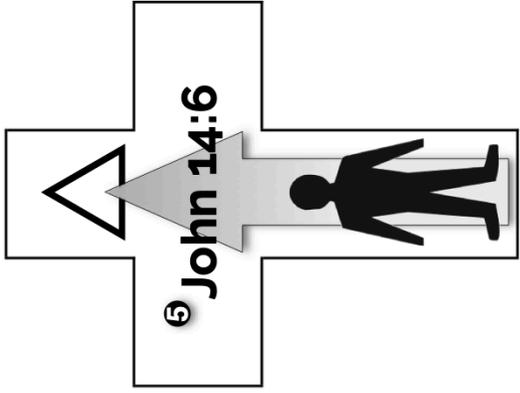
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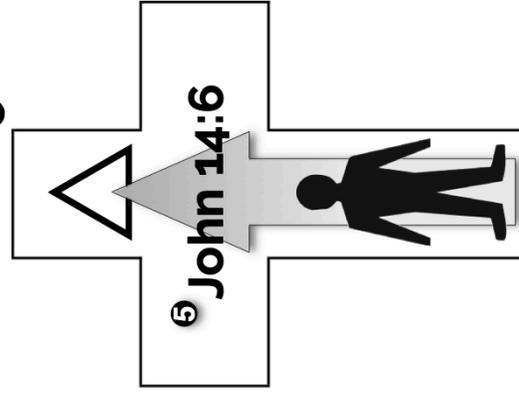


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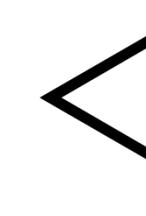
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I accept Christ as my Savior today.
 I can meet tomorrow to grow in my new faith in Jesus Christ.
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 I am interested in meeting with others in my neighborhood to learn more about Jesus Christ.

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Date _____ Age _____

I accept Christ as my Savior today.
 I can meet tomorrow to grow in my new faith in Jesus Christ.
Time tomorrow: _____
or other Date: _____ Time: _____
 I am interested in meeting with others in my neighborhood to learn more about Jesus Christ.

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5 STEPS

- RELATE:** Ask how they are doing and find out what has been happening in their lives since your last meeting.
- ENCOURAGE:** Begin your time mutually answering Spiritual Growth Questions (based on Galatians 5:22-23). **This week...**
 - Have you submitted to the Holy Spirit and maintained a passionate love for Jesus?
 - Have you walked in love, peace, patience, kindness, and forgiveness in your relationships with family, friends, fellow believers, neighbors, and enemies?
 - Have you grown in your love and devotion to Christ this week? How?
 - Did you exercise self control and honor Christ in your financial dealings?
 - Did you exercise self control over sexual thoughts and actions, and any addictive behavior?
 - Were you faithful to witness to the lost and disciple others? Who?
 - Were you faithful to complete your Bible reading and "I WILL" commitment(s) this week?
- DISCUSS:** Read and discuss the Bible passage assigned to that visit's topic using the following 6 question format provided in the next panel.
- PLAN:** Agree on a portion of the Bible that you will read during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
- PRAY:** Conclude your time by praying together for each other and the commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

FOUNDATIONAL VISITS

Visit 1: Who is Jesus.
John 11:17-27

Visit 2: Understand God's Love.
John 3:16-18

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

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

6 QUESTIONS

- Read the passage aloud.
- Discuss and interact** over the following questions:
- What did you like or find encouraging in this passage?
 - What confuses you or makes you uncomfortable in this passage?
- Have someone else read the passage aloud **AGAIN**.
- Discuss** the next two questions:
- What do you learn about people in this passage?
 - What do you learn about God in this passage?
- Have someone read the passage aloud for the **THIRD TIME**.
- Discuss** the final two questions:
- 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: Write down their answers and follow up about this at the beginning of the next visit.)
 - 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. Write down the names of those they want to talk to and follow up at the beginning of the next visit.)

GROWTH 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 Jesus.*
 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 Evangelism 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 Discipleship Tool to start discipling the new believers.*

Visit 9: 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 cell church.
- B. Help the new believer to commit to being a participating member of the new cell 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.

John 14:15-21

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

2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Matthew 28:18-20

Visit 16: God's purpose for your life.

Romans 14:5-12
sovereign God.

Submission to the Lordship of Christ;

Visit 15: Submit to the

to forgive.

A. Ask specifically who they need

Matthew 18:21-35

Visit 14: Forgiving others.

pray.

A. Have the new believer set aside a time daily to read the Bible and

Luke 5:15-16

Read and study the Bible.

Visit 13: Devotional time:

Ephesians 6:10-18

Visit 24: Spiritual warfare.

Romans 6

Visit 20: Identity in Christ.

Galatians 5:16-26

Spirit.

Visit 19: Walk in the Holy

Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4

Visit 18: Marriage and Family.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Bible.

Visit 22: The authority of the

1 John 4:7-21

Visit 21: The priority of love.

LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD

STAGE 3 Summary

CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed *STAGE 3* of your *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD*.

In *STAGE 3*, you have continued to grow in your relationship with Jesus and others on your *TEAM*, as well as guided a new *JOURNEY TEAM* through *STAGE 1* of the *JOURNEY*. You have continued to work to evangelize and disciple new believers and lead the recently planted church. You will now be guiding your new *TEAM* as they progress through *STAGE 2* of the *JOURNEY* and plant a new church. Additionally, you have another **choice** before you: As the Lord leads, you may continue through a lifetime of multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches — or also add one more facet of multiplication to your kingdom work, launching a movement of multiplication.

To launch a movement of multiplication, you will need to take everything you have learned so far in your *JOURNEY* and start this entire process in a new area or with a new people group where the gospel has yet to establish a presence. This may be the next community over from yours, the next District, the next strategic city, perhaps even the next nation. To launch a movement of multiplication, you will need to take full ownership of the work. In addition to the regular activities of making multiplying disciples, equipping multiplying leaders, and planting multiplying churches, you will next be training trainers in a new location so they will also be able to multiply to the 4th Generation where they live.

Multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches is good fruit! Praise the Lord for each new generation reached with the Gospel! But in order for the Great Commission to be fulfilled, multiplication must take place everywhere and among all people!

If the Lord is calling you to this next level of engagement and responsibility, please continue on your *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD* with *STAGE 4*. In *STAGE 4*, you will be equipped to do what Paul described in Romans 15:20-21, “... thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, but as it is written, ‘Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.’” Starting a completely new work in a new location. It is a challenging task, but it is vital so that every person of every people group may hear of the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

However the Lord leads you, may He bless you as you continue your *LIFELONG JOURNEY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD*!

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