

II Timothy 2:2



Matthew 28:16-20

Foundations

These foundational lesson will train us as Master Trainers how to immediately train and equip new believers. It will show from Scripture their new identity and mission as a disciple of Christ. These lessons should be taught immediately upon a person placing their faith in Christ. Soon thereafter it is essential they be trained in Tree of Life.

1. Why do we make disciples?

 It's our identity. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us we are new creations in Christ called to be ambassadors to the world.

2. Who do we reach out to?

 We begin with our friends and family who are far from God.
 We pray for them every day and make plans to share with them.

3. What do we say?

- We share our story.
- We share God's story a gospel presentation such as the 3Circles.

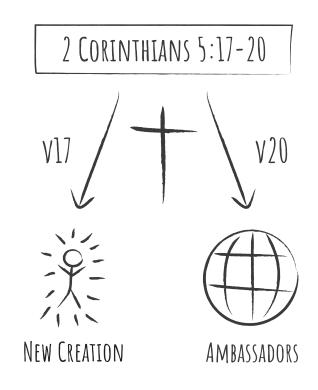
4. When will we do it?

- When will you pray for your relationships?
- When will you train others in the 411?
- When will you start a Tree of Life group?









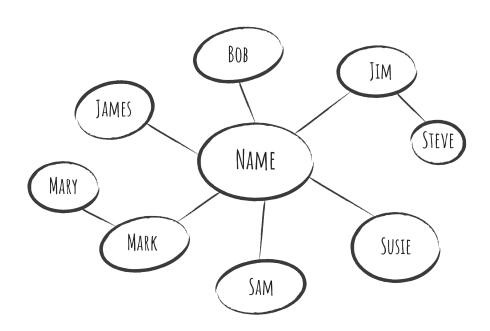
- → Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- → Cross: We see in these verses that if you are in Christ Jesus, these two things are true of you because of Jesus:
- → v17 (person) You have been made NEW! He has forgiven all your sins.
- → v20 (globe) He has given you a new identity as His ambassador.

You cannot separate these two. You cannot become new without being an ambassador of Jesus and you cannot be an ambassador of Jesus without being made new.









AS HIS AMBASSADORS, WHO DO WE TELL?

* JOHN 17:20

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;



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15-SEC TESTIMONY

INTRO:

THERE WAS
A TIME IN
MY LIFE...

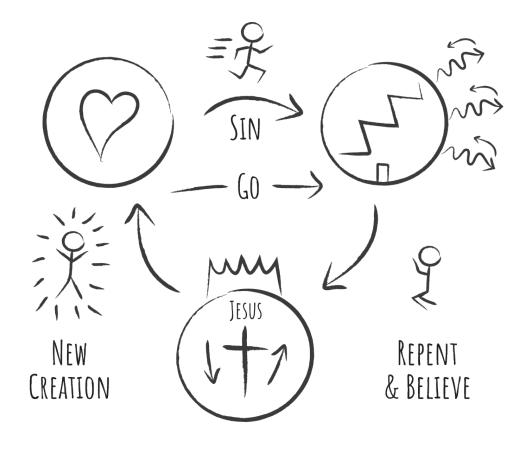
QUESTION:

DO YOU HAVE A STORY LIKE THAT?



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3 CIRCLES







WHEN? -> SET GOALS



DAILY TIME

• SHARE SP

NAME(S) / TIME

• TRAIN 4]]

NAME(S) / TIME

• START

 \rightarrow WHEN?

TREE OF LIFE → WHERE?

→ WHO ELSE?



4 RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL

Acts 17:32-34

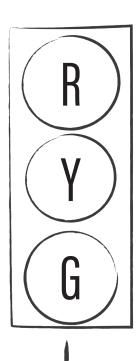
Their Response

"No"

"Maybe"

"Yes" (Repent Believe)

"I'm a Christian"

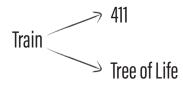


Our Response

Keep sowing (The Word) Search for the good soil (The heart that hears & obeys)

Bible Discovery





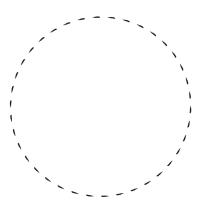


Acts 2:36-47

THE CHURCH CIRCLE



 Draw a dashed circle. This dashed circle represents a gathering of believers.



 These symbols represent the basic functions of a healthy disciple and church we see in Acts 2:36-47.
 Some of these functions have already been studied in the lessons, others have simply been practiced week to week without studying a specific lesson on a function (ex. God's Word, Worship).





The arrow represents Jesus' command to **Repent** & **Believe**. Most draw it outside the circle because this is how one begins a growing relationship with Jesus & is biblically part of His Church.

Draw each of the functions which your gathering is consistently practicing inside the circle. Draw the functions which your gathering has not yet practiced outside the circle.



In this example above, the gathering has practiced some very important functions of a church. However, there are a few functions that have yet to be practiced. If your church has yet to practice all the functions, make an action plan to begin practicing them today.

4. If a gathering has identified itself as a "church", then you may make the dashed line solid. The goal is to have a church become healthy and practicing all the functions as modeled by the New Testament Church in Acts 2:36-47.



Also, for record keeping it will be helpful to identify: # of Attendees / # of Believers / # of Baptized
You may also wish to record the location, start date and leader(s).







1. Repent & Believe

- Command: Mark 1:15
- Story: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus) or Luke 7:36-50 (The Sinful Woman)
- Additional: Romans 3:23, 6:23 & 10:9-10

🗯 2. Be Baptized

- Command-Matthew 28:19
- Story: Acts 8:26-39 (Philip & the New Believer)
- Additional: Romans 6:3-4 Matthew 3:13-16, Acts 2:38



3. Pray

- Command: Matthew 6:9-13
- Story: Matthew 6:5-15 (Jesus Teaches About Prayer)
- Additional: Luke 10:2



4. Go...Make Disciples

- Command: Matthew 28:19-20
- Story: John 4:4-42 (Samaritan Woman at the Well)
- Additional: Luke 10:1-11



5. Love

- Command: Matthew 22:37-39
- Story: Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan)
- Additional: John 15:13, 1 Cor. 13, John 13:34-35, Matt. 22:37-39, John 14:15, 21:17



6. Worship Through Perseverance

- Command: Matthew 4:10
- Story: Acts 16:25-34 (The Philippian Jailer)
- Additional: Ephesians 5:18-21 Colossians 3:16-17 James 1 Luke 8:4-15



7. Lord's Supper

- Command: Luke 22:19-20
- Story: Luke 22:7-20 (Jesus' Last Supper)
- Additional: 1 Cor. 11:23-29, Acts 2:42



8. Give

- Command: Matthew 6:1-4
- Story: Mark 12:41-44 (The Widow Gives)
- Additional: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. Matt 6:1-4, Acts 4:34-35



9. Gather

- Command: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Story: Acts 2:36-447 (The First Church)
- Additional: 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20; Romans 16:1-5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 1:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:31



10. Begin Long Term Discipleship

- Gospel of Mark
- Continue 3/3's meeting format w/ Discovery / S.P.E.C. Questions



Tree of Life **Training** Best Practices **II Timothy** 2:2

This lesson will serve as a guide for best practices when conducting TOL training.

As we train disciples in Tree of Life there are several goals we want to achieve.

- 1. To train and assist every disciple to take the first step of obeying Christ in making disciples. For some that may be sharing their faith for the first time. For others it may be gathering, training, and sending out disciples.
- 2. Tree of Life is 8 months of training. During this time, we want to use the accountability built into the training to filter for the most faithful disciples. They will be identified by their obedience and can be further trained as master trainers. This is vital as we develop networks of faithful master trainers to have No Place Left in the areas we are working.
- 3. As trainers we want to train as many disciples as possible. We understand only about 10-15% will put it into practice. The more we train, the more workers in the harvest we will have. However, training in small groups with a maximum of 30 participants is best. If too many participate, we lose the closeness and intimacy of the group that will develop over the 8 months. Remember, smaller groups lead to multiplication faster. You may lose up to half of a training group as the filter works. Don't be discouraged our Lord Jesus filtered for the faithful. He is our example.

There are several ways to conduct TOL training that will best lead to multiplication. We must remember what TOL is designed to accomplish.

TOL is designed to train and equip disciples to be engaged and obedient to our Lord's command to go make disciples of all nations.



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We want to see a movement of disciples multiplying disciples. This is what we see the Lord doing in the Book of Acts through those early disciples. The Lord continues to lead His movement.

In our experiences in India and Africa the Lord has shown us that there are certain ways to do training that will achieve our goal of multiplication.

- 1. The training is 8 months long. Use those 8 months as a time to watch and filter for the faithful. Remember our goals as stated above.
- 2. Using the 3 Thirds model for training we can train once a week. That is one lesson each week for 32 weeks.
- 3. Using the 3 Thirds model we can train every two weeks. We train two lessons every other week. This has been effective for multiplication.
- 4. If time and distance is an issue. We can train once a month. Four lessons or one module per training. This also has been effective.
- 5. Always use the 3 Thirds model while training and never leave out the reteaching portion.

Our prayer for every training group is it will move from a group to a church that is making disciples and planting healthy churches.



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Some things we want avoid that have not proven effective in leading to multiplication include:

- 1. Training large groups of more than 30 participants.
- 2. Training multiple modules at one time. This reduces the time with those you are training. By removing the 8 months you remove the filter. We are looking for the most faithful. They will multiply and will be our next generation of master trainers. We find the faithful through the accountability process over the eight months of training.
- 3. Every context is different. We want are trainers to be flexible and adapt to their context. These are some foundational principals we have found helpful.





As we labor together in the harvest, we see rapid and sustained growth and decline.

In this lesson we will lay out some foundational principals on how to avoid decline and how to correct it if we find ourselves in a declining movement.

To avoid a declining movement, we must continue to have these components present within the movement:

White-Hot Faith: White-hot faith is the fuel that missionary movements run on. Nothing happens without a deep dependence on God. Nothing leads us into a healthy dependence on the power of God more than to come face to face with our desperate need of Him. Jesus is the apostle and pioneer of our faith. He led the way for us in surrender to the will of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. We must do the same faithfully trusting and serving Him. Leaving the results in His hands.

White-hot faith is an important factor whenever we see great advances in the spread of the Christian faith. **Read Acts 19:8-10.** This is an example of the rapid spread of the gospel by ordinary, unnamed disciples that reached all of Asia in 2 years. Reaching between six to eight million people with the Good News of Jesus.

This was White-Hot faith by ordinary disciples being obedient to the Great Commission.



Commitment:

The Lord Jesus came to this earth, died for our sins, rose again from the dead and is exalted at the Fathers right hand. He has commanded us to go make disciples of all nations. He began a missionary movement that continues today. Jesus demonstrated unwavering commitment to His mission. He expects the same unwavering commitment from us.

Dynamic disciple making movements are clear about what they believe and why they exist. We don't confuse our beliefs with the beliefs of other faiths. We only admit and retain trainers who are fully committed to the beliefs and practices of the movement. We build strong ties between members for mutual support and accountability.

Our loyalty to the Lord Jesus must come before every other loyalty. Missionary movements build environments that sustain and reinforce commitment to the cause. **Read I Thessalonians 1:6-8** and **II Thessalonians 1:3-7.** Can you identify both White-Hot Faith and Commitment among the Thessalonians? They were committed and faithful to the core missionary task.



Identity:

In a previous lesson we have learned our identity as Trainers. We stay in the Word, empowered, and directed by the Holy Spirit and faithful to the core missionary task. Dynamic movements preserve their Identity while continually updating and renewing their strategy and methods. Identity defines the boundaries of the movement which puts it in tension with the values, norms, and beliefs of the surrounding culture. Staying within our Identity is key. If we compromise and leave our identity decline will ensue. **Read Romans 15:18-24.** Paul stayed true to Identity. He stayed in the Word, empowered, and directed by the Holy Spirit, and true to the core missionary task. Paul could say there was **no place left** for him. He and those he trained had reached the Eastern Roman Empire with the gospel. He would now go West to Spain.



What are the steps we take when a movement is in decline? How do we fix it?

Decline in a movement can normally be traced back to failing to live out one or all three vital components White-Hot Faith, Commitment, and Identity.

Identity is key as it is directly connected to the other components.

The only way back from decline to vitality is by returning to Identity that birthed the movement and by promoting innovative strategies in a disciplined way.

Identity doesn't change (Word, Spirit, and Mission) but strategy and methods must be renewed and adopted to new contexts. Dynamic movements preserve their Identity while continually updating and renewing their strategy and methods. So, movements must promote innovation in strategy and methods while maintaining high levels of commitment to Identity.

Identity defines the boundaries of the movement.

Decline is the fruit of turning away from who we are in God (II Cor 5:17-20).

Our only hope for renewal is to humbly return to our Identity (Word, Spirit, and Mission) and then to apply the key elements of Strategy, (Pioneering Leaders, Contagious Relationships, Rapid Mobilization, and Adaptive Methods).



Leadership Tasks:

- Stay clear and connected: Turn around decline by being a leader who is present and displays White-Hot Faith, Commitment, calmness, and courage.
- 2. Launch a movement from within: Restore hope for a declining movement by promoting a fresh movement within or alongside.
- 3. Return to Identity: Return to Identity and apply the key elements of Strategy in a fresh and disciplined way.

These lessons contain excerpts from Steve Addison's books, Movements That Changed the World and The Rise and Fall of Movements.



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Read Luke 10:1-4

We meet the seventy who were sent by the Lord Jesus to prepare the way of His coming. Here are seventy messengers going out two by two into towns and giving the message that Jesus, the Messiah, the Lord, the Savior, the King is coming. They would be proclaiming to the people who He was and why He had come.

They are set apart to be the first Kingdom missionaries.

They are ordinary disciples who have denied themselves and picked up their cross to follow Christ. This is what causes them to stand out. To deny ourselves means to say, "I am done with all my hopes and dreams and ambitions. I am weary of my failures and my sins. I am tired of trying to gain my way into heaven. I abandon everything to follow You and take up the cross daily." That is to say with such resolve and such commitment that if it means death, you're willing to face death on a daily basis.



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This is what the Lord Jesus Christ expects from his true disciples.

In these four verses we will see the essential attitudes that our Lord requires of these kingdom missionaries. They apply to us as well as we carry on the mission of the seventy.

- 1. Compassion: A deep profound sense of sympathy of the desperate condition of the unconverted. The gospel is the only means of salvation and our heart should break for the lost. Compassion for the lost is vital. Jesus said He came to seek and to save that which was loss. His heart broke for the unconverted and He gave His life for them. We should work to exhaustion getting the gospel to those who have not heard.
- 2. Prayer: Pray the Lord would save more and send more. Pray He would raise up more national missionaries to be sent.
- 3. **Urgency:** Jesus commands them in verse 3 to "Go." This literally means "Go and keep going." The mission is immediate. It is urgent. The time is short. They did not have all the answers, but they knew how they were saved and how others could be saved as well.



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- 4. Vigilance: In verse 3 the Lord warns them He is sending them like lambs into a wolf pack. In Matthew 10:22 Jesus tells the disciples "You will be hated by all because of My name." They will hate us because of their hatred of Christ and their love for sin. We are to be courageous, committed, faithful and wise.
- 5. Trust: Jesus tells these missionaries to take no money belt which means no money. No shoes and to greet no one on the way. These missionaries were in basic training. The Lord was training them to trust Him. He would provide everything they needed. Whether food or shelter He would provide. This carried over in learning too trusting Him for the results of the work. They were to trust Him for the spiritual fruit and trust Him to provide material resources. This was their basic training. It would not always be this way. Read Luke 22:35-36. In these verses we see their basic training is over. They had learned to trust Him when they had resources or when they didn't the Lord would provide.

These are the five necessary attitudes for effective evangelism. As we live out the vision of No Place Left where the gospel has not gone, we must apply these attitudes as we proclaim Christ to a lost and dying world.

A portion of this lesson was taken from John MacArthur's sermon on Attitudes of Effective Evangelism.