



**THE FOUR FIELDS OF KINGDOM GROWTH  
MARK 4:26-29**

**Teaching Notes**

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# Lesson 1

## Introduction

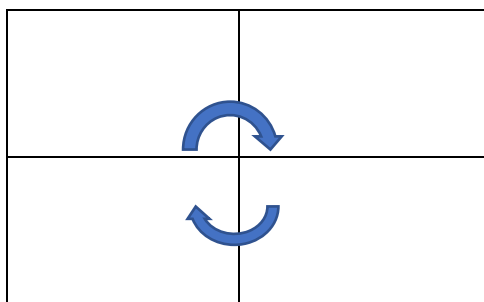
This course is designed to give the student a practical understanding of the foundational elements of Kingdom life. Pastors, church planters, and every Christian need to understand and faithfully engage in these Kingdom activities and ministries. This course focuses on five fundamental elements that are also called the Missionary Task: Entry, Evangelism, Discipleship, Church Formation, and Leadership Development. Each individual element is crucial to making disciples and healthy church formation. It provides the pastor and church leaders the necessary tools and training to disciple his local congregation. It is also specifically fundamental to those with a pioneering calling to plant churches and multiply disciples. Not only will students receive the necessary training, they will also have the discipleship tools to disciple others in their ministry.

In the second part of this lesson, we will examine the Biblical and Theological foundation on which the Four Fields Training stands. We are going to look at God's heart as it relates to making disciples and pursuing lost people. We will also see the urgency of our day as we look at lostness that is all around us and God's plan to attack it. We will discuss the difference between addition and multiplication and the need to embrace multiplication.

## Introduction to the Four Fields

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:33, "to seek first the Kingdom of God..." In many of His parables Jesus begins with, "the Kingdom of God/Heaven is like..." As it relates to specific Kingdom ministries, Mark 4:26-29 gives us the foundation for the four fields.

Have someone read Mark 4:26-29 and if possible, draw the diagram outline of the four boxes on a whiteboard, chalkboard, or large piece of paper and leave them blank.

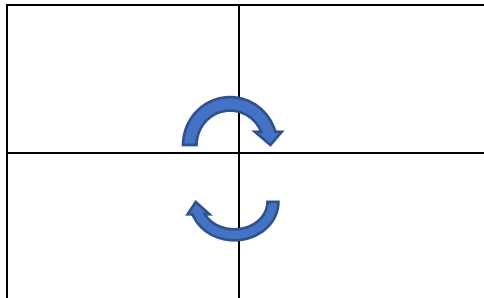


**Field 1** Begin talking about the farmer and ask the students to name in the elements Jesus brings out in this story. As they mention spreading seed, or the seed grows, etc, mention that Field 1 is something that is assumed in the parable. Ask what does the farmer have to do to the field before he spreads seed? He has to prepare the field and the soil. Remove the rocks, till the land, remove seeds, perhaps fertilize. We call this field ENTRY. The farmer goes in to prepare the field and the Kingdom worker enters new territory to prepare it spiritually.

So, Field 1 is assumed and something we need to read into. Before the farmer sows the seed, he prepares the soil.

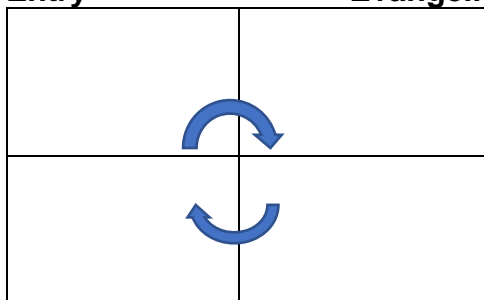
This is our **Entry** strategy. (Entry on the top of the first box) In this field, we have a double meaning: The farmer must prepare him/herself and he/she must prepare the soil of the hearts of those with whom he/she will share the gospel.

**ENTRY**

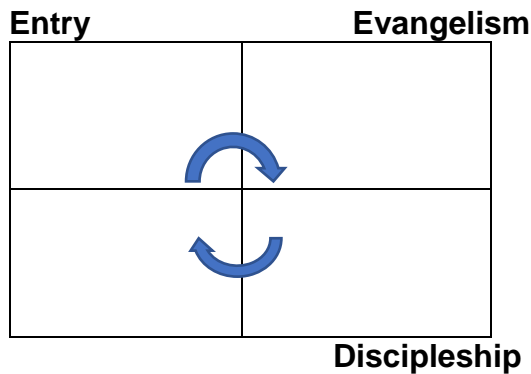


**Field 2** (v.26-27) – is sowing the seed. The farmer is spreading as many seed as possible. This field is where we **Share the Gospel**. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible. We never know which person (seed) will take root and grow. So, we share with as many as possible, looking for that good seed to take root. As we share, we will get three responses: Red Light (not interested, resistant), Yellow Light (I’m not ready but I would like to hear more), Green Light (I want to become a follower of Jesus Christ). We will talk more about this later. (Write Evangelism on the next box and tap dots all in the box)

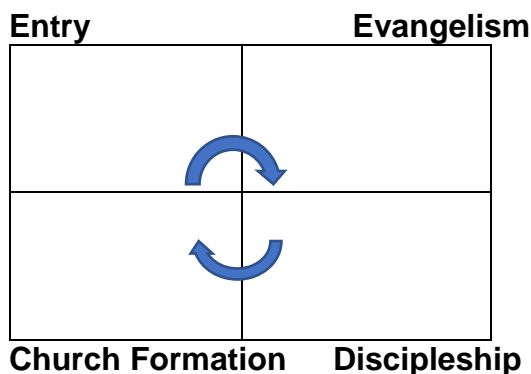
**Entry** **Evangelism**



**Field 3** (v.28)– At the harvest we start gathering the bundles. This field is **Discipleship**. Those who were green lights and became followers of Jesus, we train them to become disciples of Jesus who make disciples. We teach the new or inactive disciple how to obey everything Jesus teaches us. (Write discipleship on the third box and draw some bundles like the picture)



**Field 4 (v.29)** – In Field 4 we gather the bundles and harvest them to eat and store them for food. Field 4 is where we gather disciples in **Groups or New Churches**. This is a group/church formation phase that we hope just continues to multiply. We gather the followers of Jesus into small groups that typically meet in homes or other spaces. They continue to disciple one another and obey Jesus. The characteristics of the group continue to develop as they begin to reflect the first church in Acts 2:42-47. (Write Church Formation on the fourth box and draw one big bundle of wheat like the picture provided)



**Leadership Development & Multiplication** – The last piece of the diagram is Leadership Development. We must continue to raise up new believers and train them to keep the process going and multiplying the Kingdom of God. Raising up mature leaders in our congregation as well as sending out those who feel called to plant new churches or become missionaries to other people groups. (Write Leadership Development between the arrows on the diagram)

This is the outline for time together and the basic elements of the Four Fields of Kingdom Growth. However, before we move into the Four Fields and what we should DO, we need to spend a moment on what we should BE. As we said in Field 1, Entry, preparation has a double meaning. The Farmer, or Kingdom worker, must prepare his/her own heart before they are ready to go into the field and begin the work. It is not a one-time preparation, but it must be the lifestyle or discipline of the Kingdom worker. Jesus calls that Abiding in Christ.

Turn to **John 15:1-8** and let's look at what Jesus says about Abiding/Remaining in Christ. Have someone read this text.

## **ABIDING IN CHRIST**

### **John 15**

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5)

Jesus’ desire is for us to bear fruit. No tools, methods, strategies, or processes we use are the answer or the magic formula for bearing fruit. Abiding in Christ is what bears fruit. Fruit that bears more fruit.

### **How Do We Abide in Christ?**

#### **1. Read/Listen to God’s Word.**

*“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you...”* (John 15:7)

We must be leaders who read the Word, understand the Word, and interpret it correctly. We must teach and encourage our people to do the same. Perhaps as important as reading the bible is believing it. Do you BELIEVE this is the Word of God? Perfect, inerrant, infallible, 100% true. These are the words of life. Do you believe it?

But you must INTERPRET it correctly. So many teachers/preachers take one verse out of the Bible and misinterpret it. Use it to say what they want it to say. False prophets and prosperity teachers do this. Just because you feel something doesn’t make it true. We must know and teach the true Word of God. If we do not abide in His Word, we are not abiding in Christ.

#### **2. Pray to God.**

*“...ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”* (John 15:7)

Pray is so important, it helps us get to know God. Pray is not a list of things I tell God I want or need. Pray is not to get what I want from God, it is to get to know God and what He wants. Jesus is talking about private prayer, getting alone with God. Some people only pray when they are at church or in a group where people are watching. Get alone with the Father. IF... you abide, remain in my Word ask whatever you wish... When you abide in His Word your desires become His desires. He changes us to pray His will, and when we pray for His will, He will answer that prayer.

Lord’s Prayer, read it. Matt. 6:9-13  
Prayer shows love of God, and dependence on God.

#### **3. Abide in God’s love.**

*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.”* (John 15:9)

Jesus is talking to His disciples. God is love and God loves His children. God loved the world that He gave His Son, but if you reject the Son you receive God’s wrath and judgment. His love causing Him to weep when you reject Jesus, but it doesn’t change the consequences. Rich young ruler rejects Jesus and causes him to weep but the he still pays the consequences. Do you love him, more than status, money, pleasure? Look at people’s what’s app status and you can see what they love. Do you love Jesus? Do you love people?

#### **4. Obey God's commands.**

*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."* (John 15:9-10)

This is the real issue. The question is not just do you know God's Word, but do you obey God's Word. Matthew 28:19-20, the Great Commission says, "teaching them to obey," disciples obey. Matt. 7:24-27. Wise obey, foolish disobey. Are you obeying?

#### **5. Walk in the Light of Christ by confessing your sin.**

*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:7-9)

- Confess your sins (agree with God that is in an offense against His righteousness and Holiness)
- Receive forgiveness or give forgiveness for anyone who has offended you
- Repent, turn away from that sin and stop doing it

### **BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION**

#### **1. The Heart of God - 1 Timothy 2:1-7; 2 Peter 3:8-9 (read these verses)**

Let's begin by looking at the heart of God. In 1 Tim. 2:1-7 we see that Paul is writing to Timothy and says specifically in V.4 that "God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." God's heart is that all become saved. In V.5-6 we see that the God has given all mankind one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ who is a ransom for all people.

In 2 Peter 3:8-9, Peter tells us that God is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

It is God's heart and desire that everyone be saved and come to know Him. He desires that no one should perish, but that all come to repentance by faith in Christ Jesus alone.

#### **2. The Passion of Paul – Acts 20:17-24; Acts 21:7-14 (read these verses)**

In these two biblical accounts of Paul's suffering and pain we see the passion of a man who was committed, dedicated, and loved his Lord more than anything else. What makes a man go through what Paul went through? Paul had a passionate commitment to a target. Paul was dialed in and had his eyes on the salvation of people. Paul is the first missionary and models a passion and commitment to make disciples, no matter the cost.

#### **3. The Parable of the Net – Matthew 13:47-50 (read)**

The Parable of the Net shows us how to look at all people from heaven's eyes. We don't focus on their outward appearance, but we focus on their heart condition. In the parable there are every kind of fish. Those fish represent people of all nations, tribes, tongues, men, women, people groups of all kind. But with all the different kinds of fish/people, there are only two categories: good/bad; righteous/wicked; saved/lost.

So, Jesus is teaching us to see every person on earth as either saved or lost; righteous or wicked, on their way to heaven or hell. If they are lost we share the gospel, **evangelize**. If they are saved we train them, disciple them, or **enlist** them.

### **Statistics – The Urgency**

Let's take some time to show the urgency of the situation.

Step 1: (Begin by asking, what percentage of your city/nation, do you believe is truly saved/born again/converted/transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light?) In Zambia we have come to believe that approximately 20% of the people are truly born again.

Step 2: Choose a city or nation and talk about the population at this location. For example, Lusaka has approximately 3 million people. Zambia has approximately 18 million.

Step 3: Figure out how many people need to be saved this year just to decrease lostness, and increase those who are saved by just 1%. So, if we have 20% saved now, how many need to be saved for our city/nation to have 21% saved? Moving just 1%?

**Example 1:** 3 million is Lusaka; 20% saved is 600,000; 80% lost is 2.4 million.

To increase the saved just 1% in Lusaka we need to lead 24,000 people to Christ this year. Is the condition of our churches currently and what they are doing and teaching, going to see 24,000 people saved this year in Lusaka?

**Example 2:** 18 million in Zambia; 20% saved is 3.6 million. 80% lost is 14.4 million. To increase the saved in Zambia just 1%, we need to lead 144,000 people to Christ this year. Are the churches in Zambia positioned to see this many saved this year?

(Research needs to be done for the ministry context of this section. What would it take to decrease lostness and increase the saved 1% in a year?)

### **THE GREATEST ENEMY ON THE PLANET IS LOSTNESS.**

The pain, poverty, suffering, injustice, sin, and brokenness on our planet is caused by people rejecting God and their separation from Him. But God has a strategy and plan to deal with the lostness on this earth. It is called the Great Commission.

#### **4. God's Response/God's Plan - Matthew 28:18-20 (read text)**

If we are to make a disciple, we need to know what one is. Matthew 4:19 Jesus says "*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" So, we are to Follow Jesus and Fish for people. **Follow and Fish**. We need to fish and then teach people how to be fishermen/disciples.

**Object Lesson:** Ask everyone to pull out a coin. Or the trainer can have one.

Ask: How many sides does this coin have? (Two)

Ask: Will this coin be of any value if one side is removed? (No) Will it be authentic? (No)

For a coin to be authentic and be used for its original intent, it needs both sides. For a disciple of Jesus to be authentic and used for its purpose, he/she must Follow Jesus and Fish for people.

Our Christian identity is like this coin. It has two sides—Jesus calls us to **Follow and Fish**. If we do one without the other, we are living inauthentic lives. We

all know people who do one, and not the other. Our churches are full of people who “follow” Christ, but never fish for people? And we see false prophets, false teachers, prosperity leaders, some tv evangelists who are fishing for people, but are not truly following Jesus with full biblical obedience.

A true disciple does both.

To get there we must move from **Knowledge-based** discipleship to **Obedience-based** discipleship. We have allowed content to outrun practice. Jesus says in the Great Commission, “teach them to **obey** everything I have commanded you.” Not, teach them to “know.” So, our focus is to make obedient disciples of Jesus.

## 5. God’s Vision/Our Goal

Read: Luke 24:44-49 – Every People (To all Nations)

Ready Acts 1:8 – Every Place (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, world)

Every People



Every Place

**Acts 19:10** – Paul says everyone in Asia has heard the gospel. In just a few years Paul’s strategy of making disciples has been so effective, that every person in Asia had heard the gospel. Everyone had not believed the gospel, but everyone had heard. This did not happen by Paul starting one church and inviting everyone to come and see. Paul preached the gospel, but he also trained disciples who trained others to take the gospel to those who had not heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Romans 15:23** – At the end of Romans Paul makes a dramatic statement. Paul says there is “**no place left**” in that region for him to share the gospel. He needs to go to a new place where the gospel has not been shared. I believe the goal for all disciple makers, churches, and pastors should be that there is “**No Place Left**” for us to share the gospel. We must move on to a new community, new village, new city, or new country. Not that everyone has been saved, but that there are healthy disciple making churches with healthy disciple making pastors who are reaching their community.

That is our goal, that there would be “**no place left**” in \_\_\_\_\_ for us to share the gospel.

## MULTIPLICATION VS. ADDITION

Ultimately, this will only happen through **multiplication, not addition**. Every disciple of Jesus embracing obedience-based discipleship and by training new or existing followers of Jesus to obey and multiply.

In **2 Timothy 2:2**, Paul writes to Timothy, “*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.*” Paul is showing a pattern of four generations: Paul to Timothy to Faithful Men to Others. Only by multiplication will we get to our goal of “No Place Left” in our context.



\*Do the Multiplication vs. Addition Chart exercise:

- Begin by asking the question:
  - If you were starting a church, would you rather be given 500 new members who would just attend, or two people who would be discipled for an entire year?
  - Keep playing that out scenario for 16 years and you will see the value of multiplication vs. addition. In just 7 to 8 years multiplication passes addition.
  - You will see how Acts 19:10 (all of Asia heard) and Romans 15:23 (no place left) were possible.

**Close this session with a prayer time. You can do it individually or ask students to partner together and pray for one another.**

#### **Review Questions:**

1. Can someone retell the parable of the Four Fields?
2. What are the Four Fields of Kingdom Growth?
3. Why is Leadership Development such an important part?
4. What are the five points of Abiding in Christ?
5. Why is Abiding in Christ so important for the Kingdom servant?
6. What is the Father's Heart as it relates to lostness?
7. What is the passion of Paul?
8. From Heaven's perspective, there are only two types of people, name them?
9. What is the greatest enemy on earth?
10. A true disciple of Jesus must embrace what two things?
11. For multiplication to happen, we must move from knowledge-based discipleship to what?

## Multiplication vs Addition Chart

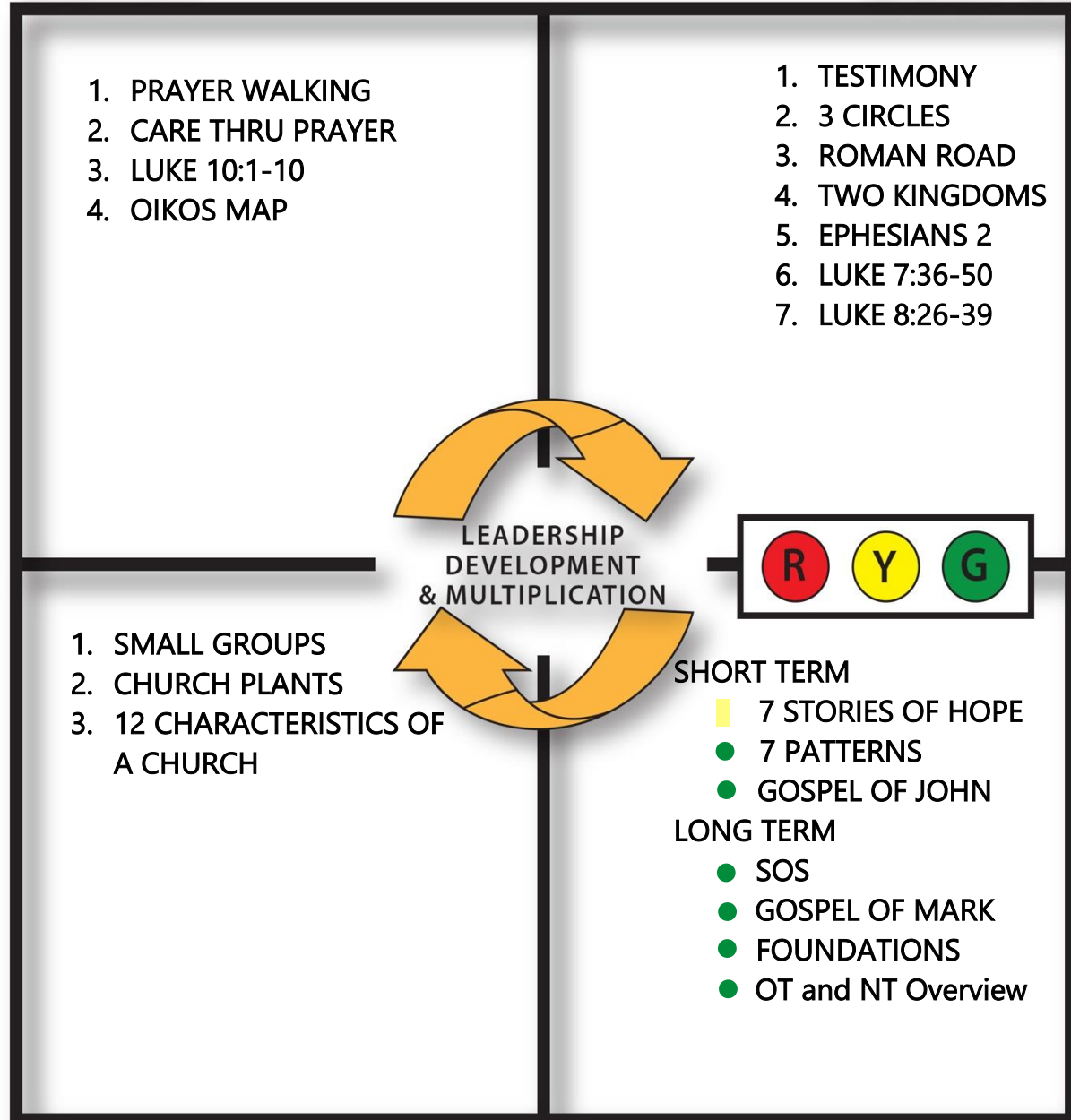
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## OVERVIEW OF TOOLS (Lesson 2)

### ENTRY

### GOSPEL



### GROUP FORMATION

### DISCIPLESHIP

## Lesson 2

### Introduction

#### TRAINING AND TOOLS

For training and multiplying disciples, we need tools and training for each Field. We must decide what method or tool we will use in Field 1 (Entry), Field 2 (Sharing the Gospel), Field 3 (short-term and long-term discipleship), Field 4 (Group/Church Formation), and Leadership Development. When we choose tools, we must choose wisely. In this section we will learn the Five Criteria to use when choosing ministry tools. Then we will begin digging into Field 1, Entry and learning the tools we use and then practicing those tools

There are five criteria to use when you are choosing a culturally appropriate tool.

#### Five Criteria for using tools:

1. Is it **Biblical**?
2. Is it **Simple**? If it's not simple enough to be understood by the majority of people, it's too complicated. It must be able to be used by anyone.
3. Is it **Reproducing**? Not just reproducible. If you have enough money and resources, you can reproduce anything, but is it reproducing? Meaning are people using it and passing it on to others?
4. Does it Get Us to the **Next Step**? Might have the first 3 but if it is not getting us to evangelism, discipleship groups, church formation it's not effective. Is there a cohesive strategy to move us, or lead us to the next step of a discipleship relationship?
5. Is it **Low Cost/Free**? We must look two generations forward. Will they be able to sustain it?

#### TOOLS MUST LEAD TO MULTIPLICATION

**WE WILL NOW MOVE INTO THE TOOLS OF EACH FIELD.**

## FIELD #1 – ENTRY

For many followers of Jesus Field 1 is the most difficult field. How do we prepare the field? How do we prepare our own hearts to be abiding in Christ, aligned with the Holy Spirit? The answer is **PRAYER**. So, we pray for our own hearts to be prepared and available, and we pray for the people's hearts that they may receive the message of the gospel.

So, how do we begin spiritual conversations? How do we engage with people who are far from God? One of the most effective ways to connect with people is to demonstrate love and care. So, our tools for Field 1 is prayer, developing an Oikos Map, and learning the principles of Jesus in Luke 10.

### FIELD 1 TOOLS:

#### **1. Prayer Walk:**

Prayer Walking through new areas, villages, and communities are very important. We can go two by two or in small groups in our new territory, village, neighborhood. We might do research on the history of the area and find out if there are specific strongholds, lies, false beliefs, etc., that have been barriers to Christianity taking root or growing so we know how to specifically pray. One way to prayer walk is to pray Scriptures as we walk around an area.

#### **2. Care through Prayer.**

Our goal is to care for people in their brokenness. Caring for people is a great way to gain a safe connection. One of the best ways to care for people is to pray for them. We are going to begin conversation with someone and listen for opportunities to care. We are going to engage in normal conversation, listening to their story, and listening for places of brokenness, hurt, or need. Anything that is not going well, places of pain, or discomfort in their life is an opportunity to care through prayer. Example: Someone says their child is sick, or they are out of work, etc. When we hear an opportunity to care through prayer we say,

- *“I am sorry you are going through this. Could I pray and ask God to help you with that?”* A quick prayer, just a few sentences. *“Father I thank you for and I ask you to give her strength as she cares for her son and I pray that you would heal him. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*
- After this prayer, there may be a great opportunity to continue having a spiritual conversation and share the gospel or share your testimony of a time when something similar happened to you and God helped you through it.
- We can also go door to door if that is possible or simply walk around a city or village looking to have conversations with people. When we find people to talk to we simply say: *“Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_, this is \_\_\_\_\_.* We are going around caring for our community by praying. *Is there anything we can ask God to help you with?”* Then simply pray a short prayer asking God to help them with their need.
- Care through Prayer is a powerful and proven way to safely connect with people and show them that we care and that God cares. It creates an opportunity to have spiritual conversations, share our testimony, or share the

gospel. Care through Prayer should be a daily part of the Disciples life. You can do it almost anywhere.

- **PRACTICE:** Find a partner and each person take a moment to ask how they are doing, listen for an opportunity to care through prayer, then ask them if you can pray for them, then pray a short prayer. Give time for each person to practice. This should take about 5-7 minutes.

### 3. OIKOS Map

- a. Oikos is a Greek word that means “household.” We see it many times in the book of Acts. (See Acts 10:24) People in your sphere of influence. Your neighbors, family, co-workers, or friends.

**PEOPLE WHO ARE CLOSE TO YOU BUT FAR FROM GOD.**

- b. Who is your oikos? (Write the names of lost people who are close to you but far from God.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

- c. **PRACTICE:** After everyone writes their names, take 5 minutes to have them prayer for opportunities to do Care through Prayer, share your testimony, share the gospel, or any way the Holy Spirit wants to move and soften their heart to Jesus.)

### 4. LUKE 10:1-11

- a. Exercise: Have everyone get with a partner or into small groups. Read the Scripture and have them make two lists – One list contains the things Jesus says to do. The other list contains the things Jesus says NOT to do. Discuss with your group.

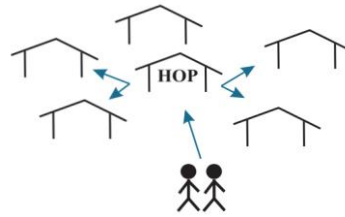
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- Why did Jesus say, “Don’t take?” – To Be Dependent on Him
- Why did Jesus say, “Don’t Greet?” – Don’t get distracted, stay focused.
- Why did Jesus say, “Don’t go house to house?” – Be grateful for what you receive. And the Person of Peace should be the one going house to house.

- b. Pray for a Person of Peace (v.5-6). We are praying for and looking for a person who is receptive to the gospel in new locations. Praying for a green light.



- c. Set the alarm on your phone to go off every day at 10:02am, pm, or both. Jesus says in Luke 10:2 *“to pray earnestly to the Lord of harvest to send out laborers in his harvest.”* Pray for more workers to go to the unreached around the world. The harvesters/workers are in the harvest field.
- d. We are praying and looking for the multipliers and evangelists. The ones who will have a huge footprint, 30, 60, 100 fold. **Matthew 13:8**

**Review Questions:**

1. What is Field 1 called?
2. What are the first two ways we can enter a new field?
3. What does “Oikos” mean? Give the definition?
4. When Jesus sent out the disciples in Luke 10, what did he tell them/us to pray for?
5. When we enter new places, who are we looking for?

## Lesson 3

### Introduction

In Field 2 the farmer scatters the seed. The seed is the gospel as we go out into the world telling people about King Jesus and His Kingdom. There are many evangelistic tools that the disciple can use to share the gospel. We will learn several tools and take time to practice some of them as we learn. First, we will study Paul's testimony and then using Paul's outline, we will write our own testimony. The key to an effective evangelistic tool is to understand your culture. Through experience, the disciple of Christ will learn which tools are more effective in their context.

### FIELD #2 – GOSPEL

**Sharing the Gospel.** In Field 2 the farmer sows the seed. Jesus is using this as an illustration or metaphor for sharing the gospel. We are going to care and love people by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. We will train and use several gospel tools to train our disciples.

**Exercise:** Read John 4:4-42 (Get with a partner or small group)

**Ask:**

- How long was the woman a believer before she shared her story?
- Was she formally educated in school?
- Was she a man or a woman?
- Was her life perfect?
- Who can share the gospel?

### FIELD TWO TOOLS

#### 1. OUR STORY:

- a. Our Personal Testimony -
- b. **Exercise:** Study Paul's Testimony in **Acts 22:1-21**. Make three categories of what Paul says his life was like: Before Jesus, How he was saved by Jesus, and His life After Jesus saved him.
- c. **Write** your own testimony using the 3-part plan: My Life before Christ, How I Met Christ, My Life after Christ. (Take time to do this in class, then practice with a partner)

#### 2. HIS STORY – the Gospel (Teach the 3 Circles and Romans Road. Then have the students practice with a partner)

- a. 3 Circles: (**Handout 1**)
- b. Romans Road (**Handout 2**)
- c. 2 Kingdoms (**Handout 3**)
- d. Ephesians 2 (**Handout 4**)

### **GREEN LIGHT\* – (Ready to make a commitment to Follow Jesus)**

- Pray and Celebrate
- Stay with them and disciple them into a healthy relationship with Jesus,



- Make a time to be baptized – When? (Perhaps after Pattern 3 or the lesson on Baptism).
- Can we meet for the next 7 weeks so we can learn how to obey Christ together? Make a time to meet each week to go through **The 7 Patterns of Discipleship**. (Field 3) **Or The Gospel of John**.

**YELLOW LIGHT – (Interested, but not ready to make a commitment yet)**

- That’s ok, thanks for listening. *“Would you like to meet again and continue this conversation? When?”*
  - **7 Stories of Hope**
    - Hope for the Rejected: Luke 7:36-50 (The woman weeping at Jesus’ feet)
    - Hope for the Non-Religious: Luke 18:9-14 (Pharisee & Tax Collector)
    - Hope Changes Things: Luke 19:1-10 (Jesus & Zacchaeus)
    - Hope Forgives: Matthew 18:21-35 (The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)
    - Hope Through Death: Luke 23:26-43 (Thieves on the Cross)
    - Hope Rose from the Dead: Luke 24:1-20: (Resurrection)
    - Hope is Waiting for You: Luke 15:11-32 (Prodigal Son)

**RED LIGHT - (Not Interested)**

- I understand, but I have one favor to ask: *“If your life or circumstances change, would you be willing to think back on this conversation and give me a call?”*
- Pray for them, prayer walk
- You may need to “Shake the dust off your sandals and move on.”

Biblical examples of Green, Yellow, and Red light responses:

**Acts 13:42-45, 48-49; 17:4-5, 12-13; 18:6-8**

\*(If traffic lights are not in your culture, use Yes, Maybe or No)

**Review Questions:**

1. What is Field 2?
2. Who can share the gospel?
3. What are the three parts of a testimony?
4. Name two Gospel tools?
5. What are the three responses a person can have to the gospel?

## Lesson 4

### Introduction

In Field 3 the seed begins to grow and become a healthy plant. In the world of the Kingdom we call this field **Discipleship**. Those who were green lights and became followers of Jesus, we train them to become disciples of Jesus who make disciples. We teach the new or inactive disciple how to obey everything Jesus teaches us. As the seed of the gospel is spread and people come to faith in Jesus Christ (green lights), we disciple them (teach, train, and equip) so they will grow into a fully mature and multiplying disciple of Jesus Christ. In this lesson we will learn a specific definition of a disciple of Christ and discuss healthy characteristics of a disciple. We will also learn some of the discipleship tools we can use to help disciples grow.

### FIELD #3 – DISCIPLESHIP

Many people think that making disciples is a calling. However, in the Great Commission Jesus makes clear that making disciples of all nation is a command to all of his followers. If we embrace the command to make disciples of all nations, we must first understand and define a disciple. What is the definition of a disciple and how do I know if I am making one? We can look at Jesus' first invitation to become a disciple in Matthew 4:19. We will learn that this verse gives us the very definition of a disciple.

**DEFINITION OF A DISCIPLE:** *“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”*  
**Matt. 4:19**

To discover Jesus' definition of a disciple we can break down this verse into three sections: Follow Me – I will make you – Fishers of Men

In the first section Jesus says “follow me.” Therefore we know that the first part of the definition is...

#### A DISCIPLE IS:

- One who is Following Jesus Christ

This means Jesus is the leader and I am the follower. He is the master and I am the servant. He is Lord. He is the authority of my life. I have repented of following my way and I am now devoted to following His way. I am following His will. I am committed to His Kingdom not my kingdom, His plans, not my plans.

The second part of this verse Jesus says, “I will make you.” There is a great assumption that if we follow Jesus He is going to make us something different than we are. This means that a disciple is...

- One who is being Changed by Jesus Christ

Now that we have made Jesus the Lord and authority of our life, His Holy Spirit comes to live in the born again converted person. The Life of Jesus Christ living inside of us will change us. Jesus is committed to changing us to being conformed to

His image and making us disciples who make disciples. The fruit of the Spirit must grow in us and we must change from being self-centered to others-centered.

In the second part of this verse Jesus says, “fishers of men.” We follow Jesus, He changes us and makes us fishers of people. So, the last part of our definition is:

- One who is Committed to the mission of Jesus Christ

The life of Jesus, the Holy Spirit in us, changes us and makes us Kingdom servants. We embrace His Kingdom mission to make disciples of all nations. We commit ourselves to learning our spiritual gifts, maturing as a disciple, and obeying His commands. We serve and do our part in seeking first the Kingdom of God...(Matt. 6:33). We commit ourselves to the same mission Jesus had and we continue His work.

Therefore, if someone is a follower of Jesus we should see someone who **following** Jesus, being **changed** by Jesus, and **committed** to the mission of Jesus. All three are necessary to be a disciple of Jesus. If one or more of these things are missing, we can assume that they are either not a follower of Jesus or they have not been properly disciplined.

Now that we have our definition of a disciple I can evaluate if we are making this kind of disciples. If not, I need to adjust or change my strategy, method, or commitment. As we go deeper into the life of a disciple of Jesus, let us look at the characteristics of a disciple. Teach each characteristic and have students read s

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE:**

- Transformed **Heart** (John 3:1-8, Titus 3:4-8, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 22-25)
  - Disciples are spiritually made alive (a new creation); by grace through saving faith in Christ. Their sins are forgiven. The Holy Spirit now dwells in them.
- Transformed **Mind** (Romans 12:1-2 1 Cor. 2:14-16, Eph. 4:17-24)
  - Disciples are biblically grounded; they believe what Jesus says and are passionate about the Bible. Reading and studying the Word reshapes their thinking.
- Transformed **Affections** (Luke 16:13, Phil. 4:8, 1 John 2:15-17)
  - Disciples are deeply satisfied; they desire what Jesus desires. They love what He loves, value what He values, and hate what He hates. Their affections are set on the things of God.
- Transformed **Will** (Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:15, James 1:22-25)
  - Disciples are humbly obedient; they do what Jesus commands. They are not simply hearers of the Word only, but doers of the Word.
- Transformed **Relationships** (Matt. 5:43-48, John 13:34-35, Rom. 13:8-10)
  - Disciples love sacrificially; they serve as Jesus serves. Their compassionate love includes the church but also extends to the lost, least, last, and lonely.
- Transformed **Purpose** (Luke 24:44-49, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)

- Disciples are missionally engaged; they made disciples who make disciples. They are Kingdom-minded desiring to make Jesus known to the nations.

As we continue to look at the life of a disciple, the Bible seems to describe two categories or stages of growth. Two types of disciples and describe the verses.

In 1 Cor. 3:1-2 Paul is telling the Corinthian believers that they are still infants in the spiritual maturity. He would like to teach them solid food, but you cannot give solid food to a baby. You must give milk to a baby. If someone is a new believer they are naturally a baby. They need to drink milk. This is a normal process for a new believe who needs to be disciplined. However, if someone has been a Jesus follower for several years, it is not normal that they are still drinking milk. It is not normal for a 12 or 13 year old person to be drinking only milk. Paul is admonishing them to grow up.

In Hebrews 5:12-14 the writer is frustrated at the lack of growth in these believers. He says by this time you should be teachers, but you still need the basic teachings of milk. them mature.

**Read 1 Cor. 3:1-2; Hebrew 5:12-14**

- Milk – like feeding a baby, feeding someone what they need to grow.
- Solid food – learning to take from the Word and feeding themselves.

Once again, we conclude that some people who say they are Christians are not truly born-again Christians. Others may simply be new Christians who appropriately need milk. Still others may be Christians for many years, and they are not growing up. This group is perhaps some of the most dangerous people in a church. They are babies who think they are mature. Another possibility is that we as leaders are not committed to making disciples and helping

**1. Short-Term Discipleship (Milk)**

- a. The Seven Patterns of Discipleship (Booklet) 2 Timothy 1:13
  - Pattern 1: The New Creation
  - Pattern 2: Living the New Life
  - Pattern 3: Baptism
  - Pattern 4: Growing in the New Life: Prayer and Bible Study
  - Pattern 5: Sharing Your Testimony
  - Pattern 6: Sharing the Gospel
  - Pattern 7: Extravagant Giving
  - Practice The Lord's Supper

The Seven Patterns of Discipleship are a good tool to use for new believer or believers who are stuck in the spiritual growth. This is a separate training.

- b. The Gospel of John
- c. Creation to Christ

This tool is also a separate training but should be easy to receive.

## 2. Long-Term Discipleship (Solid Food)

Once we are finished taking a disciple through one or two of our short-term tools, we can begin to show them our Long-Term strategy. As we are teaching them to feed themselves, we can share with them this tool, OIL. We can pick any book of the Bible and have our disciple to read sections and use these three questions. They should get a notebook and write the answers to these questions. Then you can meet with them each week to discuss what the Holy Spirit is teaching and help guide them to the truth.

- a. OIL
  - i. *Observation* - What does the Bible **SAY**?
    - 1. About God
    - 2. About Man
  - ii. *Interpretation* - What does this passage **MEAN**?
  - iii. *Life Application* - What do I need to **DO**?
- b. The Gospel of Mark

### Review Questions:

1. What is the definition of a disciple?
2. Is making disciples, a suggestion, calling, or command of Jesus?
3. What are the characteristics of a disciple?
4. What is the difference between milk and solid food?
5. What does SOS mean?

## Lesson 5

### Introduction

In Field 4, we gather the bundles and harvest them to eat and store them for food. Field 4 is where we gather disciples in New Groups or New Churches. This is a group/church formation phase that we hope will continue to multiply. We gather the followers of Jesus into small groups that typically meet in homes or other spaces. They continue to disciple one another and obey Jesus. We are going to learn the 12 characteristics of a healthy church in this lesson. The characteristics of the group should increasingly reflect the first church in Acts 2:42-47.

### FIELD #4 – GROUP FORMATION

In Field 4 we gather the bundles and harvest them to eat and store them for food. Field 4 is where we gather disciples in **New Groups or New Churches**. This is a group/church formation phase that we hope will continue to multiply. We gather the followers of Jesus into small groups that typically meet in homes or other spaces. They continue to disciple one another and obey Jesus. The characteristics of the group should reflect the first church in Acts 2:42-47.

As more disciples are being added, they need to be gathered in some kind of group: small groups meeting in a home, school, or wherever the Lord provides. At some point these groups become a church plant. We are going to look at the Scripture and see the characteristics of the first church in Acts 2.

1. **Small Groups Formed**
2. **Church Plants started**
3. **12 Characteristics of a Healthy Church**

Organize your students with a partner or in small teams. Have them read the Scripture and write down all the characteristics of a church they see in this passage. The full list is written below for the teacher's information.

**Exercise:** Read Act 2:42-47 – Make a list of characteristics present in the first church.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Evangelism           | 7. Giving              |
| 2. Discipleship         | 8. Membership          |
| 3. Preaching & Teaching | 9. Fellowship          |
| 4. Ordinances           | 10. Leadership         |
| 5. Prayer               | 11. Accountability and |
| Discipline              |                        |
| 6. Worship              | 12. Mission            |

- Who is the church? (Acts 2:41)
  - Those who accept the Gospel.
  - Those who are baptized by immersion after salvation.
  - Those who identify as a local church.
- Where does the church meet? (Acts 2:46/ Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - Houses

- The Temple (After persecution breaks out the church no longer meets in the Temple, just homes)
- When does the church meet?
  - Day by day, or consistently
- Why does the church meet? (Hab. 2:14; Matthew 28:18-20)
  - To glorify God!
  - To make disciples!

One of the exercises we can do to determine when a group becomes a church is to draw a big circle, and then writing which characteristics of a church are present in the group. Then write the characteristics which are not present outside the circle. Church Planting Leadership will have to determine which characteristics must be present before the group can become a church. For example, we might say there must be Leadership (a pastor/elders), membership process, giving set up, ordinances, and prayer before we can become a church.

**Review Question:**

1. Name some of the characteristics of a healthy church?
2. Where did the church meet in Acts 2?
3. When does a group become a church?

## Appendix - Lesson 6

### Introduction

The following section is not part of the required five lessons to complete this course. Instructors or students who wish to go a little further in learning how develop new leaders are invited to continue to study this lesson. This can also be taught as a separate training seminar outside of regular Bible School classes. In this last section we discuss Leadership Development. As we are raising up disciples and planting new churches, we must continue to raise up new and current believers to become multiplying leaders. We want to train them to keep the multiplication process going and expand the Kingdom of God. In this lesson we will look at Three Leadership models in the New Testament: Elders/Overseers/Pastors, Deacons, and APEPT.

### FIELD #5 – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### ELDERS/OVERSEERS/PASTORS

Overseer Qualifications	New Church Crete – Titus 1:5-9 <b>“Appoint”</b>	Mature Church Ephesus – 1 Tim. 3:1-7 <b>“Aspire”</b>
Character	Above Reproach	Above Reproach
	True to One Wife	True to One Wife
	<b>Not</b> Wild Living	Respectable
	<b>Not</b> Rebellious	Not Quarrelsome
	<b>Not</b> Arrogant	
	<b>Not</b> Quick Tempered	Gentle
	<b>Not</b> Addicted to Wine	Not Addicted to Wine
	<b>Not</b> Violent	Not Violent
	<b>Not</b> Greedy	Free from the Love of Money
	Hospitable	Hospitable
	Love What is Good	Good Reputation with Outsiders
	Sensible	Sensible
	Righteous	
	Holy/Devout	Not a New Convert
Self-Controlled	Self-Controlled	
Skill	<b>Hold Fast</b> the Word	<b>Able to</b> Teach the Word
	Children who Believe	Manage Household Well

### Key Points:

1. Elder/Overseer/Pastor are not three different church offices. It is the same office with different responsibilities. Acts 20:28-30. Paul is speaking to the elders at Ephesus. He says pay attention to the “flock.” He uses a shepherding illustration. Shepherd is another word for pastor. He also says the Holy Spirit has made you “overseers” to care for the church of God. In short, the elders are supposed to “shepherd” the flock and “oversee” the church. In v.29 Paul talks about wolves coming into the church. So,



elders/overseers/pastors are to protect the church from false teachers and false doctrine.

In 1 Peter 5:1-3 we see the same consistent truth from Peter. Peter is also talking to the elders and he tells them in v.2 to “shepherd the flock” that is among you, exercising “oversight”... Peter is giving the same three roles to the position of elder/overseer/pastor. One person, not three different offices.

2. Notice that 75% of the characteristics of an elder/overseer/pastor are character traits not skills. Many times churches focus on skills, talents, and influence rather than character. It is a mistake to do that.
3. Appoint and Aspire – In the Timothy passage Paul says it is a noble thing to “aspire” to be an elder/overseer. In the Titus passage Paul tells Titus to “appoint” elders. Is there any significance for Paul using two different words? Perhaps it is because Timothy is leading a very mature church in Ephesus. The church at Ephesus was 15–20 years old. There had been years of discipleship and a generation of potential leaders in the church. Therefore, Paul says to the members, “aspire” to be an elder, desire to be an elder, pray about becoming an elder. The church at Crete was a young church. They did not have years of discipleship. Many of their members were new believers. Perhaps that is why Paul uses the word “NOT” so often. These new believers had come out of some sinful lifestyles. Paul is telling Titus you are going to have to “appoint” some of these newer believers who don’t live like they used to. They have been noticeably changed but they haven’t been a follower of Jesus for long time.
4. Notice that the deacons and the elders list are very similar. The one big difference between elders and deacons is that elders must be able to teach the Word of God accurately. It is not necessary for a deacon to be able to teach and it is not a qualification for a deacon. A deacon can teach if that is a gift but the ability to teach God’s Word is not necessary to become a deacon. However, it is a qualification for the elder.
5. Must be a man.

## **DEACONS**

Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13:

### **Key Points:**

1. The position deacon is position of service not leadership. Deacons are not responsible for making decisions, casting vision, or administration. They are required to serve. The Greek word for deacon is “diakonos” which means servant. In Acts 6, which many believe to be the first deacons, they were chosen to feed the widows so the apostles could focus on prayer and teaching the Word.
2. Not required to teach. See Point 4 under elders.
3. Possibly open to women. There has been debate among scholars as to the interpretation of 1 Tim. 3:11. Paul uses a feminine word that could be translated wives or women. Some scholars believe that Paul is starting a new category of a deaconess, (female deacon). One argument is wondering why Paul would talk about the wives of a deacon and not an elder. Also, in romans

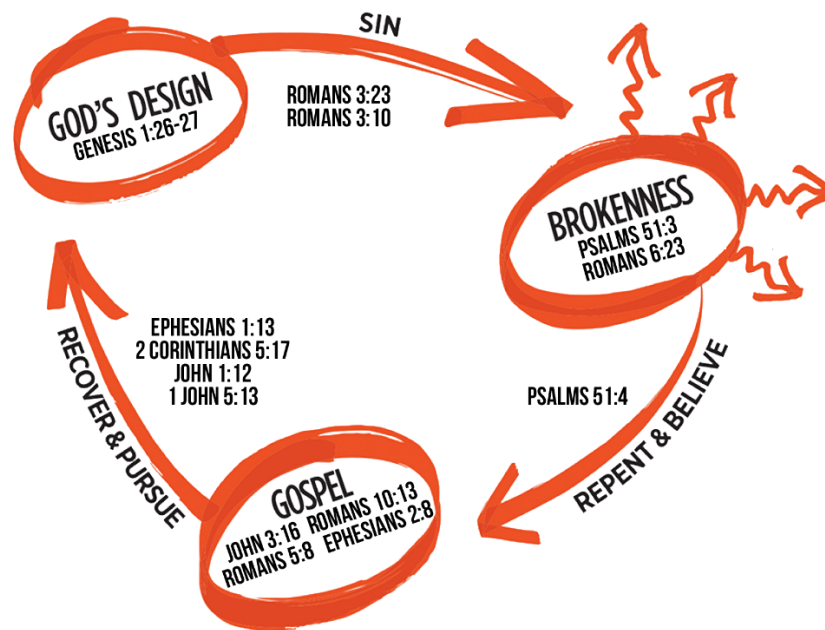
16:1, Paul mentions our sister Phoebe, a servant/deaconess of the church at Cenchreae.

I think the elders of each church should pray about and choose the direction they are going to go as it relates to deacons.

**Review Questions:**

1. What are some key points in the elder list?
2. What is something new you learned about elders?
3. What is one key point about deacons?
4. What is something new you learned about deacons?
5. Is the leadership at your church aligned with Paul's teaching?

## Handout 1 – 3 Circles



### Overview of 3 Circles

This tool helps Christians to share the gospel using three simple circles. These represent (1) God's Design, (2) Brokenness and (3) the Gospel. They also illustrate how accepting and submitting to Jesus will grow faith and lead to God's perfect design.

### Explaining the Gospel Using 3 Circles

Step 1 - Draw a circle and label it "Brokenness". Draw several squiggly arrows out from it and looping back to 'Brokenness'. We are trying to show no matter what we do it just comes back to brokenness. Conversation Example: "We live in a world of brokenness, full of hurting people who are hurting each other. We try escaping brokenness by focusing on career, gaining money, overachieving, drugs, gambling, or alcohol. But all this just leads to greater brokenness. I overachieved, and had a long string of failed relationships. But in the end I just felt more pain."

Step 2 - On the left, draw a second circle, and write "God's Design" above. Conversation Example: "Brokenness was not God's original design! God's design was perfect, like Himself, with no brokenness present." (Draw heart to symbolize God's love).

Step 3 - Draw an arrow from God's Design to Brokenness and label it "Sin". Conversation Example: "Each of us has rebelled against God and walked away from His perfect design. The Bible calls this sin, and this leaves us in brokenness. Are you familiar with the concept of sin? Do you see this in your own life?"

Step 4 - Draw a third circle below and between the first two (forming an upside-down triangle of circles), and write "Jesus" above it. Conversation Example: "God saw we could not escape our brokenness on our own, so God demonstrated his love towards us!" Now draw a down-arrow below Jesus' name inside the circle. "God sent Jesus

to the earth. Jesus was perfect and lived a perfect life, because He was God.” Next draw a cross next to the down-arrow. “He suffered a horrible death on a cross to take our sin upon Himself.” Next draw an up-arrow next to the cross. “Then Jesus rose again proving that He has power over death! He’s alive!”

Step 5 - Draw a line from Brokenness to Jesus, draw a king’s crown and write Turn and Believe (or follow). Conversation Example: “Jesus tells all people to repent and turn from your sins. He also tells us to believe that He died for your sin and that God raised Him from the dead and to follow Jesus as king of your life. Jesus promises that if you do that you will be forgiven and restored back to God’s design!”

Step 6 - Draw a line from Jesus to God’s Design and label it “Restored.” Conversation Example: “If we turn and believe in Jesus we can leave this world of brokenness and be restored into a relationship with God and pursue His design.”

Step 7 - Draw a line from God’s Design to Brokenness and write “Go” above it. Conversation Example: “More than that, God then sends us back into this “Brokenness” to tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ.”

Step 8 - After the Diagram is drawn Conversation Example: Ask them, “Where do you see yourself? Are you in God’s perfect design or are you currently in brokenness?” Their answer to this will help you understand where they see themselves in relation to God and give them an opportunity to respond to follow Jesus. This can be followed by your testimony.

## Handout 2 – Romans Road

# Romans Road

### Step #1 on the Romans Road

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...  
(Romans 3:23)

“There is no one righteous, not even one...  
(Romans 3:10)

### Step #2 on the Romans Road

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death  
through sin, and in this way death came to all people,  
because all sinned.  
(Romans 5:12)

### Step #3 on the Romans Road

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still  
sinners, Christ died for us.  
(Romans 5:8)

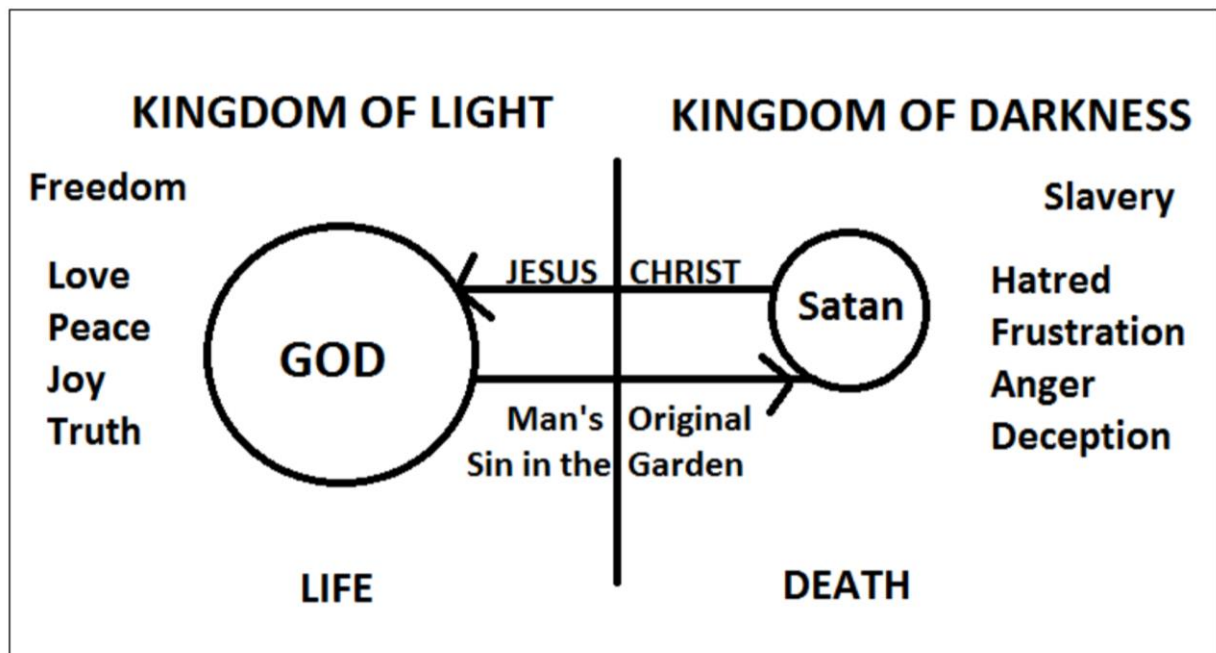
### Step #4 of the Romans Road....

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23)

### Step #5 (the final step) of the Romans Road...

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your  
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with  
your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.  
(Romans 10:9-10)

## Handout 3 – 2 Kingdoms



**Part 1** - Did you know that there are really only two kingdoms in this world? (*Draw a circle on the left and write God in it.*) The first kingdom is God's kingdom. When God created the heavens and the earth, he also created heavenly beings called angels to serve Him. One of the angels, who we know as Satan, was very proud. He did not want to serve God and led a rebellion with some of the angels to overthrow God and take His place. God, being holy, cast the sinful rebellious angels out of heaven. The rebellious angels are now called demons or evil spirits. As a result there is a second spiritual kingdom, the kingdom of darkness. (*Draw a circle on the right and write Satan in it. You can draw this circle lower or smaller than the circle representing God's Kingdom.*)

**Part 2** - The kingdom of light is ruled by God. In this kingdom His children live in freedom from sin and the power of the evil one. His children know His presence, His love, His peace and His joy. (*Write the words freedom, love, peace, joy and truth around God's circle*) When God created the world, He created a beautiful and perfect place in which His Children could live. But because of one sin – one act of disobedience, the man and woman he created were cast out of God's Kingdom. This is because God is holy and will not remain in the presence of sin and evil. (*Draw an arrow from the first circle to the second circle and write "Man's Original Sin in the Garden" above it.*) The kingdom of darkness is ruled by Satan, and people who live in this kingdom live like slaves to sin and the evil one. Those in bondage in this kingdom know hatred, anger, deception and frustration. (*Write the words slavery, hatred, anger, deception and frustration around Satan's circle.*) Living in the kingdom of darkness causes people to live in fear of Satan and his power, but the truth is that His power as an angel of darkness is limited. Satan is not like God who is all powerful, all knowing, and ever present with His children. In fact, the Bible tells us (1 John 4:4) that God's power is much greater than Satan's.

**Part 3** - So how can you move from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light? The Bible tells us that we have all sinned and deserve the death penalty. Have you met anyone who has never sinned/done anything wrong? Because people were enslaved in the kingdom of darkness, God made a way for them to return to the Kingdom of Light. He sent His Son Jesus to earth, in the form of a man and Jesus died to buy us back (redeem us) from slavery in Satan's kingdom. The Bible tells us that Jesus never sinned. In dying on the cross he became an acceptable sacrifice for our sins. He died in our place to pay for our sins and redeem us (buy us back) from slavery in Satan's kingdom. He was buried, but on the third day came back to life to show that he had conquered death and broken the power of sin. When Jesus was on earth He said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) (*Draw a cross that makes a bridge from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. Put an arrow at the end of the crossbar connecting the two circles pointing to The Kingdom of Light. Write Jesus on the crossbar.*) Jesus made it very clear that He was the only way to escape the kingdom of darkness and enter the kingdom of light. If a person chooses in this life to enter the kingdom of light, he will live forever with God in heaven after he dies. (*Write Life under the Kingdom of Light.*) If a person chooses to remain in the kingdom of darkness in this life, he also chooses to remain in the kingdom of darkness forever, eternally separated from God. The Bible calls this the Second Death because it is a place of torment. (*Write Death under the Kingdom of Darkness.*)

**Part 4** - In order to enter the Kingdom of Light, first you must confess you are a sinner living in the Kingdom of Darkness. Second, you must ask God to forgive you of the sinful practices of which you have been a part and break any ties with the spirit world. (Ancestor spirits are really evil spirits disguising themselves as our ancestors to get us to do things which do not please God. If you have any black cloths, or other items which represent ancestors you must either give them to another relative who wants them or burn them.) Third, you must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that he died on the cross in your place, was buried, and on the third day rose again to prove His power over Satan, sin and death. You must also put yourself under His authority, give Him permission to take charge of your life and teach you the ways of His Kingdom.

## Handout 4 – Ephesians 2

### EPHESIANS 2:1-10 Evangelism Tool

When I am in a situation where someone thinks that they are a Christian but do not know anything about the gospel, I have found an evangelistic process that has been fairly effective. It seems that it becomes necessary to get a person lost, before we can share the gospel with them in the hope that they might become saved.

I simply use Ephesians 2:1-10

First, I ask a few questions:

- Would you be willing to share with me how/when you became a follower of Jesus?
- What was going on in your life at the time you became born again, a new creation?

I do not argue or press them very hard. I certainly do not tell them it sounds like they are lost.

I simply ask them this question:

- Would you be willing to read something in the Bible?
- We turn to Ephesians 2 and I ask them to read the first four verses.

Before they start reading, say: Ephesians is a letter from the Apostle Paul. He is writing to the church at Ephesus to people who are now following Christ. But Paul wants them to clearly understand and remember what life looked like before Jesus Christ, and then explains how they were saved.

1. Short Prayer – asking the Holy Spirit to help us see the truths of His Word.

So, let's see what Paul says are the characteristics of our lives before we were saved.

2. Please read Eph. 2:1-2a; "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked..."

Say: What is Paul saying about our life before we saved? What is the first characteristic? We were dead in our trespasses and sins. Paul is reminding us that every person born since Adam and Eve sinned, has been born physically alive, but spiritually dead. So, spiritually we are dead in our trespasses and sins. We don't have spiritual life and we have no ability to get it, because dead people can't do anything.

3. Now read the rest of verse 2: "... following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience ..."

Say: Paul now gives the second characteristic of our lives before we are followers of Jesus. What does Paul say? We were following the prince of the power of the air. Who is the prince of the power of the air? Satan, the devil. We may feel like we have never followed Satan. But in the spiritual life there are only two choices. We are saved and following the one true God who has made Himself known through Jesus Christ. Or, we are following the enemy of God, Satan. Paul is reminding believers there are only two options. So, before Christ, before we are born again and become a Christian, we are dead in our sins and trespasses and we are following Satan.



4. Let's read verse 3a: "... among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind..."

Say: Paul mentions the third characteristic of our life before salvation. What does Paul say? We lived according to the passions of our flesh and carried out the desires of our body and mind. Paul lets us know what being a son or daughter of disobedience looks like. We were doing what we wanted to do, whatever the desires of our flesh and mind wanted to do. We were controlled by the passions and desires of our flesh. We did not have another option because we were spiritually dead. Following our flesh was our only option.

5. Finally, let's finish reading verse 3: "... and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

Say: Paul comes to the last characteristic of the person who does not know Jesus, who is not a Christian. What is this last characteristic? We are children of wrath, or the wrath of God is on us. And we are not alone in this. Paul says we were children of wrath, just like the rest of mankind. Or just like every person who does not follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

So, let's review: what are the four characteristics of people who are not saved, who are not following Jesus Christ? They are dead in their sins and trespasses. They are following the devil. They are carrying out the passions and desires of the body and mind. They are children of wrath. Wow! And Paul says this is who we are, every single person, before we are born again in Jesus Christ. This is a serious reality, isn't it? This is the bad news, living without knowing and following Jesus. But let's talk about the good news.

6. BUT GOD... this is one of the great statements in the Bible. Verse 4, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ..." What does Paul say here? That God, who is rich in mercy and because he has great love for us, even though we were dead, God made us alive with Christ Jesus. This is the good news.

7. And how did God make us alive? Verse 8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

How are we saved? By God's grace through faith. It is a gift. Nothing we can do to earn it. When we believe by faith that Jesus died on the cross for and with my sins, was buried, and raised from the dead on the third day. And we ask him to forgive us of our sins and we repent, (turn away sin and following our desires) and confess Jesus as Lord and follow Jesus alone. He makes us alive and we come into a personal relationship with Him. He takes my sin, and He gives me His righteousness and His Spirit. I become alive, born again, a new creation in Jesus Christ. (If you would like to keep emphasizing this "made alive" moment, read Colossians 1:13, "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.") And this happens in a moment. I was dead, he makes me alive. I was following satan, now I am following Jesus. I was carrying out the passions and desires of my flesh, body, and mind, now I am carrying out the desires of the King and His Kingdom. I was a child of wrath, now I am a child of God.

So, I ask you, did this, or when did this, death to life moment happen for you?

- Yes
  - o Ask them to share the story of their conversion?
  - o Ask them if they were baptized by immersion after that conversion?
  - o Ask them if they would like to be discipled?
- Not Sure
  - o Ask if they understood or have any questions?
  - o Ask, do you see the reality that Paul makes this a specific moment of conversion? Born again? Death to life?
  - o If you are not sure this happened for you, would you like to pray now and by faith repent, and become a follower of Jesus? And allow Jesus by his grace to make you alive.
- No, I have never done that
  - o Would you like to pray now and by faith repent, and become a follower of Jesus? And allow Jesus by his grace to make you alive.

If they say yes to salvation: Let them pray a conversion prayer.

# THE FOUR FIELDS OF KINGDOM GROWTH FINAL EXAM

1. Write the names of the Four Fields beside the number:

1.	2.
4.	3.



\_\_\_\_\_ Will \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships \_\_\_\_\_,

8. In our Bible Training we learned the tool OIL. What does it mean?

O – What does the Bible \_\_\_\_\_?

I – What does it \_\_\_\_\_?

L – What do I need to \_\_\_\_\_?

9. Name 4 of the 12 Characteristics of a Healthy Church:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

(Multiple Choice, Circle the correct letter)

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- a. Follow and Serve
- b. Listen and Obey
- c. Follow and Fish
- d. Pray and Heal

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- c. Memorization-based
- d. Obedience-based

12. Our desire is to move from adding disciples of Jesus to:

- a. Multiplication
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- c. Inviting people to church

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FINAL EXAM**  
*(Answers are in bold and italics)*

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<b>4. <i>Church Planting/Formation</i></b>	<b>3. <i>Discipleship</i></b>

2. Our personal testimony has three parts:

a. ***My Life Before Christ***

b. How I came to Christ

c. ***My Life After Christ***

3. What are the two tools for Entry? (Two of these four are correct)

1. ***Prayer Walking, Care Through Prayer,***

2. ***Oikos List, Person of Peace***

4. Name two tools we can use for Evangelism: (Two of these four are correct)

1. ***Testimony, 3 Circles, Romans Road,***

2. ***Luke 7:36-50, Ephesians 2***

5. When sharing the gospel, we will receive three responses:

a. Red Light means ***Not Interested or NO***.

b. Yellow Light means ***Interested, but not yet or MAYBE***.

c. Green Light means ***YES, I'm Ready***.

6. In Matthew 4:19 we get our definition of a disciple:

a. One who is ***Following*** Jesus Christ.

b. One who is being ***Changed*** by Jesus Christ.

c. One who is ***Committed*** to the mission of Jesus Christ.

7. There are six characteristics of a disciple, A Transformed:

***HEART***, ***MIND***, ***Affections***,  
,

\_\_\_\_\_ Will \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **PURPOSE**

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