

# ***A Growing Disciple – Lives in the Word***

*What True Biblical Discipleship Requires*

## **BIBLE STUDY\_ OUR WITNESS TO THE WORLD**

### **Session 1: The Gospel Moves in the Context of Relationships**

#### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Welcome & prayer for God's guidance during the discussion.

#### **OPENING ACTIVITY**

##### **Reviewing Week 1**

1. Discuss: *Why should a Christian have a personal strategy for reaching his or her world?*

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2. Discuss examples from your own experiences of how a Christian's lifestyle has had a positive or negative influence on others' coming to Christ.

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3. Discuss how you came to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Share: *Who was the person most responsible for helping you come to Christ, and what was that person's relationship to you?*

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4. Discuss: *How have you experienced God working through a relationship to bring a person to faith in Christ?*

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5. "Preparing Your Story" on [page 17](#). Discuss the importance of being prepared to share a testimony when the opportunity arises.

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6. Discuss: *What have you done or experienced in the past week as a result of our study so far? How is God working in your relationships?*

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8. Discuss: *What do you sense is the most meaningful or valuable truth God is teaching you about our witness to the world and concentric circles of concern?*

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### **Interacting with the Scriptures**

1. Read [Acts 1:8](#). Identify the four areas in which we are to be witnesses. Discuss how the gospel spreads through relationships in ever-widening circles.

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2. Referring to the examples in day 3, Discuss: *In the New Testament how did the gospel move in the context of relationships?*

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### **Connecting with Concentric Circles**

1. Have members turn to the concentric-circles diagram on [page 13](#). Discuss the meaning of each circle. As we studied did you list immediate-family members and relatives this week.

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2. Can you think of one person in your concentric circles who needs to know Christ as Savior.

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### **Praying Together**

Prayer request: *How can we pray for you this week?* As we continue in this study will you pray specifically for one another and for the persons in your concentric circles who need Christ.