

Growing Disciples – Witness To The World

Growing Disciples Series – Living In The Word. *What True Discipleship Requires*

Week 4: Concentric Circles 3-6: Relatives, Friends, Neighbors, Associates, and Acquaintances (PG)

VERSE TO MEMORIZE

"This is My command: love one another as I have loved you" ([John 15:12](#)).

Just before His ascension into heaven, Jesus said to His disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" ([Acts 1:8](#)).

As God has given us some down time and we've come back to study and move along the path that God is leading us as a church one of my primary concerns is that you might be taking these devotionals too lightly. If we are going to fulfill the great commission as the Lord is leading us we are being given a methodology to reach our families, neighbors, associates and acquaintances. Really it's never going to get easier than it is right now to introduce someone to Christ. I mean let's see, all we have to do in our present scenario is to send people an invite electronically to join us virtually for bible study, worship or for our soon to come hot topic discussions online. You can encourage those in your circles as you have a Jerusalem—those closest to you. You have a Judea—a broader concentric circle. You have a Samaria—a still broader concentric circle.

Many people who have been Christians for a long time may have lost a since of urgency of sharing the gospel or frankly maybe they never had one. Honestly some people who have been in the faith for a long period do not think they have relationships with people who are lost. We don't stop to think about all the people God brings into our lives or into our circles of influence. When believers begin to identify those in their concentric circles, they find all kinds of people who need the Lord.

In week 3 you began identifying and praying for persons in circle 2, your immediate family. As we pick back up in our study this week you will identify people in the next four circles of influence and begin recording basic information about each person. First you'll look at your circle of relatives. Then you'll start identifying your friends, neighbors, business or school associates, and acquaintances. This survey needs to become a prayer list that will help you begin praying for those God has brought into your concentric circles of concern.

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Day 1: Surveys Are Your Strategy

God's Word for Today

"This is My command: love one another as I have loved you" ([John 15:12](#)).

↕ **Read and meditate on "God's Word for Today" (this week's verse to memorize) above and spend a moment in prayer as you begin today's lesson. Remove the Scripture-memory card from the back of your book and begin committing this verse to memory.**

This week you will be asked to complete surveys for people in your circles of influence, as you did in week three for your immediate family. You may ask, come on are you serious “Why is a survey necessary?” As a heart attack!!! For the simple reason that if you’re tracking with me seriously and not just going through the materials you cannot remember everything you need to remember without writing it on paper. You need a structure for your evangelistic efforts, if we’re serious about our witness. Nothing becomes dynamic until it becomes specific. As you take surveys on those in your circles of influence, you become conscious of people you never would have thought of. They are in your circle of influence for a reason, God place them there and perhaps they are in no one else's circle.

One pastor presented concentric circles to his congregation and members began to intentionally and prayerfully complete their surveys. In one month the church had 60 professions of faith. *It is my prayer that we can prayerfully experience the same God move in our church.* Doing a survey is important. It is the structure on which you build witnessing relationships.

① **State in your own words why completing surveys for your concentric circles is important.**

As you complete your surveys, remember that a witnessing lifestyle involves loving not only the lost but also the saved. Your concentric circles will include many people who are already saved. Do you pray for them? I hope so! They have needs and hurts too. Showing God's love to them is a way for you to practice loving others the way God wants you to love the lost world. Meeting their needs becomes a part of your lifestyle.

That's how I met my wife through family and serving God and attempting to meet the needs of a friend of my aunt. I was just getting back from the military and had returned to serve in my home church when my aunt Brenda mentioned to me that she had a friend who was contemplating going into the military and she wanted to speak with me about my military experience. Brenda's friend wanted information about serving in the military and I was fresh out of the Army. I met her and we briefly discussed her going into the military and to be quite honest with you I don't even know what I told her, but I do know that after being introduced to her I wasn't thinking about her enlisting in the military I was thinking about enlisting her into the Hinson name.

When we met we found out that we had some common interest and we also had some common family background. We both liked contemporary jazz music, we both came from large families, our families were families of faith, and we both wanted God's direction for our future. We knew that God's direction

for our lives would be paramount if we were going to have any sort of happiness, joy and blessing. We spent time talking and getting to know one another and I don't even remember us talking about the military, but I did find out everything I could about her and asked God if she was the woman for me to have for the future He had for me, of course He permitted this and the rest is history.

Brenda and Leslee were friends and they both were serving in the church and in their friendship they both cared about each other as friends and sisters in Christ. When you care, and God wants to care through you, you allow God to let you get to know about people and God will do what He does best in those caring relationships. So complete your surveys. They become your strategy for reaching out with the love of Christ.

Dr. Thompson shared about introducing circle 3, relatives, to his class, and a student named Jeff told him about his brother who had left home in the late 1960s with the hippy movement. His family had not seen him since. Jeff told Dr. Thompson, "He has broken my parents' hearts. He said "We don't know whether he is dead or alive." Jeff confessed that he wasn't sure if he wanted to know what had happened to him. Then he said "Can I leave him out of my circle 3?"

Dr. Thompson's answer was "No, Jeff, God put your brother in your circle for a reason. Write his name down on your survey. Intercede for him."

As Jeff met God's conditions for a relationship with his brother, he received a deep burden to pray for him. Months passed, and nothing happened. But Jeff was faithful and continued to pray. Then all of a sudden an unexplainable circumstance drew this brother to Fort Worth. He called Jeff. Jeff called Dr. Thompson at 2:30 a.m. after he had talked with his brother. You can imagine how that conversation went.

"Dr. Thompson, are you awake?"

Dr. Thompson laughed, "Well, I am now."

Jeff then explained, "Dr. Thompson, this is Jeff. My brother just called. I've been praying, and here he is. He is coming to class with me in the morning."

Dr. Thompson replies "Good, tomorrow I'll teach the class how to know Jesus in a personal way." And he did! And Jeff's brother accepted the Lord in his office after class. That's just how God works.

Praying for My Circles Today

Review the surveys you completed in week 2 on your immediate family members ([pp. 13-14](#)). Add any information you may have omitted that would help you build relationships and pray for them. Spend time in prayer for your immediate family's specific needs.

Day 2: Circle 3: Relatives

God's Word for Today

"The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance" ([2 Peter 3:9](#)).

↕ **Read and meditate on "God's Word for Today" above and spend a moment in prayer as you begin today's lesson.**

Concentric circle 3 is assigned to relatives. That category can go on almost indefinitely, for it includes family members related to you by blood or marriage but do not live in the same house with you.

① In week 1 you listed your relatives. Go back to that page and make sure you included all of the following.

- Grandparents
- Parents
- Aunts
- Uncles
- Brothers
- Sisters
- Nieces
- Nephews
- Grandchildren
- Stepparents
- In-laws
- Cousins

Now fill out a survey form for each one, including as much information about them as you can. Start with those who are closest to your family.

When you complete surveys about your relatives and start praying for them, God will guide you to identify their needs. Then all you have to do is show an interest in and love for people. They will respond when they see that you care. That is living! Love is meeting needs!

Maybe you have so many relatives that you feel overwhelmed thinking that you need to pray for all of them. I realize that you cannot pray for each relative every day, but write their names on survey forms anyway. During your quiet time flip through your survey forms and pray as God leads you as you look at names. As you survey and pray for your relatives, you will begin to know who has needs at that particular time. God may cause you to become aware of needs as He invites you to join His work in their lives. It's very important to be close to your family so that you will be available for God's use.

Dr. Thompson tells the story of one of his friends and students who was completing surveys for circle 3 and remembered his great aunt Alice. "Dick had met Aunt Alice several times at family reunions, but he was not sure where she lived. He wrote his mother and asked for her address."

Dick's mother reported that Aunt Alice, 82 years old, lived in a rest home about 85 miles from where Dick lived. She sent him the address, and on Aunt Alice's birthday Dick sent her a birthday card. Aunt Alice wrote back, thrilled to hear from him. In several weeks Dick called her to set up a time when he and his wife could visit her.

Dick introduced his wife to his aunt Alice, and they talked about the pleasantries of the day. Then Aunt Alice said, "Honey, tell me what you do."

"I am in Southwestern Seminary studying for the ministry," Dick answered.

Then Aunt Alice asked, "What do you study?"

Dick replied, "Basically, I study that the most important word in the English language, apart from proper nouns, is *relationship* - like the relationship we now have. I also study that if you really love someone, you meet that person's needs."

"Oh, that really sounds interesting; tell me more," Aunt Alice said.

Dick replied, "The basic need in the life of every individual is to know Jesus Christ in a very personal and intimate way."

"That sounds very interesting," she said. "Please tell me what you mean."

Dick then shared the gospel with her: how a person comes to know the Lord, how to have sins forgiven, and how to live in a right relationship with the Father and with others. Aunt Alice looked at Dick, big tears filling her eyes, and whispered, "Son, I've been a member of a church for years, but I've never done that. Could I trust Jesus?" As Dick and his wife knelt down beside his aunt, she asked Jesus to be her Lord and save her.

Months later when Dr. Thompson saw Dick, he came up, put his arms around him, and said, "Doc, this weekend Aunt Alice went to be with the Lord." Then he added, "Dr. Thompson, what if I had not listed her in my concentric circles? What if I had not done my survey?"

I do not want to lay a heavy burden on you, but God wants you to take one day at a time. So redeem the time. Use it. You cannot win all of your family in one day. You have the rest of your life, however long that may be, to work through your concentric circles. But be available to God. Allow God to love through you to meet people's needs. The best way to start that process is to be intentional about it. Pray, really, pray for them. Complete your surveys, pray for your relatives, and open yourself to ways God wants you to meet their needs.

↕ **Praying for My Circles Today**

Look at the survey forms you have prepared for your relatives. Begin praying for each person. Ask the Lord to begin revealing their needs. Ask Him to teach you how to pray for and show love to them. As you pray for each one, record on your survey form any insights the Lord may give you.

Ask yourself: *Have I knowingly omitted anyone from this circle because of a broken relationship?* If so, go back and add that person. Give that relationship to the Lord and ask Him what you need to do next.

Day 3: Circle 4: Friends

God's Word for Today

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

↕ **Read and meditate on "God's Word for Today" above and spend a moment in prayer as you begin today's lesson.**

In concentric circle 4 are close friends. Sometimes friends are closer than relatives. In this circle you will include the people you spend time with, the ones you talk to about important things, the ones you participate with in hobbies or recreation activities. These are the people you could call in the middle of the night if you needed help, and they would gladly come.

① Turn to page 13 and list your close friends—those you spend time with and really care about, trust, and can depend on. (Friends who are not as close can be included in circle 5, neighbors and associates.) Then prepare a survey form on each friend you listed. Begin making notes about ways you can reach out to them and meet their needs.

Don't just wait to receive what you need from your friends. They have needs too. Watch for ways God may invite you to show His love for them by meeting their needs. If they are believers, you can practice Jesus' admonition to "love one another" (see John 15:12 below). If they are unbelievers, pray that God's love through you will draw them to Christ.

"This is My command: love one another as I have loved you."—John 15:12

Chris and Bill were best friends from the third grade through high-school graduation. Chris invited Bill to church activities and openly talked about his beliefs. Bill listened to his friend share that the most important word in the world is *relationships* and of the necessity of a vertical relationship with God. Bill patiently listened and said that at 16 he could not make that kind of commitment to follow Jesus. He understood that it would require a change in lifestyle, and he was unwilling to do so.

After their first year of college, Bill called Chris out of the blue, saying that he needed to talk. The first year of college had been crazy for Bill—fraternity parties, binge drinking, living on the wild side. Hitchhiking across the country, he encountered numerous Christians who talked to him again and again about making Jesus the Lord of his life. When he returned home, he immediately called his good friend Chris. Because of the groundwork Chris had laid in their relationship, Bill knew whom to ask when he wanted to know how to become a Christian.

② Who is your best friend? _____ Is that person a believer?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If not, what needs to happen for God to use you to bring your friend to a saving relationship with Christ? _____

Our love for God must precede our love for the lost person. If we really love Him, we will love the ones He loves. We must realize the gravity of someone's lost condition without God. If we believe God's Word, we do not have another option. When Scripture says a person is lost without the Lord, it means exactly what it says. A person without Christ is lost and is headed for a Christless eternity in hell - even if that person is your closest friend.

③ What would you most need to share with a lost friend? Check one.

- a. If you will clean up your act, you can go to heaven.
- b. Jesus is the only way to heaven.
- c. There are many ways to get to heaven.

Some try to water down the gospel to make it easier to accept. But the thread of salvation through Jesus alone runs all the way through the Bible:

- "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).
- "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
- "The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12).

If it did not take the death of Jesus Christ to redeem humanity, then the cross was a travesty. It was useless. No! He had to come and die. There was no other way. If He is the only way, then people are lost without Him. We need to be burdened and weep over that. A person cannot be changed until he realizes, "Without Christ I am hopelessly and helplessly lost." That is why we earnestly pray for God to draw them.

When you begin to think about close friends in circle 4, remember: if they are without Christ, they are lost and condemned to hell. We need to be concerned about their lostness. Because we do not know how long any of us have on earth, we must realize the urgency of confronting our friends with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

↕ Praying for My Circles Today

Look at the survey forms for your close friends (p. 13) and spend time praying for each one. Record ways God is directing you to reach out with His love. Pray that He will use you to meet their needs and especially to lead lost friends to Christ.

Day 4: Circle 5: Neighbors and Associates

God's Word for Today

"You are called to freedom, brothers; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the entire law is fulfilled in one statement: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another" (Galatians 5:13-15).

↕ **Read and meditate on "God's Word for Today" above and spend a moment in prayer as you begin today's lesson.**

Concentric circle 5 includes neighbors, business associates, classmates at school, and not-so-close friends. In God's economy it is important to care about and build relationships with these people, just as you love and care for the people in circles 2-4. To do this, you will record information about them on surveys for circle 5. Why? Because you find out about people whom you care about.

For example, in the days and times it has become an increasingly greater problem to know our neighbors. But if love is meeting needs and if we want to meet their needs, we must know our neighbors. My neighbors will not believe that I want to be in heaven with them if I do not want them in my home for dinner or if I do not say hello when we are in our front yards. We have to know our neighbors before we can meet their needs.

① Turn to page 14 and list your neighbors and work or school associates. These are people you know and have an ongoing opportunity to interact with on a regular basis. Consider the following.

- Neighbors
- Classmates
- Coworkers
- Teachers
- Supervisors
- Fellow church members
- Union members
- Students
- Vendors
- Teammates
- Clients
- Fellow club members
- Subordinates

If you don't know their names, find out! Complete survey forms, recording as much information as you can about them.

Dr Thompson tells the story Jim one of his friends told him about something that happened when he was a boy. One night he came home and saw his dad really working on something. He asked, "Dad, what are you doing?"

His dad replied, "I'm working on this telegraph key, learning the Morse code."

"Why?" asked his friend. "You aren't interested in ham radios."

"Yes, I am," his father replied. "You know Greg Smith's father down the street, the house with the big antenna?"

"Yes," Jim answered.

"I tried to reach him for Christ, but he wouldn't even talk to me," Jim's dad replied. "The only thing he knows and loves is ham radios. I'm going to learn how to be a ham-radio operator so that I can reach Greg's dad."

Jim's dad took the time to build a bridge to Greg's dad. That bridge was a ham radio. Six months later Greg's dad trusted Jesus. That is reaching out to your concentric circles and building bridges that will allow further communication and deepen your relationship.

② Choose one person in circle 5 and describe a natural way you could build a bridge to that person.

After you have completed your surveys, have begun to intercede, and have made yourself available to God, you can build bridges to people by reaching out in love and showing them that you care.

Dr. Thompson tells the story of a friend that lived across the street from a Korean couple. The Korean couple were very quiet, and developing a relationship with them was been difficult. His friend said that after months of trying to build a relationship, the wife's mother died. The friend and his wife took the Korean couple a meal. They also took care of their pets and mowed their yard while they were out of town. When the couple came home, they said to Oscar's friend, "You have been so kind. We would like to be your friends."

It was after that these friends were ready to listen to the gospel from someone who has shown love to them. Love is meeting needs wherever we are.

Prior to Dr. Thompson's death 1980 he had a near death experience that he says taught him something from the Lord that he would never forget: "it is not how long I live; it is how I live." Methuselah lived 969 years and may have died in the flood of Noah's day. Enoch, his father, lived only 365 years. Then "Enoch walked with God, and he was not there, because God took him" ([Genesis 5:24](#)). Which would you rather be?

③ Read "God's Activity Watch List" on [page 17](#). Use these guidelines when relating to or praying about your concentric circles to identify in whose lives God is working.

↕ Praying for My Circles Today

Pray through the needs you have identified in circle 5. Ask God how He wants to use you to build bridges of communication and relationship. Consecrate yourself to be used in the ways He shows you. Record them on your survey forms. Then be obedient.

Day 5: Circle 6: Acquaintances

God's Word for Today

"Set apart the Messiah as Lord in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame" (1 Peter 3:15-16).

↕ **Read and meditate on "God's Word for Today" above and spend a moment in prayer as you begin today's lesson.**

Concentric circle 6 is reserved for your acquaintances—people you know casually. For example, when you go to a grocery store or a restaurant, the checkers and waitresses may wear name tags. Those are not there just for decoration. They bear the names of people who are your acquaintances. We know their faces, and we need to be sensitive to their names as well. One of the deepest needs of any individual is for recognition. One way to give recognition to a person is to call him or her by name. When you call someone by name, you show that you value them and that you are concerned enough to greet them by name or remember their name. Greeting a person by name or remembering a name may not seem like much, but it means you care and that the person matters enough that you would say their name. You meet a need every time you say a person's name.

As your concentric circles become a lifestyle, you will begin to realize how important names are. When you call acquaintances by name, they will never forget you. You immediately build a bridge to a relationship.

① List your acquaintances on page 16—people you bump into occasionally, usually for short periods of time. Consider people you meet at the grocery store, the gas station, restaurants, the gym, school, church, the dry cleaner, government agencies, neighborhood associations, and sports events. Complete a survey form on each person. You may not be able to list much information about them, but you can add to your survey as you build the relationship.

Meeting needs has a wonderful byproduct. When you love other people, God gives dividends. You receive love from God and others.

One night a teenage girl charged into Dr. Thompson's office. She was a redheaded, vivacious, never-hit-the-ground type of personality. She plunked down in a chair and sobbed, "Pastor, I'm so unhappy. Nobody loves me."

Oscar replied, "Brenda, I know your parents. I know they are busy with their new business, but they love you. I know your friends. They love you."

"No, they don't," she replied. "Nobody loves me. I could die, and nobody would care."

Oscar reassured her, "God has created you as a channel for love to flow through you to others. The reason you may be miserable is that you want the flow to go the wrong way. When the flow of love is going the right way, as you were designed, you will not feel this way. You are supposed to do the loving. The person who always has to have the stream of love flowing inward is going to become a stagnant pool."

He suggested that Brenda find some people out there and meet their needs. "You don't have to feel good about loving them," he explained. "You don't have to have any feeling. From the heart you just make a decision: 'Dear God, whatever people You put in my path, I am going to show Your love by meeting their needs.'"

He continued, "Tomorrow I want you to make yourself available to Jesus. Get alone with Him. Then love somebody. Who out there would be really difficult for you to love?"

Immediately she replied, "Judy."

"Who is Judy?" He asked.

"Judy is a freshman," Brenda said. "She rides the bus with me, and she just bugs me. I have to ride with her 45 minutes every day. She crawls on the bus, and its chatter, chatter, chatter. I just don't want to listen to that freshman. She latches on to me. I'm a senior."

Oscar responded, "Assignment number one is for you to love Judy. That's my prescription."

Brenda came back Sunday and told him this story: "I got on the bus Thursday morning. No sooner than I sat down, Judy came and sat down beside me. It just really bugged me. I said, 'Lord, I'm going to meet her needs if it kills me.' The best thing I thought I could do was just listen. So I turned to her, and for the first time I looked at her while she was talking to me. As I looked at her, I began to see a little face I had never noticed before. I realized that underneath all that chatter was a hurting little girl.

"As we continued to talk, I asked, 'Judy, tell me about your brothers and sisters and mom and dad.' She became very still and quiet and was silent for a while. Finally, she said, my mom and dad are getting a divorce, and I'm so scared. We have to move, and my whole world is coming apart."

Brenda said to Dr. Thompson "Pastor, in that moment I just listened. That's all I did, but I felt the love of God wanting to meet that little girl's needs through me. I put my arm around her, and we talked until we arrived at school. After getting off the bus, Judy put her books on the ground, put her arms around me, and said, 'Oh, Brenda, I just love you.'"

Do you have an acquaintance in circle 6 who bugs you? Perhaps the person has a deep problem. Perhaps you need to reach out and be sensitive to that person's need. Who is going to help him if you don't?

Praying for My Circles Today

Look over your acquaintances in circle 6 (**p.16**). Begin asking God to help you learn their names, build relationships, and learn their needs. Ask Him to give you love and compassion for each individual on your list. Is there a problem person on your list? Pray for that person and ask God how He wants you to love that person by meeting needs.

Circle 3: Relatives

List relatives by blood or marriage. Include the following.

- Grandchildren _____
- Sisters and brothers _____
- Grandparents _____
- Aunts and uncles _____
- Cousins _____
- Nieces and nephews _____
- In-laws _____

SURVEY FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City, state, ZIP _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Relationship

Single

Widowed

Married

Separated

Divorced

Prayer requests/needs/circumstances _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Occupation/place of employment _____

Hobbies/interests _____

Times of joy or stress to remember and date _____

Strategy _____

Date gospel presented _____

Response _____

Circle 4: Friends

List the names of people to whom you are particularly close—those you spend time with, care about, trust for counsel, confide in, or depend on in times of need. If you are close to the friend's family, include the names of family members as well. Include in-town friends and out-of-town friends. You may even want to include friends from your past whom you cared about deeply, even though you do not currently maintain contact.

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SURVEY FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City, state, ZIP _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Relationship

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| <input type="radio"/> Divorced | |

Prayer requests/needs/circumstances _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Occupation/place of employment _____

Hobbies/interests _____

Times of joy or stress to remember and date _____

Strategy _____

Date gospel presented _____

Response _____

Circle 5: Neighbors and Associates

List neighbors who live near you on your street, in your neighborhood, in your apartment building or complex, in your dorm, and so forth. You may need to do research to discover the names of those who live near you. The Lighthouses of Prayer movement suggests that you begin praying for 5 families on your left, 5 on your right, and 11 across the street.

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Also list the names of your coworkers and associates—those you regularly see and interact with while performing your work duties. Include the following.

- Coworkers _____
- Students you teach _____
- Supervisors/management _____
- Teammates in sports or recreational activities _____
- Subordinates _____
- Fellow club members _____
- Clients _____

- Fellow volunteers with whom you regularly work _____
- Vendors _____
- Accountants/bookkeepers _____
- Other employees in your workplace _____
- Attorneys _____
- Fellow union members _____
- Other professionals with whom you work _____
- School classmates and teachers _____

SURVEY FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City, state, ZIP _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Relationship

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Prayer requests/needs/circumstances _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Occupation/place of employment _____

Hobbies/interests _____

Times of joy or stress to remember and date _____

Strategy _____

Date gospel presented _____

Response _____

Circle 6: Acquaintances

List the names of people you see only occasionally or for short periods. You may not know these people well, but you know their names or their faces. Include people you know from places like the following.

- Grocery or department store _____
- Library _____
- Gas station/market _____
- Barbershop/hair salon _____
- Doctor's/dentist's office _____
- Mall _____
- Restaurant _____
- Fitness center/gym _____
- Businesses you frequent _____
- School _____
- Public _____
- Government offices _____

SURVEY FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City, state, ZIP _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Relationship

Single

Widowed

Married

Separated

Divorced

Prayer requests/needs/circumstances _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Occupation/place of employment _____

Hobbies/interests _____

Times of joy or stress to remember and date _____

Strategy _____

Date gospel presented _____

Response _____

God's Activity Watch List

Read the following suggestions, keeping in mind the people you listed in your circles of influence. Pray and ask God to identify the people on whom He wants you to focus your prayers and attention.

1. Pray and ask God to reveal the people of His choosing—those God wants you to carry a special concern for in prayer and action. Do you have a special concern to see a particular person come to faith in Christ? Assume that this concern is from God and add the person to your circles of influence.
2. As you pray through your circles of influence, identify people for whom you develop a special concern during prayer.
3. Watch for spiritual interest or spiritual hunger in the lives of those for whom you are praying. Do people in your circles of influence show a special interest in spiritual things? Are they asking questions about spiritual matters?
4. As you pray, pay special attention to a person who surfaces in your circles of influence almost unexpectedly—someone who surprises you. Ask the Lord whether He has brought that person to your mind because of His work in his or her life.
5. Pray more intensely for people when you become aware of a special need they have. This may be God's invitation for you to show His love by meeting the need. Do you know of special needs in the lives of any of those in your circles of influence? Pray and ask God whether He wants you to reach out to these people during their time of need.
6. Pay special attention to those around you when you experience a crisis together. A crisis may give you a special opportunity to share Christ, meet a need, or demonstrate Christ's peace or wisdom. Have you recently faced a significant crisis with anyone?
7. When you experience a broken relationship with another person, pray about how you can seek reconciliation in a way God can use for divine purposes in the person's life. Has anyone sinned against you to whom you can show God's mercy by forgiving him or her?
8. Watch for people who enter your circles of influence through unique or special circumstances. God may want to use you to introduce them to Christ. Did you add anyone to your circles of influence who has come into your world by unusual circumstances?

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