

# ***Growing Disciples – Witness To The World***

Growing Disciples Series – Living In The Word.

***What True Discipleship Requires***

## **Week 6: Person X and the Ends of the Earth (PG)**

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."—Matthew 28:18-20

Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus commissioned His followers to go and make disciples of everyone on earth (see Matthew 28:18-20). His Great Commission still applies to His followers today. As impossible as it sounds, believers are responsible for reaching the whole world with the life-saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

How can you reach the whole world? By meeting needs in your own world—in your own circles of influence. You can love your immediate family, your relatives, your friends, your neighbors, your associates, and your acquaintances. As you are obedient, the Lord will widen your concentric circles to encompass the Person Xs you meet each day and to see the great needs that exist at the ends of the earth. Your job is to keep loving all the people God brings into your life as your circles grow ever wider. Someday the Lord will ask you, "What did you do to reach your circles of influence?"

Does it still sound impossible? It's true that you cannot give from your own resources and meet all the needs God brings into your life; they are not sufficient. However, you can give from Jesus' resources. God plus you always equals enough.

### **OVERVIEW OF WEEK 6**

Day 1: Circle 7: Person X

Day 2: Reaching Out Through Circumstances

Day 3: Missions Awareness

Day 4: Missions Support

Day 5: Missions Involvement

### **VERSE TO MEMORIZE**

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## **DISCIPLESHIP HELPS FOR WEEK 6**

Survey Forms: Circle 7 (p. 100)

Your Most Wanted (p. 109)

Introducing Jesus Christ (p. 110)

### **Day 1: Circle 7: Person X**

#### **God's Word for Today**

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

↕ **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.**

Circle 7 contains Person X. Person X is a stranger, someone you haven't met who needs to know the Lord. This person may briefly cross your path unexpectedly. It may be someone you will never see again but whose salvation you want to continue praying for. Or God may lead you to add someone to this circle whom you know of but have never personally met. You would then begin building a relational bridge.

You may think we have talked about everybody except the lost world out there. But that lost world is all we have been talking about. Why? Because somewhere out there in somebody's circle, your Person X may be listed. You see, your Person X may be in my circle 3. My Person X may be in your circle 2. My world is not your world, and your world is not my world, but if we all put our worlds together, we can reach the whole world!

You will not be able to develop a survey form on Person X in advance. These are more likely to be people who cross your path for the first and perhaps the only time. You must pray and be prepared to love them and meet their needs. Once you have had an experience with a Person X, complete a survey form so that you can remember to pray for that person. Include all the information you know. You may not even know their names, but you can describe them sufficiently to remember how to pray. Who knows? You may cross paths with that person again. God may begin to move a Person X into a closer concentric circle over time.

**① Have you ever shared your faith with a Person X, someone you had never met before?**

Yes

No

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If so, how did the experience compare to sharing with someone in your other circles?

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Remember when Jesus was walking through the crowds one day? People were jostling Him on every side. Suddenly Jesus turned and asked, "Who touched My robes?" (Mark 5:30). His disciples asked Jesus what He meant since many people were touching Him. But Jesus answered that somebody had really touched Him, and He had felt power leave Him. Then a little woman standing nearby confessed that she had touched him. Through His power she was healed. She was a Person X, and Jesus met her need.

Someone is going to "touch" you. Maybe it will be someone on an airplane sitting next to you with a need. It may be someone at the gym or the grocery store. When someone touches you, do they touch God's power? Are there streams of living water (See John 7:38) flowing from you? Do they encounter His living water? And will you take the time to meet the needs of that Person X?

People will pass into and out of your life. You may never know when to expect them. But be ready. Pray expectantly for the opportunity to share God's love with Person X. Knowing who needs to be loved, He will bring that unknown person into your circle 7.

**② Are you prepared to meet Person X? Check all that apply.**

- I regularly pray to be ready when I meet Person X.
- I really don't ever think about Person X.
- I ask God to fill me with His Spirit so that I will be prepared to share His love.
- I stay attuned to God's work around me.

Dr. Thompson shares that many of his students have confessed, "You know, when I am walking in submission to my Lord, I bump into more people accidentally who need Jesus than I could ever find on purpose." This happens because God bears fruit in their lives as they become aware of and prepare to meet the needs of Person X.

What is your spiritual temperature? Are you walking closely to the Lord? Does His life and love flow through your life? Does He bring people into your life, knowing they will encounter Christ there?

The Holy Spirit is always resident in a Christian. If you remain filled with the Spirit, He will engineer circumstances to bring Person X's into your life, knowing that you will be faithful to love them and to meet their needs. In this way you are prepared to reach out to Person X's, who, like a

comet, come into our lives only for a moment and then pass on by. We may never see them again in this lifetime. They may touch us only for a moment. Will they touch power?

③ **Think about the places you frequent where you may encounter Person X. Turn to page 13 and list any people who have passed through your life recently and record any information you have about them.**

↕ **Praying for My Circles Today**

Pray that God will prepare you spiritually to meet Person X. Pray for any Person Xs you listed in circle 7. Pray that God will work in their lives and that you will have another opportunity to meet their needs.

Follow your established plan to pray through your concentric circles.

## **Day 2: Reaching Out Through Circumstances**

### **God's Word for Today**

"Slaves are to be submissive to their masters in everything, and to be well-pleasing, not talking back or stealing, but demonstrating utter faithfulness, so that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything" (Titus 2:9-10).

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

We have learned that one of the best ways to be used by God in reaching your world is to show God's love. Love is meeting needs. As you pray for those in your concentric circles of concern, God will engineer circumstances in the lives of those for whom you are praying so that they will have an opportunity to experience His love through your life. Then as you show God's love and meet their needs, He will begin drawing them to His Son.

Many of our opportunities to share the Lord are blocked and the Spirit of God is quenched because we react wrongly to circumstances. We react as the world reacts, and that does not work in pointing people to the Lord. To avoid missed opportunities, set your attitude in advance by asking yourself, *Who is in control, Jesus or me?* React to circumstances from the attitude that God is in control, He is the Vine Dresser, Jesus is the Vine and you are a branch and as you abide in the Vine you will allow Him to meet the person's needs through you.

One day as Dr. Thompson talked to his class about reacting to circumstances, he said, "God will place you in circumstances in which He wants to love someone through you. If you do not react in agape love - depending on the Holy Spirit, abiding in the Word, and trusting in Him - you will lose your opportunity to share Christ with the person."

After class a student came to Dr. Thompson and said, "Dr. Thompson, your class is about to plow me under."

I asked, "What's the matter?"

He said, "You were talking about God's drawing people into my concentric circles. You said He engineers circumstances to bring people into my life, and the way I respond either gives me the opportunity to share the gospel with them or causes me to lose it."

Dr. Thompson replied, "That's right."

Jerry responded, "I think I blew it." Then Jerry told him this story. "I drive my motorbike to work each day. For the past two days as I've pulled into the parking lot, I've noticed a bike exactly like mine, except it doesn't have a mirror. When I came out to the parking lot last night, my mirror was missing. So I walked down to the other bike, and there it was. My mirror was on his bike. I knew it was my mirror because it was marked. I took my mirror off his bike and was so angry that I flooded his bike. It didn't hurt his bike, but it probably took about 30 minutes for him to start it. When I got home, the Lord really began to deal with me. What do I do?"

Dr. Thompson replied "I'm not sure, Jerry, what is the Holy Spirit telling you to do?"

The next week Jerry came back to class and asked to share something with the class. "Friday night I went back to work, and there was this fellow's bike. I thought, I need to treat this fellow as if he were a dear friend who has a need. Apparently, he needs a mirror since he had stolen mine. I went to the store and bought a mirror just like mine and put it on his bike. I also left a note saying, 'I know you stole my mirror. I'm the one who flooded your bike. But because of my relationship with Jesus Christ, He would not tolerate that attitude in my life.' I left the mirror and note with my name and phone number on it.

"That next night the fellow called me. He said, 'I've stolen many things in my life, but I've never received this kind of reaction. Can we talk?' That night in my apartment that guy got down on his knees and gave his life to Jesus."

God leads each of us, as He did Jerry, into circumstances with family, neighbors, coworkers, and people everywhere you go so that He can reveal Himself through you.

**① Think of a time when God placed you in an unpleasant circumstance like Jerry's. How did you react?**

Like the world

Like a representative of Christ

You never know when Person X will show up. The Holy Spirit draws them. They are hungry. They are hurting, but they sense that the world doesn't care. When they come into your life, this may be their only opportunity to hear about God's love. God holds you responsible. He wants you to be available.

If you love everyone in your concentric circles, your life will radiate a holy magnetism. God will draw people through you to him. They may be in your life for only a moment, and you may never see them again, but God puts them there for a purpose. John 7:38 assures that "the one who believes in Me ... will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." So if you are walking in the Lord and are in agreement with Him, His living water will flow through your life and touch others.

### ↕ Praying for My Circles Today

Review circle 7 (p. 13) and add any names or information as needed. Does anyone need to be moved to your Most Wanted list from last week? Remember to pray for persons on this list. Watch for ways God is working through you to show love to them or to build deeper relationships with them.

## Day 3: Missions Awareness

### God's Word for Today

"Then He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation'" (Mark 16:15).

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

For the remainder of our study we will extend our vision to the ends of the earth. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave us our marching orders for reaching the entire world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

① Read the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20, below. To whom did Jesus command His disciples to take the gospel?

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."—Matthew 28:18-20

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When Jesus gave us this command, He did not leave out any objects of His love. He commanded us to make disciples of "all nations," or all peoples and ethnic groups. In Mark 16:15 He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." He also gave His followers a wonderful promise.

② Read Acts 1:8 below. Underline the four areas where Jesus said His followers would be His witnesses.

"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

Now the assignment is ours. We have his Holy Spirit. We are His witnesses. We must—

- start in Jerusalem (at home, in your city);
- continue into Judea (extended family; surrounding communities, county, state, or province);
- proceed to Samaria (crossing racial, ethnic, and religious barriers);
- continue to the ends of the earth.

The whole world is the object of Jesus' Great Commission: "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). We are to carry the gospel to all peoples of all the world. What a humanly impossible assignment! Fortunately, God is always with us, empowering us by His Spirit to carry out the assignment. But we must choose to obey Him. He does not have an alternative plan if we refuse His command.

Jesus didn't issue the Great Commission to an elite corps of super disciples. He gave the command to a group of ordinary men and to all who would come to faith through their message—that includes you and me. Collectively, we are the body of Christ for our generation. Every Christian and every local congregation of Christians are parts of that larger body of Christ. Every part is needed for the whole body to function as Christ intended. If the whole church (every individual believer in a local congregation and every congregation throughout the world) obeyed Jesus' command, God would make sure the whole world heard the good news about His Son. With God all things are possible.

Because the Great Commission was given to so many, you might be tempted to think your part is so small that it doesn't matter. But every believer and every church has a part to play in this world mission. World-mission assignments are the greatest adventures to be filled in your service to Christ. Whether you stay at home in a support role or go to the front lines of service, you can be a part of God's worldwide mission strategy.

One place to begin is by becoming aware of God's work in other areas. I will use the term *missions* for God's work through the body of Christ to reach a lost world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This could include home missions (in your country) and international missions (in other countries). When you begin to learn about missions, God may guide you to be involved in specific ways through your support or personal participation.

God has brought the world right to our front door step in order that we might fulfill "The Great Commission." Right now our congregation MUST be EARNESTLY PRAYING about how we will improvise and use what God has placed in our hands in order for us to further our reach. Through the World Wide Web and the internet we must use every opportunity and every mode and

method to reach the lost and make disciples. There is no limit to our reach as we continue to move our services forward online. Life groups, Podcasts, Inspirational pages are just a few ways we can extend our reach and yet there is so much more.

**③ Read the following suggestions for developing missions awareness. Check those you are willing to do. Write others below.**

- Read a missionary's biography. Many missionaries say that they first sensed God's call to missions while reading biographies of missionaries like William Carey, Adoniram Judson, David Brainerd, John "Praying" Hyde, David Livingstone, Jim Elliott, Hudson Taylor, Bertha Smith, Amy Carmichael, William Booth, C. T. Studd, and Lottie Moon.
- Read about the history of missions in a missions group, a denomination, a parachurch group, a people group, or a country.
- Watch a video or documentary that tells the story of a missionary or a particular missions effort.
- Read or listen to news reports and updates from the mission field, as reported in missions magazines, Christian radio, Christian television, newsletters from missionaries, e-mail groups, and Web sites.
- Attend a missions conference to hear missionaries' reports.
- Listen to testimonies of people who have been touched by missions.

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**↕ Praying for My Circles Today**

Pray that God will give you a heart to be on mission to the world.

Pray for your concentric circles according to your plan.

## **Day 4: Missions Support**

### **God's Word for Today**

"Let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

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



Missions awareness prepares you to hear what God may want to do through you. As you become aware of God's activity in a missions area, you can begin to identify ways He is inviting you to join Him in missions support or involvement. Missions support is helping others who are involved in missions work. This is a beginning step in obeying Jesus' Great Commission. Just as Paul received support from churches in the areas of finances, coworkers, and prayers, today's missionaries need the support of other believers.

**① Read the following suggestions for providing missions support. Check one or more that you are willing to do to provide support for missions work either outside or through your local church.**

Prayer for missions and missionaries. Pray for—

- a missionary, his or her family, and his or her work;
- missionaries on their birthdays;
- specific requests given by missionaries or organizations;
- missions organization, administrators, and staff;
- gateway cities, countries, and areas where missionaries serve;
- an unreached people group (your church can even adopt one);
- God to call people to missions involvement;
- conversion of people in a non-Christian religion;
- governments and leaders whose laws may grant freedom or hinder missions work in their countries;
- national leaders (Christian workers in their own country or culture);
- missions events, crusades, or outreach efforts;
- use of media like the Jesus film, Gideon Bibles, or Christian radio to reach people for Christ.

Encouragement. Send letters, cards, e-mails, and gifts that encourage missionaries in their work. Be careful, however, not to let your contacts become a hindrance by taking too much of the missionary's time.

Financial support. Obey the Lord's scriptural directions to support missions by giving money to—

- your church for missions causes;
- individual missionaries and their projects;
- organizations that send missionaries;
- schools that train and equip missionaries for service;
- emergency requests for disaster relief or hunger projects;
- volunteers for short- or long-term mission trips;
- Bible societies or missions radio and television;
- churches or organizations that support national pastors and missionaries in other countries.

- Material support. You may have material you can give either from your personal property or through your company, such as medical supplies, food for disaster relief, clothes, blankets, bicycles, cars, Christian books or literature, Bibles, and radio or video equipment. Don't send material, however, without knowing a specific need.
- Logistical support. Your work or company may be able to provide logistical help for missionaries by coordinating travel, shipping goods, transferring data, providing technical training, and so forth.
- Your children. Parents and grandparents are sometimes the greatest hindrance to individuals who sense God's call to missions. If your children or grandchildren feel called to missions, give them your blessing. Send them off with your encouragement. Provide all the support at your disposal. Your greatest contribution to Jesus' Great Commission could be godly children who respond to God's call.

## ② What will you do to support missions at home and/or abroad?

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### ↕ Praying for My Circles Today

Pray about your willingness to support missions. Ask God to show you one or more ways He wants you to support the spread of the gospel.

Examine your Most Wanted list from last week's study. Does any information need to be updated? Pray for God's direction in building bridges to your Most Wanted and in sharing His love with them.

## Day 5: Missions Involvement

### God's Word for Today

"How can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How welcome are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things! So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ" (Romans 10:14-15, 17).

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

Listing people in your surveys and praying for them is a part of the work God uses to point people to Christ. Building relationship bridges and reconciling relationships open the channel through which the gospel and God's love can flow. But people cannot believe in Christ unless someone helps them understand their need and how to repent and believe in Christ. You've already prepared your own testimony of what Christ has done in your life. That is perhaps your most powerful witnessing tool. But what are some other ways you can share the good news about Jesus with your most wanted?

① Turn to "Introducing Jesus Christ" on page 14 and read about some tools for introducing people to Christ, along with suggestions for using those tools. Underline the tools and ideas you think will be most helpful as you introduce people to Jesus.

You can also witness to the world by getting involved in missions and taking the gospel to the ends of the earth in person in your very own church. Our Evangelism and Outreach Ministry, our Life Groups ministry, Our Food Pantry Ministry, Our Transportation Ministry, Our Youth and Kids Ministry, Our Seniors Ministry and others. You don't have to be a career missionary to get involved in missions. Nearly everyone can become personally involved.

② Read the following suggestions for missions involvement. Check one or more that you are willing to do to be involved in missions work beyond or through our local church.

○ As we move beyond the Pandemic you can go as a volunteer on a short-term mission's trip. Possibilities include—

- evangelism projects;
- Bible distribution;
- construction projects;
- medical/dental clinics;
- discipleship training for people and churches;
- ministry to missionary children while their parents are involved in meetings or events;
- music, dramatic presentations (individual or group);
- community health projects such as drilling water wells, building ponds/reservoirs, and water purification;
- disaster-relief efforts;
- prayerwalking (praying on site with insight), particularly in countries with limited access for missionaries;
- feeding projects;
- teaching business skills or English as a second language;
- ministry to orphans or lepers;
- agricultural projects;
- sports clinics or demonstrations.

○ Minister to people in your area who could carry the gospel home with them. These people might be—

- international students at a university; St Leo's College, Trinity Bible College, PHSC etc.
- foreign-exchange students;
- international tourists at local attractions;
- international athletes in training or at sports events;
- employees who are temporarily working in your area.

○ If God should call you, go as a career or long-term missionary—

- through our denomination's sending agency NAMB;
- through our church or a group of churches;
- for tent-making (you provide your own income through employment while volunteering in missions);
- as part of a parachurch group assignment (you usually raise your support before going and periodically as the need arises).

**③ What will you do to obey Jesus' Great Commission by becoming personally involved in missions? Remember that God is your Master. He calls people to missions. What do you presently sense that God may be calling you to do?**

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**↕ Praying for My Circles Today**

End your study by praying that God will help you make witnessing to your world your lifestyle. Continue updating and praying through your concentric circles. Surrender your life to be available to God for whatever He asks and wherever He leads.

## Circle 7: Person X

Person X is someone you don't know personally but for whom God gives you a special prayer concern. This list can also include persons you once met in passing and may never see again. These may be people who live either in your town or a long distance from you. Think of the following people you may have encountered.

- Civic or government leader \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach or athlete \_\_\_\_\_
- Schoolteacher or principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Someone in the news \_\_\_\_\_
- Business person/leader \_\_\_\_\_
- Law-enforcement officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Business owner you see in commercials \_\_\_\_\_
- Public servant/employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Media personality \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainer \_\_\_\_\_
- Homeless persons \_\_\_\_\_

### SURVEY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Single   | <input type="radio"/> Widowed   |
| <input type="radio"/> Married  | <input type="radio"/> Separated |
| <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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Introducing Jesus Christ

After you've prepared your story of what Jesus Christ has done in your life, you can be Christ's witness to the world. Combine your personal testimony with a tool that clearly presents the good news of Jesus Christ and explains how a person can place his or her trust in Christ's promise of salvation.

## WITNESSING TOOLS

1. Gospel tracts like *Eternal Life Witnessing Booklet*, *Steps to Peace with God*, or *How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life*
2. Marked New Testaments like *Share Jesus Without Fear New Testament* and *Here's Hope New Testament*
3. Christian videos like *Jesus* ([www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org)), World Wide Pictures produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, or movies offered by LifeWay Films
4. Evangelism courses like *FAITH Evangelism*, or *Share Jesus Without Fear*
5. Bible-study or small-group resources ([www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com))

## USING THE TOOLS

The following are nonthreatening ways to use the previously described witnessing tools to share the gospel with those in your circles of influence.

1. *Live testimony*. Share your personal testimony. Leave a tract, New Testament, book, or video and say something like this: "Jesus Christ has made such a difference in my life that I'd like for you to meet Him too."
2. *Lighthouses of Prayer*. Many people pray for their neighbors through Lighthouses of Prayer. After you have taken actions for prayer and care, use your personal testimony and other tools to begin the SHARE phase of your outreach to your neighborhood.
3. *Movie night*. Invite people for whom you are praying in your circles of influence to your home for a movie or video. Share a brief testimony about what Jesus means to you and how the movie has been meaningful to you.
4. *Christmas or Easter letter*. Write a Christmas or Easter letter to family and friends introducing Jesus as the reason for the season. Include your personal testimony.
5. *Church Christmas and Easter presentations*. Invite people to a special presentation or service at your church around Christmas or Easter.
6. *Prayer center*. Set up a table or booth at local festivals, at sports events, at parades, at special events, or in places with large crowds of people like bus stops and transit stations. Ask people how you may pray for them and pray. After praying for people's needs, talk about their relationship with Jesus Christ.
7. *Support-group evangelism*. Provide Christ-centered support groups to minister to people who are trapped in addiction or other needs that can be helped by group support. Help participants realize what Jesus can do for them.

*Claude King, Made to Count Life Planner (Nashville: LifeWay Press, 2004), 204-5*

# BIBLE STUDY\_ OUR WITNESS TO THE WORLD

## Session 6: Person X and the Ends of the Earth

### WELCOME AND PRAYER

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

### OPENING ACTIVITY

#### Reviewing Week 6

1. *What do you feel we can do to remain prepared to meet Person X? State that the key is walking closely with the Lord and continually being filled with His Spirit.*  

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2. *In your opinion what are some times or ways that Christians have blown it in building relational bridges with the lost? What are some times or ways that you have blown it in building relational bridges? How do you think you could have done things differently to show God's love? How important is it to be prepared to witness for Christ even in negative circumstances? How can members live in a way that draws the lost to Jesus?*  

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3. *How can you increase your mission's awareness, your missions support, and your mission's involvement? What are some of the opportunities that are available through our church or denomination?*  

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4. *Has this study prepared you to share the gospel with others? Have you already presented the gospel to other people? How has that gone and have they responded?*  

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5. *In your opinion is our church a come-and-listen church or a tell-as-you-go church. What can we do to be more of a tell-as-you-go church?*  

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6. *What are some of the things God has done in you or in the lives of others you know during this study that has had the greatest impact for His kingdom?*  

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**Interacting with the Scriptures**

1. After reading Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8, in your own words define our worldwide mission assignment, as explained in day 3.

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**Connecting with Concentric Circles**

1. Define Person X. *How can someone's concentric circles sometimes intersect with those of others (Day 1)?*

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2. How do you plan to keep praying through and updating your concentric circles according to the plan established in week 5? *(Remember to move names to your Most Wanted list as the Lord leads.)*

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3. What are some ways that you can use the witnessing tools listed on the Introducing Jesus Discipleship Helps page. How do you plan to introduce people in their circles to Jesus Christ?

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**Praying Together**

1. *How may we pray for you in the coming weeks?* Ask members to pray in pairs for their each other's needs, for their Most Wanted, and for God's guidance in identifying their next steps in reaching them.

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2. As we close this week's study let's thank God for what He has taught us and what He has done in and through our lives. Let's ask Him to empower and give us wisdom to work to build relationships and reach our world for Christ.

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