

Training Guide

(Digital Version)

Introduction

Welcome to the digital guide for this *How to Share the Gospel* training. We are so pleased that you are interested in improving your abilities to share the Gospel in efforts to lead people into saving relationships with Jesus Christ.

This training is a collaboration of multiple resources put together to provide to a large group study over the course of 7 weeks.

In the below content, you will find multiple hyperlinked titles for you to click on to access various videos, articles, and training resources created by third parties. Each week's content is broken up into three sections based on the intended use or presentation of those resources. The Large Group Time contains training videos intended to present to the whole group of participants together. The Small Group Discussion/Workshop section includes content meant to be worked through with a group of 5-10 participants. The At Home Activities section provides activities for individuals to complete between weekly large group meetings.

You are encouraged to complete as many of the activities as you desire. Of course, the more activities you complete, the more thoroughly we expect you will be prepared to share the Gospel.

We pray you enjoy your time in the study and follow it by being an obedient follower of the Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20.

Week 1

Large Group Time

Jesus in the Secular World: Trailer

Jesus in the Secular World: 1. Open Your Eyes

(The Jesus in the Secular World video series is presented by RightNow Media. If you do not have an account to view these videos, Timberline Church would like to gift you an account. To request an account, please email hi@timberlinewindsor.org.)

Small Group Discussion/Workshop

- 1. What is going through your mind after watching today's video?
- 2. Read Nehemiah 1:3. Are you aware of needs around you? What are they, and how do they make you feel?

3. Secularism, Relativism, and Tolerance are dominant thought forms in secular culture. What influence have these mindsets had on your family, workplace, and neighborhood? Come up with some ways Christians can respond to these ways of thinking.

Secularism- the death to religion, considering the Bible the source of outdated traditions of the past. It defines an indifference toward God that says, God doesn't fit into our modern life.

Relativism - the death to truth. Truth is reduced to preference, saying don't tell me what to believe.

Tolerance- the natural extension of relativism, claiming all ideas and beliefs are valuable and equal and should be tolerated.

- 4. Reflect on the following statement: "There has never been a more unified youth culture than there is today."
- -What do you think that means?
- -If this is true, what do you think this means for future generations of the church?
- -Are there young people in your life that come to mind when you hear this statement?
- 5. What factors or obstacles do you see preventing older people from responding to the gospel? How might you respond to their hesitations?
- 6. Who is currently in your life that needs to know Jesus? Pray with your group over these people.

At Home Activities

"We are living in desperate times. Much of the formerly "Christian" world is leaving its roots behind and is dominated by secularism (death to religion) and relativism (death to the truth). The Bible is no longer considered the moral compass; rather, everyone is free to decide for themselves what is right and wrong. Young people see the church as irrelevant to their day-to-day lives: a dead, empty tradition of the past. As a result, a cultural divide exists between secular culture and the church. As followers of Jesus, we need to respond—but how?" (OPEN YOUR EYES, *Jesus in the Secular World*)

Activity 1. Read Nehemiah 1. Spend some time in prayer asking God to open your eyes to the troubles of the lost.

Activity 2. Do a little research using one or more of the below options to open your eye to what attracts and consumes the minds of those in the secular world:

- Option 1. Look up the lyrics of the top three <u>Billboard Hot 100</u> songs. What messages are these artists communicating? What do these messages as a whole say about the

state of culture today? What unique opportunities do these messages provide for sharing the gospel with secular culture? What disadvantages?

- Option 2. Click on <u>YouTube's Trending list</u> and browse the headlines, read the descriptions or watch some of the current most watched videos. What messages are these influencers communicating? What do these messages as a whole say about the state of culture today? What unique opportunities do these messages provide for sharing the gospel with secular culture? What disadvantages?
- Option 3. Visit <u>Yahoo.com</u>. Check out the headlines of the featured news stories. What types of things do you notice are considered top news? What does this say about what people want to know? What does this say about what is going on in the world? What unique opportunities do these events, actions, values provide for sharing the gospel with the secular culture? What disadvantages?
- Option 4. Call a loved one and chit-chat with them to find out things like: What values are important to them? What values do they think are important in culture? What types of things do they worry about? What do they think are major concerns of their friends or people they are close to? What do they look to for joy, entertainment, and to give them purpose? What do they see their friends turning to for joy, entertainment, and purpose? After your call, consider what unique opportunities this information provides for sharing the gospel with the secular culture? What disadvantages?
- Option 5. People often turn to the internet to ask questions they are afraid to ask other people. Go to Google.com. Start typing a question about God and see how Google suggests you finish your question. "What does God," "How can God," "Who does God," What can God," "How does God," "Where is God," etc. The suggested completions to those questions are generated based on the most common phrases and questions that other people have searched. What can you learn from these common searches about what people in our world want to know, their mindsets about God, misconceptions about God, etc?

Activity 3. Pray and ask God to give you a heart to care about those who are caught and lost in the popular mindsets of the secular world. Ask him to open your eyes to see someone specific he has put in your path who needs Jesus. Ask him for discernment to see things from this person's point of view and for an understanding of this person's values, motivations, fears, etc. Ask him how he wants you to respond to this person.

Week 2

Large Group Time

<u>Jesus in the Secular World: 2. Pray Like Never Before</u>
<u>Cojourner C456 Series: Part 1: Intro to CoJourners</u>

Small Group Discussion/Workshop

- 1. What's going through your head after watching today's videos?
- 2. What do you think about the 4 roles of cojourning (The Explorer, the Guide, the Builder, the Mentor)? You'll get to explore these more in depth this week. Based on the overview we got from the video, which do you have experience with? Which seems easiest? Which concerns you? Do you know anyone who excels in any of these roles?
- 2. Considering the "Pray Like Never Before" video, reflect on the following statement: "Real moves of God are built on prayer, not strategy." Do you agree with this? How might this conviction change the way you act in the future?
- 3. What bold prayers have you prayed in the past? In what ways have you seen God answer prayer in big ways or in ways differently than you expected?
- 4. Read Hebrews 11:6. What are some desperate prayers God is asking you to pray? With your group members, come up with some big, unreasonable prayers for the secular world that you could begin praying. Have everyone write them down.
- 5. Take time to have everyone pray out loud for one big request. (Yes, it can be intimidating to pray out loud in a group. However, if we are going to lead people to Christ and ask them to pray to God, we probably need to be willing to pray out loud with them to give them an example of how to pray. Consider what it would say to them if we were afraid to talk to the God we say we love. Use this safe place as a place to practice. You can just say "in Jesus name" to indicate you are done or you want to skip and the next person can begin their prayer. No need to pray long or fancy, just sincerely.)

At Home Activities

"When it comes to solving spiritual problems, why is it that we're drawn to quick fixes and five-step programs instead of prayer? Every major move of God in my life has begun with prayer. Sadly, so many ministries and outreach programs are ineffective because prayer isn't taken seriously. Prayer is non-negotiable if we're going to change anything. Without it, we're simply outmatched—the problems are too great and our abilities are too limited. It's incredibly naive to think that we have the skills and resources required to make a lasting difference. What

we do have is access to the Creator of all things, who is infinite in power, resources, and wisdom, and who inexplicably chooses to use us as part of his plan. Realizing this changes everything!" (PRAY LIKE NEVER BEFORE, *Jesus in the Secular World*)

Activity 1. Do an honest evaluation of your prayer life:

<u>Evaluation 1.</u> In a given week, how much time do you spend in prayer? <u>Challenge:</u> Double the current amount of time you pray each day.

<u>Evaluation 2.</u> What types of prayers do you pray? Are you willing to pray unreasonable prayers? Persistent prayers?

<u>Challenge:</u> Write down at least one unreasonable prayer and commit to praying it everyday for the remainder of this study.

<u>Evaluation 3.</u> Does your perspective of prayer match your view of the God you see in the Bible?

<u>Challenge:</u> Read the Bible daily (You can find daily reading plans on <u>Bible.com</u>. If you need to know God is bigger and greater than you can imagine, spend 43 minutes watching <u>Louie Giglio's "Indescribable" message</u>.

Activity 2. Read Nehemiah 2. How does God's response to Nehemiah encourage you to pray bold prayers?

Activity 3. Learn about the 4 roles of cojourning by reading pages 1-10 of this <u>CoJourners</u> <u>training packet</u>. As you read about each role, make a list of the relationships in which you are already filling that role and of the relationships in which someone is fulfilling that role in your life. Be mindful of how you can be more intentional in the roles you are already filling and consider if there are other people for whom you should take a more intentional effort to fill that role in their life.

Activity 4. Spend time in Prayer. You can take the CoJourner Challenge and pray for God to reveal one relationship either an existing relationship or one you can develop in which you can intentionally embrace one of the cojourner roles. Then ask for the wisdom and motivation to practically play that role in their life this week. You can try the ACTS prayer model:

Adoration - give God your adoration and praise.

Confession - confess where you have gone wrong, repent of those things and ask forgiveness.

Thanksgiving - tell God what you are thankful for and give him the credit for putting those things in your life.

Supplication - make your big, unreasonable requests to God.

Activity 5. Spend time in solitude and silence listening to God. You might want to grab a journal and write down any ideas, bible verses, people, songs, etc. that come to your mind during this time. Why do you think God brought those things to your mind? What is he asking you to do? You may not "hear" anything during this time. That's ok. Take time to listen again tomorrow and the next day and the day after and so on.

Week 3

Large Group Time

<u>Jesus in the Secular World: 3. Change My Cold, Hard Heart</u>
CoJourners C456 Series: Part 2: Principles of Conversational Evangelism

Small Group Discussion/Workshop

- 1. What's going through your head after watching today's videos?
- 2. Take the CoJourner Challenge: Have each member of the group identify the principle that seems most difficult. Help each other come up with one practical step to achieving that principle.
 - a. Prayer is essential
 - b. Don't write people off
 - c. Learn to discern
 - d. Be willing to be uncomfortable
 - e. Seek first to understand
 - f. Be real
 - g. Don't manipulate
- 3. Considering the "Change My Cold, Hard Heart" video, where are the broken/lost people in your community? Where can you go to surround yourselves with people in your community who need Jesus? How often do you visit those locations and interact with broken/lost people? Why do you find this easy or hard to do?
- 4. Have each group member write down a specific person's name or a group/type of people in your community that their heart breaks for. Strategize with the group ways that each group member can encounter and begin meaningful interactions with that person or group of people for whom their hearts break.
- 5. "One of the most effective tools you have for sharing your faith is the story of how Jesus Christ gave you eternal life and how He has enriched your life. The Apostle John wrote, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard" (1 John 1:3), testifying about his relationship to Jesus Christ." (How to Share Your Testimony, Discipleship Journal) Your task this week at home will be to start drafting and editing your testimony. What experiences from your life can you use

to share about Christ that would be relatable to someone going through the following circumstances:

- Concerning illness for themselves or a family member
- Concerned about finances
- Parenting problems
- Experiencing loss of a loved one
- Fearful about the political climate
- Dealing with conflict with a loved one
- Pressure at work
- Loneliness or feeling overlooked
- Feeling totally fine and life is great
- Any other common issue you can speak to...

At Home Activities

"Henry David Thoreau wrote, 'The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.' People don't go around announcing their brokenness, but don't be deceived: they are hurting and desperately in need of hope. Like Nehemiah, you must be willing to step outside your comfort zone and enter the suffering of others. Once you do, God will change your heart and use your life to make a difference. We need to push beyond ourselves and to share Jesus with a world that is desperate for answers. God's devotion to the lost is undeniable. I have no doubt that God wants to use your life to reach the secular world for him. But if your efforts aren't fueled by his power and motivated by his love, they will not produce fruit." (CHANGE MY COLD, HARD HEART, Jesus in the Secular World)

Activity 1. Spend time talking to God about the state of your heart toward the lost. Honestly assess your motivation for wanting to reach the secular world. Ask God where he wants you to go to encounter the lost. Ask God who isn't following him that he wants you to engage. If your heart doesn't break for the lost, confess this and ask God to help you respond in the way he would want you to respond.

Follow your prayer time by writing down any ways God gives you to expose yourself to the needs of those around you or any realizations about your heart or motivations that need to be addressed and prayed over more.

Activity 2. Take a walk in a part of town you don't typically spend time in. Ask God to give you his heart for the people you see.

Activity 3. Take the practical step your group came up with to help you achieve the difficult principle of conversational evangelism.

Activity 4. Draft or edit your testimony. Read this <u>How to Share Your Testimony Guide</u> and follow the instructions to draft your testimony. Maybe you've thought about your testimony before, read the guide to see if your testimony could use some editing to simplify it or make it as relatable as possible.

Activity 5. Practice your testimony. Share your newly created or edited testimony with your spouse, your kid, a small group friend, or someone who knows you and can appreciate your desire to get better at sharing your faith with others. Ask for their feedback and make adjustments.

Week 4

Large Group Time

Jesus in the Secular World: 6. Don't Assume They Assume Cojourner C456 Series: Part 3: From General to Spiritual

Option: Right Now Media: Interview with Pastor X

Option: Small Group Discussion /Workshop

1. What is going through your mind after today's videos?

- 2. Take time to share about your past experiences sharing the Gospel. Did your experience go well? What did you learn from this experience? What will you keep in mind next time you have an opportunity to move a conversation from general to spiritual?
- 3. Have you experienced spiritual conversations with unbelievers? Through these conversations, what have you discovered about their perspectives or beliefs on God, afterlife, church, salvation, sin, etc.? Brainstorm with your group members to determine ways you might want to respond. (Should you simply listen, offer your beliefs as an alternative, argue over which is true, give them a book to read, other?)
- 4. Read 1 Peter 3:15. Why is it important to "defend our hope"? What does Peter say about the kind of tone and attitude we should have in defending our hope? How is defending hope perhaps different than defending truth?
- 5. What assumptions do you need to step back from to effectively engage the secular world?
- 6. Assess the role of apologetics in your interactions with non-Christians. Are you able to defend your faith and address barriers to belief in God? If not, what practical steps can you commit to taking to change that?

At Home Activities

"We live in a post-God society where many young people don't see God or the Bible as sources of authority. What's more, they believe morality is relative, and that heaven and hell are not

likely to be real. Given this reality, we can no longer approach the doubts and questions of nonbelievers with "the Bible says it, and that settles it." Becoming relevant begins with taking a step back from our assumptions and finding common ground with those we are trying to reach." (DON'T ASSUME THEY ASSUME, Jesus in the Secular World)

Activity 1. To identify what beliefs people actually hold without assuming what you think they believe, interview one fellow believer and one non-Christian colleague, family member, neighbor, or friend. Ask them the following questions.

- 1. How did the universe, our world, and human beings come into existence?
- 2. What's the meaning of life?
- 3. Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Who decides?
- 4. What happens when we die? Is there an afterlife?

Activity 2. Draft Christian responses to the above questions. Your answers are not intended to tell people they are wrong or argue over the truth. Instead you want to be prepared with an explanation if the question gets flipped on you, ie, "So what do you believe about ...?"

What additional research or study do you need to do to better explain your beliefs? Check out the <u>"What We Believe (And Why We Believe It)"</u> video series to help articulate answers or use the <u>study guide</u> to look up the verses associated with the belief statements.

Activity 3. Read this short article, *Evangelism Without a Bullhorn*.

Activity 4. CoJourner Challenge: Find out something about someone's spiritual background. Maybe your conversation with one of the above people can lead to this exploration, but maybe you want to explore this conversation with someone else. You can ask: What was life like growing up? Was spirituality part of that?

Activity 5. Read the training booklet titled, <u>"Be a Fruitful Witness."</u> After you have read and scrolled to the bottom of the page, hit the "NEXT" button to continue reading through each section of the booklet. Continue hitting "NEXT" until you reach the final section, Study Guide.

Week 5

Large Group Time

Jesus in the Secular World: 4. Speak the Right Language

Jesus in the Secular World: 5. Show Them, Tell them

Cojourner C456 Series: Part 4: From Spiritual to Gospel Content

Small Group Discussion/Workshop

Divide your group into 2 smaller groups (if your group is small then you can do both activities with the whole group).

- 1. Group 1. Prepare conversational transitions to the Gospel. Read the attached article, <u>Six</u> <u>Degrees: Transition to the Gospel.</u>
 - Be prepared to explain this idea to the rest of the group. Come up with some topics that you could comfortably bring up in a conversation that you then know how to transition from that topic to the Gospel. Share this concept with the rest of the group and let them come up with a topic or two that could prepare them to transition conversations to the Gospel.
- 2. Group 2. Prepare ways to "show Jesus to the world." Read the attached article, <u>Jesus' Style Yes, You Can! (Part 2)</u>.
 - Be prepared to explain the idea of Servant Evangelism to the rest of the group. Come up with some acts of service that you could do to show others you care about them with no strings attached. Think about ways people have blown you away in the past with their kindness. Can you do things like that for a non-christian and blow them away? Come up with responses to reactions like, "Why did you do this?" "What's your angle?" "This is too much." etc.
- 3. For the whole group. Determine Gospel language that non-believers will understand. Work together to identify the main points of the Gospel message. Look for language that makes sense to believers, but may not mean anything to someone who isn't familiar with church or the Bible. What common words or phrases can you use to replace church lingo so that a non-believer can relate to and understand the Gospel message.

At Home Activities

"We need to reintegrate into secular culture and eliminate the superficial differences that keep us isolated and irrelevant. Jesus' life demonstrates a delicate balance: being part of culture while not being polluted by it. We need to get out of our Christian ghettos, develop authentic relationships with unbelievers, ask them questions, and really listen. It may seem simple, but the impact of doing this will be huge." (SPEAK THE RIGHT LANGUAGE, Jesus in the Secular World)

"If I were to go into a secular club or workplace, stand on a table, and shout, "I am here in the name of Jesus," it's likely no one would listen—and not just because they'd think I'd lost my mind. This approach would be ineffective because most unbelievers have an inaccurate perception of Jesus. Common culprits are popular media, adverse experiences with Christians, and simple ignorance. Regardless of the reason, this false Jesus they reject is one you would also reject. To get beyond misconceptions, we need to show people the gospel, and then tell them about it. We do this by pointing to God's heart and character evident in nature and art, by

demonstrating outward evidence of inward transformation, and by being merciful with others' shortcomings." (SHOW THEM, THEN TELL THEM, Jesus in the Secular World)

Activity 1. Ask a secular friend, colleague, or neighbor what comes to mind when they think of God, Jesus, or the church. What stands out in their answer? Consider what misconceptions are based on confusing words or extra-biblical church culture. Without changing the Gospel, what can you change to share the heart and character of Jesus more accurately?

Activity 2. Are there ways in which you might be acting hypocritically and turning people off from a relationship with Jesus? Identify a specific area in your life that you believe God would want to transform to give you greater authority in reaching your secular friends. Furthermore, considering Jesus' response to the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11, do people see you more often extending the mercy of Jesus or taking a moral stand? Examine your heart and ask God to reveal your attitude toward others and give you insight to how others tend to perceive Jesus by watching you.

Activity 3. CoJourner Challenge. Consider these tips for transitioning to the Gospel.

- Option 1. Read the article, <u>2 Simple Questions to Start a Life-Changing Conversation.</u>
- Option 2. Read the article, <u>Turning the Conversation to Christ</u>

Activity 4. Consider these strategies for explaining the Gospel

- Option 1. One Easy Way to Talk about Jesus with Today's Generation.

 This article discusses the use of four symbols that can remind us of the four important pieces of the Gospel message. Click on the four "Watch the Video" links in the article to see an example of how to talk about each symbol.
- Option 2. <u>One Verse Evangelism: How to Share Christ's Love Conversationally and Visually.</u>
- Option 3. William Fay's Share Jesus Without Fear. In this 1 hour seminar audio recording, you can listen to William Fay explain his "Share Jesus Without Fear" method. Once you have followed the link to the book website, then click on the link that says "Share Jesus without Fear" Audio Book (Listen Free). (Or go straight to the audio recording by clicking here.)

Activity 5. Draft a script that you can use to comfortably explain the Gospel. You can incorporate any of the above strategies or come up with your own. Be sure to keep it simple, hit the important principles of the Gospel, and avoid church lingo/christianese. Practice on a trusted believer. Let them give you feedback.

Week 6

Large Group Time

<u>Jesus in the Secular World: 7. No Cross, No Power</u>

<u>Cojourner C456 Series: Part 5: From Gospel Content to Gospel Decisions</u>

Small Group Discussion/Workshop

- 1. Do you relate to any of the mentioned obstacles (listed below) that prevent people from sharing the Gospel? Do you have an obstacle that wasn't mentioned preventing you from sharing the Gospel? Be honest with your group and let them help you gain a different perspective that can give you confidence and courage to share the Gospel.
 - a. You don't really believe the Gospel.
 - b. Other agendas are more important to you.
 - c. You worry about causing offense. Keeping the peace is your priority.
 - d. You don't want to look foolish.
 - e. You don't want to endure hardships.
- 2. It was mentioned that often at this stage in the process of sharing the Gospel, you'll likely transition into the role of a builder, building bridges that can help an unbeliever overcome obstacles that prevent them from trusting in Jesus. Work through the outline on pages 18-20 of the CoJourner Training Guide to become familiar with how you can become a builder in someone's life.
- 3. Come up with a list of excuses you think people give as the reason they are not interested in accepting Jesus. Then prepare responses to those excuses. Here are some examples to get you started:
 - My life is fine, what do I need God for?
 - I'm not entrusting my life to someone/something I can't see.
 - I've done too many bad things, God would never want me.
 - I don't want to give up doing the things you say God calls sin.
 - Christians are so judgemental and such hypocrites, why would I want anything to do with them?
 - I don't want to give up control of my life. Sacrificing my will/desires/dreams doesn't sound very beneficial to me.

At Home Activities

"Very few Christians are sharing their faith today. The consequence of our silence is great because without the resurrection, there is no power. I have personally seen that when you're willing to share the gospel outside of the church, God moves, and people are changed. God has called all of us to reach the secular world for Jesus, but only through his power will we be

fruitful, and this power only comes when we talk about the cross." (NO CROSS, NO POWER, Jesus in the Secular World)

Activity 1. CoJourner Challenge: Talk to a believer you've seen share the Gospel well. Ask them about their experience with sharing the Gospel and leading people to Christ. Learn as much as you can from them. What methods do they use? How do they identify if someone is ready to hear the Gospel? How do they respond to their own doubts and fears or insecurities when sharing the Gospel? etc.

Activity 2. Not sure you have the right words to share the Gospel? There are a lot of video resources you could use to share the Gospel for you. Check out the videos on the following websites. Each video appeals to different issues in peoples' lives, so check them all out and become familiar with your options. When the time comes, show the video that is likely to be most effective in speaking to the individual's circumstance.

- Option 1. Here are <u>12 video options</u> from Billy Graham ministries. There are even some in spanish!
- Option 2. Falling Plates.

Activity 3. Look into these helpful resources that you can use to walk others through the gospel if you don't feel confident sharing it on your own.

- Option 1. How to Know God Personally. This website will explain the principles of the Gospel and then direct viewers to access resources to either help them get started as a new believer or get answers to common questions people have before being willing to come to faith.
- Option 2. Download and explore the <u>God Tools app</u> that will visually help you guide someone through the Gospel. Having it on your phone means you'll always have a resource whenever the opportunity comes up to tell someone about Jesus.

Activity 4. Watch these 2-3 minute videos by Sean McDowell arguing the <u>10 Worst Objections to Christianity.</u>

Week 7

Large Group Time

<u>CoJourner C456 Series: Part 6: Conclusion</u>
Jesus in the Secular World: 8. Take a Step

Small Group Discussion/Workshop

- 1. If your efforts to share the Gospel result in a decision to follow Christ, it is imperative that the new believer be discipled. Therefore, it's time for you to take on the mentor role. Walk through pages 22-24 of the <u>CoJourner Training Guide</u> outline to determine how you can step into the role of mentor.
- 2. Think back to when you became a believer. What resources were most helpful to your spiritual growth? What type of spiritual community has been pivotal to your spiritual maturity. Discuss specific resources, groups, events, ect. you could recommend to help a new believer gain knowledge and discipleship community (consider the one-on-one, small group and large group model from the training guide) to help their spiritual growth. What can you attend or read or study with them to help them stay focused on their spiritual growth process?
- 3. Matthew 28:18-20 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 all that I have commanded you."
 - What is required of you after you have made a new disciple?
 - What is the new disciple's job?
 - A new disciple is to follow all of Christ's commands, including to go make more disciples.
 - Follow the principle of discipleship multiplication rather than discipleship addition.

 Discuss page 3 of the Discipleship Multiplication Worksheet.

At Home Activities

"God can break your heart for the lost, you can drop to your knees in desperate prayer, but until you step through fear and act, you will produce no fruit. In Luke 17:33, Jesus says, "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it." We were not made for self-preservation; we were made to change the world. Following God could cost you everything, but there is no greater reward than seeing lives changed!" (TAKE A STEP, Jesus in the Secular World)

Activity 1. Read through the training packet, <u>How to Fulfill the Great Commission.</u> (After you have read and scrolled to the bottom of the page, hit the "NEXT" button to continue reading through each section of the packet. Continue hitting "NEXT" until you reach the final section, Study Guide.)

Activity 2. Read Pages 5 and 6 of the <u>CoJourner Equipment Pack</u> for resources on how to follow up and ensure new believers are discipled (sections: *Care Package & Life Connections*), address new believers' concerns (section: *Life Concepts*), and further understand our need to witness for Christ (sections: *Ultimate Aim, Love In Action, Unstoppable, & Inner Strength*).

Activity 3. Are you struggling in your journey with Jesus and not sure you have the passion to share Jesus with others? Follow the prompts and pray through the content on this <u>Satisfied</u>

post. If you're not struggling and feel satisfied and passionate in your relationship with God, keep this resource in mind to use when undoubtedly you come across a dissatisfied believer as you explore other people's spiritual journeys.

Activity 4. Go share the Gospel with an unbeliever. As long as the door to the conversation stays open, move through the whole process of leading them to Christ. Explore their spiritual background to find out what will impact them. Tell them your testimony in a way that they can relate to based on their circumstances and background. Give them the simple, straightforward Gospel message. Respond to their feelings and concerns. Ask if they'd be interested in a relationship with Jesus. If so, lead them through repenting and asking Jesus into their hearts. Invite them into a church community so they can grow their new faith.