

Fruitful Witness

Session One – Skill Block One

Learning to be a witness is not so much about sharing faith with strangers, as it is about befriending and loving people God has already put into your life. The people in your circle of influence, who need to meet Jesus, are not there by accident. God has planted a small mission field in each of our lives – lost secular people who need to know Jesus.

Research shows even if you have been immersed for decades in a church, you have 9 or 10 pre-Christians in your immediate circle of friends. Yet, we often lose sight of these folks. We simply forget they are there or we overlook their great spiritual need. They could be in your immediate family, extended family, neighbors, friends from work, or people you know in your community.

Our first goal is to pray and allow God to help us make an inventory of the pre-Christians in our life. Ask the Lord to show you the people He has put into your life.

PRAY to Focus your Ministry

- World is full of lost people. Who does God want me to focus on?
- Jesus had to pray to find focus: Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44...
- A need does not constitute a call. Jesus was surrounded by hundreds of people with needs, yet he focused on 12 with particular attention given to 3.

Who Is My Neighbor?

God holds me most responsible for the people I already have relationships with.

“Go home to your family and friends. Tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.” (Mark 5:19)

Who Does God Have in Your Life?

Use the following chart to inventory the people God has put into your life. Pray and repeat through the week. Over time, God will bring more names to mind.

- People you have frequent contact with: see them daily or weekly.
- People you have periodic contact with: see them 1 to 3 times a month.
- Infrequent contact: less than monthly, but you have a considerable history of relationship.

Who is My Neighbor?

Who does God have in your life - where is He working and where would He like you to join Him?

Frequent contact: daily or weekly interaction

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Periodic contact: see 1 to 3 times a month

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