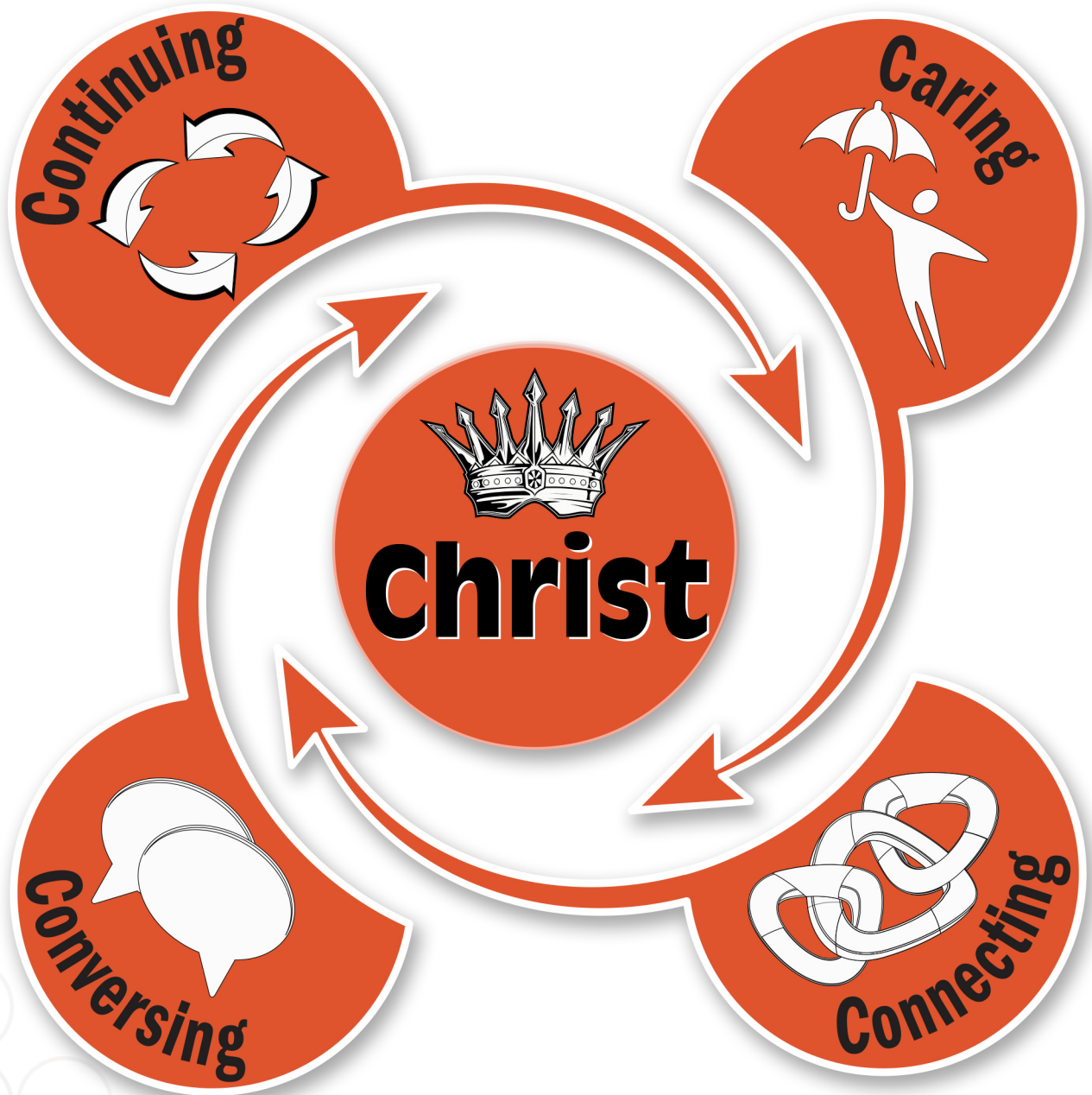




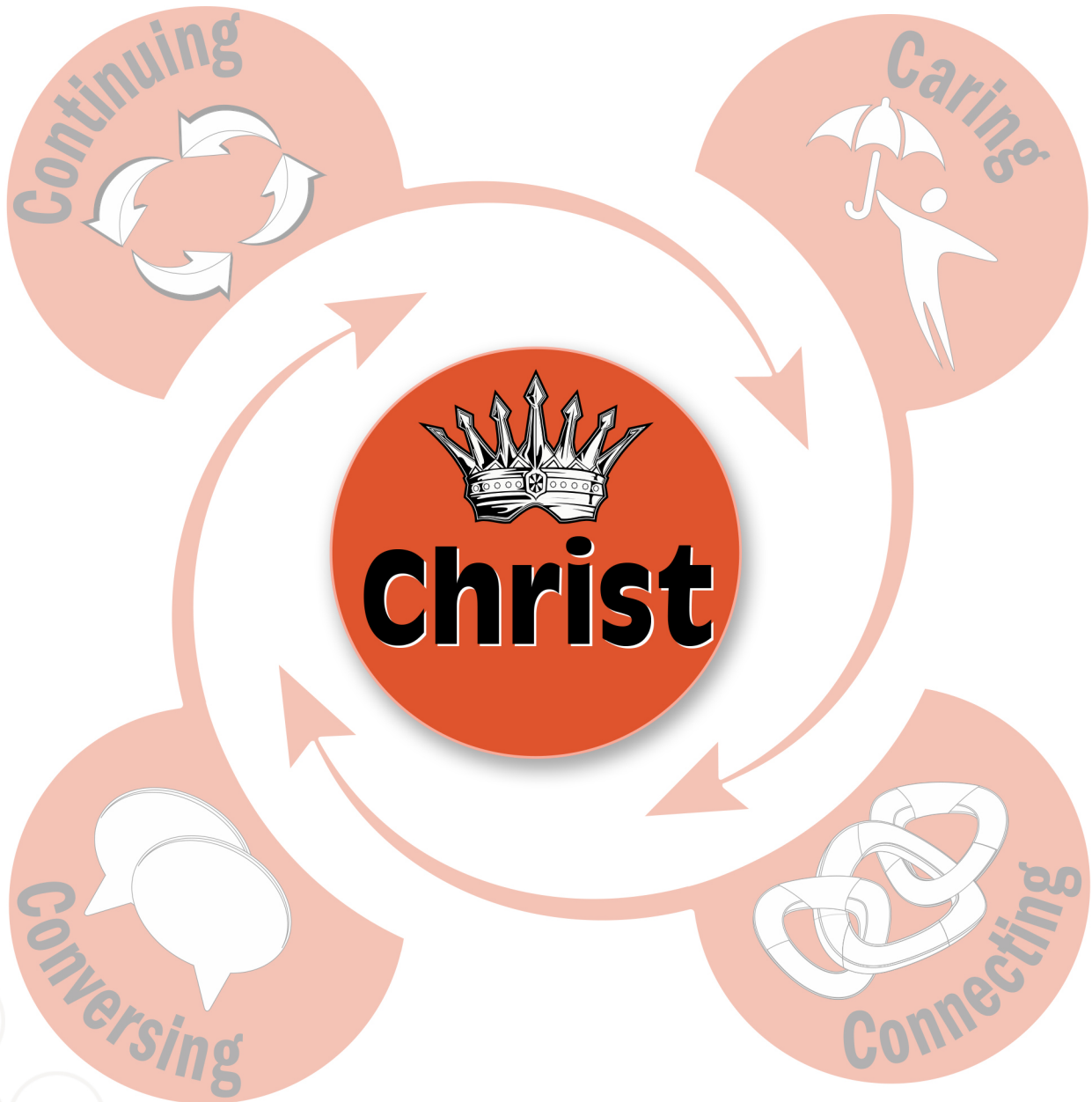
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Session 1

Introduction/Christ-Centered

All for One is inspired from Colossians 3-4 and specifically from Colossians 4:5-6. ⁵“Walk in wisdom toward **outsiders**, making the most of the time. ⁶*Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.”*

All for One stresses that **“All”** believers, not just pastors and leaders, are exhorted to be wise in the way they act toward **outsiders** or **unbelievers**. Instead of separating ourselves totally from outsiders, we are to wisely relate to them, love them, serve them, and then prayerfully engage them in gracious spiritual and gospel conversations. **All for One** is about believers developing a daily lifestyle of evangelism rather than just participating in an evangelistic program on a particular night of the week.

All for One stresses that all believers are to ask the Lord each day who their **“One”** person is that they should love and strive to reach with the gospel. It focuses on two different types of **“Ones.”** Each believer will be taught to ask the Lord to burden him for at least **“One”** (or more) person that he already knows to some degree who he can influence for Christ. Each believer will also be taught to ask the Lord each day who the **“One”** or more strangers are who they need to be ready to engage in brief or lengthy spiritual or gospel conversations each day.

How can believers live in wisdom toward outsiders in accordance with Colossians 4:5?

All for One stresses five essentials.

Christ-Centered (continually empowered and led by Christ)

Caring about outsiders

Connecting with outsiders

Conversing with outsiders

Continuing with Christ and others

All for One is unique in that it does much more than teach someone how to witness. It stresses the primary need for every believer to be continually **filled by Christ** throughout each and every day so that he or she can practice a lifestyle of evangelism. The empowerment by and leading by Christ is the key to lifestyle evangelism.

Christ-Centered Living

Even though every believer in Jesus is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, not every believer is empowered by God the Holy Spirit. The distinction is found in that a believer is indwelt by the Spirit when he is saved

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and that reality never changes. However, believers are only supernaturally empowered by the same Spirit to live for God's glory and purpose when they fully submit to the Lord's rule and Lordship in their lives and ask the Lord to live the Christian life through them.

"The greatest need of the church today: to be filled with the Holy Spirit – to work in Him and have Him work through us." – A. W. Tozer

This session will exhort a believer to ...

- » Fully submit his life to the Lordship of Christ
- » Invite God the Holy Spirit to empower him daily for supernatural, obedient living, and lifestyle evangelism.

Acts 1:8 | What is one of the purposes of the Holy Spirit living in the life of a believer?

Luke 22:54-62 | Prior to the Apostle Peter being empowered by the Holy Spirit, what did he do?

Acts 2:14, 22-24, 40-41 | After Peter was empowered by the Holy Spirit, what did he do?

We must understand the difficulty we all have in living for the Lord.

Galatians 5:16-18 | How is the Christian life described in these verses?

Romans 7:15-18 | These verses describe the spiritual struggles that even the great Apostle Paul experienced. Write them down here.

Hindrances to Christ-Centered Living

James 4:6 » What is the greatest hindrance to living for Christ?

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Pride is an attitude that a believer embraces that results in him believing that he can handle all of life or certain areas of his life without God's help.

James 4:4 and 1 John 2:15-17 » What is one more hindrance to Spirit-empowered living?

Loving the world means that we adopt the values and ways of our society and culture. Some of these values are very evil and diametrically opposed to the things of God (sex-trafficking, drug abuse, racial injustice, sexual sin, etc.). Some of the values embraced by our society are considered acceptable and yet they are in opposition to God's ways (materialism, selfishness, wastefulness, independence). Yet some of these values can be good things that keep us from the very best that God has in store for us if we prioritize them over our Lord. (i.e., exercise, wholesome entertainment, work, family, etc.).

Matthew 6:14-15 » What common sin will hinder God's powerful work in us?

What is required for a believer to be continually Spirit-empowered?

1. Desire » Psalm 63:1-2, Matthew 5:6

What must your greatest desire be if Christ is to be first/Lord in your life?

"Before we can be filled with the Spirit, the desire to be filled must be all-consuming. The degree of fullness accords perfectly with the intensity of true desire."—A. W. Tozer

2. Submission » Luke 9:23

According to this verses, what does it mean to submit to His Lordship over your life?

Deeply think about and pray about the below categories of your life and ask the Lord to help you deny yourself and put Him first before everyone and everything else. These areas or relationships include:

- » Personal Time/Hobbies
- » Work/Career
- » Marriage/Kids
- » Health
- » Finances/Giving
- » Church/Serving
- » Future
- » Significance

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Which area(s) on page 9 are most difficult for you to submit to Christ? Ask the Lord to help you to fully submit every area of your life to His Lordship.

Ephesians 5:18 » What are believers commanded to do according to this verse?

To be filled with the Spirit means to live continuously under the influence and control (not of wine), but of God the Holy Spirit. This occurs when one surrenders all of his life to the leadership of God and asks the Lord to take absolute control of his life so that God can receive much glory through him.

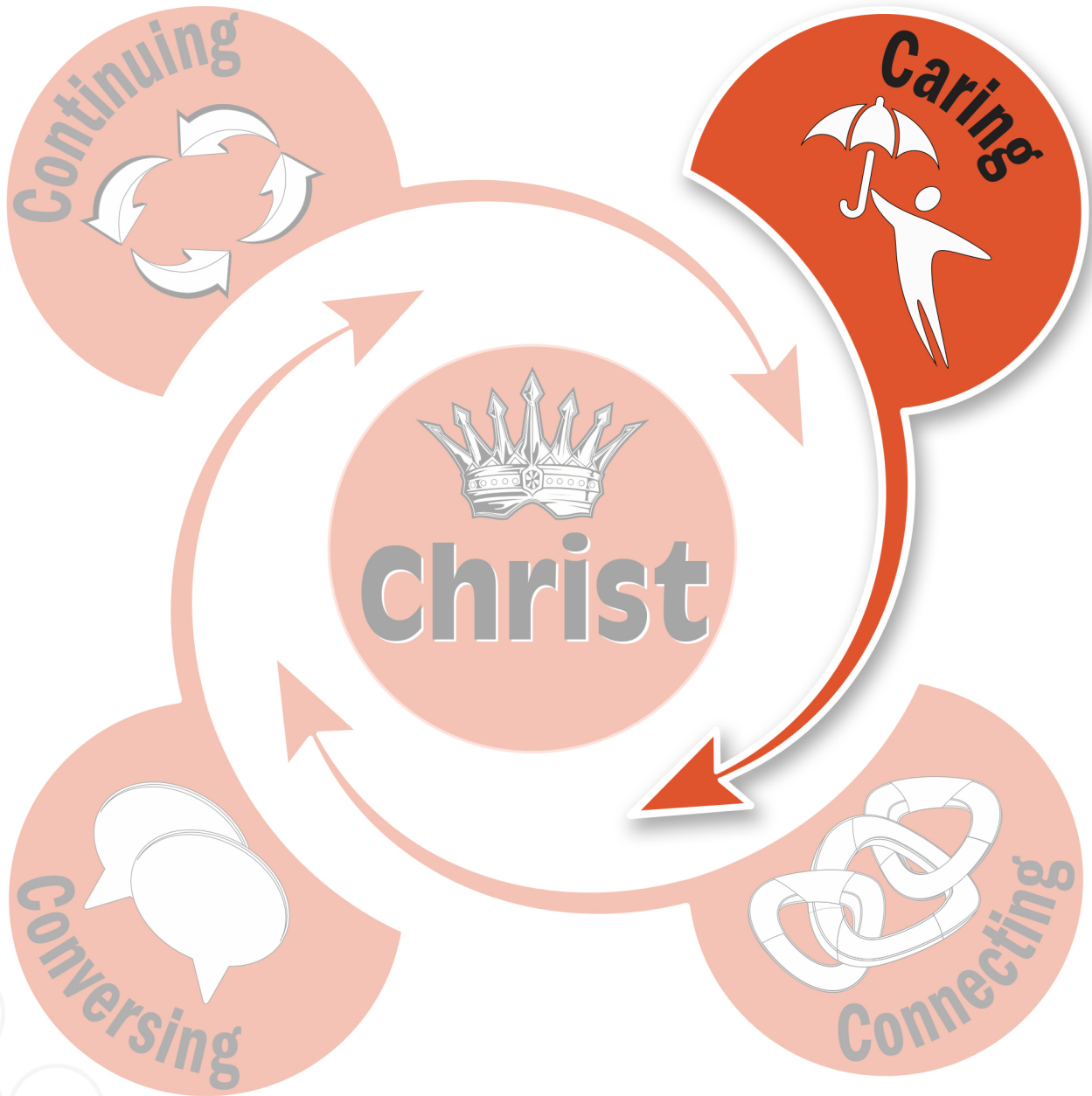
To assist you in the habit of being continually filled with the Holy Spirit, every morning, please sincerely and earnestly pray a prayer similar to the example below.

Prayer » Lord, thank you for forgiving me and saving me. Thank you that my relationship with you is permanent and secure. I deeply want to love you and know you very personally. I want you to take charge of every area of my life and I surrender control of my life to you. I empty myself of my desires and agenda and invite the Holy Spirit to continually fill every part of my life and empower me to live like Jesus today. I ask you to help me love lost people and strive to share the gospel with them. Thank you for filling me, in Jesus name, Amen.

Application

Start every day by sincerely praying the above prayer for the Lord to continually fill you with the Holy Spirit.

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Session 2

Caring

Teacher/Facilitator Follow-Up

Ask attendees to raise their hand if they daily prayed for the Lord to fill them with the Holy Spirit.

Ask volunteers to share how they were aware that the Holy Spirit was working in their lives in the past week.

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Caring and **Connecting** are closely linked together. **Caring** focuses more on the heart of a believer while **Connecting** involves the actions a believer takes because his heart is being filled with compassion. As we grow to genuinely care about outsiders then we will naturally want to connect with them as much as possible.

Caring by Praying

Caring for outsiders begins with and is sustained through prayer. Colossians 4:5-6 tells us to "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders..." The best way to do this is to be filled with Christ and to obey Colossians 4:2, which states, "Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving." Prayer and evangelism are closely related. Prayer starts with us as believers getting our lives in tune with the Lord by:

» **Confessing** » 1 John 1:9 "Lord, forgive me for not **caring** about outsiders and change me."

» **Repenting** » 2 Chronicles 7:14 – shall _____ themselves and pray, and seek My face, and _____ from their wicked ways, then ...

» **Caring** » Matthew 9:36 When He saw the crowds, he had _____ on them ...

1 Timothy 2:1-6, 8 » According to verses 1-2, and 8 what does the Lord want each believer to do? Write down the intended result of this action that is mentioned in verse 4.

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"The secret to success in prayer: Make your wants, God's wants (Psalm 37:4). Then ask for whatever you want (John 15:7)." David Platt (Twitter)

Christians should pray by name for neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and others they know, to be saved and to grow as fully devoted followers of Christ. They should ask the Lord to bring godly Christ-followers into their lives to influence them to be saved. Also, they should regularly ask the Lord to show them how He might use them to reach these people with the gospel message. All of this involves intentionality, and one of the best way to do this is with a paper or online daily prayer list that includes praying for lost people. When believers pray daily for lost acquaintances and friends then the Lord will first of all change them. They will begin to deeply care about outsiders, love them, serve them, and listen to them. They will discover that the Lord will give them opportunities to personally engage with them and share with them. It all begins with and is sustained through earnest prayer.

"The secret to success in prayer: Make your wants, God's wants (Psalm 37:4). Then ask for whatever you want (John 15:7)."
-David Platt
(Twitter)

Caring Like Jesus Cared

Jesus clearly stated in the second part of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:39) that all believers are to "love your neighbor as yourself". This means that they are to pursue a close relationship with lost people and pray that God might use them to influence them to follow Christ. For way too long believers have been so busy attending church services or events that they have not been able to intentionally focus on outsiders. They have usually been encouraged to avoid outsiders so that they might not fall into sinful lifestyles. The only deliberate interactions with outsiders were to occasionally approach them to invite them to an evangelistic program or church event.

Matthew 9:36-38 » How does Jesus describe people away from God?

Certainly, one of the reasons Jesus cared so much about people is that He understood their incredible value. Every person, no matter who they are or what they look like is very important to God and therefore should also be to us. No one should be overlooked, especially the marginalized and hurting.

According to Genesis 1:26-28, 31 why are all people important to God?

Read the below verses and describe how Jesus treated people or how He taught His followers to treat others.
Luke 6:27-28 » Enemies, those who hate you ...

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Luke 10:29–37 » Hurting, abused

Luke 18:35–43 » Blind beggar

Luke 19:1–7 » Tax collector

John 4 » Woman at the Well

Since Jesus loved people like this then we ought to do the same regardless of who they are or how they treat us.

Caring because of eternal realities

If life only consisted of the three score and ten years that one lives on this earth, then the call to care for outsiders would not be as urgent. Certainly it is very sad when a person experiences an empty and unfulfilled existence for the course of a lifetime. However, when we understand the biblical realities of eternity, and that everyone will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell, then one understands that caring for outsiders is an urgent need.

According to John 3:36 » What is the eternal status for the person who does not believe on Jesus?

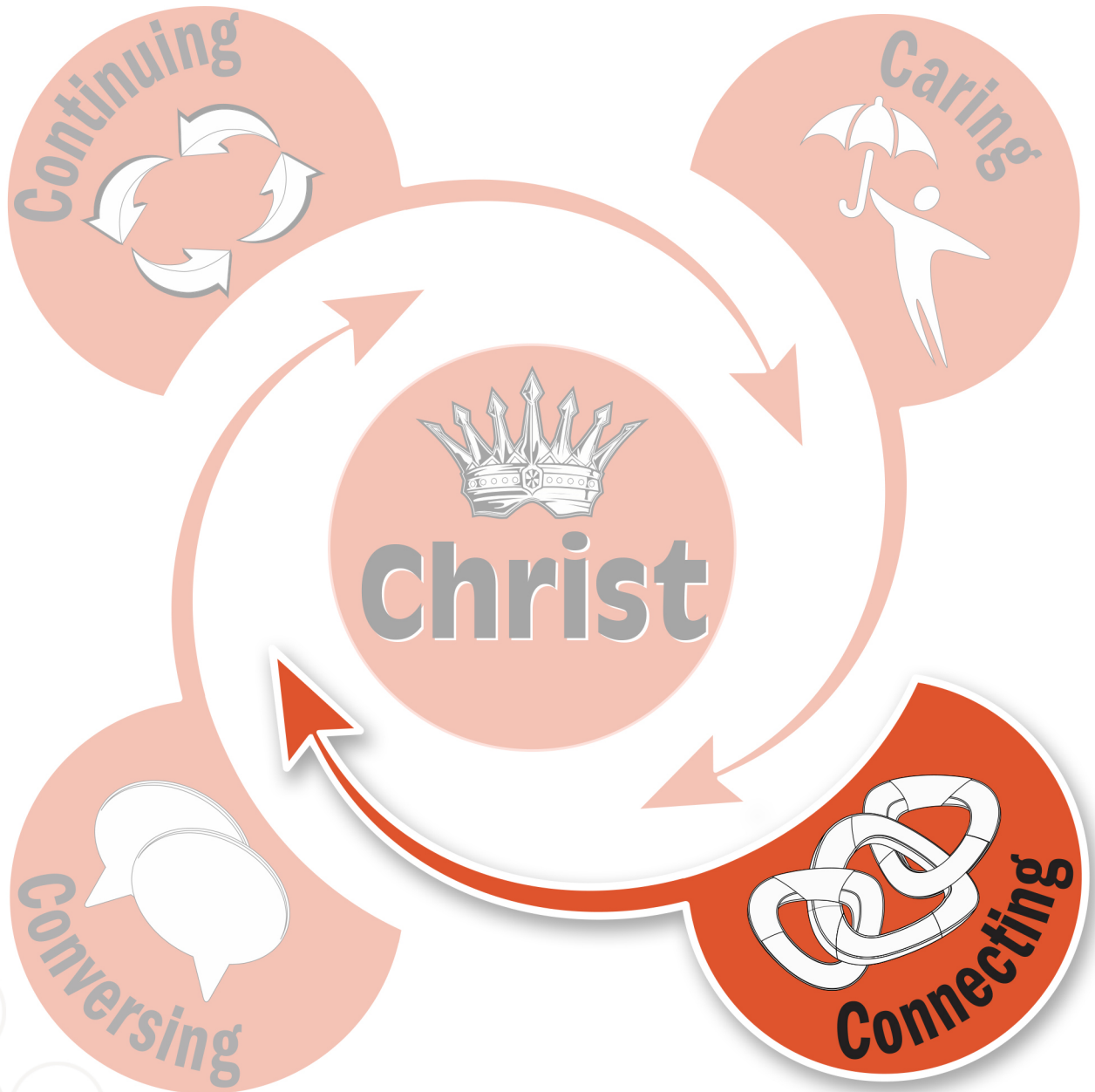
Luke 16:19-24 » Describe the rich man's experience according to verses 23 & 24.

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10 » How does the Apostle Paul describe the experience of unbelievers after they die?

Application

Write down the names of five unsaved people you know and commit to praying for them every day.

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Session 3

Connecting

Teacher/Facilitator Follow-Up

Ask attendees to raise their hands if they daily prayed for the five lost people they were encouraged to pray for last week.

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Connecting with outsiders who have never come to our churches has always been the right thing to do, but for many years churches have focused most of their evangelism efforts on visiting those who have visited their church. This is a good but limited strategy because church visitors are only a very, very small percentage of the overall people in our community. Our focus needs to be on training our members to reach the many who have not visited or might not ever visit our churches.

According to Colossians 4:5, **connecting** involves “making the most of the time.” This phrase literally means to “seize opportunities or seize the opportune time”. God opens doors of opportunity for us to step into the lives of outsiders to love them and influence them. It usually happens gradually over a period of time and it is the believer’s job to act on or seize these opportunities.

What are some good biblical principles for a **Connecting** strategy for churches that want to impact their communities with the gospel?

Look for a Partner »

The first step in beginning to connect with unchurched people is to prayerfully attempt to partner with other godly believers.

Luke 10:1 » Why do you think that Jesus sent His disciples out two by two?

Just as Jesus sent his disciples out two by two so we should strive to partner with a saved co-worker or neighbor so that we can more effectively connect and share with outsiders. These partners need to be

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strong followers of Jesus and they do not have to attend the same church that we attend.

If you do find a **Connecting** partner, then you should meet with him or her a few times to pray and strategize on ways to connect with mutual acquaintances at work or in the neighborhood. Continue to meet periodically to inspire each other to be caring connectors with people. Even if the Lord doesn't bless you with a great partner you should still commit to **caring** about and **connecting** with outsiders that you know.

Start at Work »

Because most adults work outside their homes today, it is best to promptly start **connecting** at work. Many believers spend 40 hours or more in their work environment and therefore the opportunities to begin to promptly connect there are abundant.

Work environments differ greatly. It is always best to work hard during the work hours and connect during breaks and lunch times. We must not fall into habits that separate us from the unchurched such as eating by ourselves or doing our devotions during lunch.

Occasionally, go out with a group of co-workers after work. Do your best to relate to them even if it gets uncomfortable. Initiate opportunities to go to break time or lunch one on one with employees of the same sex that you enjoy being with. If a good friendship develops then do this regularly. Group connections are fine but deeper connections occur in one on one settings.

Take the Initiative »

Proverbs 18:24a » *"A man who has friends must himself be friendly."*

What is required for a believer to develop friendships with someone?

We must constantly examine our hearts to make sure that we are not viewing outsiders as projects rather than people created in the image of God. We must genuinely love and connect with lost people so that they know that we sincerely care about them. Then doors will often open up for spiritual and gospel conversations that they are interested in having with us.

Be Hospitable »

One common interest that all people have is food. We have to eat to live but some people live to eat. One of the best ways to connect with lost neighbors or co-workers is by inviting a few individuals or couples to one's home to enjoy a simple, yet tasty meal. Eating together is a great first step toward getting to know one's neighbors.

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Luke 5:27-32 » What did Levi (Matthew) do to connect his friends to Jesus and what was the response of the religious leaders of that day? What other insights do you see in this passage?

Ask Great Questions and Listen »

One of the keys to **connecting** with others is asking good open-ended questions and then carefully listening to their answers. The better we know them the easier it is to relate to them. Since most people enjoy talking about themselves, it is wise to inquire about a friend's personal interests or family background. Through asking the right questions one can effectively steer conversations toward spiritual and gospel conversations.

According to James 1:19, what are some principles of effective communication?

There are different categories of questions that can be used to initiate and deepen friendships. Some great "lighter" or "interests" questions that are helpful for **Connecting** are shown below. Copy these questions into the Notes section of your mobile phone so you can refer to them prior to talking to someone. Make sure that you naturally insert these questions into conversations and that you listen intently to the answers.

Lighter or Interests Questions

1. "When you are not at work, what do you like to do?"
2. "What is something fun you enjoy doing or would like to do?"
3. "Where did you grow up and what was that like?"
4. "What was important in your family?"
5. "Where did you go to college (if they attended) and what was that like?"
6. "How did you meet your spouse?"

Serve Others »

In a hedonistic society that is selfishly focused on our own personal happiness, serving and putting others first stands out in stark contrast.

Mark 10:42-45 » What did Jesus teach is one of the keys to true greatness and what would that look like at your workplace or in your neighborhood?

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Titus 3:14 » What does the Apostle Paul tell Titus to teach the believers? What will be the result?

Look for simple and practical ways to serve your co-workers and neighbors.

Be Creative »

There are numerous interests that people have and as followers of Christ we must strive to develop deeper relationships with outsiders through relating to them in their areas of interest.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22 » Based on Paul's example, what should we do to relate to outsiders?

Paul was born and raised as a faithful Jew and yet he made it his goal to also relate to Gentiles for the cause of Christ. We also should willingly lay aside our preferences, and through praying and interacting with other godly believers, we will discover ways for us to connect with outsiders in order that we might do life with them. We should never compromise biblical convictions in doing this but we should expand our interests so that we can enjoy and share with people.

Creative ways to connect in your neighborhood

- » Invite one neighborhood couple over for dinner (include children if applicable).
- » Invite 2-3 couples over for dinner and play some games.
- » Host a sports playoff game party for a group of neighbors.
- » After friendships are developed then invite families over for quarterly Potluck group gatherings - Fifth Fridays.
- » After friendships are developed then use Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays to bless neighbors with goodie baskets or cards.

Application

If you work outside the home, commit to eating a meal with a lost co-worker in the next week. Also commit this week to inviting an unsaved neighbor or couple over to your home for dinner.

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Session 4

Conversing

Teacher/Facilitator Follow-Up

Ask volunteers to share about their efforts to schedule eating a meal with a lost co-worker or neighbor.

“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the time. ⁶Your **speech** should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.”

Colossians 4:5-6

This reminds us that when we have opportunities to interact with outsiders our communication must be gracious and edifying. It should add a kind of “flavor” or enhancement to what is being said.

We should habitually **care** about and **connect** with outsiders because it is in keeping with the Great Commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself.” However, our desire should also include **conversing** with outsiders about spiritual things whenever the Holy Spirit gives us the opportunity to do so. The thought of **conversing** with lost people makes many believers very uncomfortable.

Salvation Testimony

The reality is that **conversing** about spiritual things is difficult in our secular culture that focuses on everything but spiritual topics. How can one comfortably steer conversations beyond superficial and fun topics to deeper interactions? The two extremes are to say nothing about God and the gospel or to “hijack” casual conversations and force them toward the gospel. There is a better way to gracefully and intentionally move toward God conversations.

A believer’s salvation testimony is the most effective way of transitioning conversations, with those they know, to the gospel. There are three parts to a personal testimony. Use one of the two following salvation testimony examples to write out your testimony, memorize it and then, prayerfully, use it to steer conversations toward spiritual things.

Once you have memorized your testimony then you can use the following statement and question as a transition to your personal testimony. “I believe you know that I go to church and that I have a strong faith in God. But I want you to know that I haven’t always believed in Him like I do now. As your friend, may I briefly share with you how I came to personally trust in Him? (If they give permission then share your testimony.)

Mark 5:19-20 » What did Jesus tell the man to do? What did the man actually do? What happened as a result?



Salvation Testimony

There are three basic parts:

1. **My life before Christ** » Share your primary issue if you had one (fear, emptiness, insecurity, etc.). If you were saved as a young child (<10 years of age) then the primary issue may not apply to you.
2. **How I came to trust Christ as Lord and Savior**
3. **My life after Christ** » Share how He dealt with your primary issue and what other benefits you have experienced because of your conversion.

My life before Christ » Briefly describe yourself and your life prior to knowing Christ. Mention the primary issue that bothered you during this time. Many people can relate to feelings or experiences of loneliness, emptiness, fear, guilt, lack of purpose in life, etc. Be as specific as possible so that the person you are talking to can relate to you.

Conversion experience » Tell the story of how you came to trust Christ as your Lord and Savior. Do not use “churchy” words but do briefly insert the gospel message into this part.

Recent benefits of conversion » Share some statements about God’s goodness to you (peace of mind, joy, purpose, whatever was lacking in your life prior to your conversion experience.) Include the assurance transition, “And now I know for certain that I am going to Heaven when I die.”

Sample Testimony

Saved as a Teenager or Adult

I grew up as an average young person who had a tremendous love for athletics, especially basketball. I played on teams every chance I could get. I was a good student and had lots of friends and yet something was missing in my life. I felt empty. All during my adolescent years I went to church because I was made to go. Yet church made no difference in my life, I didn’t even like it. One summer a group of people from our church went on a retreat to North Carolina. I did not want to go but they talked me into it.

While I was at the retreat, someone spoke from the Bible and it really made sense to me. They stressed that God loved me and desired to have a personal relationship with me but because of my sins I was separated from God and His love. That is why Jesus came to earth to die on the cross, to take away my sin. I asked God to forgive my sin that day and my life has never been the same.

Now, many years later, my life is no longer empty but it is filled with God’s favor and peace. I greatly enjoy God’s blessings and want others to know how much He loves them. I truly am excited about what life has to offer through God and the best thing is that I know beyond a shadow of doubt that I will go to Heaven when I die. Has anything like this ever happened to you?



Sample Testimony

Saved as a Young Child under Ten Years of Age

I grew up as an average kid in a home in central Florida. I enjoyed life, school, and my friends and everything was going along pretty well. My parents were good parents who loved my younger siblings and me very much.

My mom was a church-goer, so my siblings and I attended church with her. My dad wanted us to have a good education, so my parents sacrificed to send us to private school. It was in a weekly Chapel service that I heard about God’s love for me and His plan for my life. I understood that Jesus died on the cross to forgive my sins and bring me into a relationship with God. I asked God to forgive my sin that day and come into my life.

After that decision I faithfully attended church, but unfortunately I failed to fully understand the significance of what God had done in my life. Instead, I focused on meeting the perceived expectations of others. It wasn’t until years later when my husband and I moved away from the familiarity and security of my hometown that I realized that God doesn’t want me to obey religious rules, but that He wants me to experience the daily joy of a personal relationship with Him.

Now, my life is filled with God’s favor and peace. I greatly enjoy God’s blessings and want others to know how much He loves them. I truly am excited about what life has to offer through God and the best thing is that I know beyond a shadow of doubt that I will go to Heaven when I die. Has anything like this ever happened to you?

Stress that every attendee should write out their salvation testimony and learn to share it in 2-3 minutes. Take five minutes of class time to have students begin to write the three basic parts of their salvation testimony.



Conversing with Strangers

We must not deal with all people in the same “cookie cutter” way because one evangelism strategy does not fit every spiritual conversation we may have. Just as a skilled builder needs tools to build a solid structure so a wise witness needs different questions (tools) to choose from in loving and reaching lost people. Asking the right questions is a great way to comfortably steer a conversation to spiritual and gospel conversations.

As we consider practical ways to use questions, we will first focus our attention on interacting in brief encounters with outsiders that we do not know. If a believer feels led of the Lord to talk about spiritual things with a complete stranger, then he will need to initiate and quickly steer a conversation in that direction. This is best accomplished through using a number of transitions and questions like the ones listed below. Pick one or more of the below questions as your favorite question(s) to ask strangers and then be prayerful and intentional about letting the Lord lead you to ask these questions. Copy your favorite question(s) into the Notes section of your mobile phone and practice using these transitions and asking these questions on a regular basis.

1. “When you attend church, where do you attend? I want to invite you to attend _____ Church with us this Sunday.” Give them your church business card with the address of the church, the worship service times, and the website address.
2. *(Server at a restaurant)* Just after you order your meal, then state, “When you bring our food we will pray a blessing over it. Is there anything we can pray for you about? Let us know when you bring our food.” When they bring your meals then ask them if there is anything they’d like prayer about. If they share a request, then thank them and let them go back to work. Pray for them after they leave your table. At the end of the meal tell your server that you’ll be leaving a generous tip and a booklet that describes God’s love for them.

Recommended tracts »

“Steps to Peace with God” (Billy Graham), “Three Circles”

Conversing with Acquaintances and Friends

Acquaintances and friends are people we somewhat know or know well. We are to intentionally love and serve them, pursue time with them, enjoy them, and pray that caring gospel conversations might take place.

Lighter or Interests Questions were introduced during Session 3 to assist believers in beginning to connect with outsiders on a deeper level. The following “Personal Questions” and “Spiritual Questions” are tools in the toolbox that can be used to ultimately steer conversations to the gospel with those you know.



Personal Questions & Spiritual Questions

Copy the following Personal Questions and Spiritual Questions in this Session into the Notes section of your mobile phone so you can refer to them prior to talking to someone. Make sure that you prayerfully, naturally, and occasionally insert one or more of these questions into conversations and that you listen intently to their answers.

You might introduce the following Personal Questions by saying something like, "I enjoy our friendship and hanging out together. As your friend, I'd like to get to know you on a deeper level, so I'd like to ask you ..." Then ask one of the below questions that you have memorized for the occasion.

Personal Questions

1. "When you think of really living, and not merely existing, what comes to mind?"
2. "What is the most important thing in your life, and why?"
3. "What does success in life mean to you?"
4. "Who has been the greatest influence in your life and what lessons did he or she teach you?"
5. "What do you think is your purpose in life?"

If your friend indicates that they don't know what their answer to your question is, then you might respectfully encourage them to think about the question you've asked them because it is such an important question. Sometime later you might bring the question up again and then share with them what you believe is the answer to the question that you asked them.

As the Lord deepens friendships with outsiders through **Caring**, **Connecting**, and **Conversing** about personal things then it is natural to prayerfully ask one or more of the following Spiritual Questions during a one-on-one conversation. You might introduce the following Spiritual Questions by saying something like, "I enjoy occasionally talking to you about what really matters in life and I'd like to ask you ..." Then ask one of the below questions that you have memorized for the occasion.

Spiritual Questions

1. "Do you have any spiritual beliefs, any beliefs about God?"
2. "If there is a God, and you could ask Him any question, knowing He would answer, what would you ask Him?"
3. "To you, who is Jesus?"
4. "Do you believe that you will go to Heaven when you die?"
5. "What are you depending on to get you into Heaven?"

After they share their answer to any of the Spiritual Questions, follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit as to where to lead the conversation. You might ask for permission to share your Salvation Testimony or



ask other questions that lead to sharing the gospel. If they ask you how you would answer the question that you asked them, be honest and share from your heart. These questions may or may not lead to immediate gospel conversations. You should communicate in such a way that future, deeper spiritual and gospel conversations can occur.

Gospel Presentation

There are many wonderful gospel presentations that are available for a believer to use to share with an outsider. However, most of them are somewhat lengthy and complex and therefore are easy for a witnessing believer to forget when they no longer participate in the evangelism training that they learned the presentation at. For this reason, the L.O.R.D. Presentation was developed. It is biblical, thorough, and yet simple so that witnessing believers can easily know it, remember it, and share it throughout their life.

L.O.R.D. Gospel Presentation

L is for LOVE. God loves everyone.

John 3:16a *For God so _____ the _____ ...*

O is for OFFENSES (sins).

Romans 3:23 *For _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Romans 6:23a *For the _____ (what is earned) of sin is _____ (separation).*

R is for REMEDY.

Romans 5:8 *But God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Option: 2 Corinthians 5:21 *He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be _____ on our behalf, so that we might become the _____ of God in Him.*

D is for DECISION.

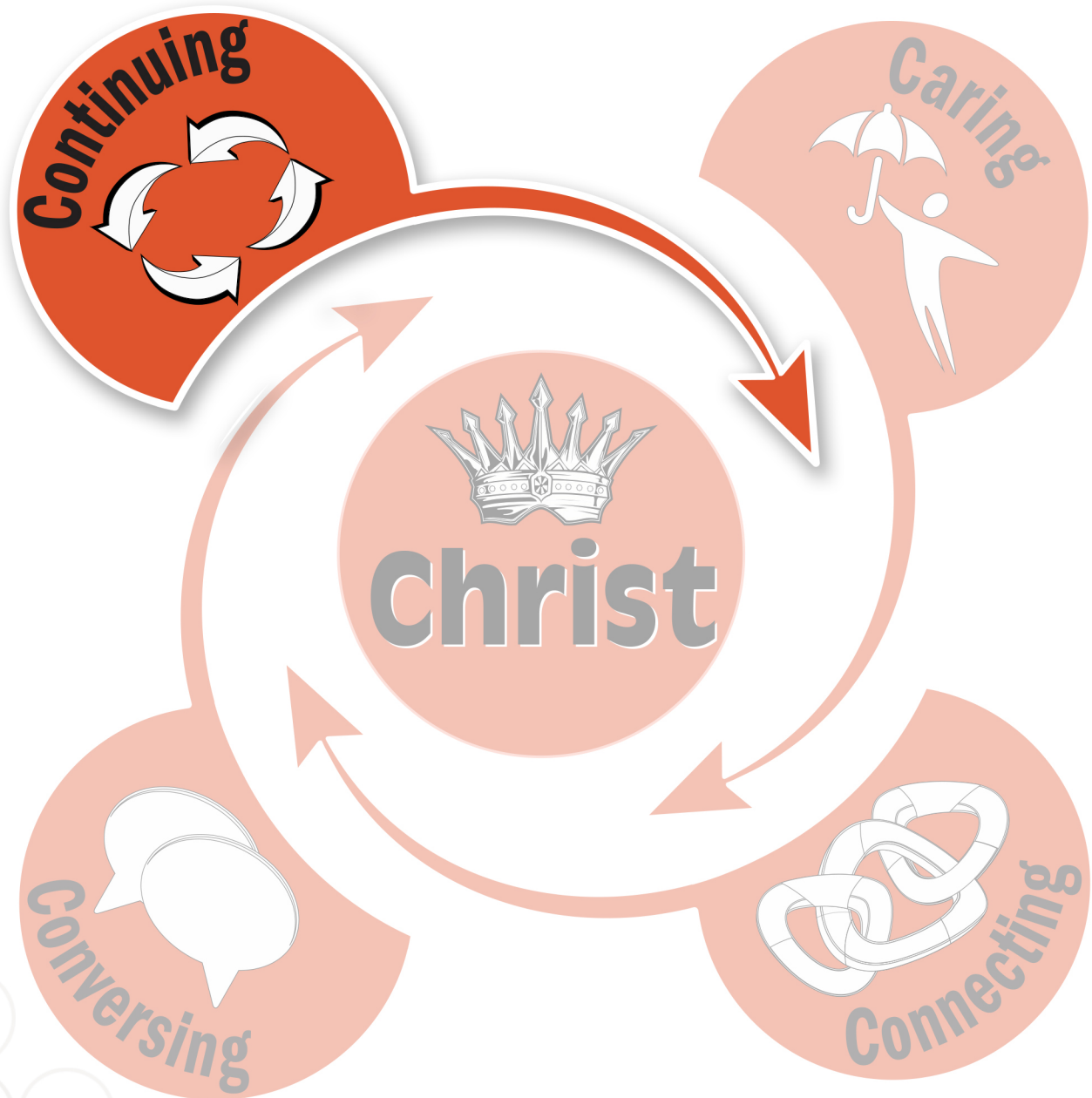
Acts 20:21 | *I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

To learn this simple and easy-to-remember gospel presentation, go to www.all41life.org and click on "Videos." There is a Basic version of the LORD Gospel Presentation and an Extended version of the LORD Gospel Presentation.

Application

Write out your personal salvation testimony according to what was taught in this session. Bring it to small group next week to read it to everyone else.

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Gospel Conversations **>** *at Home* **>** *at Work* **>** *at Play*

All for One Continuing

Session 5

Continuing

Teacher/Facilitator Follow-Up

Ask a few volunteers to read their personal salvation testimonies to the class or group.

Continuing with Christ

All for One stresses that every believer should be practicing lifestyle evangelism. This is only possible when the believer is continuously being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and with the Word of God (Colossians 3:16). Every believer is encouraged to take it upon himself to purchase and complete CRU's *The Christian & the Holy Spirit* Step #3 study. Go to all41life.org and click on "**Christ-Centered**" to learn more. Anyone who is serious about personally fulfilling the Great Commission needs to learn how God the Holy Spirit can empower him to be God's witness at work, at home, and at play.

As mentioned on page 10 of this study, we must be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit, but also with the Word of Christ. Therefore, it is imperative for all believers who are serious about lifestyle evangelism to be committed to daily Bible intake through hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating on God's Word.

» 2 Timothy 3:16–17 What does the Bible accomplish in the life of a believer?

There are new and creative evangelism resources being developed all the time. Every witness needs to continue to read books, visit good websites, and discover new resources that will help them grow in their lifestyle evangelism skills.

Visit all41life.org to learn about the best lifestyle evangelism resources.

Continuing with Outsiders

A Christ-Centered, caring disciple will consistently love the outsiders that the Lord has brought into his life. These outsiders will vary in their responses to godly believers and their attempts to reach out to them relationally and spiritually. Some lost people will embrace a friendship with a godly believer while some will keep themselves at what they consider to be a safe distance. Some will be interested in talking about spiritual things and the gospel while others will be indifferent. No matter how outsiders respond to the **caring, connecting, and conversing** of a witness, they should continue to be shown the love of Christ in order that the believer or someone else might reach them with the gospel. Always remember that sometimes people plant, sometimes they water, and sometimes they reap as God gives the increase. Christ-followers are to view themselves as part of a greater team that is patiently and intentionally working together to love and influence outsiders to come to Christ.

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2 Peter 3:8-9 » What is God's attitude toward outsiders?

Proverbs 25:15 (ESV) » How can people be persuaded?

Continuing with New Believers

The gospels record the fact that Jesus often preached, taught, and healed. Also, Jesus spent much, if not most, of his earthly ministry discipling his twelve men. He equipped them to follow Him even after He had gone back to Heaven.

In addition, we read in Acts 9 that Saul was gloriously converted on the road to Damascus. When Saul tried to join the disciples at the church in Jerusalem many seemed to doubt that he was sincerely saved.

Acts 9:26-28 » What did Barnabas do for Saul when he was a new believer?

One of the greatest joys in life for a married couple is the birth of their children. Similarly, one of the greatest joys in life spiritually is the new birth of a former outsider who has personally trusted Christ as his Lord and Savior. There is joy in the presence of the angels over such decisions and there should be with us also.

If and when we are blessed to see someone we know get saved it is our responsibility to follow the examples of Jesus and Barnabas. We should make sure that the convert is nurtured and disciplined by us or another mature disciple so that he might begin to grow to become a mature Christ-follower. Most believers have never disciplined a new believer or any believer. This involves so much more than just passing on biblical knowledge. It also includes modeling Christ-like attitudes and behavior and being a trusted friend.

Matthew 28:19 » Read the below verse and fill in the blank.

Go therefore and make _____ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Why do you think the Apostle Paul used such tender language in the following verses to describe how much he loved the Thessalonian Church?

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 » *But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.*

How did Paul describe his attitudes toward the Colossians and the Galatians in the following verses?

Colossians 1:28-29 » *We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. ²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*

Galatians 4:19 » *My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!*

Just as it would be neglectful and even criminal for parents not to care for their new-born baby, so it is sinful for believers not to nurture and train spiritual infants. We need to love and help them so that they can become like Jesus.

There are many great resources that one can use to help a new convert become established in Christ. One of the best was developed by CRU and it is called *Foundations*. It is a very biblical and easily understood four session curriculum. Learn more about it by visiting all41life.org and clicking on "**Continuing**." The studies can be purchased or downloaded for free and they include a separate Leaders Guide. There is a Leader Guide for the discipler and the four sessions are for both the discipler and the new believer. The four sessions of *Foundations* are to be studied together by the discipler and the new believer and as a result there is no homework.



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