

**HARVEST**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Course outline:**

The Elements of <b>Salvation</b>	GOD LOVES YOU	<b>What God is doing IN you</b>
The Elements of <b>Discipleship</b>	Loving God	
The Elements of <b>Service</b>	Serving Others	<b>What God is doing THROUGH you</b>
The Elements of <b>Multiplication</b>	Transforming Lives	

## Layer 1: God Loves You

The Foundation for Christianity is the truth of God's Love. God's love for us is the source, motivation and the means of the Christian life: our eternal relationship with our Creator.

He expresses that love generally in the goodness of His creation and the joys all around us. But He expressed that love specifically when He sent Jesus to die for us so that we could be reunited with our Creator forever. John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in His should not perish but have eternal life."*



GOD'S LOVE

## Part 1: The Elements of Salvation

How is someone saved? What is the Gospel?

What happens when someone is saved? How does being saved affect my life today?

### Components of the Gospel:

#### 1) *Reality of Sin*

- Sin is my problem

*Romans 3:23*

#### 2) *The loving Provision of God*

- The Incarnation
- Substitutionary Atonement
- The Resurrection
- His Invitation

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

*1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

*1 Peter 2:9*

#### 3) *Repentance and Faith*

- Humble surrender
- Acknowledgement of guilt
- Commitment of trust

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

*1 John 1:9*

*Romans 10:9*

#### 4) *Regeneration*

- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- New heart and mind
- A new birth to everlasting life

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*John 3:16*

### Effects of the Gospel:

#### 5) *Justification*

- Declared "Not Guilty"
- Positionally perfect before God
- Adoption into God's family

*Romans 5:18-19*

*Romans 5:1*

*John 1:12*

#### 6) *Sanctification*

- The process of being made holy
- A lifelong process
- God's ultimate will for us

*Hebrews 10:14*

*Romans 7*

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

#### 7) *Glorification*

- The finish line
- A prize worth the hassle
- Our eternal state

*1 John 3:2*

*Romans 8:18*

*Revelation 21:3-4*

## **RESOURCES:**

### **Theological:**

Crossing the Line: Theological Components of Salvation by Frank Scardina

Christian Theology by Millard Erickson

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem

Classic Christianity by Bob George

Basic Christianity by John Stott

### **Testimonial:**

The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning

Searching for God Knows What by Donald Miller

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer

3:16 by Max Lucado

### **Apologetics:**

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

The Case for Christ and The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Know Why You Believe by Paul Little

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

Building Belief by Chad Meister

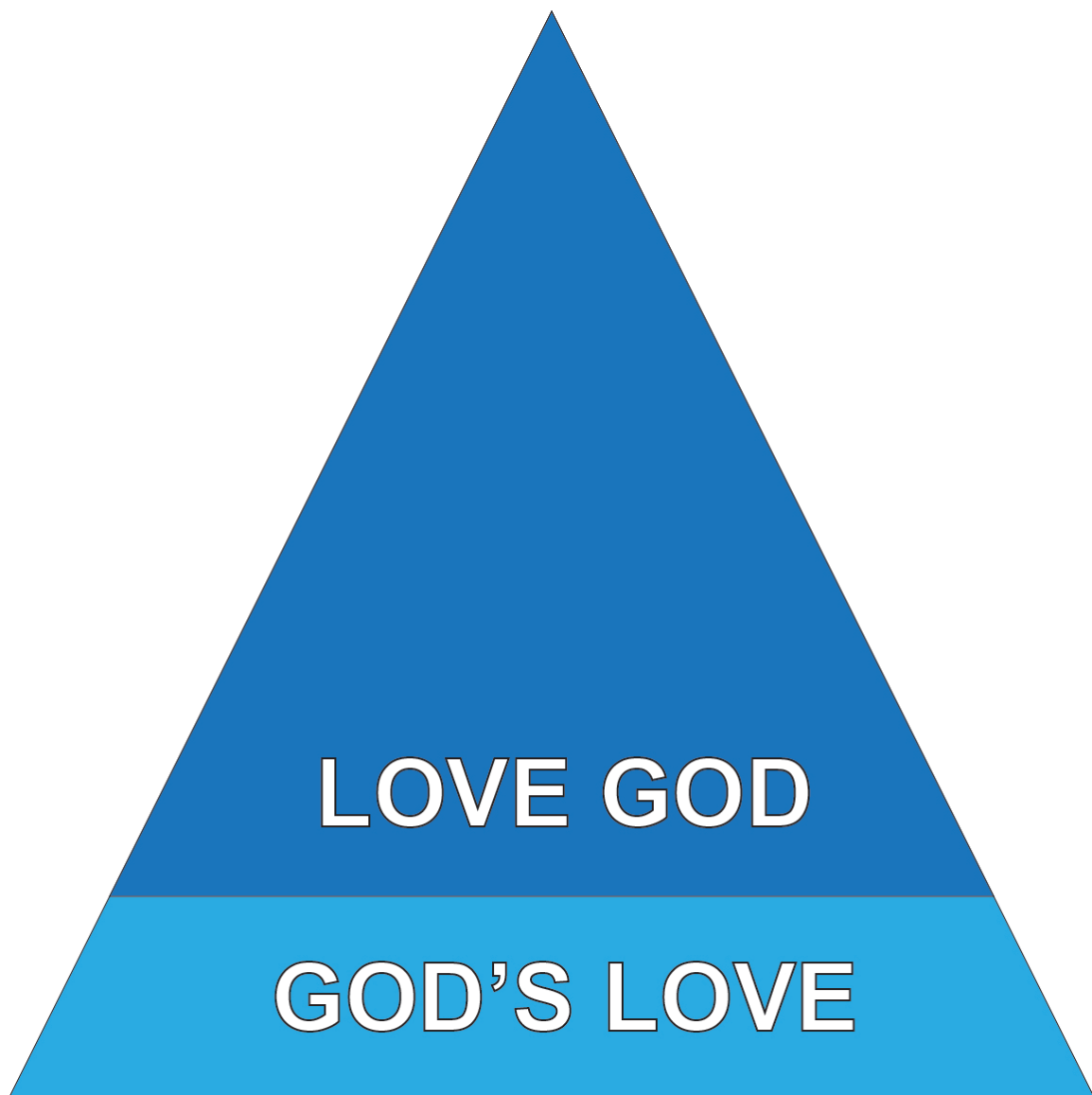
Reasonable Faith by William Lane Craig

## Layer 2: Love God

How do we respond to the love God shows us? The response He desires is that we would love Him return. 1 John 4:19 says, *"We love because He first loved us."*

So how do we express our love for him? The same way we express love for anyone: we want to please Him. This happens through spending time with Him, learning more about Him, enjoying His presence, and obeying Him.

The process is called "Discipleship", and it is how we grow into the type of people God wants us to be. It's training that requires discipline. Just remember the motivation is the love of God.



## **Part 2: The Elements of Discipleship**

What is a disciple? How do I live the Christian life?  
What does spiritual growth look like? How do I grow?

### **Components of Discipleship:**

#### **1) Prayer**

- Types of Prayer:
- Tips on Prayer

#### **2) Word**

- Devotional Reading
- Studying
- Tips on Reading

#### **3) Worship**

- Corporate Worship
- Individual Worship
- Tips on Worship

#### **4) Community**

- Our need for Community
- The Community's need for us
- Tips on Community

## SCRIPTURES

<b>General Discipleship:</b> 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Galatians 5:16-26 Ephesians 2:8-10 Ephesians 4:1-16	Philippians 2:1-16 Colossians 3:1-17 1 Timothy 4:7-8 Titus 2:11-14 1 Peter 1:13-16
<b>Prayer:</b> Matthew 6:5-15 Matthew 7:7-12 Luke 6:12 John 15:5-8	Philippians 4:6-7 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 James 4:1-3 James 5:16
<b>Word:</b> Deuteronomy 6 Joshua 1:8 2 Kings 22 Psalm 1:1-2 Psalm 119 Luke 4:1-13	2 Corinthians 4:1-2 2 Timothy 2:15 2 Timothy 3:16 Hebrews 4:12 1 Peter 1:23-25
<b>Worship:</b> Psalm 95 Psalm 100 Psalm 150 John 4:23-24 Acts 16 Romans 12:1-2 Romans 15:5-13	Galatians 2:20 Ephesians 5:19 Colossians 3:16 Hebrews 12:28 Revelation 4 Revelation 5
<b>Community:</b> Matthew 18:19-35 John 13:35 John 17:20-26 Acts 2:42-47 Acts 4:23-37 Romans 12:3-16	Romans 15:5-7 Ephesians 4:1-5 Colossians 3:12-17 Hebrews 10:19-25 1 John 1:7 1 John 3:11-23



## RESOURCES:

### General Discipleship:

Celebrate of Discipline by Richard Foster  
Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
How Should We Then Live? by Francis Schaeffer  
Future Grace by John Piper  
The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard  
My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers  
Into the Depths of God by Calvin Miller

### Prayer:

Breakthrough Prayer and Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala  
Prayer by Philip Yancey  
Too Busy Not to Pray by Bill Hybels  
Knowing God by J.I. Packer  
Hearing God by Dallas Willard

### God's Word:

E.S.V. Study Bible  
How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart  
For the Love of God by D.A. Carson

### Worship:

The Unquenchable Worshipper by Matt Redman  
Praise Habit by David Crowder

### Community:

Church, Why Bother? by Philip Yancey  
Doing Church as a Team by Wayne Cordiero  
Connecting by Larry Crabb  
Being the Body by Charles Colson  
Creating Community by Andy Stanley

## **GENDER-SPECIFIC RESOURCES:**

### **Women's Ministry & Discipleship**

The Powers of a Praying Wife by Stormie Omartian

Twinkle: Sharing Your Faith One Light at a Time by Elisa Morgan

Breaking Free by Beth Moore

Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur

Pathway to Purpose for Women by Katie Brazelton

Captivating by John & Stasi Eldredge

Brokenness: The Heart God Revives by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

A Place of Quiet Rest by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Woman After God's Own Heart by Elizabeth George

### **Men's Ministry & Discipleship:**

Tender Warrior: God's Intention for a Man by Stu Weber

Money, Sex & Power by Richard J. Foster

Every Man's Battle by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker

Healing the Masculine Soul by Gordon Dalbey

What Makes a Man? by Bill McCartney & Others

The Man in the Mirror by Patrick M. Morley

Wild at Heart by John Eldredge

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur

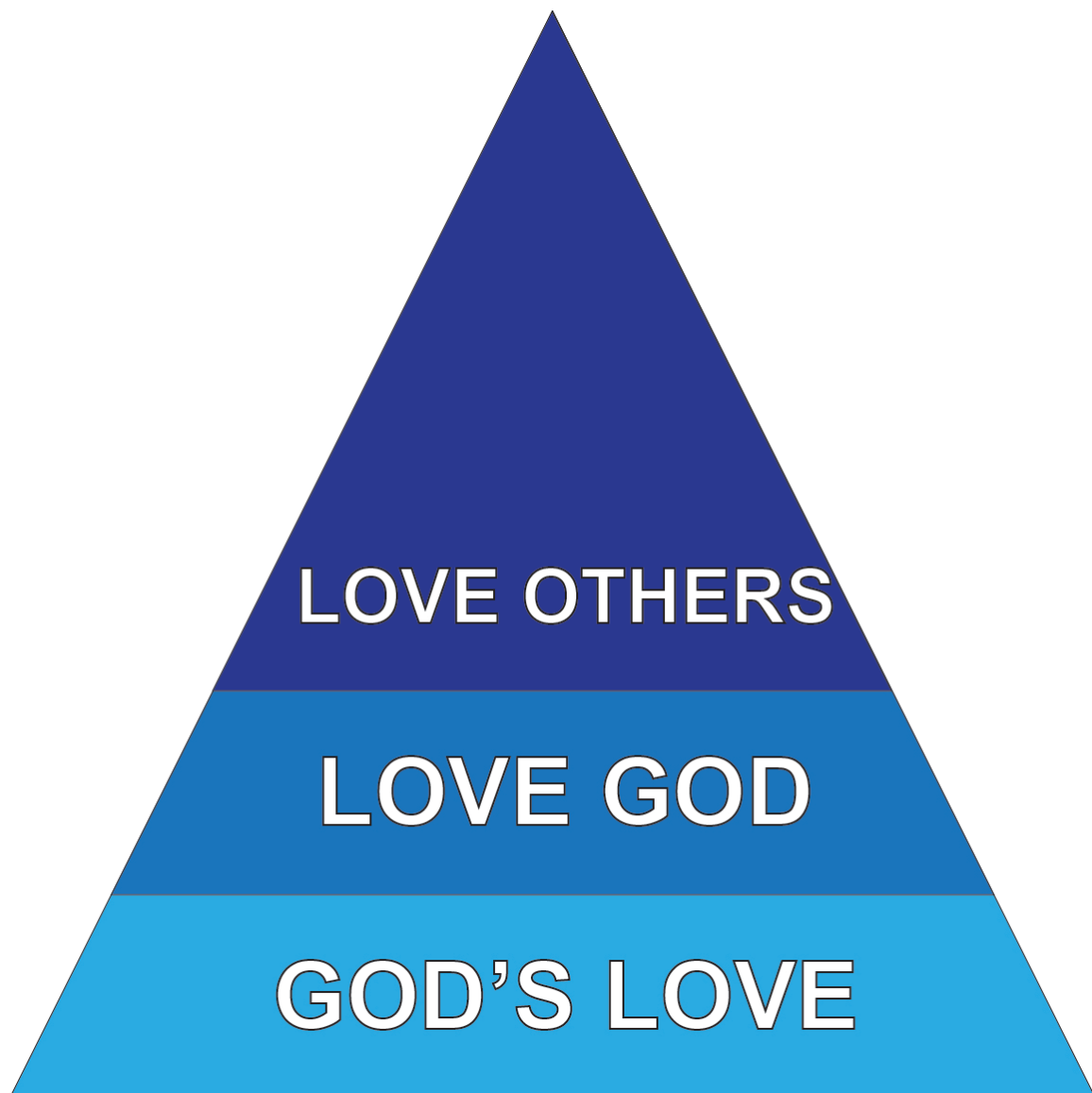
A Man After God's Own Heart by Jim George

## Layer 3: Serving Others

The next “layer” or stage of our development, following our reciprocal love for God, is an outward working of our love for others. The premise of the Christian life is the conveyance of God’s love in our lives to those around us.

In 1 John 4:21, it says that *“This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”* Our love for God is primarily manifested in how we treat one another.

Christ’s example of love is the model by which we should interact with our neighbor and even our enemies. Evidence of a heart controlled by Christ is love, care and service for everyone, both in the church and in the world.



## **Part 3: The Elements of Service**

What is God's purpose for me? How can He use me?  
Where do I fit in the kingdom? Where do I fit at Harvest?

### **The Example of Christ**

#### **Service in the Church**

- 1) The Building of the Body
- 2) Your Spiritual Gifts
- 3) The F.A.T.H.E.R. Principle

#### **Service in the World**

- 1) Reflects the heart of God
- 2) Refuels the soul of the servant
- 3) Reaches lost people

## **SCRIPTURES:**

### **Purpose & Passion:**

Psalm 138:8  
Romans 8:28  
Romans 12:3-8  
1 Corinthians 14:12  
2 Corinthians 5:1-6  
Ephesians 2:10  
Ephesians 4:29  
Philippians 2:13  
2 Thessalonians 1:11  
2 Timothy 1:9  
2 Timothy 2:21

### **Spiritual Gifts:**

Acts 8:18-20  
Romans 1:11  
Romans 12:6-8  
1 Corinthians 12:4-30  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
2 Corinthians 11:13-15  
James 1:17

### **Servanthood:**

Matthew 20:26  
Matthew 23:11  
Mark 10:45  
Galatians 5:13-15  
Galatians 6:1-10  
Philippians 2:1-11  
1 Peter 4:10

## RESOURCES:

### **Purpose and Passion:**

Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren  
Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren  
Knowing God's Purpose for Your Life by J.I. Packer  
Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper  
In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day by Mark Batterson  
Desiring God by John Piper  
The Soul's Quest for God by R.C. Sproul  
Freedom of Simplicity by Richard J. Foster  
The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey

### **Spiritual Gifts:**

Finding Your Spiritual Gifts by C. Peter Wagner  
What's So Spiritual About Your Gifts by Henry & Mel Blackaby  
Understanding Spiritual Gifts by Robert L. Thomas  
Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts a topical study by Charles Stanley

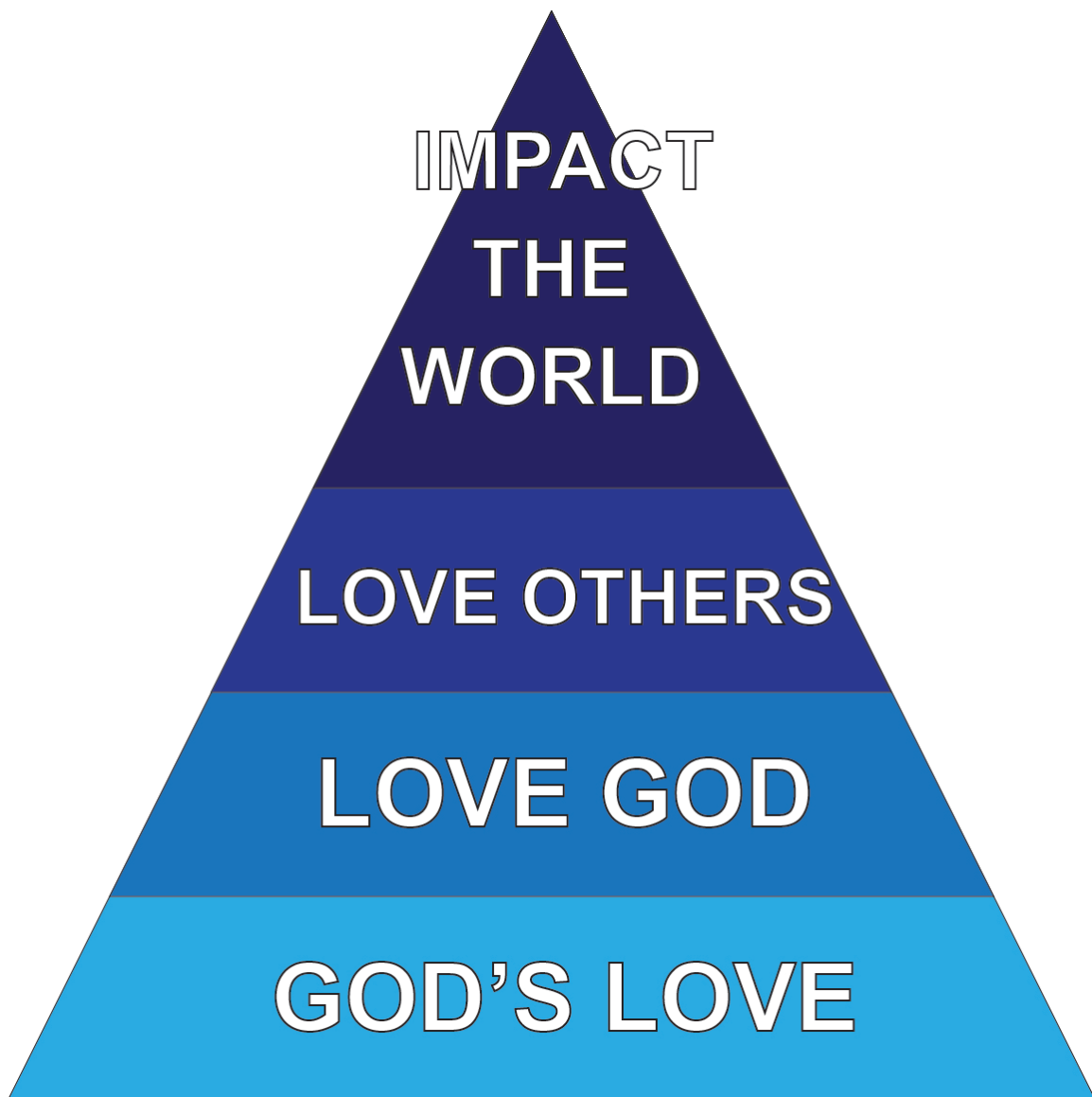
### **Servant hood and Spiritual Leadership:**

Full Service by Siang-Yang Tan  
Spiritual Leadership by Henry & Richard Blackaby  
Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado  
Hard to Believe by John MacArthur  
Developing a Servant's Heart a topical study by Charles Stanley  
Improving Your Serve by Charles Swindoll  
On Being a Servant of God by Warren Wiersbe  
The Outward-Focused Life by Dave Workman  
Courageous Leadership by Bill Hybels  
A Conspiracy of Kindness Steve Sjogren

## Layer 4: Transforming Lives

While we remain on this planet, we have a job to do. The eternal Kingdom of God is our true home, but it's our responsibility to help the population grow. The Bible says that, "*In Christ, God is reconciling the world to Himself...and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*" (2 Corinthians 5:19) As hard as it is to believe, His plan is to transform the world *through us*.

The result of a healthy, mature life is multiplication. The goal of our life in Christ is to multiply His life in others. This means that we need to love people enough to share the Gospel with them and help them grow in Christ. After all, He commissioned us to "*Go...and make disciples...*" (Matthew 28:19)



## Part 4: The Elements of Multiplication

How can I make an eternal impact? How do I share my faith?  
How do I start spiritual conversations with others?  
How can I disciple someone else?

**The Call and Command of Jesus**

Matthew 4:19 & 28:19

**The Example of the Apostles**

Acts 4:1-21

**The Instruction of Paul**

1 Timothy 2:1-15

<b>How to Share Your Faith</b>  Pray  Love  Earn the Right to Speak  Speak	<b>Avoid Common Mistakes</b>  Condescension  Hypocrisy  Picking the Wrong Battles  Over-Complicating the Gospel
<b>The Art of Disciple-Making</b>  Be Yourself  Keep Growing  Look for Ripe Fruit  Be an Intentional Influencer  Put Others First  Pass on Discipleship DNA  We teach what we know,  We reproduce what we are.	<b>Helpful Tips</b>  Look for Opportunities  Keep it Personal  Tell Your Story  Be Positive  Listen to the Real Issues  Know What You Can  Be Bold



## **SCRIPTURES:**

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Acts 4:29-31

Acts 8:4

Romans 10:14-17

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

2 Corinthians 4

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Ephesians 1:13

2 Timothy 2:15

2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 Peter 3:15

## **RESOURCES:**

### **Evangelism:**

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman

He Did this Just For You by Max Lucado

Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels

Becoming a Contagious Christian by Mark Mittleberg

How to Share Your Faith by Greg Laurie

The Revolution: A field Manual for Changing Your World by Heather Zydek

### **Disciple-making:**

Growing True Disciples by George Barna

Spiritual Discipleship by Oswald Sanders

Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden

Design for Discipleship by The Navigators

# Harvest History

Where we started

Where we are

Where we are going

Is church membership necessary?

Who can be a member?

What does church membership get me?