

Grace to Every Race, Part 1

Acts 9:31-43

Sunday, July 28, 2024



Scripture Memory

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



Churches edified and multiplied – Acts 9:31

Acts 9:31 - Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

“...churches...were edified - Something was going on ***inside***

“...churches...were multiplied - Something was going on ***outside***



Tabitha – Devoted Disciple full of Good Deeds

Disciple – by Definition is a learner, a follower and one who was determined to be like his or her teacher.

Disciples Description “**Abides** in Christ, **Connects** with the Church, **Shares** the Gospel with the World.”



Next Steps

Be Sensitive - Heart in Tension and Transition

- When there is Tension, Trouble (financial, physical, health related problem) ...people look for **strength beyond themselves.**
- When there is Transition – Change (New Baby, Move to New Neighborhood) ...people look for **stability outside themselves.**



Next Steps

Surrender to God's Perfecting Work

Trials further the Gospel – Phil. 1:12-13

Trials Strengthen the Brethren – Phil. 1:14

Trials demonstrate God's Grace – 2 Cor. 12:9

Trials Conform us to Jesus' Image – Rom. 8:28-29



Next Step

Serve According to your Gifts, Abilities, and Passions

A Disciple "Abides in Christ, Connects with the Church, Shares the Gospel with the World."

Take a Test Drive – you don't have to commit to Kid Min, Stu Min, Media, Click [here](#) for more opportunities to serve



Share Your Story Before – How - Now

What was your life like Before Christ?

How did you come to Christ? (circumstances that led you to Jesus, VBS, Revival)

What is your life like now?

See [link for video](#) on how to share your story (short version)



Reach your FRANs

Friends, Relatives, Associates, & Neighbors

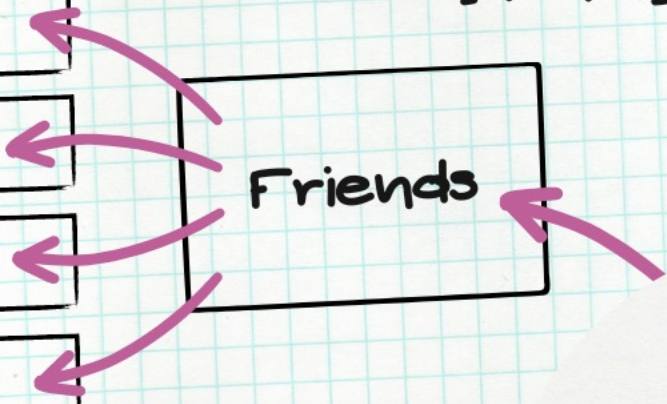
Oikos Map - [Click Here](#) to learn more how to pray
for your oikos (relational network)



Identify your FRANKS

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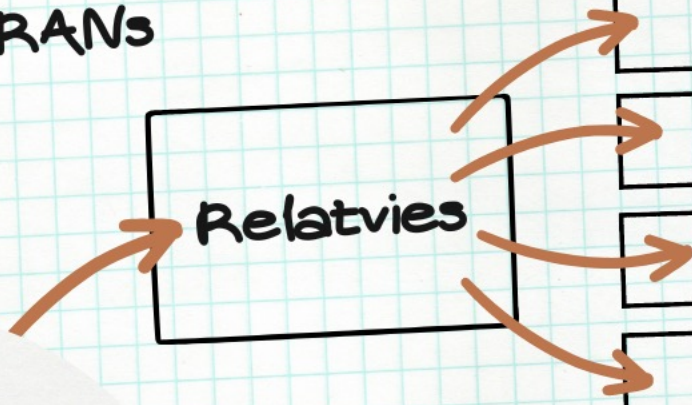
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**YOUR
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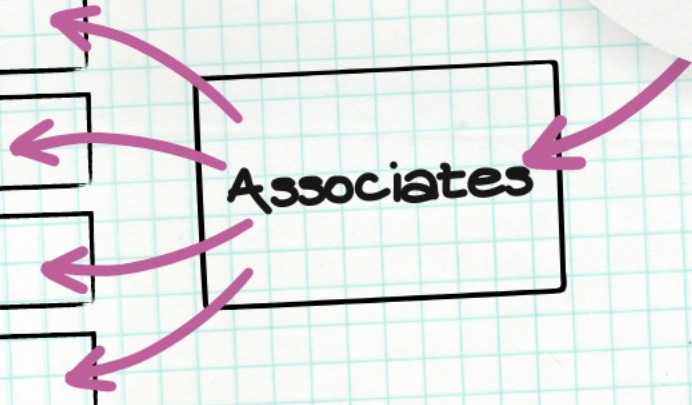
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Associates



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How to Share The Gospel – 3 Circles

God's Design – Gen. 1:1, 1:27

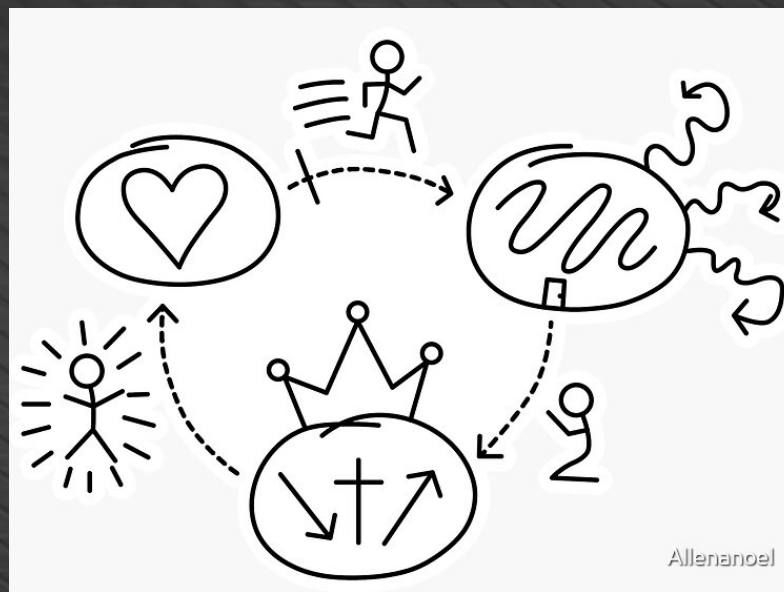
Brokenness – Rom. 3:23; Isaiah 53:6

The Gospel – Rom. 10:9-11; Mk 1:14-15

Three Circles- [Click Here](#) to learn how to share
the Gospel using three circles method



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Why? Who? How?

Why do we make disciples?

Because Jesus Command us to do so – Mt. 28:18-20, but also because of our identity as fishers of men (Mk 1:19), ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:17-21) and witnesses (Acts 1:8).



Who do we reach?

To **whom** do we share the good news?

Your Relational Network / FRANS – Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors.

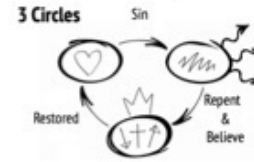
- List 20 people who don't have a relationship with God. Use a blank piece of paper. Pray through the list and ask God to show you 5 people that you can share your story and His story with in the coming week

How do we share? What do we say?

Share Your Story as a bridge to sharing God's Story

What to say?

15-Second Testimony



Once you identify who's in your Relational Network (Oikos), we want to commit to doing three things: **Pray, Invest, and Invite**

PRAY - We will pray daily for these names.

We will ask God to make them aware of Christ's love and their need for Him (2 Cor. 4:4; Matt.13:15) and to give them the faith to repent and believe (Acts 20:21; Romans 10:9-10).

INVEST - We will create ways to invest weekly in their lives.

Our hope is to build a relationship where we can share Christ's love with them (1 Cor. 9:19-23). As we invest in someone's life, we build trust, which creates more opportunities to share the Gospel.

INVITE - As we pray & invest, we invite them to the next right thing.

The ideal would be to share your faith and invite them to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When people aren't there yet, we can invite them to belong in our community before they believe. For example, we may invite them to group "hangouts", a church outreach event, or a Sunday morning service.

During the accountability time of our D-Group each week, we will ask ...

"With whom have you shared your story or God's story?"



LIVING THE **5G Life**



GOD TIME



GATHER TIME



GROUP TIME



GIVE TIME



GO TIME

#TFBAbide Bible Reading Plan

Day 1 – Acts 12:6-8

Day 2 – Acts 12:9-10

Day 3 – Acts 12:11-12

Day 4 – Acts 12:13-14

Day 5 – Acts 12:15-18

Scripture Memory: Acts 1:8



Start Small – Start Smart – Start Somewhere

[Take the Discipleship Survey – Click Here](#)

