

Growing Paines

Acts 6:1-7

Sunday, July 14, 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



The Church Multiplying

Acts 6:1- 1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying...

Acts 6:7 - 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...

Sandwiched between these two statements is a threat to the Christian movement and the story of how it was overcome. So the point of the text is to teach us how the growth of the church is threatened and how to overcome the threat. [John Piper - Link](#)



The Problem Identified

*Widows Neglected
Division Mounted
Ministry (potentially) Abandoned*



The Problem Solved

Raise Up 6:3 Disciples

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business

Acts 6:3

[Daniel Henderson – Strategic Renewal Link](#)



The Problem Solved

Portrait of a 6:3 Disciple

A Heartfelt Commitment to Exemplary Living – a “good reputation.”

A Humble Submission to the Holy Spirit – “full of the Spirit.”

A Hunger for Godly Wisdom – “full of wisdom.”

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"Murmuring is a half-uttered, half-concealed complaint—not that a person comes out and says to the right person, at the right time, in the right spirit, for the right reason, that something needs to be done...Well, that's always acceptable, and that's always good—when a person comes in the right spirit, at the right time, to the right person, and for the right motive."

Adrian Rogers



Next Steps

Pursue Godliness – 1 Peter 1:15-16

Pursue Peace – Eph. 4:3; Phil. 4:13

Pursue Service – Rom. 12, 1 Peter 4:8-10



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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Friends

**YOUR
NAME**

Relatives

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Associates

Neighbors

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How to Share The Gospel – 3 Circles

God's Design – Gen. 1:1, 1:27

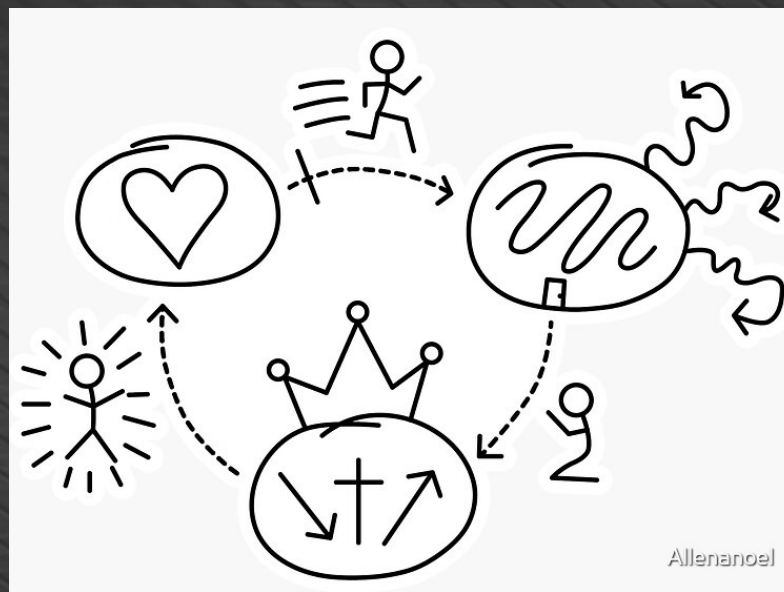
Brokenness – Rom. 3:23; Isaiah 53:6

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.

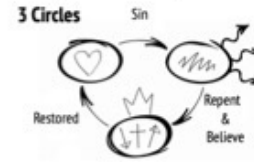
- List 20 people who don't have a relationship with God. Use a blank piece of paper. Pray through the list and ask God to show you 5 people that you can share your story and His story with in the coming week

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](#)

