

Sharing the Gospel Advice to Get Started

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One of the ways the gospel spreads rapidly is through _____ networks

All we do is bring the _____, God does the work

I. Making Your OKIOS MAP:

- A. *OIKOS* is the Greek word for household. One of the ways the gospel spreads so rapidly is through relational networks. This appears to be an intentional and strategic method used by both Jesus and the Apostles.
 1. John 1: 35-51
 2. Acts 10: 34-48
 3. Acts 16: 14-15, 30-33
- A. We practice and immediately teach each new follower of Jesus to draw out an “*Oikos Map*” with names of people we know who are “*far from God*.” We include both those we know personally (with whom we will go and share our story and God’s story) and those we have incidental contact with (those “*far from God*” that we will teach our family and friends to share with as our family and friends follow Jesus).
- B. **Step 1:** Get a blank piece of paper and draw a small circle in the middle of it. Write your name in this circle.
- C. **Step 2:** Take a moment to think of people in your *oikos* who are lost. This could be a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, etc. Write a few of those names in circles around your center circle. Then draw a line connecting their circle to yours.
- D. **Step 3:** Extend the map further by adding circles out from the other circles. These represent people who could be reached if you reached that first person. Some of these may be blank because you may not know who that person is. Some of these could have a name or group in it. For example, if I reach John with the gospel, he could reach his brother Nick or the guys in his fishing club.
- E. **Step 4:** Hang your Oikos Map up in a place where you will regularly see it and be reminded to pray for the names. Pray for their salvation and for an opportunity for you to connect with them.

Questions

1. Who is in your oikos map?
2. What are some good scriptures to memorize that you can share while proclaiming the gospel?

Answers Sharing the Gospel Advice to Get Started

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