

MISSIONAL LIVING WHEEL



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Brief description:

As followers of Christ we are always on mission and we don't "regard anyone from a worldly point of view." There are people in our life waiting to hear more about Jesus. How do we get into those relationships and those conversations? This shape is a lense that helps us break down every relational and conversational barrier that typically stands in the way of us sharing the gospel with others

When to Use this Shape:

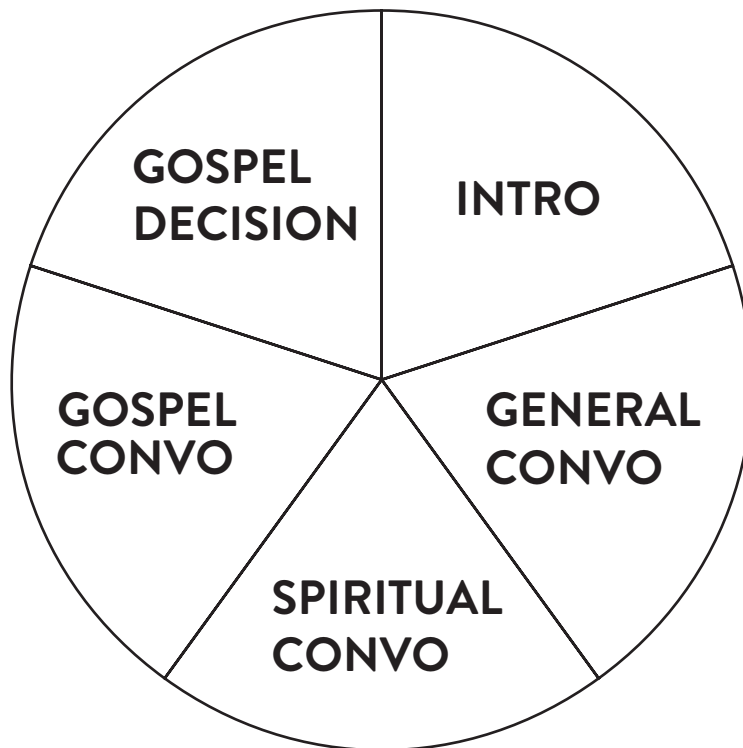
When your Huddle is learning to see the world as our mission field and the people around us as people God has given us to share his good news with.

Use this when your huddle is failing to live out the missionary mandate God has given us as the church.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-19

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Shape:



Explanation:

Before Jesus returned to heaven, he looked at his followers and said “Go into all the world and make disciples”. For his followers then and now, this is a clear command. This is what followers of Jesus do, there is no getting around it. We are called to tell people what He has done. We are called to look different because he has made us different. We can no longer regard anyone from a worldly point of view, but we are tasked with seeing them as Jesus does- people who desperately need the ministry of reconciliation as much as we do.

Tim Chester, author of Total Church, writes:

“We have a tendency to promote a kind of evangelism that is without proclamation. Acts of good service are done or we just invite people to our events or to experience church with us. Without words, these are pointless because they only point back to our good works. God is at the center of the Gospel word. Oftentimes evangelism can place us in that position. The Gospel that Jesus proclaimed was that a savior came to seek and save the lost, not just meet your needs and make you feel good.”

1. INTRO TO CONVERSATION

Step one is getting out of the Christian bubble. There are people you see every day that might just be waiting for an invitation. Your neighbor, your local barista, the people at your gym, workplace, class, and neighborhood are within your sphere of influence. Every day we choose to see people as either:

Scenery- whooshing past people we see every day and ignoring that they have a story. This could be your neighbor, your fellow class or work mates.

Machinery- treating people like they are just there to perform a task for you. You generally don't know and care about them but merely know and care about what they do for you. This could be your mechanic, your barista, your mailman, your professor, etc.

Ministry- God's image bearers, His creation, desperately needing an opportunity to know God and find reconciliation with Him.

Before you can share the gospel with them, you have to know their name. Start by introducing yourself and learning their name.

Huddle Questions:

Have you been treating people in your life as scenery, machinery, or ministry?



Who is someone you need to break past the intro barrier with and finally introduce yourself to?

2. GENERAL CONVERSATION

Step two is about building relationships. At this stage, you should know a little about them as a friend. If you struggle to know how to make friends, here are some things you can ask them about:

F: Family- Do they have siblings? Are they close with their parents?

O: Occupation- What do they do? What are they studying to do? What are they passionate about doing? What is their dream job?

U: Upbringing- Where did they grow up? What was their childhood like? Do they have any religious background?

R: Relationships- Who's in their friend group? What do they do for fun? What is their social sphere like?

As you ask good questions and learn more about them you will uncover needs and hear areas that you can see their need for a Savior. Have ears to hear where they are hurting and eyes to see how you and your Christian community can come around them and serve them tangibly. Introduce them to your friends from Village and Huddle. Find ways to hang-out outside of the context in which you know each other (le, classroom, workplace, coffee shop). Remember the things they share with you and follow up often with questions and think of ways to serve them. Really, this stage is about being a good friend in a world where trust and relationships have been trampled on.

Huddle Questions:

Who is God asking you to pray for to build a stronger relationship with? Who do you need to have General Conversations with?

3. SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

Step 3 is about spiritual journey. Everyone is on one. Even an atheist is on a spiritual journey- they are rejecting the idea of God, and that is a spiritual thing. Someone who grew up in the church is on a spiritual journey, and we must not assume they have already arrived at Jesus as their destination. This is something perfectly normal and not taboo to talk about. Ask what they believe about the world, why they believe that. Hear them out on what they believe. People like to talk about what they think about the world and why. Here are some questions you want to answer as you listen that will help reveal someone's spirituality:

What do they value?

How do they view the world?

How do they view themselves; their purpose and their value?

Wait for the Spirit to open doors for you to share what you believe with them. Let us not be afraid of the awkward and miss out on being a part of God moving in their life. You may be one of the few people to ask them these real questions.

Huddle Questions:

Are there people in your life who you know most everything about except what they think about spirituality?

Who in your life is God asking you to have a spiritual conversation with?

GOSPEL CONVERSATION

Step 4 is about boldness and proclaiming the truth. As we know, we were dead in our sin and we have been brought to life in Jesus. At some point, this must be told. Your faith cannot just sit as one of your many hobbies or interests portrayed to your friends. You have been made alive, and Jesus commands us to go and tell others. In one of the conversation stages up until this point, there will be a moment where you are asked a question back about your life and your beliefs. Trust God as you break past this barrier. Pray for those moments. Speak boldly. Pray for receptive hearts.

Huddle Questions:

Who is God asking you to share the Good News with?



Are you ready to share the gospel when the time comes? Have you learned the 3 Circles and the Thrones shapes to help you communicate the gospel?

GOSPEL DECISION

Step 5 is about decision. Everyone has to decide to accept the free gift of salvation. May we never talk about the life we have been given without immediately and often offering it to those we share with! After sharing the gospel, immediately ask what they think. Ask if this is something they want. They could decide immediately after you sharing the Gospel, or it could take 40 years of sharing the gospel and your life with someone. Do your part to be faithful and obedient in whatever that process looks like for them. Regardless of where they are, always offer them an opportunity to make a decision and confess their belief.

Huddle Questions:

Who in your life has heard the good news, whether from you or someone else, but has not yet made a decision to follow Jesus?

How can you partner with God in bringing people in your life to a point of decision?

Questions that could be asked in huddle:

Ask each other the checkpoint questions, clarifying who is in their life and where they are on the Missional Wheel. Have the Huddle share the names of people on your wheel with each other. Pray as a huddle for the rest of the semester for those names, and hold each other accountable to break those barriers in conversations.

Ask God for boldness and to help you break a barrier in each relationship this week in conversations with people who don't know Jesus.

