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One hour after I was **born again** in **July 1977 – 42 years ago** - the Lord filled my heart with a huge burden, passion and calling to find ways for **EVERY** sincere Christian to **regularly lead others** to Jesus **EVERY** year of their life in ways that are **Easy, Sweet, Comfortable, Relaxed & Kind**.

If I could give a Christian this gift of fulfilling their PURPOSE on the earth then **EVERY OTHER GOOD THING** would come into their life. They would be filled with PURITY, PASSION & ALL of the PROMISES of God.

Philemon 1:6 I pray that you may be ACTIVE in SHARING your faith, so that you will have a FULL UNDERSTANDING of EVERY GOOD THING we have in Christ.

That burden has consumed my prayers almost every minute I have been alive for the past 42 years.

I am not foolish.

- I realize that **way less than 1%** of Christians lead others to Christ every year.
- I also realize that – because of Moral Relativism - that almost all Evangelism has stopped in the past 20 years.

I have tried hundreds of models and creative ways and never come close to such a high goal.

Last **summer, 2018** I had a **very SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER** with the Lord. He came into my room during my prayer time and told me to get a pen and a paper.

The main thing he told me was that he was going to **ANSWER** my minute by minute prayer of over 40 years.

In that summer of 2018 encounter He said that:

1. In **18 months – Jan. 2020** – I would preach a short **sermon** series that will be **different** than any series I've ever preached.
2. Rather than being **challenging** or **convicting** or **adversarial** – these sermons will be **Attractive, Kind** and **Draw** in non-Christians with **Warmth** and would **ANSWER EVERY QUESTION** in the heart of Non-Christians.
3. He told me that I would **practice preach** the sermons in **June of 2019** with **hundreds of counselors**.

The **sermons** plus the **counselors** released the **3 WORD Strategy**



1. **Team**
2. **Touch**
3. **& Tug**

These **sermons** are the **TUG** toward Christ! Let's look at the **Team** & the **Touch**

1. The TEAM

How much would your **Spiritual Life**
CHANGE after **One Year** on this **Team**?

Group of 3-6 people meets for one hour every 14 days – each person answers 5 questions:

- 1) One chapter a day of God's Word?
- 2) Prayed your prayer list and prayed effectively to meet with God?
- 3) In your **Marriage** to have **great unity** and **joy**? (If Single) walked in **sexual purity**?
- 4) What current points of **PAIN** are taking place in the lives of those on your **prayer list**?
What **two** people in the past **two** weeks on your prayer list have you
LET KNOW you are praying for them and what were their responses?
- 5) Can you share **one sentence** of where **YOU** need prayer for the next two weeks?

How much would your **Spiritual Life**
CHANGE after **One Year** on this **Team**?

Team brings **Life, Strength, Creativity, Fun, & Consistency!**

Team makes it **EASY** to make **Lifestyle Changes!**

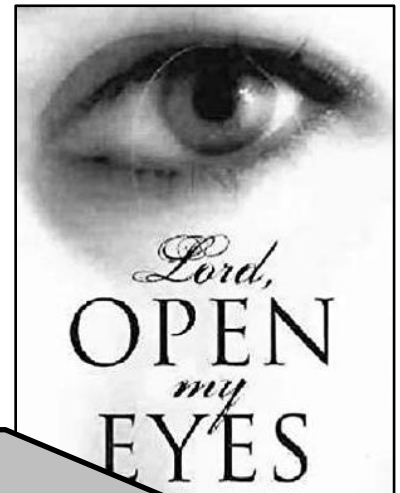
2. The TOUCH

Chapter 2 – Do you WANT?

Prayers & Gifts for times of **PAIN** in people's lives!

PAIN
PAIN
PAIN

Marriage troubles
Parenting troubles
Financial troubles
Job troubles
Health troubles
Extended Family Strife
Extended Family Deaths.



Of the **70** people on your connections list
At least **50** of them
will face **One or More** of these **Pains** in the **Next Year!**

Prayers = TOUCH

Telling people: *“I am praying for you”* and *“How can I pray for you during this time?”* always opens hearts! When someone has a mother with **cancer**, a **son out of work**, a **fear of losing** a job, a **dying marriage**, a child **struggling** in school etc.

- How **MUCH** does it **MEAN** to **this person** when you tell them that you are praying for them?
- How **EASY** is it to come **BACK** every week to get a prayer update & repeatedly touch their heart?

Once you start to add people to your prayer list because you have noticed the PAIN in their life, you begin the weekly discipline of mentioning to at least one person a week that you are still praying for them and get an update on their situation. This is something you normally would have done anyway.

Between **texts**, **face to face** chats, **emails**, and **Facebook messages** it is very easy to connect with people and to let them know that you have **NOT FORGOTTEN** their **pain** and that you are sincerely praying.

Gifts = TOUCH

Prov. 18:16 Giving a gift can open doors. (to people's hearts)

I don't just PRAY for you in your Pain!
I **CARE** so **MUCH** that I put great effort into finding a **GIFT** that may help you!



Here is an interesting exercise. If someone in your life had this need– would you be able to offer this resource to them? On the next page, please **circle** every number where you could offer this resource if someone expressed a need or pain in this area.

1. **Free Marriage Counseling** with Pastor John & great marriage sermons.
2. When someone is in the **Hospital**, you **DON'T** have to **ASK** to bring food. Just bring the food!
3. The “**Co-dependency**” series is very attractive to people who **TRY TOO HARD** to please others. If you had a friend who was always giving too much to others and had poor boundaries, could you recommend this series?
4. The “**Racial Reconciliation**” series is very attractive to people who are **passionate** for **racial harmony**.
5. The “**Pornography**” series is very helpful to parents who are **WORRIED** about their **YOUNG SONS**.
6. The **Single Mom's** section of our website is **AMAZING!** It has 7-8 fascinating resources.
7. The “**Sex – God Loves It**” booklet is very encouraging to parents who want to help their young children walk in purity. A booklet is much **more helpful** than an audio series for this subject.
8. The “**Conflicts**” series is more for when people want **OTHERS** to stop fighting. People don't want this series when **THEY** are in a conflict but they love it when others are in a conflict. 😊
9. The “**Homosexuals – do you love them?**” booklet is generally **NOT** for ministry to homosexuals. It is for **frightened parents** when their children are **experimenting** or are **told confusing lies**.
The “*Life- Are you Fulfilled?*” series is more effective in reaching those who are already involved in homosexuality.
10. The “**Depression**” series is very helpful and tender for those battling depression.
11. The “**Sexual Molestation**” study is very sensitive but life changing in the rare case that someone shares with you this horrible experience.
12. The “**Parenting**” series is very encouraging and attractive to a **lot** of parents.
13. The “**Personality Gifts – DISC**” series - our most **popular** series. It is so **easy** to talk about with friends!
14. The “**Expectations**” series is our best series on **communication**. It helps people who struggle in job, marriage, children or friendship situations with knowing how to communicate clearly with others.
15. The “**Habits**” series helps people understand how to lose weight, stop smoking and change other habits easily!
16. & 17 Both the **Griefshare** Devotional and the **Divorce Care** Devotional give a person permission to have **private** times of **grieving** through **tender ONE PAGE stories** & thoughts. Grieving people often enter a stage of grief where they need to cry – often 1- 2 years later but they are tired of talking. These short devotionals give insights and the ability to have a private time of refreshing tears. These **books are in our Lending Library**.
18. - 20. The “**Anger**”, “**Worry**” & “**Fear**” series are all subjects that people hit often in **normal everyday life**.

**UNLEASH
YOUR
CREATIVITY!**

As great and practical as these gifts are, they are **ONLY** the **BEGINNING**. Once you start down this path, Jesus will give you so **MANY CREATIVE** ideas that you have **FUN** melting
5 people's hearts with the perfect gift at the perfect time.

DO you **WANT** a life-long, life-style of **leading** others to Jesus - **EVERY** year of your life in ways that are **Easy, Sweet, Comfortable, Relaxed & Kind?**

- Do you have your
1. **Team**
 2. **Touch**
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Because of the strength and help of your **TEAM** and the tools of prayers and gifts,
 you will **TOUCH** a LOT of people in one year!

Now, how do we find the **EASY** way to get them to listen to this one series that makes the big **TUG** toward Christ!

3. The **TUG** Invite them to **CHURCH**

- i. Remember our **VISITOR'S WELCOME PACKET** & the **\$25 Gift Card!**
 - This makes it so very easy for you to be the person who follows up with your friend on this series on LIFE!
 - Usually they have **already heard** some sermons from PJ
 - You can **share** this **series** to their phone from the **Church App**.

- ii. We offer a **Second \$25 Gift Card** for those who finish the **2nd** sermon.
 Any Welcome staff can get you the second \$ 25 Gift Card



- iii. The LIFE series leads them directly to other steps including:
 - a. The IMAGINE HEAVEN book
 - b. Visiting Church regularly
 - c. Researching Jesus studies
 - d. TRYING to be a GOOD person



Welcome

Am I Fulfilled?

THE Coffee CAFE

\$25

This is a reflective message on how God gives each of us a desire for inward Life & Fullfillment.

We give a \$25 Gift Card to any Visitor who will listen to this message from our Senior Pastor and share their thoughts with a member of our welcome team.

If you text "LIBERTY" to 88202 this sermon will automatically download to your smartphone.

This life changing message is also available on the front of our App & Website!

3 Preparation Points

1. We ask you to **watch or listen** to the two messages on **“Life: Are you Fulfilled?”**

2. We ask you to first **read / skim** through the book *Imagine Heaven* by John Burke

3. We ask you to **agree** to the following seven victorious heart strategies.
 - i. Jesus is definitely the Lord of my life and the **greatest purpose** of my life is to bring others to Jesus.

 - ii. I recognize that Jesus loves the local church and that we participate in the local church to serve more than to be served. I tithe faithfully to my church and am a source of unity and encouragement in my local church.

 - iii. If married, I understand that walking in **unity** in my marriage greatly glorifies God. I lay down petty selfishness & will always work hard to find points of agreement with my mate that are win/win solutions. If single, I am committed to walk in sexual purity.

 - iv. Daily time in **God’s Word** is essential. I agree to have a daily habit of reading at least a chapter of God’s Word.

 - v. **Daily time in prayer** is life giving. I commit to keep a daily prayer list of the **ABCDE** groups of individuals in my life and to ask the Lord daily for direction. *I also desire to be strong in worship, to learn to hear God’s voice and to learn how to pray on the Armor of God.*

 - vi. I will put **GREAT EFFORT** to be **FAITHFUL** to the **every other week meetings** and to honor all four of our main core boundaries that make our group safe, supportive and successful.

 - vii. I am very **excited** to give my answers to those 5 questions at each meeting and to share resources & strategies with my teammates! I am also enthusiastic about the **spiritual growth** I will see in my own life, the friendships I will see in my group and the **FRUIT** that we will **ALL** bear for Christ together.

AFTER I finish the 3 Preparation Points – How do I sign up?

Pick one friend then you both email Pastor John and your Welcome Coordinator and we will work together with you both to organize your group.



Success Grows

God’s people constantly experience such great feelings of failure in the area of evangelism. No other subject comes close. Thus, people are generally very wary of any “Evangelism Course”.

In this case however, they will quickly realize that in this course they will show up every other week with 5 positive answers to 5 questions.

They will be successful in their:

- #1) Bible reading #2) Prayer time #3) Marriage or Single purity and #5) Sharing a prayer request.

In #4) Evangelism – they will always be successful because they will always be able to share important information.

- By sharing a **point of pain** of someone on their prayer list, they will bring valuable tender information.
- By sharing two stories of whom on your prayer list **you let know** you are **praying for them** and what was **their responses** you will always have had **personal interactions** to report.



After sharing these updates on your personal interactions in your group, your Evangelism Mentoring Group team dialogue will **naturally flow** toward **ways that each person can serve or touch people** in pain on their prayer list.

They will **Strategize Action Steps Together** and see their friends using the **20+ different gifts** in various situations to **TOUCH** people more deeply! The deeper touches will eventually lead to people wanting to research Jesus!

- In the **FIRST six months**, their Evangelism Mentoring group will probably have a **total of 5-7** opportunities to have a friend go through the two sermons on **LIFE** or read the book “**IMAGINE HEAVEN.**”
- However, in the **SECOND six months**, their Evangelism Mentoring group will probably have **20-30** opportunities to have a friend go through the two sermons on **LIFE** or read the book “**IMAGINE HEAVEN.**”

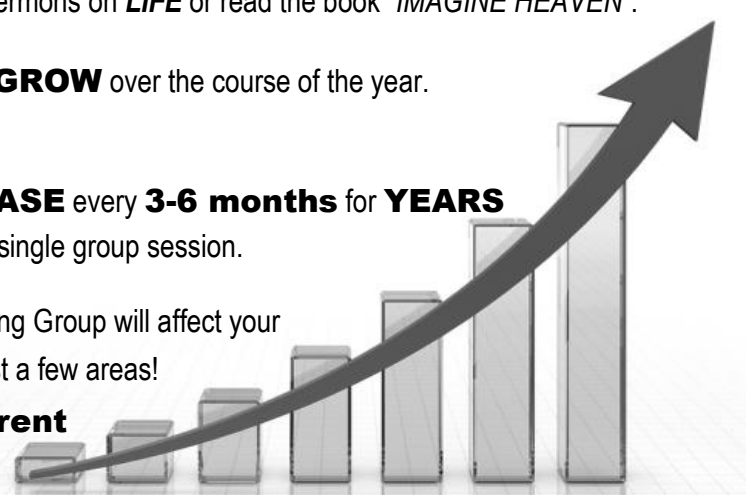
Their **group confidence, creativity and success** will **GROW** over the course of the year.

They will all be a great **SUCCESS!**

Knowing that their **rate of success** will **INCREASE** every **3-6 months** for **YEARS** will cause each participant to be eager to attend every single group session.

Let’s look at the impact of how the Evangelism Mentoring Group will affect your **SKILLS** and **SUCCESS** over **10 years** in just a few areas!

Over **10 yrs.** you will probably have **20-30 different** close teammates.



In responding to a **Friend's Pain** of a **Relative** in the **HOSPITAL**

By **YOURSELF** – in 10 yrs.

- You might respond to **15** Hospital situations with an offer of prayer
- & **2** times you might bring food or acts of service.



10 yrs. of Evangelism Mentoring with **30 teammates**

- You responded **88** times with prayer & **72** times brought **food** or acts of **service**.
- In addition, you have watched your **Teammates** have **218** times of bringing **food** or acts of **service** and have seen how **15 - 20 different personalities** handle **hundreds** of different situations.
- How much wisdom, skill & confidence did you learn from your team?

In responding to a **Friend's Pain** of a **DIVORCE!**

By **YOURSELF** – in 10 yrs.

- You might respond to **5** Divorce situations with offers of prayer

10 yrs. of Evangelism Mentoring with **30 teammates**

- You responded **74** times with offers of prayer & **74** times offered the **Divorce Care Devotional book**.
- In addition, **11** of those situations, asked for **Marriage Counseling**.
- In addition, you have watched your **teammates** have **178** times of offering prayer & **178** times of offering the **devotional book**
- You have seen how **42** different divorce situations ask for **Marriage Counseling**.



steve grissom and kathy leonard



divorce care

hope, help, and healing during and after your divorce

365 daily devotions

DIVORCE *Care*

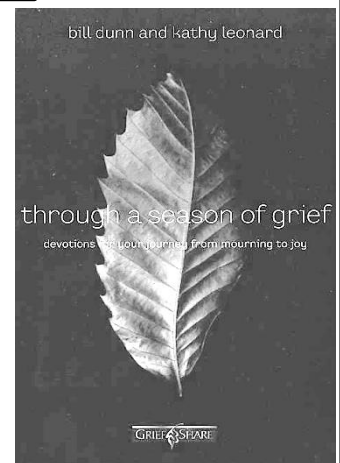
In responding to a **Friend's Pain** of a **DEATH** of a Family member!

By **YOURSELF**– in 10 yrs.

- You might respond to **30** situations with offers of prayer

10 yrs. of Evangelism Mentoring with **30 teammates**

- You responded **230** times with offers of prayer & **230** times offered the **Grief Share Devotional book**.
- In addition, you have watched your **teammates** have **1,785** times of offering prayer and & **1,785** times offered the **Grief Share Devotional book**.



These are **Only THREE** of the **TWENTY** different **GIFT options!**

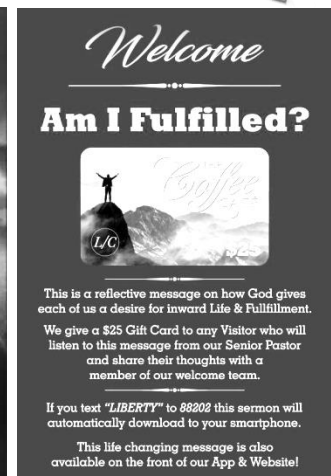
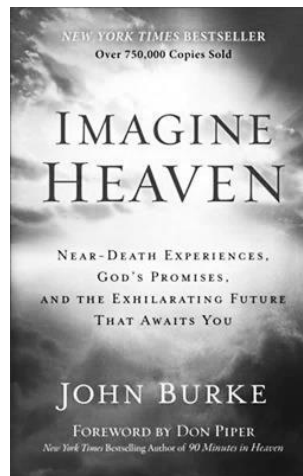
Dialoguing with a **Friend** about giving your life to **Jesus**

By **YOURSELF**– in 10 yrs.

- You might have **3** opportunities to dialogue with someone about Jesus.

10 yrs. of EM w/ 30 teammates

- You have **78** opportunities to dialogue with a Friend about giving their life to Jesus.
- In addition, you have supported your **teammates** have **1,218** times of dialoguing with a Friend about giving their life to Jesus!



In John 15:16 Jesus said that if we bear **FRUIT** for Him, then the Father will give us **whatever we ask** in His name!

The other benefits include: **Great People Skills, Passionate Healthy walk with Christ & Blessed Family.**

All of these are wonderful but don't compare with the highest benefit of knowing that we will hear our Lord Jesus say to us: **"WELL DONE GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT!"**

Sermon # 1 Are you FULFILLED?

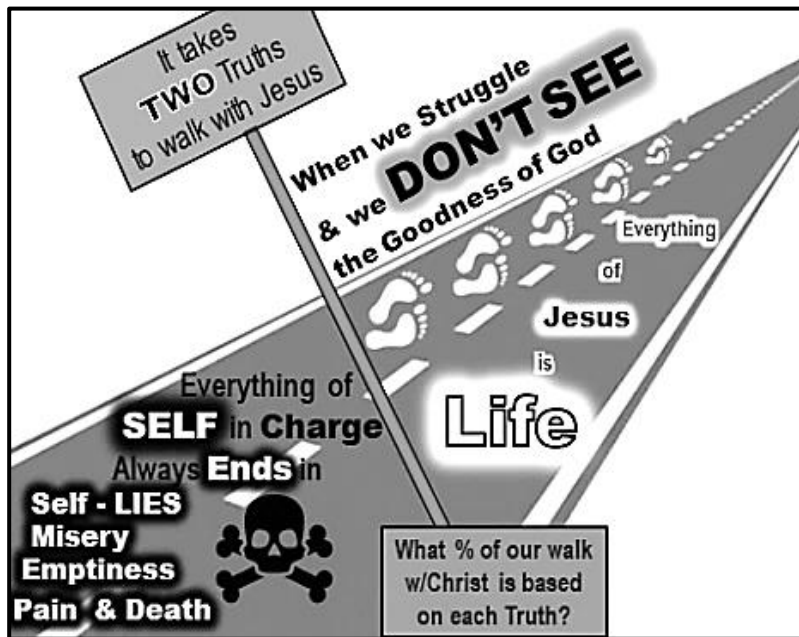
- Appeals to the **Narcissistic Heart** but is also **Biblical** – 90 times in **Gospels** – **LIFE!**
- So many **False** or **Shallow** conversions to Christ today! → Christ is the **ONLY** Life!

1. **Smart/ Intelligent** (*Empty*)
2. **Popular, Accomplishments** (*Forgotten*)
3. **Helping people** (*Inside?*)
4. **BIG ONE** - **Pleasure** exposed – *Law of Diminishing Returns*
5. **BIG ONE** - **LOVE** as a Life Goal - processed to a **DEEP** level
 - The true goal of **Worldly** Love is to **GET** love leaving you **helpless**, able to be **manipulated** and **controlled** by others.
 - In **Christianity** love begins with loving those who **HATE** you. (*Extension cord of God’s Love*)
6. **BIG ONE** - When this Body Ends does my LIFE continue? **Imagine Heaven** book offered!



Sermon # 2

Why I NEVER Turn Back / Why ANYONE Ever Turns Back



Is Christianity Truth?

- **Fruit** - Historically in **Orphanages**, feeding the **Poor**, ministering to the **Sick**, **Martyrdom**, Statistics on **Prophecies** of Jesus
- Most **Accurate & Dependable** → the **NATURE** of Man!

3 Responses

1. **Really Research**
 - Improve Morally – No Cussing/ Complaining/ Anger/ Lust/ Lying
 - Read the New Testament daily & Go to church weekly
2. **Already Sold Out for Christ** - Evangelism Mentoring
3. **Ready TODAY to Give ALL of ME to Jesus!**

Courage to Research Internally – The Nature of all mankind & ME

<u>All Other Religions</u>	<u>Christianity</u>
I & all people are Good at the Core	I & all people are Selfish & we LIE to ourselves
I & all people can IMPROVE ourselves Morally in our Weakest Areas.	We can NOT STOP Sinning
Take the TEST!	Take the TEST!
<u>Def. of Love</u> Self - Emotions!	<u>Def. of Love</u> Laying down my life for others Starting w/ those who HATE me!
<u>How we answer the question:</u> <i>How can I, who have billions of selfish actions and thoughts and even more selfish motives, stand before a Perfect God who must judge all acts & motives of selfishness equally and enter into a heaven where only perfect people dwell?</i>	<u>How we answer the question:</u> <i>How can I, who have billions of selfish actions and thoughts and even more selfish motives, stand before a Perfect God who must judge all acts & motives of selfishness equally and enter into a heaven where only perfect people dwell?</i>

This chapter is primarily for the Facilitator but it is also important for every member of the team to read this page so that everyone on the team understands the pace and boundaries that create the atmosphere of HOPE for every member.



KINDNESS

Rom. 11:22 NCV So you see that God is **Kind** and also **Very Strict**.

1. Building their Prayer List over a YEAR – pages 13-20.

You hope to have the connections lists completed by the 2nd or 3rd meeting. Your patience and kindness here will be greatly rewarded.

2. Work with each person until their Bible Reading time is complete – page 21.

Most of your participants will come to your first meeting with Bible reading plans that are only **half effective**. It is gracious and kind to use some of your first 3-5 meetings to talk through the details of each person's bible reading plans until each member has a **solid effective** plan that will **last** for **decades**.

Page 21 has six great questions that you can work through with each person to get them strongly established in daily reading God's Word.

3. Work with each person until their Prayer time is complete – page 22.

Although you will also spend the first 3-5 meetings dialoguing on prayer time, a great facilitator tenderly probes **ALL YEAR LONG** on the prayer time of each member of the team. This may be the best opportunity in the entire life of each member of the team to grow their prayer life to deeper levels. By using the entire year to experiment, dialogue and grow, the facilitator makes sure that every member of the team is given every opportunity to grow their prayer life to a place of great power.

You can **REPEATEDLY** come back to page 22 and review the fantastic insights and resources on that page. At different points of the year, different people will be ready to receive different strategies and try different resources in prayer.

4. Review the “Gifts” sheet – page 5

There will be **MANY times** when the team will benefit by reviewing the “Gifts” sheet. The team members will be aware of people in pain on their prayer list, but unsure of what GIFT to give them. They will often FORGET many of the options of different gifts that are available or may be unsure which gift to offer. By talking through the sheet, their teammates can help them strategize on the best gifts to give to the hurting person on their prayer list.

CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Rom. 11:22 NCV So you see that God is **Kind** and also **Very Strict**.

There are four primary boundaries that make everyone supported, safe, & successful. They are:

- 1) Don't skip meetings. *(We all prioritize these meetings. Please do the same!)*
- 2) Keep it Positive & Encouraging.
- 3) Equal Sharing – no one talks more than any other.
- 4) Don't give advice without first asking permission. *(And don't do this too often ☺)*

A secure, healthy facilitator leads the group clearly and has private conversations when a teammate violates any of these boundaries. If someone cannot keep these boundaries the team is better off to be smaller & unified.

1. **It will take a YEAR to build a really good prayer list!**

Many of your participants will come to your first meeting with an INCOMPLETE “Connections” list. It is gracious and kind to use most of your first or second meeting to help each person fill out their “Connections” list until they each have at least 50-70 people on their list.

2. **List the people you ALREADY interact with! - This is your CONNECTIONS List - page 13!**

If someone is **already** a **strong Godly Christian serving faithfully** in a **Bible believing church**, then you would **NOT** put them on this list. This list is only for those who are not Christians or who have turned away from Christ.

Many times they may not know the name of the person. They may simply write down a description of someone they see regularly such as “Neighbor across the street” or “Cashier at Publix”.

The “Connections” list is an awakening of our souls to begin to watch for the pains in others’ lives. The larger the list the more alert we become.

3. **Add them to your PRAYER list as they SHARE points of PAIN in their life! - page 14!**

In sociological studies it has been seen that 90% of “*Unplanned Major Habits or Lifestyle Changes*” come because of **Unexpected PAIN** in their Life! There is a huge message here. God uses PAIN to get people’s attention and to make them aware of their need for HIM! As loving, ALERT, Servants of Jesus we begin with prayer for these precious people. This prayer gives us sensitivity to how the Holy Spirit might want us to serve them.

4. **Why TWO Separate lists?**

By making two separate lists, people do not feel overwhelmed or feel that they should be praying for hundreds of people every day.

A LONG prayer list of hundreds of people is not sustainable over a period of years.

However, by making a STARTER list of all the people we ALREADY KNOW, we feel a bit more in control and clear headed about all of the OPTIONS of connections in our life. We are often surprised how large that list is, after taking some time to write out all the names.

Since we don’t ADD anyone to our actual prayer list until they have a point of pain, we have open eyes, tender hearts and short prayer lists where our prayers are engaged & we are truly listening to the Holy Spirit for each one.

5. **Getting people to Share the PAINs in their lives! – Pages 18-20**

You can have the permission of 10-30 people in your work environment to add them to your prayer list and never get in any trouble with any HR department no matter how anti-Christian they may be.

You can add 1 or 2 people to your prayer list who have shared pains in their life with you **ALMOST EVERY WEEK!**

Pages 18-20 share some people skills and tips and that will cause people to want to open their hearts to you.

CONNECTIONS list

Do **NOT** put anyone in this list that is **ALREADY** a **STRONG** Christian and is faithfully serving, tithing and committed to a Bible believing church!

<p>Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Think UP – Those you work FOR! ➤ Think DOWN – Those who work FOR YOU! ➤ Think IN-Those who Serve YOU! ➤ Think OUT – Those whom YOU SERVE! ➤ Think ACROSS – Those you WORK WITH! 	<p>Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Immediate ➤ In Town ➤ Those I see or interact with at least once a year 	<p>Neighbors</p> <p>Pages 15-16 provide 3 ideas for how you can connect with your neighbors more quickly thru Prayer Walks.</p>	<p>Friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hobbies, Work out etc. ➤ School Friends ➤ Retail, Hair, Grocery, Gas, any place I visit 2-3 times per month ➤ Connections through Children or Mate ➤ Social Media connections that live in town!

Prayer List – **ONLY** put them on your prayer list **AFTER** you observe & respond to points of **PAIN** in their lives!

*Col. 4:5-6 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.
Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

APATHETIC	BEGINNING to show interest	CONSIDERING a walk with Christ	DEVELOPING Starting Sincere Research	EXCELLING May be Ready

Different styles to connect with Neighbors

Below are two examples of ways to meet your neighbors more quickly and to let them know that you will be doing weekly prayer walks.

If you are more cautious, you can just start by doing the prayer walks once a week.

This softens your heart for your neighbors and gives the Lord opportunities for open doors for connections.

Neighbor card for Brian & Yolanda Anderson

Brian and Yolanda have 28 homes on their street which they just moved into.

Their goal is to deliver cookies to a new neighbor once a week until they meet each of their neighbors.

They will attach this note to the cookies.

Hey Neighbor! It was so good to meet you tonight. Please enjoy this gift.

We are so delighted to have just moved into 969 Madison Terrace and we look forward to getting to know you better!

Our family will be regularly walking through the neighborhood once a week praying for each of our neighbors.

We don't wish to impose our religious beliefs on you in any way. We simply want to pray for God's blessings, favor, protection and healing over your lives.

If you ever have a prayer request of any kind, please feel free to text us at (404) 574-3647 or catch us when we are walking by and we will gladly add them to our weekly walk time.

We look forward to growing many great friendships in our neighborhood in the coming months and years!

Blessings,

The Andersons

Brian, Yolanda, Marcus, and Benjamin

Neighbor letter for John & Jessie Hutchins

Hi Neighbors,

We are John and Jessie Hutchins and we live at 3412 English Oaks.

We have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years. We have met a few of our neighbors, and wave and say hi to lots of others!

Recently it dawned on us that as we have aged and faced some difficulties that come with time that surely our neighbors have too. And we realized that we would love to have been praying for you all these years!

So, we have decided that we want to take one day a week to walk through our streets and pray for our neighborhood.

Now we do not want to bother you or impose our religious beliefs on you, but we do want to pray for God's blessings, favor, protection, and healing over you and your family & home.

We welcome you to share any prayer needs you might have with us. Please feel free to stop by our house or drop them in our mailbox, email or text us, or just stop us on the street. We generally walk 1-3 times a week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

We've also included our pictures, email, and phone number, in case you want to contact us.

We are looking forward to praying for you every week.

Blessings,

John & Jessie H.



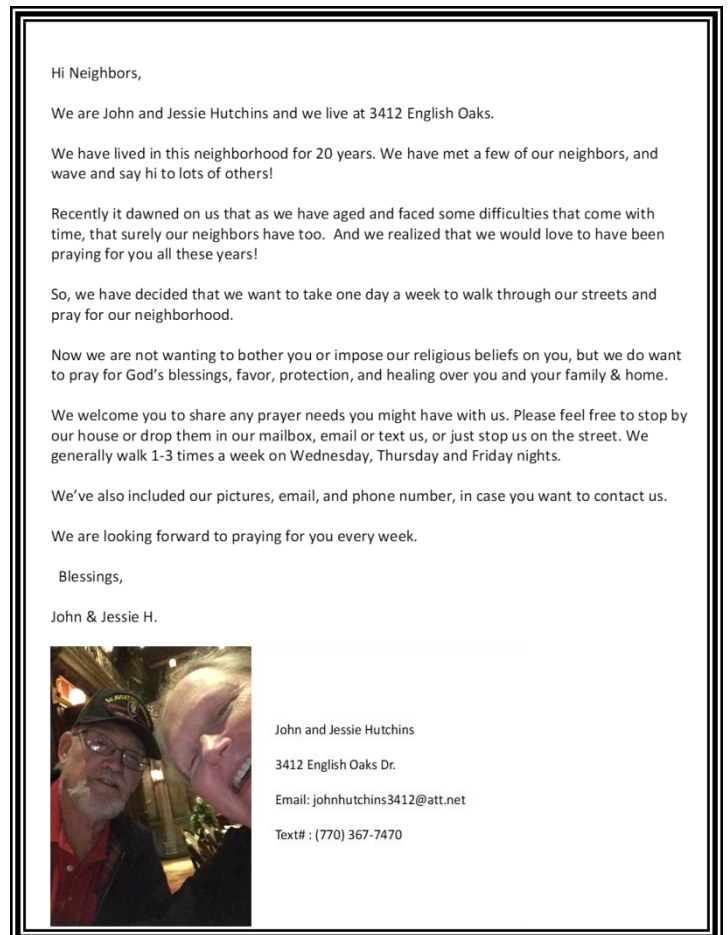
John and Jessie Hutchins

3412 English Oaks Dr.

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Note that their actual letter had a nice border to it.



Pain,

Gifts, &

Interesting Questions

are **DOWNHILL Slopes**

into **People’s Hearts!**



- People **WANT** to share their **Pains** with a **Caring Person!**
 - People **LOVE** to receive **Gifts!**
 - Interesting Questions are the **Ultimate Compliment** & the **Perfect Transition** to the Gospel
- It is important to always remember that people’s hearts are **ALREADY open** in these three areas!

This section will teach you how to become a **MASTER** at asking interesting questions!

1. Ask PERMISSION to ASK a Question! (4 Sub-Points for Tip # 1)

i. For 40+ years I have seen that the most GRACIOUS question is to ask:
“May I ask permission to ask a personal question?”

- I have used those words **tens of thousands** of times and have **NEVER** had anyone turn me down on this request.
- They are **ten times** more **open** and honored that I asked permission.
- I am also more **cautious, gracious** and **kind** in my questions.
- Thus, when I see a friend, whom I normally encourage, who seems **discouraged** or **down**, I say these words and then **follow up with another question** such as:

“You seem a little down. May I ask if anything is bothering you?”

*May I
ask permission
to ask
a personal question?*



ii. Once you start asking personal questions, going DEEPER while continuing to use PHRASES that imply requesting permission OPENS UP the conversation.

- **“May I ask** how you are **doing emotionally** with this situation?
- **“This is a really personal question. Is it OK if I ask** if your **Mom’s reaction** is **bothering** you?
- **“May I ask** if you are **battling fear** or **anger** over this situation?”
- **“May I ask why** you **didn’t want to see them?**”

Deeper

iii. It is now EASY to ask permission to add them to your PRAYER LIST.

- I am so touched by your situation.
- **“May I ask** if it is **OK with you** if I add you to my **daily prayer list** and **CHECK BACK** to see how you (and your son,) (and your Mom,) (and your health etc.) are doing?

☞ PRAYER LIST ☞
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Col. 4:6 MSG Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech.



iv. Questions are a FANTASTIC way to Cut Off

LONG-WINDED people AND Win their Hearts!

- Some people are long winded simply because they **DON'T** know **HOW** to finish a story.
- When you ask them a personal interesting question, you enable them to move on to the next subject.
- It is a **COMPLIMENT** when you **INTERRUPT** with **Questions** like this:
"If I hear your heart.....! Is that correct?" *That is fascinating! May I ask another question...?"*
- THEY feel **satisfied, loved, heard** and **valued** AND YOU are able to **move on** after a **short** period of time with clear conclusions.
- You **ENJOYED** your dialogue with them & gained insights through your **active** listening!
- The more they **WEARY** you → the **SOONER** you go to the great **TRANSITION** Questions!

2. TRANSITION Questions → Move them FORWARD!

There is a **reason** that there are **THREE** subtitles to this series and that **All Three** are listed on the business cards.

*Life: Am I Fulfilled? What am I Living For?
 What is my Life Purpose?*

These are questions everyone eventually asks.
 Our church has 2 messages that help people to answer these questions. We offer \$50 in Gift Cards to anyone who will listen to both messages and talk them through with a member.
 If you wanted to do that, I would be honored to be a sounding board to hear your thoughts. If you text "LIBERTY" to 88202 these 2 messages will download to your phone.

BACKWARDS Questions!

Sometimes, in our sympathy, we make the mistake of asking questions that move people **BACKWARDS!**
We ask:

- "Do you wonder where God is in your pain?"*
- "Do you feel alone?" "Are you feeling sad?"*

Without realizing it, we have encouraged people to feel **SORRY** for THEMSELVES, to **BLAME** God and to believe that it is **GOD** who should be **moving more!**

The power of these Great Transition Questions is that they **TRULY ARE** questions that **EVERYONE** eventually asks.

This makes it really easy for you to say: *"May I ask another question...?"*

*"May I ask if **ALL** of this **PAIN** you have faced has caused you to wrestle through any of the **DEEP QUESTIONS** of life such as:..... **"What is MY PURPOSE in Life?"***

These questions have the implication that it is the **job** of the **person** in **PAIN** to **use** this pain as an **OPPORTUNITY** to evaluate their life. They can leverage this pain to move **forward** in ways they **never would** when life is easy.

In the words of C.S. Lewis: **"God is SHOUTING to them in their PAIN!"**

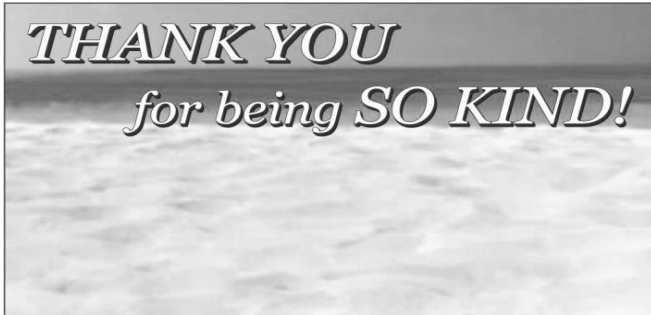
3. Ministry opportunities that are ONE TIME Interactions or for NON-Pain interactions

These three transition questions are so powerful and gripping that they open up other opportunities for you.

You may have a waiter who opens their heart to you about pains or passions in their life. This card permits you to write your name and cell # on the front and to make the offer in a brief interaction while letting them think about it.

You may also have a friend who is **NOT** in any **current pain** but is a **Deep Thinker**. If you asked these three questions to **any 100** people → **25-40%** of them would be **intrigued, curious** and **hungry** to know answers to those questions for their own personal life.

4. Use the **Business Cards!**



We give GREAT gifts. Things like the “Griefshare Devotional” and the “Imagine Heaven” book are awesome gifts. However, the greatest gift will always be to get someone to open their heart to the **power of God’s Word!** God’s Word has **more power to change the human heart than all of man’s thoughts combined.**

The gripping questions on “Fulfillment” & “Life Purpose” are easy transitions from almost any conversation. When you add the **\$50 gift card offer** and the **Convenience & Quality** of the business card, you have many open doors.

WHY the CARDS

- i. **YOU** remember the **words** & the **Details** of the **Offer!**
- ii. **THEY** remember the **words** & the **Details** of the **Offer!**
- iii. The questions are **HAUNTING**.....
 - They **FIT** this **End Times, Noisy, Overwhelmed, Thirsty** generation!
 - The more you **READ** them, the more they **RESONATE** in your **soul!!**
- iv. Communicates **Quality, Value, Intentionality, & Seriousness of Purpose!**
- v. Beach = **REFLECTIVE!**
- vi. Because the card gives the **DETAILS** – you can spend time **Hearing** their **MOTIVES**
 - 1. **Time** → Leave this on your **BATHROOM MIRROR** and ask yourself these **3 QUESTIONS** for **ONE WEEK!**
 - 2. **Challenge** → These 2 messages may **OVERWHELM** you!
They are **NOT Milk / NOT a Sandwich / Like - 30 ounce steak!** / Maybe **more** than you have **processed** in **ten years!**
 - 3. **Healing** → You have **SUFFERED** a **LOT** of **PAIN!**
This may be **God** wanting to **HEAL** your pain and give **VALUE** to how you have **Responded**
 - 4. **Money** → **Details** of the Gift Cards. Great **Value** of the **Food & Prices!**
 - 5. **Friendship** → I would so **ENJOY** **chatting with you** as we **talked** about these **messages!** I **LOVE** **spending time** with you!
- vii. Increases **TEN-FOLD** the **Effectiveness** and **Ease** of your **Verbal offer!** *(Always write your first name & cell # on the front beach)*

5. Study the Dale Carnegie book: **“How to Win Friends & Influence People”**

If **bringing people to Christ** makes you **HUNGRY** to have **HIGH people skills**, this book by Carnegie is the most effective book ever written on people skills. The results of studying this book while doing the Evangelism Mentoring group is that you have a permanent increase in your **success** in your **careers, marriage, parenting** and all **relationships**. Most of all, you will be more effective in winning **hearts** for **Christ**.

In our **Lending Library** we have copies of Dale Carnegie’s book that people can **Borrow**.

Reading at least one chapter a day of God’s Word is one of the most important and foundational commitments. To facilitate success we provide some tips and ideas to make it easy for each person to be faithful in this commitment!

1. **Hook a Habit with a Habit – Read at the same time every day!**

In a crazy, stress-filled schedule, very few people have the luxury of being able to set aside time to read. If we learn to use the times already given to us we will be easily consistent.

Here are the main times that work for most people!

- i. **Breakfast** – This only works if you actually sit still every day for breakfast or a cup of coffee or some type of morning drink.
- ii. **Bed Time** – This only works if you do not have a TV in your bedroom and if you have a hard time going to sleep.
- iii. **Lunch** – This only works if you have a lunch time when you can sit and have some privacy.
- iv. **Work Break** – Some people have work situations that provide normal ten minute pauses that are perfect for Bible reading. For these people they find a backup plan for the days they don’t work.
- v. **Toilet** – This is the most common and most effective time for most people. If you tend to use the same toilet area each day for your toilet time, then you can leave your Bible in that area and be consistent in your Bible reading every day for decades.

2. **Have a BACK-UP plan – with a SECOND Bible!**

Life always throws us a few high waves of water. If we are wise then we plan in advance for these surprises and surf them to higher places. By purchasing a second Bible and placing this Bible in your second location that fits your back up plan, you are covered if something goes wrong with your normal daily Bible reading plan.

3. **Have a PARTNER for sharing!**

If you have a mate, son, daughter or friend who would be willing to read the same chapter each day that you read and then you text each other one verse and why you liked it, the joy and level of application grows explosively in your daily Bible reading.

4. **Mark or Write in your Bible**

If you do not have a partner for sharing, the next best option is to commit to always underline, star, comment or write a star by at least one verse in your reading. This increases your attentiveness and retention levels and moves you from reading to meditating on God’s Word.

5. **Read Systematically!**

The best reading plans involve reading through the New Testament every year and then systematically reading Proverbs daily. In addition, you can always take a break and read specific books in the Old Testament at any time. The Bible says that the Old Testament is the shadow and the New Testament is the reality or fulfillment.

6. **Consider a Life Application Bible**

The Life Application Bible has absolutely fascinating notes on every page that relate directly to the verses on that page. It is similar to the same information that students receive in a Bible College Education. It can provide great insights and context for the daily reading.

Prayer is the power source in the One Year Mutual Mentoring Discipleship Group. This is the gas in the engine that makes everything work! Both Jesus and John the Baptist taught their disciples how to pray. It is a legitimate need in most Christians lives for others to provide them teaching tools that make their prayer time powerful and effective!

1. Instrumental Music – Praying OUT LOUD!

Many people make the mistake of thinking that they can listen to regular worship music which includes singing while they pray. This does not work for anyone. The singing distracts and we wind up listening and not praying.

Instrumental music helps us open our mouths and pray out loud. When we pray out loud, our prayers are more focused & faith-filled. Our minds stay clear and our spirits become filled with the Holy Spirit! The easiest free way to get some good Christian instrumental worship music is to get the free “Spotify” App and to download both the “*Instrumental Christian Meditation*” & the “*Instrumental Christian Worship*” playlists.

2. Hook a Habit with a Habit – Pray while doing something else!

In a crazy, stress-filled schedule very few people have the luxury of being able to set aside time to pray. If we learn to use the times already given to us we will not only be consistent but we will pray much longer.

Here are the main times that work for most people!

- i. **Showers** – This tends to be a favorite. Laminating a prayer structure or memory chapter and posting them on the shower wall helps!
- ii. **Daily Commute** – This is a favorite and can turn one hour of drudgery into your best hour of the day!
- iii. **Lunch or Work Break – Take a Short Walk** – Even a 5 minute prayer walk can invigorate both body and spirit
- iv. **Laundry or House Cleaning** – Laundry is the favorite but many people find great prayer power in many household chores.
- v. **Stretching & Exercise** – The more mindless the exercise, the more it is a gift created for prayer.

3. Prayer Structures

Jesus gave the Lord’s Prayer as a prayer structure of various subjects we can cover every day in prayer. The Armor of God was Paul’s prayer structure. Biblical prayer structures allow us to be flexible, creative and to hear from the Holy Spirit. They also allow us to remain in prayer for longer periods of time.

Here are five options for prayer structures.

- i. **ABCDE** – This is the main one that we ask of every person in the Mutual Mentoring Discipleship Group.
- ii. **The Armor of God** I give free copies of my book Prayers Answered Immediately to anyone who wishes to learn how to pray God’s Armor daily. I also strongly recommend the six sermon series on our website <https://www.libertychurch.org/series/110> titled: “Righteousness – God’s Breastplate”. Those six messages contain a lot of extra information not in the book.
- iii. **Chapters of God’s Word** – Chapter 12 & Appendix B of my book gives the back story of how memorizing a chapter of God’s Word each year & quoting these chapters out loud is the most powerful prayer weapon ever.
- iv. **Stormie Omartian Prayer Book’s** If you are willing to spend a few dollars, Stormie’s books are the gold standard of prayer books in the body of Christ. She has the **Power of a Praying:** 1) Wife 2) Husband 3) Parent 4) Woman 5) Grandparent 6) Teen 7) Kid 8) Couple She also has the following books on prayer: 9) 10 Minutes To Powerful Prayer 10) Transforming Love: How Intimacy with God Will Enrich Your Life and Relationships 11) Lead Me, Holy Spirit Prayer and Study Guide: Longing to Hear the Voice of God 12) Powerful Prayers for Troubled Times 13) Praying God’s Will for Your Life: A Prayerful Walk to Spiritual Well Being 14) The Power of Prayer to Change Your Marriage Book of Prayers 15) Prayer Warrior: The Power of Praying Your Way to Victory
- v. **Pray Your Way Through The Scriptures! Kindle Edition** This is a free kindle version of NINE different books teaching you how to pray the words of 1) Jesus 2) Acts 3) Romans 4&5) I & II Corinthians 6) Galatians 7) Ephesians 8) Philippians & 9) Colossians

You have a **Team**



This team of close friends will make a massive difference when you are struggling and praying about whether someone whom you have touched is ready to take a step forward spiritually. They will be your perfect sounding board of encouraging, faith filled friends.

We have covered in-depth that a majority of times you will simply invite this friend to church. For many people a **Special Service** is a time when they **WANT** to come to a church! Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day & Memorial Day are examples of times when people are more eager to come to church.

In this section we cover some ideas of how you can approach a situation when inviting them to church is not an option.

We also present some follow up and dialogue points for **DURING** your study with them.

1. If Church is **NOT** an option – an offer to go through the “LIFE” study together!

i. An Email, Text or Hand written note!

- “What I **appreciate** about you”
- “The **hunger** I see in your heart”
- “I wanted to ask a **favor** – would you be willing to go through these three messages with me on Life & the hunger for fulfillment?”
- “I would **love to treat** you to lunch after each one”
- “I would **enjoy** having **extra time** to be with you as a **friend**.” ☆☆☆ This is a really important and effective phrase!

ii. A personal appeal verbally

- **Same words** and **phrases** as in the written note.
- “Send them the “Life” series by texting them the series through the share button on our Church App.

2. Follow Up & Dialogue points **DURING** the study.

i. Can we plan on next Tuesday at ??? Restaurant at 11:30 for lunch?

- “May I text you the night before to confirm our lunch and to confirm that you heard the message?”
- Actually text two days before to confirm both points.

ii. First message

- Always - **Offer a copy of the book – Imagine Heaven**
- Share - “I do think that True Life is found in LOVE and I do agree that love BEGINS with loving those who HATE you.”
- Share - “I couldn’t do that in my own power. I see myself as an extension cord of Jesus love.”
- Share - “I LOVE Jesus because he gave me LIFE!”
- Share other areas where you searched for life among the first six areas.

iii. Second message

- Share - “Actually TRYING to be a pure person in your own life and how it caused a DESPERATE craving for life because you saw the FULL EMPTINESS of your own inability to have Life or Goodness”.
- Share - “Once I knew that all of me apart from God was death, I never turned back!”