

**Temple Prayer Walking Journal**  
*(Adapted from the R.E.A.C.H. Worldwide Ministries model)*

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for...

**Makes Jesus Known**

- For the lost, to recognize the truth of the Gospel
- For myself, to overcome my personal barriers to sharing the Gospel
- For the Church, to have a burden for the lost

**Prays Continually**

- For the lost, to seek God in prayer
- For myself, to pray for God's will to be done over my own
- For the Church, to pray in agreement with one another for the salvation of the lost

**Worships God**

- For the lost, to be saved and commit to growing as a disciple of Jesus
- For myself, to share the Gospel as an expression of my gratitude for Jesus
- For the Church, to be the example to the lost of how to live for God

**Serves Others**

- For the lost, to experience real love through God and His Church
- For myself, to love God first and then love people as I love myself
- For the Church, in being less inwardly focused and more outwardly focused

**Shares Joyfully**

- For the lost, to be receptive of the Gospel
- For myself, to be generous with my time and/or meet physical and spiritual needs
- For the Church, to be unified in using our resources, given by God, to reach the lost

**Meets Together**

- For the lost, to be open to share what they believe while hearing what we believe
- For myself, to join in the work reaching our city with the Gospel
- For the Church, to encourage and be encouraged by each other to share the Gospel

**Lives By The Bible**

- For the lost, to be freed from any false view of Christianity or God's Word
- For myself, to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures to evangelize
- For the Church, to do all of the above in accordance with God's Word, not man's wisdom

Record any...

Observations:

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Prayer Requests:

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## Overcoming Barriers to Personal Evangelism

Identify your barrier(s):

### Barrier of Fear

- The fear of man. I am afraid of what people will think of me, losing friends, pushing someone I love away, being persecuted or rejected. People will see me differently.

### Barrier of Apathy

- I do not care about the lost. I am not burdened for those who will go to Hell.

### Barrier of Ignorance

- I do not know enough of the Bible or how to defend what I believe. I don't know how to share the Gospel or my testimony.

### Barrier of Introspection

- I am not worthy or qualified to talk about God with someone. I am dealing with my own sinful desires. I am a hypocrite.

### Barrier of Busyness

- I do not have time to share my faith. Life is too demanding for me to take the time to evangelize.

In your groups, talk through solutions to each barrier. Then ask God to help you work on this.

My Personal Barriers	What I am committing to do about it

## 7 Ways To Turn Your Small Group In An Outward Direction

By Chuck Lawless posted March 11, 2024 in [baptistpress.com](http://baptistpress.com)

The longer a church small group is in existence, the more likely it is the group will have turned inwardly. They don't move in that direction on purpose, but it happens. The fellowship is great. The ministry needs among the faithful attenders are many. The group feels comfortable—and seldom do they think intentionally about being outwardly focused. If that's where your small group is, here are some ways you might turn the group outwardly:

1. **As leaders, set the example.** In more than 25 years of studying churches in North America, I've never seen a strongly evangelistic, outwardly-focused small group without a leader (or leaders) whose heart beats in that direction. Groups simply follow their leaders in an inward direction.
2. **Pray Ephesians 6:18-20 and Colossians 4:2-4 for each other.** These texts show the apostle Paul's request that others pray for him to speak the gospel boldly and clearly as God gave opportunity. If Paul needed that kind of prayer support, you and I do, too – and getting your group members to pray intentionally for each other this way can make a difference.
3. **Tell your gospel stories to each other.** I'm continually amazed by how many people we worship with and attend small group with *but do not know how God saved them*. We hang out with them, study the Word with them, sit with them in church, but we've never heard their testimony. I'm convinced we will tell our testimony to more non-believers if we first share our stories with one another—so build a brief testimony time into your gatherings.
4. **Pray for at least one unreached person *by name* each time your group gathers.** Think not only about the people who *are* present, but give prayerful attention to someone who *isn't there*, likely because they don't know Jesus. If you pray for a different person each time you gather, your group will begin to think beyond themselves.
5. **Plan at least two annual activities designed particularly to invite non-believers to hang out with your group.** Plan the event with that goal in mind. Challenge your group members to identify people they intend to invite. When non-believers hang out with believers in a time of fellowship and fun, outwardly-focused relationships begin to develop—and opportunities to share the gospel may arise.
6. **Have two maps available each time you meet – one of your city, and one of the world – and pray specifically for a part of your city and one nation of the world.** The maps themselves say, “The world around us is bigger than we are” and “There are a lot of people to reach.” Help group members think beyond themselves by this outwardly-focused, map-centered praying.
7. **Be amazed by Jesus.** This one may be the most important step to take. Read the Gospels, and here's what you'll find: people who are amazed by Jesus talk about Him. Wonder leads to proclamation. On the other hand, we won't be outwardly focused if we've lost our astonishment over Jesus. If you're leading a small group but Jesus has become so routine to you that you don't talk about Him to non-believers, I challenge you to confess your heart. Ask God to fill you with wonder again—and then go talk about Him as you lead others in your group to do the same.