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TELLING YOUR STORY
Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take time to do the following three things:

Read: *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*

- Chapter 12 - “Telling Your Story”

Pray: Thank God for the people He put in your life to pray for you, reach out to you, and help you come to faith in Jesus. Thank God for the time you became a follower of Jesus, and for how He has changed your life since then.

Action: Write your testimony in one hundred words or less. See the examples in chapter 12 of *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*. Be ready to read this testimony in your Cluster meeting. Also, be ready to share a longer version of your testimony and also to share a testimony about a way God has shown His power and presence in your life within the past few weeks.

Infusion Focus

In this Cluster meeting we will talk about and learn more about sharing your story of coming to faith in Jesus and also sharing testimonies of God’s work in your life today. We will discover the power of our story of conversion and our stories of God’s presence, power, and protection in our daily life.





Opening Prayer

Pray: Ask God to give you clarity of mind so you can articulate your testimony with boldness, grace, and power. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with wonder and awe at the amazing things God has done, and is doing in your life.
(3 minutes)



The One-Degree Rule: Four Minutes to Share It (8 minutes)

Break into pairs and share.

- What was your personal outreach temperature over the past month?
- Who is one person you are seeking to reach with the Gospel of Jesus?
- What is your ministry outreach temperature?
- What are you doing to raise your personal or ministry outreach temperature by one degree?

My Infusion Strategy: Follow-up (5 minutes)

In your pairs take two minutes to share how you have been implementing your OIT infusion into your Level 4 leaders.



Share: Have a couple of your cluster members share a testimony of how God has moved in their life. Base it around one of these prompts:

(5 minutes)

- I experienced God's presence in my life when...
- God showed His power in my life when He...
- I know God protected me when...



Learning Theme: Your Testimony

Review the three stories at the beginning of chapter 12 in *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*. (12 minutes)

Discuss:

- How can one person have three testimonies?
- What are some of the different testimonies you have?

Discuss:

Discuss each of these helpful reminders that a Christian should remember when they tell their conversion story:

- Ask for permission and don't be pushy
- Use ordinary language
- Start briefly and expand as it is appropriate
- Highlight your experience of God's presence and power
- Clearly present the before and after
- Share the source of lasting life-transformation...Jesus
- Let joy shine through
- Communicate with humility
- Remember you have many testimonies
- Why are each of these reminders important?
- Which reminder do you need the most?

Action: Sharing My Testimony (20 minutes)

- Read your 100-word testimony
- Share your conversion testimony (using the reminders above)
- Share a testimony of a recent way you have experienced God's presence and power



Planning

Discussion and Collaboration (5 minutes)

- Reflect on how you can incorporate more testimonies into your church rhythms.
- Discuss upcoming opportunities to use the power of stories to open the door for God's power to change lives.

My Infusion Strategy: How will I infuse what I learned this month into my Level 4 Ministry Leaders?

Identify:

Person/Group/Team

Write Down:

Infusion Strategy/Action

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (2 minutes)

- Boldness and opportunities to share your stories of faith in organic ways.
- Creativity in how you share the many stories of God's movement in your life with spiritually curious friends and family members.



Pray: Ask God to give you clarity of mind so you can articulate your testimony with boldness, grace, and power. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with wonder and awe at the amazing things God has done, and is doing in your life. (1 minute)



Two Minutes to Share It: The One-Degree Rule (5 minutes)

- What was your personal outreach temperature over the past month?
 - Who is one person you are seeking to reach with the Gospel of Jesus?
 - What is your ministry outreach temperature?
 - What are you doing to raise your personal or ministry outreach temperature by one degree?
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Share: Have a cluster member share a testimony of how God has moved in their life. Base it around one of these prompts:

(3 minutes)

- experienced God's **presence** in my life when...
- God showed His **power** in my life when He...
- I know God **protects** me when...



Learning Theme: Your Testimony

Read the three stories at the beginning of chapter 12 in *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*. (8 minutes)

Discuss:

- How can one person have three testimonies?
- What are some of the different testimonies you have?

Discuss:

Discuss each of these helpful reminders that a Christian should remember when they tell their conversion story:

- Ask for permission and don't be pushy
- Use ordinary language
- Start briefly and expand as it is appropriate
- Highlight your experience of God's presence and power
- Clearly present the before and after
- Share the source of lasting life-transformation...Jesus
- Let joy shine through
- Communicate with humility
- Remember, you have many testimonies

Why are each of these reminders important?

Which reminder do you need the most?

Action: My Testimony (8 minutes)

- Share your conversion testimony (using the reminders above) in just a couple of minutes
- Share a testimony of a recent way you have experienced God's presence and power



Group Discussion and Collaboration (4 minutes)

- What is coming up in your church in the next three to six months that is focused on outreach?
- How can you engage in this ministry to help you bear great kingdom fruit?
- How can you be praying for this outreach opportunity?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (1 minute)

- Boldness and opportunities to share your stories of faith in organic ways.
- Creativity in how you share the many stories of God's movement in your life with spiritually curious friends and family members.



Pray: Ask God to give you clarity of mind so you can articulate your testimony with boldness, grace, and power. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with wonder and awe at the amazing things God has done, and is doing in your life. (1 minute)



The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It
(2 minutes)

Break into pairs and share.

- What was your personal outreach temperature over the past month?
 - Who is one person you are seeking to reach with the Gospel of Jesus?
 - What are you doing to raise your outreach temperature by one degree?
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Share: Have someone share a testimony of how God has moved in their life based on one of these prompts:
(2 minutes)

- I experienced God's presence in my life when...
 - God showed His power in my life when He...
I know God protected me when...
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Learning Theme: My Testimony (7 minutes)

Have a couple of people share how they encountered and gave their life to Jesus.



Group Discussion and Collaboration (2 minutes)

What is one event or ministry coming up in your church in the next three to six months that is focused on outreach?

- How can you engage in this ministry to help you bear great kingdom fruit?
 - How can you be praying for this outreach opportunity?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (1 minute)

- Boldness and opportunities to share your stories of faith in organic ways.
- Creativity in how you share the many stories of God's movement in your life with spiritually curious friends and family members.