

INFUSION # 12

TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS

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 13) Sharing the Good News

Pray: Ask God to help you notice fresh new places and settings where you can share the beautiful story of Jesus. Ask God to give you the discipline to learn many ways to share the powerful story of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and offer of an eternal relationship with Him!

Action: Practice sharing the Gospel in two different ways this month (using the examples found in chapter 12 of *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*, or other ways you have learned to tell the story of Jesus). Be prepared to share the Gospel with your one-on-one leader during your upcoming meeting.

Infusion Focus

The "Good News" of Jesus needs to be shared at the appropriate time, both in our personal relationships and our church's programs and events. This will take proper thoughtfulness and preparation in both areas. In this infusion, we will gain understanding of ways to share the Gospel in our personal lives and ministry context.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: 1 Peter 3:15 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Ask God to give you clarity of thought and words as you practice sharing the message of Jesus in clear and simple ways. Invite the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share the Good news of Jesus in the flow of your life.



The One-Degree Rule: Five Minutes to Share It (10 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 and how have you been able to articulate truths of Jesus or the message of the Gospel?
- 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 (2 minutes)

Take a couple of minutes to tell your OIT Leader how you have been infusing your Level 4 leaders with outreach.



Share: Tell about a time someone shared the story of Jesus with you on your journey of faith and coming to follow the Savior.
How did their willingness to tell you about Jesus help you draw closer to the Savior?
(8 minutes)



Learning Theme: Sharing the Gospel (28 minutes)

Discussion:

- Talk together about the various ways to share the gospel that are presented in *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People* (Chapter 13).
- What connects for you in each presentation, and what kind of people could you share this message with?
- The Gospel GOGO (God's Love, Our Need, God's Solution, Our Response)
- The Record Book
- The Romans Road
- Do-vs-Done
- The ABCs of Salvation
- The Bridge of Life

Practice: Each of you (Outreach Influence Team Leader and Team Member) share the Gospel in a way that is most natural to you. After each presentation of the Gospel, talk together about what connected and worked well and what could be presented with greater clarity.

Learning Theme: Crossing the Line of Faith

Practice leading each other in a prayer to accept Jesus. Use the ideas, outline, and tools found toward the end of chapter 13 of *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*.



Planning

Discussion and Collaboration: (4 minutes)

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... (5 minutes)

- Thank God for the power and gift of His Good News.
- Ask for opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus in the coming week.
- Give praise to God for specific people who shared the Gospel message with you in organic and effective ways.



Read: 1 Peter 3:15 (2 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Ask God to give you clarity of thought and words as you practice sharing the message of Jesus in clear and simple ways. Invite the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share the Good news of Jesus in the flow of your life.



The One-Degree Rule: Two Minutes to Share It
(5 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, and how have you been able to articulate truths of Jesus or the message of the Gospel?
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Share: Have a group member tell about a time someone shared the story of Jesus with them on their journey of faith and coming to follow the Savior.

How did this person's willingness to tell you about Jesus help you draw closer to the Savior?
(6 minutes)



Learning Theme: Sharing the Gospel (10 minutes)

Have someone read (out loud) the section titled “The Best News Ever” about God’s Love, Our Need, God’s Solution, and Our Response. It is found near the beginning of chapter 13 in *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*. Discuss why each of these four elements is important when we share the Gospel of Jesus:

- God’s Love
- Our Need
- God’s Solution
- Our Response

Learning Theme: Crossing the Line of Faith

Have a group member give a model of leading someone in a prayer to accept Jesus.



Group Discussion and Collaboration (4 minutes)

- Who is one person you deeply desire to see come to faith in Jesus and what is one next step you will take in seeking to share the story of Jesus with this person?
 - How can your group members be praying for you to take this step forward?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (3 minutes)

- Thank God for the power and gift of His Good News.
- Ask for opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus in the coming week.
- Give praise to God for specific people who shared the Gospel message with you in organic and effective ways.



Read: 1 Peter 3:15 (1 minute)

Pray: Invite the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share the Good news of Jesus in the flow of your life.



The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It (3 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 and how have you been able to articulate truths of Jesus or the message of the Gospel?
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Share: Have a group member tell about a time someone shared the story of Jesus with them on their journey of faith and coming to follow the Savior. How did this person's willingness to tell you about Jesus help you draw closer to the Savior?
(2 minutes)



Learning Theme: Sharing the Gospel (6 minutes)

- Have someone read (out loud) the section titled “Do Versus Done” to your group. It is found in the middle of chapter 13 in *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*.
- How could this simple gospel presentation help a person grow in their understanding of Jesus and be drawn toward Him?



Group Discussion and Collaboration (2 minutes)

- Who is one person you deeply desire to see come to faith in Jesus and what is one next step you will take in seeking to share the story of Jesus with this person?
- How can your group members be praying for you to take this step forward?

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

- Give praise to God for specific people who shared the Gospel message with you in organic and effective ways.