

I N F U S I O N # 2

LOVE, LOVE, AND MORE LOVE

Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

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

Read: (Plan 15-20 minutes for all of the reading before your infusion time.)

- Selections from: *Organic Outreach for Churches* (Chapters 1-3)
 - Getting Back to Your First Love (Page 25)
 - Three Critical Questions... (Page 30)
 - Humble Hearts and Heroic Sacrifices (Page 37)
 - What We Have, What They Have (Page 38)
 - Loving the Church (Page 50)
- Selection from: *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People* (Chapter 1)
 - Growing a Heart of Love (Page 29)

Pray: Ask God to help you love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and pray that you can learn to love your neighbor as yourself. Pray for a deep love for the church you attend, other churches in your community, and the Body of Christ all over the world.

Action: Our love for God is the only thing more important than our love for others. Reflect on how you are growing in your love for God. As we become more and more committed to loving the lost, what are some of the sacrifices we may have to make personally? What sacrifices might we have to make as a church?

Infusion Focus

In this Infusion, we will discuss the importance of loving God, loving the lost, and loving our church. We'll also be taking a look at the steps we can take toward moving God's heart for the lost deeper into our lives and our area of ministry.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: Luke 15:4-7 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: For a heart that loves God deeply and extends His love to others. Also, pray that God's heart for the lost will permeate your soul and your entire church congregation or ministry.



Share: Invite 2-3 members of your Outreach Influence Team to share an outreach story from their life or area of ministry that happened since the last time you met. (8 minutes)



The One-Degree Rule: Five Minutes to Share It
(10 minutes)

Break into pairs and use The One-Degree Rule to infuse outreach accountability. Use a timer and give each person five 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?

Follow-up:

Have two or three group members give a one-minute report on a step they took in the past thirty days to connect more closely with a lost person in their life. (4 minutes)



Learning Themes: Love God, Love the World, and Love the Church

Discuss: (10 minutes)

- What struck you about the foundational importance of loving God when you read the sections from the Organic Outreach books as you prepared for this infusion?
- What can we do to grow our relationship with God and love Him more?
- What can we do to increase our love for lost people and show them the powerful presence and love of Jesus?
- What are specific and practical ways we can love the Church more, like Jesus does?

Read: Luke 15:1-10 (10 minutes)

- What do you learn about the importance of searching for lost things and what does this teach us about evangelism?
- Describe the heart and spirit that should capture each of us when a lost person comes home to Jesus. How would you respond if someone you love (that you have been praying for and sharing Jesus with) accepted the grace and leadership of Jesus in their life?
- What happens in the heart of God and in heaven every time someone places their faith in Jesus?



Group Discussion and Collaboration:

Discuss: (10 minutes)

- What are the ways you are growing in personal outreach?
- What is one specific step you will take this week to grow in one of these areas: your love for God, lost sheep, or the Church?
- What are ways you can influence outreach within your area of ministry and to those who serve with you in the church or your ministry? What step will you take this month?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (5 minutes)

- Hearts that love God, the lost, and the Church with growing passion.
- Your own life to be engaged in outreach and sharing the Good News of Jesus.
- The leaders and the entire church congregation that you attend to get the vision and begin living Organic Outreach (natural evangelism).



Read: Luke 15:4-7 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: God's heart for the lost will permeate your soul and your entire church congregation or ministry.



Share: Invite 1 person to share an outreach story from their life or area of ministry that happened since the last time you met.
(5 minutes)



The One-Degree Rule: Three Minutes to Share It
(7 minutes)

Break into pairs, use a timer, and give each person three minutes to 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 steps can you take to move forward on your spiritual journey with this person?
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Learning Theme: Love God, Love the World, and Love the Church

Discuss: (5 minutes)

- What makes it hard to love people in our world who are resistant or rebellious toward Jesus, and how can we press past these roadblocks?
- What can we do to grow our relationship with God and love Him more?

Read: Luke 15:8-10 (5 minutes)

- What do you learn about the importance of searching for lost things and what does this teach us about evangelism?
 - Describe the heart and spirit that should capture each of us when a lost person comes home to Jesus? How would you respond if someone you love (that you have been praying for and sharing Jesus with) accepted the grace and leadership of Jesus in their life?
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Discuss: (4 minutes)

What is one specific step you will take this week to grow in one of these areas: your love for God, lost sheep, or the Church?

Closing Prayer: (1 minute)

- Have someone close in prayer. Ask God to give His people hearts that love Him, the lost, and the Church with growing passion.



Read: Luke 15:4-7 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Invite a group member to pray that God's heart for the lost will permeate your souls and your entire church congregation or ministry.



Learning Theme: Love God, Love the World, and Love the Church

(4 minutes for Scripture and discussion)

Read: Luke 15:8-10

Discuss:

- What do you learn about the importance of searching for lost things, and what does this teach us about evangelism?
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Share:
(2 minutes)

- Who is one unbelieving person God has placed in your life?
 - Where are they in their spiritual journey?
 - Share what it would mean to you if this person embraced Jesus as Savior .
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The One-Degree Rule: A Minute to Share It (2 minutes)

Break into pairs and share for one minute each.

- What was your personal outreach temperature over the past month and who is one person you are seeking to reach with the Gospel of Jesus?
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Discuss: (3 minutes)

- What is one specific step you will take this week to grow in one of these areas: your love for God, lost sheep, or the Church?
 - What are ways you can influence outreach within your area of ministry and to those who serve with you in the church or your ministry, and what step will you take this month?
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Closing Prayer: (1 minute)

- Have one person pray that the temperature of outreach will go up in your lives.