

I N F U S I O N # 3

THE ESSENTIAL PLACE OF TRUTH (GOD'S WORD)

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 3 - "Embracing the Bible and Truth"

Pray: Ask God to give you a fresh hunger for His Word and a deeper commitment to the truth of Scripture. Pray for your whole church to be rooted in the truth of God in this confused world.

Action: Ask yourself if you are following God's truth with commitment and passion, and if you are making a study of Scripture a priority in your life.

Infusion Focus

In this One-on-One, we will focus on the importance of commitment to the Bible and doctrine that is faithful to the teaching of Scripture. The mission of Jesus and the call to make disciples of all nations comes directly from the Bible. To be a church that is committed to discipleship and evangelism, we must cherish the Word of God!





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: Psalm 119:97-112 (4 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Pray for renewed passion for the Scriptures and commitment to resist any compromise of God's Word. Ask God to help each person on your Outreach Influence Team love the Word of God and hunger to follow what God teaches in the Bible.



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?
 - How does reading the Bible and learning God's story through history grow your desire to reach out to people who are far from Jesus?
 - What are you doing to raise your personal or ministry outreach temperature by one degree?
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Share: Take time for each of you to share an outreach story from your personal outreach or ministry area. Share how the truth of Scripture was part of this God-led encounter. Share one Bible passage that raises your temperature for reaching out to others with the Gospel of Jesus. (10 minutes)



Learning Theme: Embracing The Bible and Truth (20 minutes)

In chapter three of *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*, you focused on four of the core beliefs we must hold onto if we are going to be biblical Christians:

1. The love of God revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus.
2. People are lost without Jesus.
3. Salvation is found in Jesus alone.
4. Heaven and hell are real, and this truth should move us to share our faith.

Discuss:

- Why is deep conviction of the truth of these doctrines so important if we are going to reach out with the message and grace of Jesus?
 - If we really believe people are lost without Jesus, how should this impact our actions and words when we are with non-believing friends and family?
 - What are other doctrines that are core and essential as we follow Jesus and reach out to others?
 - How can belief in heaven and hell inspire us to be willing to shine the light of Jesus by sharing our stories of faith and God's story of grace found in Jesus' life, death and resurrection?
 - Why is doctrine important for a church and believers if we are going to stay focused on the Great Commission?
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Group Discussion and Collaboration (12 minutes)

- What is coming up in your area of ministry in the next three to six months that is focused on outreach, and how can others pray for you and support you in this outreach focus?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (4 minutes)

- Fresh awareness of the need for solid biblical beliefs, and the value of doctrine in our faith and outreach.
- Each member of your OIT to grow in their love for the Scriptures and to increase in their personal discipline of immersing themselves in the Bible on a daily basis.



Read: Psalm 119:97-104 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Pray for renewed passion for the Scriptures and commitment to resist any compromise of God's Word. Ask God to help each person on your Outreach Influence Team love the Word of God and hunger to follow what God teaches in the Bible.



The One-Degree Rule: Two Minutes to Share It
(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?
 - How does reading the Bible and learning God's story through history grow your desire to reach out to people who are far from Jesus?
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Share: Take time for one person to share an outreach story from their personal life or ministry. Share one Bible passage that raises your temperature for reaching out to others with the Gospel of Jesus.
(5 minutes)



Learning Theme: The Bible and Truth (10 minutes)

Here are four biblical teachings that will move a Christian to share their faith in natural ways:

1. The love of God is revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus.
2. People are lost without Jesus.
3. Salvation is found in Jesus alone.
4. Heaven and hell are real, and this truth should move us to share our faith.

Discuss:

- Why is deep conviction of the truth of these doctrines so important if we are going to reach out with the message and grace of Jesus?
 - If we really believe people are lost without Jesus, how should this impact our actions and words when we are with non-believing friends and family?
 - Why is doctrine important for the church and believers if we are going to stay focused on the Great Commission?
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Group Discussion and Collaboration (4 minutes)

- What is coming up in the church (or your ministry) in the next three months that is focused on outreach, and how can others pray for and support this outreach focus?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (3 minutes)

- Fresh awareness of the need for solid biblical beliefs and the value of doctrine in our faith and outreach.
- Each member of your ministry to grow in their love for the Scriptures and to increase in their personal discipline of immersing themselves in the Bible on a daily basis.



Read: Psalm 119:97-104 (1 minute for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: For renewed passion for the Scriptures and commitment to resist any compromise of God's Word.



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

- What was your personal outreach temperature over the past month?
 - How does reading the Bible and learning God's story through history grow your desire to reach out to people who are far from Jesus?
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Share: Take time for one person to share an outreach story from their personal life or ministry. Share one Bible passage that raises your temperature for reaching out to others with the Gospel of Jesus. (3 minutes)



Learning Theme: The Bible and Truth (4 minutes)

Here are three biblical teachings that should move a Christian to share their faith:

1. The love of God is revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus.
2. People are lost without Jesus.
3. Salvation is found in Jesus alone.
4. Heaven and hell are real, and this truth should move us to share our faith.

Discuss:

- Why is deep conviction of the truth of these doctrines so important if we are going to reach out with the message and grace of Jesus?
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Group Discussion and Collaboration (2 minutes)

What is coming up in the church (or your ministry) in the next three months that is focused on outreach, and how can others pray for and support this outreach focus?

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

- Each member of your ministry to grow in their love for the Scriptures, and to grow in their personal discipline of immersing themselves in the Bible on a daily basis.