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ignite your heart
for a broken world.



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Introduction

beckoned



Why?

It's probably the most-asked question in the world. Any parent of young children hears this question enough to make them dive headfirst into a pool of Goldfish crackers!

"Why?" may be a question that drives us crazy; yet sometimes, "Why?" is the right question to ask:

- Why drive someone who's sick to the doctor?
- Why would I pay for someone else's groceries?
- Why remind your teenage driver to stop when the light is red?

This series is all about "why." In fact, it's about what may be one of the most important "why" questions we Christians can ever ask.

"Why should I care about people who have not yet met Jesus?"

On the surface, the answer may seem obvious. It's a pretty basic principle of our faith that everyone needs Jesus. If we did a survey in any of our churches, the results would be overwhelmingly in favor of people

Though our feelings come
and go, God's love for us
does not.

— C.S. Lewis

knowing Him. After all, didn't Jesus say He came to seek and save the lost?

In fact, Jesus died for the whole world. Therefore, we can safely say that Jesus counts everyone as worth redeeming. We should, too.

If that's true, what's the disconnect? How do we explain the difference between what Christians believe to be true, and the number of us who actively share our faith? In fact, here are some disturbing "why" questions about our faith and behavior:

- Why is Christianity the only major religion in the U.S. that is shrinking?
- Why are fewer church leaders talking about faith-sharing than ever before?
- Why are there so many evangelism programs and so few people coming to Christ?
- Why do Americans spend more money every year on Halloween costumes for their pets than on reaching unreached people with the gospel?
- Why have only 52 percent of evangelical Christians shared their faith at least once in the last year?

The answer to these questions really comes down to one thing—*the heart*.

We're beginning a journey together—a light-on-the-guilt guide to a deeper appreciation of God's love for us; an honest discussion of the junk that gets in the way of us sharing that love with others; a biblical perspective on how to find a breakthrough in the power of God; and a comforting reassurance that we're not alone in these struggles.

This isn't a "how to" manual. There aren't any formulas or magic steps on how to lead someone to Jesus. This is meant to be an honest gut check. The fact is, there are a lot of things that get in the way of us sharing our faith in Christ. Yet all of them can be overcome—that is, if our hearts grow to a deeper understanding of God's love for us. After all, it was while we were lost, dead, without hope, that Christ died for us. Now that's true love!

As we journey through this course together, there are some goals for us to pray through and shoot for:

- Our hearts to be softened.
- Our spirits to be emboldened.
- Our obstacles to be overcome.
- Our passion to see others come to know Jesus to be ignited.

It may take painful honesty. You may be forced into some uncomfortable self-discovery. If you're serious, it may take a lot of prayer and soul-searching.

In the process, you may find a new revelation of God's love for you and for those who have yet to meet Him. With a truly open heart, you may find yourself so passionately in love with Jesus that wild horses can't contain how you show His love to others.

Sharing Christ with others is a natural result of our understanding of His love.

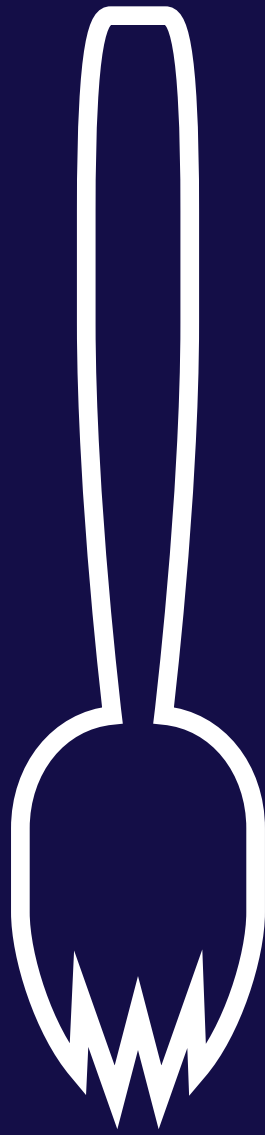
When you're done, we pray that what so many call the Great Commission will be viewed as the Great Privilege and Honor.

Thanks for taking the journey to boldness.

—The Bold Editorial Team

Session 1:

compelled



dig in

For God so loved the world...

The whole world! Every person who has ever lived! God's love for a broken world caused Him to do the unthinkable—sacrifice His only Son, the Son He loves eternally to provide an opportunity for every person to find freedom in Christ and salvation from an eternity separated from Him.

That kind of love is mind-blowing. It transcends the boundaries of what limited human minds can comprehend. At the same time, it is such a powerful truth that it has a transformational impact on our lives when we learn to live in it.

So let's pause and consider what this love really is and how it affects us. The love of God is very different from the kind of love the world talks about. Let's contrast them side by side and consider why the difference is so profound.

When we contrast the two, it's pretty clear that God's love is something beyond anything we can imagine, or certainly anything we deserve.

THE WORLD'S LOVE

is conditional.

If we do the right things, look the right way or have the right things, we will be lovable.

is something we feel.

It's a noun. If we don't feel it toward someone, we don't show it. It comes and goes like the tides in the ocean.

is self-serving.

What's in it for me? When the value I get from love is gone, so am I.

demands to be pursued.

We want to find the love of our life, or the love of parents, relatives or friends, and we work tirelessly to attain it.

is permissive.

Anything goes. Accountability doesn't exist in the world's love—just emotion that can lead to disaster.

is temporary at best.

If I don't keep earning it, I'm likely to lose it.

is experiential.

If I don't feel loved or lovable, the likelihood is that I'm not.

GOD'S LOVE

is unconditional.

It meets us where we are and seeks to redeem us from a broken, dead state.

is action.

It's a verb—something God did for us in spite of our betrayal. It's a constant that isn't dependent on how He feels. It's a rock that can't be moved.

is completely sacrificial.

He gave everything—His glory, His position, His life—so that we could have a relationship with Him.

pursues us.

Some people run from it. Some people ignore it. Some people embrace it, but no matter how far we run, if we turn around, there it is.

gives direction and stability.

It isn't permissive, but it also lavishes us in undeserved grace.

is eternal.

Because of His sacrificial love for us, our eternal destiny is secure.

is true, despite how we feel.

Sometimes we don't feel the love of God, but the truth is that we are never separated from it.

Sadly, some people, even Christians, are so convinced they are unlovable that they see His love in the same category as unicorns and leprechauns. When you put God's love in the same box as fairytales, it doesn't have any more impact on your life than watching Peter Pan.

But when you take a deep dive into the truth that He passionately, endlessly loves you and His very nature is love, then the transformation process can begin. Old wounds aren't just buried in deeper soil. They can be pulled out by the roots. Our fears can be conquered in His strength. Our anger and bitterness can melt away in the warmth of His forgiveness.

Don't hear me wrong. It's not always easy. Learning to walk in the daily reality of God's love is a process, not an event. The beauty though, is that the more we learn to live in that truth, the more that truth is reflected to others. They begin to see the change in us, and we become bolder in sharing it with them.

"A huge view of God changes everything. You start realizing, wait, that's the God who sent His Son to die for me—that's insane! And when you realize that He did that for me, shouldn't my response be just as crazy?"

— Francis Chan, introduction to ***Crazy Love***

So what do we do with this information?

Some people compartmentalize it and only let it out on Sundays.

Some people file it in the background of their lives as something that they will understand someday, but for now, there's too much life to be lived.

Still others weave it into the fabric of their lives and bask in its stunning truth.

There is another level, however—a level of such deep appreciation for the magnitude of His love for us that we are irresistibly compelled to share it with others. It's uncontainable. It pours forth from our being like water gushing from an opened fire hydrant.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

– 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

“Compels”

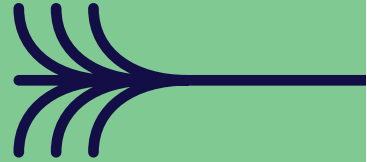
It’s an interesting word rich with meaning. To be compelled is to be driven by a force that you can’t resist—something inside you that won’t let you say “no.” It’s what drives athletes to shave fractions of seconds off race times. It makes scientists refuse to quit until they find the answer to a puzzle.

In Paul’s case he understood that the *love of Christ* was a force more powerful than anything in all creation. And when he encountered that love, beatings, betrayals, stonings, humiliation, political and religious opposition, shipwrecks, wild animals, thorns in the flesh and everything else he faced could not keep him from sharing it with others.

There really aren’t words strong enough to explain the impact the love of Christ had in motivating Paul to live the life he lived.

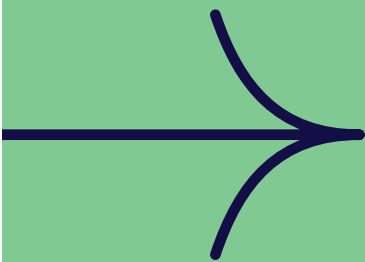
Should it be any different for us?

Jesus said, "Go, as you feel like it, and tell people what you think about me. See if you can convert some, and tell them that I gave you some good ideas about how to live if they're interested..."



Nope. Not even close.

He said, "Go... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."



(Matthew 28:19-20 (RSV))

That means...

- **Make disciples, not idle fans.** Be willing to get down into the spiritual mud with someone if that's what it takes to help him or her become a passionate follower of Jesus.
- **Go to all the nations.** It starts in our own backyard and it stretches to the ends of the earth.
- **Baptize them.** Help them identify with their risen Lord, their heavenly Father and His indwelling Spirit.
- **Teach them to observe everything He said,** not just the parts you feel are convenient or politically correct.

And here's where you start: **Let them know He loves them**—that's the only way they will know that we follow Him with unwavering passion.

So, if this is His divine directive, why are there so many who still haven't heard?



let's get real

Where do we stand when it comes to sharing Christ?

Consider these facts. Let them break your heart. Let them bring tears to your eyes and a lump in your throat. Why? Because that's what they do to God's heart.

- Christianity is the only shrinking faith in the U.S.
- 95 percent of the people living in the Islamic world will never personally meet a Christian.
- Hindus believe in 350 million gods. Not one offers forgiveness, redemption or eternal life.
- 458,000 Indian villages lack a Christian presence.
- More than 2 billion people have never had the opportunity to meet Jesus.

If these are true, how will the world ever meet Christ?

We are the answer to that question.

Something must change and make us weep for those who have never had a chance to meet Him. But evangelism isn't defined by feeling bad—it's about being compelled by God's love to actively share the gospel. So how do we get our hearts to walk the talk of what the Scripture makes clear to followers of Christ?

If Jesus Christ be God
and died for me, then no
sacrifice can be too great
for me to make for Him.

— C.T. Studd

Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion.

— *Brennan Manning*

I'm convinced that the greatest social injustice of our day is the reality that about 2 billion people have not heard about God's redeeming love. What is it going to take for the concept of unreached people to become totally intolerable to us in the church?

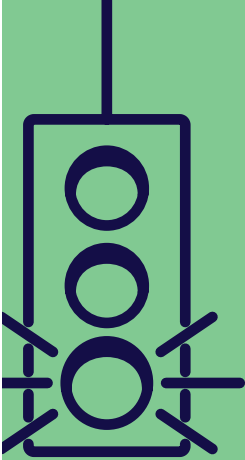
— David Platt, NRB Convention 2015

It is only as we draw closer to Him that His love can start to radiate from us. We can finally bury fear, anger and any other barriers and begin to revel in being bold ambassadors of hope and truth to a dying world.

Pray this prayer for yourself:

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

— Ephesians 3:14-19



Motivation

Now we're going to do two quick self-assessments. First we're going to look inside at our understanding of God's love for us. Then we're going to look at the world around us and ask how the love of God shapes our concern for others.

If 1 means virtually no impact and 10 means transformational impact, rate the depth of understanding and impact the love of God has made in your daily life. Place an "X" on the scale below.

To arrive at the answer, ask yourself questions like: "Do I really believe God loves me without condition or limitation?", "How often do my feelings about myself influence my trust in God's love for me?", "Do I allow my circumstances to falsely influence my understanding of His love?" and "Are there other factors that prevent me from walking in total faith that I cannot be separated from His love?"

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If 1 means no real concern and 10 means deeply concerned and doing something about it, rate the current level of concern you have for those who don't know Christ. Place an "X" on the scales below.

Please be honest with yourself (and others as you feel comfortable). No one has to see your score, but the first step to a deeper passion is a sincere answer.

In your community:

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Around the world:

0

10

How does God's love make a difference?

1. Read **Romans 8:38-39**. **Discuss** what this passage has to say about the depth of His love for us.
2. Read **1 John 4:7-12** and **John 3:16-18**.

According to these passages, what is God's heart for those who don't know Him? Be specific. How did God demonstrate His love for a broken world?

3. Based on your answers to these questions, **talk about** the role you think we, as the recipients of God's love, should do in response.



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God is love

It's one of the most repeated phrases in Christian vocabulary. When that transformational truth really begins to penetrate the fabric of our heart and soul, not only does it change us—it motivates us to help change the lives of others.

As you go through this course, if you don't take anything else away from it, remember that God's love is the greatest force in the world. Let it sink into you like water on a dry sponge. Meditate on it every chance you get. The more real it gets to you, the more real it will get to the world around you.

That's the power of love. May the world see it through us.

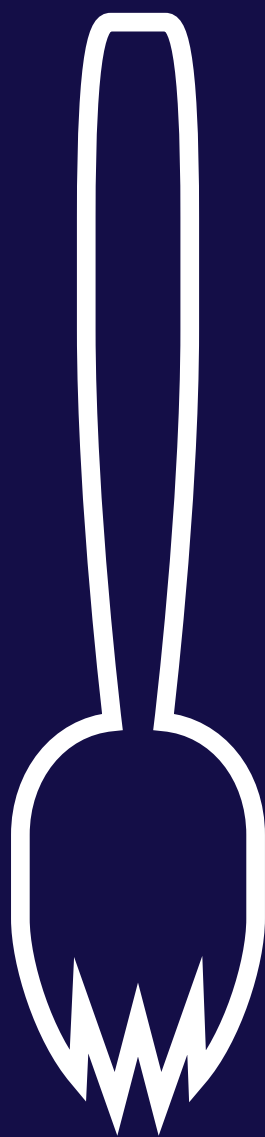
"Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love."

— Roland Allen, missionary to China and Kenya in the late 1800s

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Session 2:

empowered



dig in

Flight 279

Picture yourself on an airplane. You're sitting next to a man in a fine suit, clicking away at his computer. You can tell that this guy is the picture of success. He's wearing \$2,000 worth of silk suit, Gucci loafers on his feet, a Rolex on his wrist and a wedding band big enough to choke a small horse. This guy (we'll call him Bob) is all business—the picture of success.

The flight attendant stops by and asks if she can get either of you something to drink.

“Sure. Orange juice, please,” you say. Bob asks for a vodka and tonic, and it's only 9 a.m. You sense that beneath the veneer of his expensive suit and “all about the business” attitude is something deeper—something that's plaguing him to the core of his soul.

After his drink, he opens up a little. He loosens his tie and starts to talk about business and the pressures of his life. He mentions his wife and kids, but only in a superficial sort of way. It makes you think that maybe things aren't so good at home.

This is it—the chance you've been waiting for, even

Expect great things from
God. Attempt great things
for God.

– *William Carey, Bible translator,
missionary to India in the 1800s*

praying for—a chance to share Jesus with a captive audience. You sense it in your bones. This guy is going to open up, hear the message, break down in tears, and right there, on Flight 279, is going to meet Jesus and his life will change forever.

Can it happen? You bet. God can move however He sees fit. But that's the point. *It's God who does the moving.*

You share the gospel with Bob. You bring it perfectly—the root of sin, the hope of redemption. You nailed your delivery of Romans 6:23, and now all Bob has to do is say the prayer and “bam!” he's in the kingdom.

Instead, Bob stares at you; no tears; just this “what-kind-of-religious-right-wing-nutjob-are-you?” look and buries his head back in his computer for the rest of the flight.

“What did I do wrong?” you ask yourself. “I thought the Word of God never returned void.” Before you know it, you're dealing with feelings of failure, anger and inadequacy. The enemy is letting you have it with both barrels.

You even feel embarrassed that you ever tried, and

now you're stuck for two more hours before you get the relief of getting off the plane in Chicago.

Did you fail?

Of course not.

"Why?" you might ask.

Because when it comes to leading someone to Christ, we are just messengers. It is God who changes the heart.

The Scale

God moves people along a journey of knowing Him that we could think of as a scale. Some start with complete rejection and go from there while others start with a much more open heart. Our role is to let God use us to move people into a closer relationship with Jesus, or further up the scale. God moves their hearts, but He uses us to share His message.

If 0 is the point of placing faith in Jesus, with -10 complete disinterest in Jesus and 10 totally on fire for Jesus, mark where you think two people you know are in their journey. Consider how you would describe their lives in one word, and pray for them to take the next step!

Name:

-10

0

10

Life in one word:

Name:

-10

0

10

Life in one word:



let's get real

What does God's Word say about coming to Christ?

1. Have you ever felt a sense of failure in sharing Christ or maybe even missing the opportunity?
2. Read **John 6:44**. What does this verse say about how a person comes to faith in Christ? Who is it that does the preparation of the heart?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 3:4-9**. **Talk about** this passage. What roles did Paul and Apollos play? What role have you played?
4. Read **Luke 8:11-15**. Jesus shared a parable about sowing seed. The story mystified the disciples, so they asked Him what it meant. **Study** His response. It helps to know just a bit about farming in the Holy Land at the time. There usually wasn't much that could be done about the land. Then, as now, the weather was anybody's guess. The farmer's role was to scatter the seed, and in most cases to plow it into the ground after it was sown—but admittedly, that wasn't always possible. So with all this in mind, how would you describe the farmer's role in producing the crop?

5. Read **Acts 10**.

Luke records the story of two men. The first, from outside appearances, was the most unlikely of people. He was a Roman centurion. He could have identified himself as an enslaver of God's people, an expert at inflicting torture.

In fact, Cornelius could have been an outright enemy of God, except for one thing: God was moving on his heart to make him something different. Acts 10:2 says, "He [Cornelius] and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." That certainly wasn't typical behavior for run-of-the-mill centurions.

The second man we all know—Peter. By now Peter had become a pillar in the church at Jerusalem. He'd taken a bold stand for Christ amid the stiffest opposition of the Jewish leadership. He'd even witnessed his friend Stephen lose his life.

As if this wasn't bad enough, God now calls Peter to do the unthinkable: to go and visit the home of a Gentile. But no ordinary Gentile—a centurion! If Cornelius kept true to form for most centurions of his time, he was supposed to be a hater of God and

I planted the seed, Apollos
watered it, but God has
been making it grow.

— *1 Corinthians 3:6*

His people, a worshiper of false gods and a servant of Caesar.

So on a normal day, would Peter have sat down for a cappuccino with Cornelius? No way. No good Jewish servant of God would ever do such a thing! There wasn't enough ceremonial clean water to wash off the effects of that kind of exposure to Gentiles. There was just one thing: God told Peter to do it.

God was working simultaneously in Peter's heart, and in the heart of Cornelius.

For Peter, it was a revolutionary message that God wanted all people to have an opportunity to find freedom in Christ. He was saying to Peter, "I'm an equal-opportunity Savior."

For Cornelius, it was a message that would complete the dismantling of everything the Roman Empire had built him to be. He would have to deny false gods, including caesars for years to come, in order to serve His living Savior. He would have fellowship with the people he had once helped enslave. That very day he would bow in the presence of Peter. In the eyes of the culture, it was the master bowing in the presence of the slave.

Behind the curtain of this story, God was working. We get glimpses through Peter's vision and the angel's instructions to Cornelius. But when we peel back the curtain and look at what was really happening, it was God who was doing the work—the whole work. Everything hinged on what God was doing behind the scenes.

Without God's divine intervention, Peter would never have crossed the threshold of this Roman man's door. But for God, this Roman would almost certainly never have bowed in Peter's presence.

Talk about a time when you clearly felt God was working on your heart to reach someone and a time when you clearly saw God working in the heart of another person.

What made it clear that it was God doing the work? What was your responsibility in response to the work you saw God doing? What was the result?



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God does the work

So we've taken a whirlwind tour of Scripture to see that we certainly have a role in leading people to Christ. But in the end, no one comes to Him until the Holy Spirit opens the door of their heart and mind to receive Him.

Jesus made it clear that we're to go and make disciples of all nations, but the fact is, it's the Holy Spirit tugging on the strings of a person's heart that brings them into a relationship with Jesus.

We must learn to accept the liberating truth that while we get to play a role in the process of someone discovering Christ, the credit belongs to God. Only He can change a life.

Now that's freedom! God brings the opportunity. Our job is to listen to the prompting of His Spirit, obey what He calls us to do, and watch Him do the rest.

You mean I don't succeed or fail when it comes to sharing Christ? You mean it doesn't matter if I come off like a bumbling idiot? That's right. God promises that when He provides the opportunities, He also provides

the words to say. In truth, it's not our words that save anyone—it's the power of God's Spirit moving on their heart.

When businessman Bob gave you the “You're an idiot—leave me alone” look, God wasn't ashamed of you.

You got the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus with someone who didn't know Him, and it doesn't get any better than that! What Bob does with that information is on him. Who knows? Someday you may see Bob on another flight, and as you listen to him speak, this time, he'll be sharing about the day his life changed forever because of someone he met on his way to Chicago.

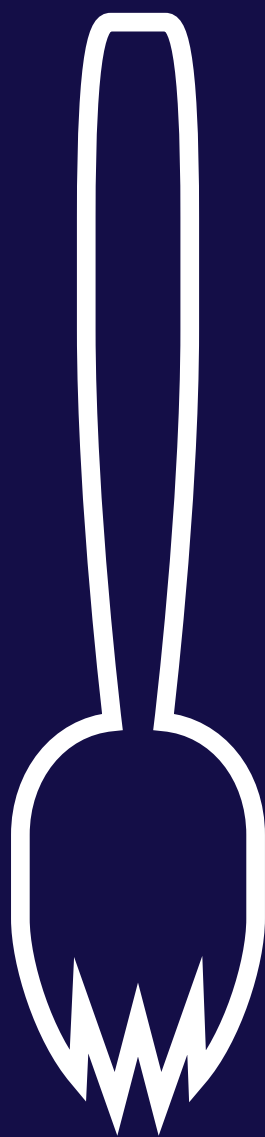
We sow and water. God prepares the soil and brings the seed to life. The hearer decides what they choose to do with it. Really, the formula is pretty simple. It's not our job to close the deal. We simply need to be an obedient instrument to the One who gave everything for us.

It's God's work. That's the reason we can be bold.



Session 3:

unchained



dig in

Barriers

For some people, sharing their faith is as easy as breathing. For the rest of us, it can really be a struggle. In fact, there are times when the barriers we face, both external and internal, seem like too much to overcome.

In the next two sessions we're going to take an honest look at the barriers that often keep us from being sold-out ambassadors for Christ.

This isn't about guilt. Shelve that, right now. Guilt should never be a motivator in sharing the gospel, neither for the person doing the sharing nor for the one receiving. It's ineffective, shallow and, frankly, it's the wrong reason to share. Period.

We need to look outside at our world and inside to our hearts to figure out how we can convert barriers to boldness when it comes to representing Jesus in the world around us.

But before we dive into those waters, there are a couple of basic principles we need to consider.

I am ready to burn out for
God. I am ready to endure
any hardship, if by any
means I might save some.
The longing of my heart is
to make known my glorious
Redeemer to those who
have never heard.

— *William Burns*

We need to understand

First, we need to understand that a deep burden for the unreached only comes when we ourselves understand the great redemption we have received. It's then that we are compelled to share it with others.

When I married my wife, it was one of the proudest days of my life. I didn't want to hide her or marry her in secret. I was in love (and hopefully so was she). I wanted to proclaim that to the world, and as scared as I was, as much as my parents and friends thought I was crazy, it wasn't going to stop me. This was the woman God had chosen for me, and what others thought wasn't going to stop me from declaring my love for her in this way.

So why is it that sharing my love for someone who loves me so much that He died for me is so difficult at times? The fact is, there are barriers—*external barriers* that are just part of the world we live in, and *internal barriers* that are more about my heart.

“If you found a cure for cancer, wouldn't it be inconceivable to hide it from the rest of mankind? How much more inconceivable to keep silent the cure from the eternal wages of death.” — Dave Davidson

There is an enemy

Second, there is an enemy, and he doesn't want people to know Christ. He's going to fight us every step of the way. Sadly, many Christians take a defensive posture with Satan. They hunker down in a spiritual bunker and avoid the battle. After all, not many people actively go looking for a fight.

But to demonstrate the love and light of Jesus, we need to do battle. We need to come out of our bunkers, go on the offensive and get in the fight for the sake of the lost. At the same time, God does not call us to fight battles He doesn't equip us for. That's the truth we will learn to live in over the next two sessions.

The barriers are real. But every one of them can be overcome because our God is greater than our obstacles. Jesus said, "In this world you will have many troubles, but fear not, for I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The simple fact is that God is greater than any barrier we face in sharing Him with others.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

— *Ephesians 6:10-11*



let's get real

Breaking external barriers

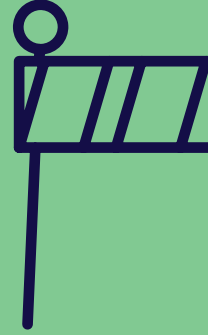
The world around is growing more complex every day. Ways of communicating are so numerous that those of us who are technically challenged (that's code for "older") can hardly keep up. A "bing" means I just got a new text. A "vroom" means I just got a new email. A "ding ding" means someone just tried to IM me. I wish someone would tell me what "IM" means.

There are thousands of ways to communicate, but sharing the gospel seems harder than ever. What's up with that?

The answer is really pretty simple. The world and the enemy throw up every possible obstacle to the name of Christ being proclaimed.

So what do we do? Recognizing these barriers is the first step to overcoming them. This would be a good time to pray for God's input as you do the following:

Think about some of these barriers, then mark the ones you face with an "X" in the checkboxes next to them:



Resistance and Persecution

It's just plain hard and even frightening to share Christ when you know that the result could be resistance or even worse.



Political Correctness

In the Western world, people just don't want to hear about *real* truth. Things that are wrong are being called right, and things that are right are being called wrong. It's tough to overcome that attitude.



Geography

You may have a burden for people who don't know Christ, but going to Nepal or Mongolia or Yemen isn't always realistic or possible.



My Own Limitations

You may have real limitations that make it challenging to share Christ with others as directly as you wish. They may be physical and even emotional.



Time

Life is crazy. How often do we hear someone say, "Man, I'm bored. I wish I had more to do." Usually it's the opposite. Our lives are consumed by demands on our time and resources. It's hard to share Christ when you're burned out.



Money

Sometimes we'd love to give more to help missionaries and ministries that are reaching the lost, but these days it can be hard just to put food on the table.

Freedom!

First, ask God to help you list the external barriers you face that sometimes keep you from sharing Christ with others. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed. This is the place for brutal honesty with yourself and others.

As you share, there are two words you're going to hear: "Me too." Each and every one of these challenges is common to anyone who is committed to being an ambassador of Jesus Christ. But just as we all struggle with various obstacles, together we can also overcome them.

Spend some time talking about the external obstacles you face, and help each other figure out how to be "overcomers." Make a commitment to fight this battle on your knees for each other. Talk about practical steps you can do together not just to "manage" your challenges, but to kick them in the teeth. Together, ask God for a strategy to do just that.

Second, search the Scriptures. God's Word never leaves us without wisdom and power.

List the Scriptures that address the external challenges you face. Memorize them and let them soak into the fabric of your soul. They are the dynamite that will level the barriers before you.

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace."

— 2 Timothy 1:7-9



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God is victorious

Not one of the challenges we'll look at in these sessions is unique to anybody. The problem comes when we decide that the obstacles are more powerful than our God.

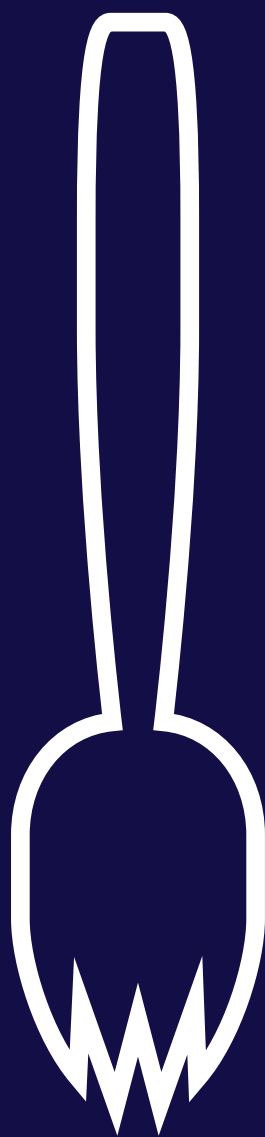
The world and the enemy oppose us. So what? The God of the universe, the lover of our souls, the One who lives in us is infinitely stronger than any force that stands against us. When we learn to live in that truth, the barriers become nothing more than sandcastles in the crashing waves.

It's not a sin to feel challenged. But it all breaks down when we let the challenges win. God's love doesn't compel us to surrender—it compels us to victory, to being more than conquerors through Christ who loves us!

Session 4:

undefeated





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What's in me?

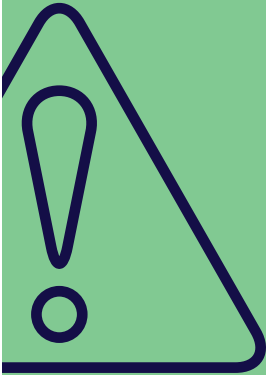
You thought last session was tough—now the rubber really meets the road; faith meets real life. In the last session we looked at *external barriers*. They are real, and sometimes hard to overcome.

But in truth, the *internal barriers* we struggle with can be a lot tougher to overcome than the external ones.

Warning! You're about to tread into some waters that might be stormy. They might require some deep soul searching. You may ask yourself some questions and not like the honest answers. You may have to be vulnerable, at least with yourself, and peel back the layers of junk that maybe you've kept buried.

But that's OK. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you think about and pray through your responses in this session. The result will be that you will emerge with a deeper understanding of God's love for you and a new passion to pass that love along to others.

Consider some of these common *internal barriers*—do you relate to any of them? Check those that you struggle with.



Consider some of these common internal barriers—do you relate to any of them? Mark the ones you face with an “X” in the checkboxes next to them:

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Fear

Sometimes we fear what others will think of us. We may also fear failure or the risk of damaging our reputation. There are lots of fears the enemy plants in our minds as obstacles to sharing Christ with others.

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Apathy

There are so many things we have to juggle in life just to survive. Frankly, the lost aren't my biggest concern right now.

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Inadequacy

I'm not worthy to share the gospel. I know Jesus, but my life with Him isn't together enough personally to talk to someone else about Him.

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Hatred

You know what, bad people deserve what they get. I can't make myself share the love of Christ with someone whom I can't stand.

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Guilt

I have sin in my life. I'm not good enough to talk about God's forgiveness when I'm not sure of it myself.

Introversion

I'm too shy. I just don't know what to say, and even if I do find the courage to say something, I'll probably botch it up anyway. After all, God made me shy. He understands. Right?

Lack of Urgency

There are a lot of Christians out there. If I don't share Jesus, someone else will fill the gap.

Burnout

I'm always running 100 mph. Running the kids all over, working two jobs, trying to keep up with family demands, going to school.... I barely have time to read a verse or pray, let alone take time to share with someone else.

Other: Describe it:

And, as with the last session, you're going to hear the words, "Me too." When we learn to overcome our shared obstacles together, we will also learn how to share the love of our Lord together.



let's get real

Here's an example

"Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord."

— Acts 11:19-21

On the surface, this story seems pretty straightforward. The new believers were scattered, and where they went, they took the gospel with them.

But when you take a deeper dive into the story, what you find is staggering. Put yourself in the place of these believers. You've come to faith. By default, that made you an outcast of the Jews and an enemy of the Romans. Both have an interest in squashing this new "Jesus cult," and they're off to a great start.

You may not have been there, but you heard that Stephen, one of the most beloved people of the new church, was dragged out into the streets and stoned

to death. But that wasn't an isolated incident. Now the persecution is really ramping up, and practicing your newfound faith in Christ is a matter of life and death.

Then it happens. You're faced with the decision to leave, or die. You make the right choice and you leave.

But stop here for a moment. You've just seen a brother murdered. They're coming after you, and you decide to get out of Dodge.

Here's the weird part. Most people (me included) would have headed for the hills to practice my faith in secret. When I signed on to follow Jesus, this isn't exactly what I had in mind. I would be diving for the nearest foxhole.

But that's not what they did. They were running for their lives, and all along the way, they were telling people about the good news of Jesus—the very thing that could get them killed. Talk about counterintuitive!

So what was wrong with these people? Nothing! They got it! *They understood the price that Christ paid for them, so in spite of the obstacles, they spread the gospel throughout the known world like burning embers floating over dry forests.*

God uses men who are
weak and feeble enough to
lean on him.

— *Hudson Taylor*

1. What did they have to overcome, and how did they do it? Let's speculate a little bit. Do you think they were afraid? Do you think they had to pay a price to do what they did? If so, describe that price.
2. How do you suppose they overcame their obstacles to do such an extraordinary thing?
3. There are lots of challenges we face in sharing the gospel—fear, inadequacy, guilt, anger, apathy—the list goes on. But here's where we need to honestly confront them. **Pray for God's leading** as you respond to, and discuss, the following:
 - a. **List** the internal barriers that you struggle with when it comes to sharing Christ. List as many as you can. We can't overcome what we don't admit, so be bold and honest in your list. And remember those two words you're going to hear: "Me too." There's nothing you're struggling with that others can't relate to.
 - b. **Talk about** the reasons you struggle with each item you listed. You may not feel like sharing intimate details, but at least ask yourself the question and be willing to let the Holy Spirit guide you in overcoming each of them. You, like Joshua as

he faced the challenges of leading Israel into the Promised Land, can be strong and courageous.

- c. How does Scripture address each of the items you listed? You may need to really **search God's Word** to find the answers, but they're there.
- d. If you need to, **find someone** who can truly help you understand God's perspective on these issues. Ask others what they think too. Scripture tells us that "iron sharpens iron." There's a lot of encouragement in finding others who are on the same journey with you.



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Walk out your freedom

If you're like most people, the last two sessions have been brutal—brutal, but necessary if we're to become more effective in sharing Christ in a broken world. We are all broken people, trying to reach broken people, and every one of us deals with the forces of the world and the weakness of our hearts.

It's also important to understand that overcoming internal and external barriers is not an event, it's a process. Don't become impatient with yourself, and **DON'T** let the enemy feed you lies. The devil wants you to believe things like:

- You're not worthy or capable of sharing Christ.
- The lost don't really matter. Their beliefs are their business, not mine.
- The obstacles are stronger than my faith. God can't use me.
- God can't love the lost. The evil deserve what they get.

In fact, let's pause here and **take a stand in prayer.**

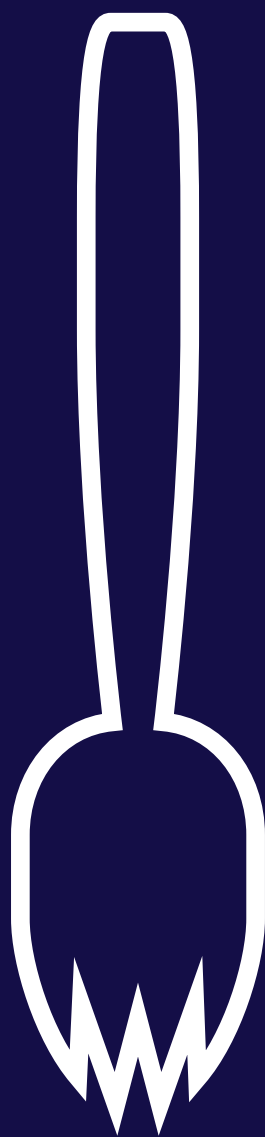
Father, we want to be bold in proclaiming the name of Jesus. We confess that we face fear, apathy and lot of things that are hard to overcome. We also realize that the enemy wants us to hide your light. We renounce the lie that we lack what we need to share Jesus, or that we are not worthy to do so. We ask you in the name of Jesus to help us to be overcomers—to be courageous representatives of you and your love to a dying world. Amen.

You're not alone. When you realize that these things aren't true, that's the first step to boldness. That's when God intervenes and begins to use you in ways that can change another person's life for eternity.

And in case you forgot, go back to Session 2: It's God who does the work anyway. We get the privilege of being His voice and hands, but remember, He's the one who brings life out of death.

Session 5:

ignited



dig in

Not superhuman, but bold

In the real world there aren't any superheroes. Some people might wear capes, but none of them can leap buildings, turn invisible, stop bullets or all the other things that Hollywood makes look very real.

When it comes to sharing the good news of Jesus around the world, here's the truth: It's not superheroes who save people. It's broken people, reaching out to other broken people because they've received the hope and redemption that come only through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

This session is fun. You'll be watching videos of real people from every walk of life and every kind of background who have overcome—and are still overcoming—obstacles because they've experienced the indescribable joy of sharing Christ with others.

None of these people has an “S” on their chest. In fact, none of them is a “professionally trained evangelist.” Rather, they are people just like you and me—a carpenter who dropped out of high school, a shy college student, the owner of a coffee shop—“average Joes” in every sense of the word.

If we really believe the
gospel we proclaim, we'll
be honest about our own
beauty and brokenness,
and the beautiful broken
One will make Himself
known to our neighbors
through the chinks in our
armor—and in theirs.

– *Fil Anderson, Breaking the Rules:
Trading Performance for
Intimacy with God*

In weakness

“And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.”

— Paul, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

How in the world can Paul, the greatest evangelist in the history of our faith, say that he went to the Corinthians in weakness, great fear and trembling? Because Paul, as incredible as his story is, was a broken sinner just like us.

He did what he did by the Spirit of Christ—not fancy words or powers of persuasion.

It was in this brokenness, weakness and fear that Paul was only able to point people in one direction—toward the person of Jesus Christ.

One young lady you'll see told us, "If I can share Christ, anyone can!" The difference that makes it possible (in fact, necessary) for her is very basic. She said that when she understood the depth of God's love compared to the prospect of hell, she decided it wasn't an option to remain silent. "I want everyone to experience the love of Christ like I have."



let's get real

Fan into flame

As you watch these videos, **discuss** the issues each person had to overcome. Ask yourself if you can relate.

Pay careful attention to how each person took on the challenge, experienced “failures” along the way, and yet still managed to dust themselves off to proclaim the name of Christ to the corners of the earth.

1. How can you apply what these people have learned and experienced to help you in your journey of disciple-making?
2. Are there common themes that you see in the lives of these people?
3. Why did sharing Christ become a passion for them?
4. **Think about** their experiences or your own. Describe what happened in the lives of those who shared Christ. What has happened in your own life?
5. What happened in the lives of those who received the message? If they didn't trust Christ, was it a failure for the person sharing? Why or why not?

He is no fool who gives up
what he cannot keep to
gain that which he cannot
lose.

— *Jim Elliot, missionary martyr who lost
his life in 1956 trying to reach the
Auca (Waorani) Indians of Ecuador*

6. **Talk about** a time when you had a chance to demonstrate Christ's love to someone. How did it make you feel?



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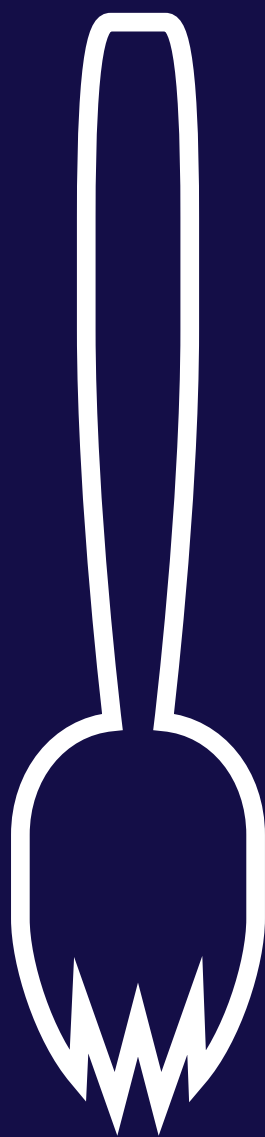
Victory is for you

Find strength in their victories because they are no different than you. They aren't paid actors or trained theologians. They are carpenters, waitresses, teachers, business owners—the kind of people you meet every single day. And if they can do it, you can too, because they *are* you, and the same Spirit who is at work in them is at work in you.

Session 6:

challenged

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dig in

A pause

We're on the homestretch. But let's pause for a moment and look back on this journey. In the first session we set a foundation, and without it, nothing from then on matters.

God's love for us is so radical, so infinite, so incomprehensible that when we really begin to understand it, it becomes contagious.

Sharing Christ with others is a natural result of our understanding of His love. We really can't be motivated by any other factor. Guilt doesn't cut it. No one can force you. Spiritual obligation falls short in the long run.

On the other hand, Paul said, "The love of Christ compels us...." Even though that principle was discussed back in session 1, don't ever lose sight of it. It's a timeless truth that will define our lives if we allow it.

"If God's love is for anybody anywhere, it's for everybody everywhere."

— Edward Lawlor, Nazarene pastor and leader

With that in mind...

Did you know that:

- More money is reported stolen from churches every year than goes to reaching the lost?
- Less than 1 percent of church budgets is used to reach people who have never heard of Jesus?
- On average, 60 percent of church budgets goes to buildings and administration. Only 5 percent goes to outreach in any form.
- Only 25 percent of millennial Christians actively look for ways to share their faith.
- Sixty percent of self-identified followers of Christ do not believe that sharing Him with others is a critical part of their faith.

These stats aren't intended to slam the church. But they are a serious indication of a couple of things.

First, could it be that some churches have turned inward? A lot of churches today are offering incredible worship experiences. Many churches have amazing teachers who lead us into deeper understanding of God's Word, but some churches have also become hiding places rather than equipping centers that empower us to be salt and light in our world.

Missions is not the “ministry of choice” for a few hyperactive Christians in the church. Missions is the purpose of the church.

— *Unknown*

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

— Jesus, Matthew 5:13-15

Jesus reminds us of two things. First, we are His salt and light. Our mission on this earth is to influence the world for Him. But we have to remember that He is the One who gives us our saltiness and our light. We can't get it or share it until we walk intimately with Him, which leads to the second possibility.

Could it be that many believers, in spite of great worship, awesome Bible teaching and rich fellowship, have not really grasped the height and depth and breadth and width—the infinite nature of God's redeeming love?

In truth, there probably aren't concrete answers to these questions. It varies from church to church and from believer to believer. But in some ways, the data speaks for itself. For whatever reason, we as believers are having a hard time reaching those who don't know Jesus.

To this point, we've focused on God's love for us, the power He provides us and the obstacles that confront us. But let's shift for a moment and look at the situation through the eyes of people who haven't met Jesus.

In reality, they have a disease—an eternally terminal disease called sin and separation from God. Most don't know they have it, and frankly, many don't care. But suppose for a moment that when confronted with this truth, many of them would understand and believe. The one thing holding them back is that no one has ever cared enough to be bold in sharing the truth.

I'm not saying that we hold their eternity in the palm of our hands. Thankfully, God doesn't give us that right or responsibility. At the same time, He uses us as His ambassadors of truth and love. And let's be honest—if there's anything the world needs today, it's that message.

On an episode of a popular TV talent show, an adorable little girl, maybe 5 years old, got up and did one the most amazing renditions of a show tune I've ever seen. That little girl had a set of pipes like you can't believe.

When she finished her performance, the judges were floored. One of them said, "I think Shirley Temple is living somewhere inside of you. Is that possible?" Without

missing a beat, that little girl made a statement that brought a smile to my face and a profound challenge to my heart.

“No!” she said, “not Shirley Temple, Jesus.” No hesitation or forethought.... The idea that Jesus was living inside of her wasn’t just a statement. If you saw her, you could tell that joy and love oozed out of every fiber of her being. Out of the mouth of babes!

That’s God’s call for all believers—to be so consumed by His love for us that sharing Him with others isn’t even an effort—it’s our instinct.

So how can we do better? What will it take to reignite a passion within every follower of Christ to make Him known to the world around us?

These may be the most important questions we as believers can ever ask ourselves.



let's get real

Let's talk about boldness

In the last few weeks, how has your perspective on evangelism and discipleship changed or maybe been reinforced?

Have you been able to practically apply anything you've learned on this journey? Share examples.

Based on the rating you gave in session 1, has your level of burden for the lost changed?

Realizing that developing boldness for Christ is a process, how would you rate your progress since you started this course?

Sharing Christ may come at a personal cost. When you understand God's love for you, how does that impact your willingness to overcome obstacles and even "pay the price" to be His ambassador?

"Boldness" is a key theme in this series. But more often than not, boldness isn't about facing outside problems—it's about facing internal fear. What practical steps are you taking to overcome the barriers you face?

Reaching the world is something believers are called to do together. Talk about ways that you can encourage one another and hold each other accountable.

Pray also for me, that
whenever I speak, words
may be given me so that I
will fearlessly make known
the mystery of the gospel....

— *Ephesians 6:19*



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Decision time

God's Word equips us. God's Spirit guides and empowers us. His love motivates us. These three forces can stand against any opposition or obstacles we face. They can change lives around the world, if we will simply yield to their power and authority.

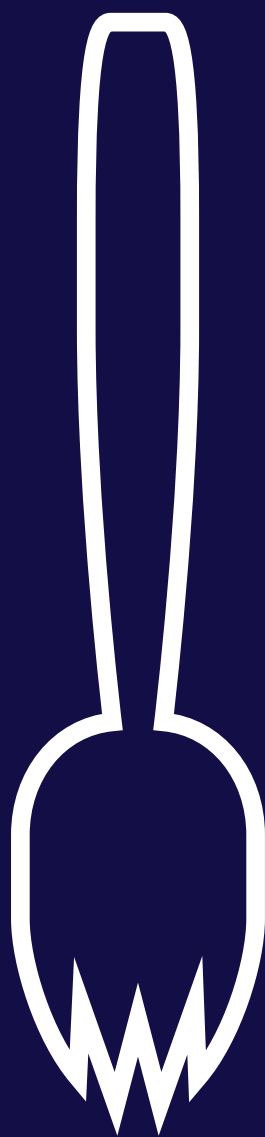
But now we're confronted with a choice. Will you make a conscious resolution to respond to God's command to reach the lost with the same love that motivated Him to make an eternal difference in our lives?

There's really no way to sugarcoat it at this point. It's decision time. This is where we need to take one last deep look in the mirror and ask, "Do I understand the love of God and trust His power so much that I'm willing to make Him known to others?"

The answer to that question will impact the way you live the rest of your life. May you answer it in a way that sets you on an amazing journey as the voice and hands of Jesus.

Session 7:

determined



dig in

Nehemiah, a model for restoring the broken

Through six sessions we've plowed some tough ground. There have likely been moments when you cringed or felt a little queasy. But in the end, we pray it has not just changed your thinking, but transformed your heart for the lost.

In the book of Nehemiah, the nation of Israel was in captivity, the city of Jerusalem was in ruins and the people were just flat beaten down.

But then God raised up a courageous young man, a guy whose purpose was to sip the king's wine to make sure it wasn't poisoned. Talk about a rotten job! Every swallow could mean death. But God had a better plan for Nehemiah. In fact, this cupbearer would be the instrument that would restore the sacred city.

But how did this happen? Follow this closely because it will become the model for us to follow as we seek to reach others for Christ.

First, it started with a young man who had a profound burden. His beloved city lay in ruin, but not

When he saw the crowds,
he had compassion on
them, because they were
harassed and helpless, like
sheep without a shepherd.

— *Matthew 9:36*

just his city, his identity as a servant of God had been destroyed. You see, Jerusalem was no ordinary city—it was the city of David, the holy city that represented the people and presence of God. To allow it to lie in rubble was a burden too much for Nehemiah to bear.

But Nehemiah didn't just storm the gates to express his burden. There was a very intentional process he went through to restore that which had been broken.

That same process is a great model for us as we seek to do the same—restore broken lives in Jesus' name.

In previous sessions we've talked about our barriers, but we've also talked about God's heart for the lost—a heart we need to share. But that heart comes only as we draw closer to Him and ask Him to help us see the world as He sees it.

Second, the burden led to action. Once Nehemiah could bear the burden no more, he went before God.

He started by praying a prayer of repentance. He recognized that the people and the city were in this predicament because of their own doing. It wasn't a random event. Instead, it was a direct result of their sin—sin that needed to be made right.

Maybe that's where we need to start. There are broken lives all around us. There are nearly 2 billion people in the world today who have never had a chance to trust Christ. Maybe we need to simply repent that we haven't responded to the love of Jesus with total abandon to share Him with others.

Then Nehemiah prays a prayer of petition. He begs God to hear and answer his prayer by giving the resources and permission necessary to rebuild that which was crushed. That's a great next step for us. Let's lay our burden for the lost before God and simply say, "God, you love them. We need to reach them. Help us to do what you have called us to do."

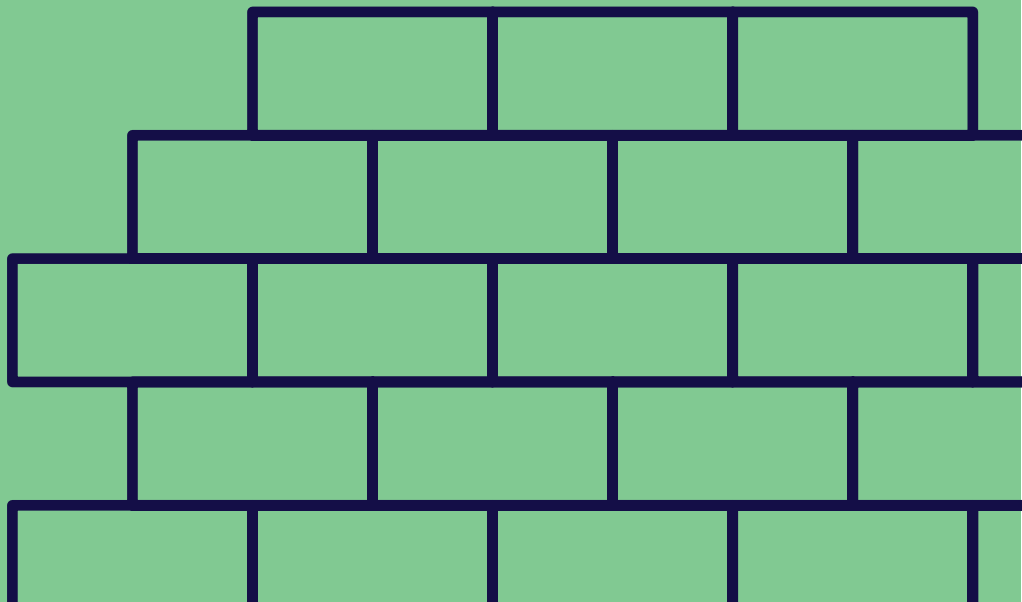
Next Nehemiah has to confront and overcome his fear. By his own admission, he says, "I was very much afraid." And why wouldn't he be? After all, the king had the power to kill Nehemiah for proposing the restoration of a city he had conquered. But Nehemiah prayed, and then in boldness went forward.

But if you look closely at this event, it wasn't just Nehemiah making a well-worded petition. It was God moving behind the scenes to accomplish His plan—Nehemiah was just the obedient vessel.

Let's boil it down:

- 1** *Nehemiah prayed because he couldn't bear that the city and people God loved so much were crushed and ruined.*
- 2** *He overcame his own personal obstacles and then stepped out in faith and obedience to undertake an impossible task. But he trusted the God who specializes in the impossible.*
- 3** *He gathered others who shared the burden, and together they brought restoration to the ruined.*

What a great recipe for us!



Then Nehemiah, seeing the damage, mobilizes the people to undertake the impossible—rebuilding the ruined city. He didn't do it himself. He involved all of the people who shared the same burden. Together they sought God, developed a plan, gathered the resources and then got to work.



let's get real

Taking action

OK, here we are, at the finish line. But in this case, crossing it isn't the end of the race, it's the start. Hopefully it's the beginning of a revolution in your heart that leads to a lifestyle of radiance—a life in which sharing Jesus with others is as irresistible as cotton candy in the hands of a 3-year-old child.

But how?

We said in the beginning that this isn't a “how to” course. At the same time, we don't want to leave you hanging. So here are some practical things you can do to begin the journey, but where it leads, only the Lord can reveal. But be assured, if you want to be on this road, He will lead you!

Discuss each of these actions. Talk about not just how you can apply them, but rather, how you can weave them into the fabric of who you are.

1. **Pray** – Just like Nehemiah, it begins on our knees. We need to repent if there are any obstacles that we have given more authority to than God's power. We need to pray that God will show us how He wants

If God calls you to be a
missionary, don't stoop to
be a king.

— *Jordan Grooms*

to use us to reach the unreached. And finally, we need to pray that He will soften the hearts of those who don't know Him yet.

2. **Go** – This is where we get intentional. We begin to look at our community and our world differently. As we progress through the process, we begin to seek out opportunities to be Christ's ambassador. We listen to people differently. We see the news differently. We begin to view the world as something lost and broken that needs to be restored in Jesus' name. Step by step, we begin to reach out in faith to people in deep need. To some, it may be a neighbor next door. To others, it may be those suffering in Africa or Asia or some other part of the world.
3. **Give** – When we commit to reaching the world, it requires of us a life of self-sacrifice and even self-denial for the sake of those whose eternal life hangs in the balance. If you can't go, you can give to those who can.
4. **Advocate** – It seems that in today's world, everyone has a cause. Save the puppies, save the whales, vote the right way, recycle to save the earth.... There's nothing wrong with most of these causes, but the truth is, if we're not doing something of

eternal value, we're just making someone's path to hell more comfortable, and that's not OK. You can be the voice for those who need to find The Way. You can be the one who stands up and says, "I refuse to stand idly by as people enter eternity without Christ where there is something I can do to reach them."

And now let's get very practical.

Make a list of a few people—maybe one to three—who need to know Jesus. Write down where you think they are on the scale of relationship with Jesus talked about in session 2. Based on where you think they stand, make a list of practical actions that God may use to move them up the scale.

Remember, it's not up to you to move them. God does the work. Commit them to prayer. Be sensitive to the God's leading, confront your obstacles and see what God does.



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You made it

You've probably pushed through some tough thoughts and discussions.

By God's grace, your understanding of His love for you and others has grown to a deeper level. Keep feeding that. Someday, the roots of that truth will run so deep in the soil of your life that it can't be torn out.

But now, let that love and understanding flow uncontrollably to the world around you. Someday we will all stand in the glorious presence of our Savior. We'll get our first glimpse at the One who loved us so deeply that He sacrificed His glory to be with us, to share in our weakness, to die a horrific death and to rise to the right hand of His Father, so we could be free from the prospect of hell, and bask in His presence forever.

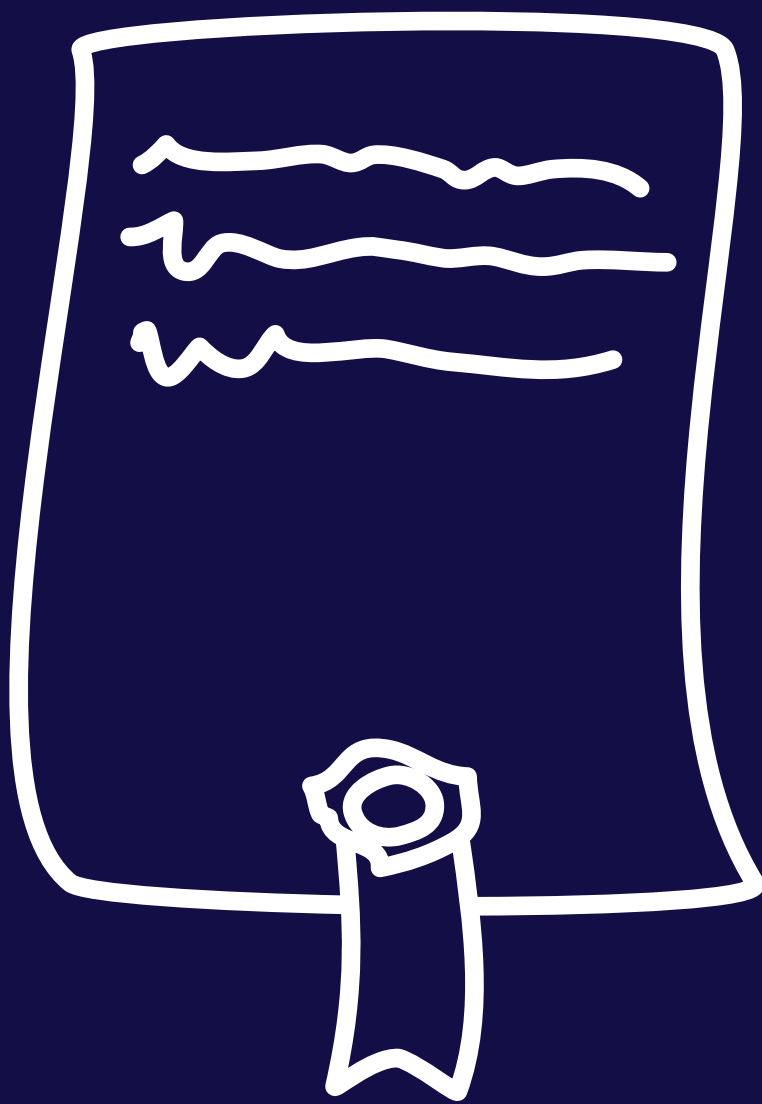
"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

— Revelation 5:9-10

When you look around the expanse of heaven will people from every tribe, language, people and nation be there because God used you to do amazing things?

You decide....

Father, may you instill in us an unquenchable fire to reach those who have never heard the name of Jesus. May you give us boldness we do not possess, words we can't seem to grasp, power in our weakness, and most of all, a passionate love for the One who gave His all for us.



an invitation

Draw your line

As we've traveled this road of self-discovery in the past seven sessions, we pray that the Lord has reignited a passion in you for the lost in your own backyard and around the world. But passion without action eventually dies down to something no more useful than the smoldering embers of a powerful bonfire.

We invite you to draw a "line in the sand" when it comes to reaching the unreached. What follows is the Reach Beyond Manifesto. It is a declaration on the part of bold Christians that we will take a stand to proclaim the good news of Jesus wherever and whenever He gives us the opportunity.

If God has ignited in you a fresh fire to share His love with others, we invite you to sign the manifesto and return it to Reach Beyond. Join the thousands who have taken a stand to make Christ known to a world in need.



Reach Beyond Manifesto®

THE UNREACHED

(ACTS 5:40-42)

We refuse to stand idly by as people enter eternity without Christ when we can share the good news that transforms them through the media they use.

THE WEAK AND INFIRM

(ISAIAH 61:1-3)

We refuse to watch people for whom Christ died suffer in pain and poverty when we can help restore them in His name.

THE RESISTANT

(EPHESIANS 6:10-20)

We refuse to fear the darkness that entraps people when common sense says, "protect yourself." We will put on the armor of God and pray fervently for the sake of the unreached.

PARTNERSHIP

(ROMANS 12:4-5)

We will release what God has given us to empower others to multiply God's kingdom through the gifts He has given them.

TECHNOLOGY

(HABAKKUK 2:2-3, 2 TIMOTHY 4:2)

We will leverage, to the best of our ability, God's gift of media and medical technology to reveal His eternal wisdom to those who have never heard the name of Jesus.

RESOURCES

(MATTHEW 25:14-30)

We will employ every resource, talent and ounce of energy God gives us to shine the light of His grace into the darkest recesses of the planet.

DECLARATION

(PSALM 96:2-5, ACTS 4:12)

We will shout from every peak, pinnacle and rooftop that the only hope for this dying world is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY

(REVELATION 5:9-10)

As long as God provides His abundant grace, we will not stop or be deterred from this calling. We work relentlessly for the day when a gaze around the expanse of heaven reveals thousands worshiping at Jesus' feet because of the mission He gave us for this moment in eternity.

Signed:

Dated:

For more information on the Reach Beyond Manifesto® and the work of Reach Beyond in reaching the lost around the world, visit:

www.reachbeyond.org