



A Youth Leader Resource
Word of Life Fellowship Australia



**EQUIPPING
AND
INSPIRING
LEADERS/
STUDENTS
TO REACH
OUT TO
ONE LOST
PERSON**

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REACH
TOGETHER IN MISSION

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INTRO



TOGETHER IN MISSION

*"How do you implement evangelism into the DNA of your discipleship and create an evangelistic culture? By inspiring and equipping students to reach out to their own lost friends. Evangelism is not just '**Taught**' but it's '**Caught**'. We as leaders need to model this and create a movement where students are challenged to live out a worthy Cause, that is to obedient to the Great Commission."*

J. Hudson Taylor (founder of the China Inland Mission) shared a simple yet profound truth: "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."

We must teach our students to take personal ownership of this command and know that courage is needed to do so!

Greg Stier (Dare 2 Share ministries) shared this truth:

"I'm convinced that we must equip teenagers to share the Gospel if we truly expect their faith to be their own over the long haul. There's something about evangelism that forces a teenager to go beyond head knowledge of the faith to heart ownership of it. Why? Because risk is involved in faith sharing!"

Our prayer is that the LORD will use these resources and see a revival in the lives of our students and leaders."

Martin Garcia - Director of Word of Life, Australia

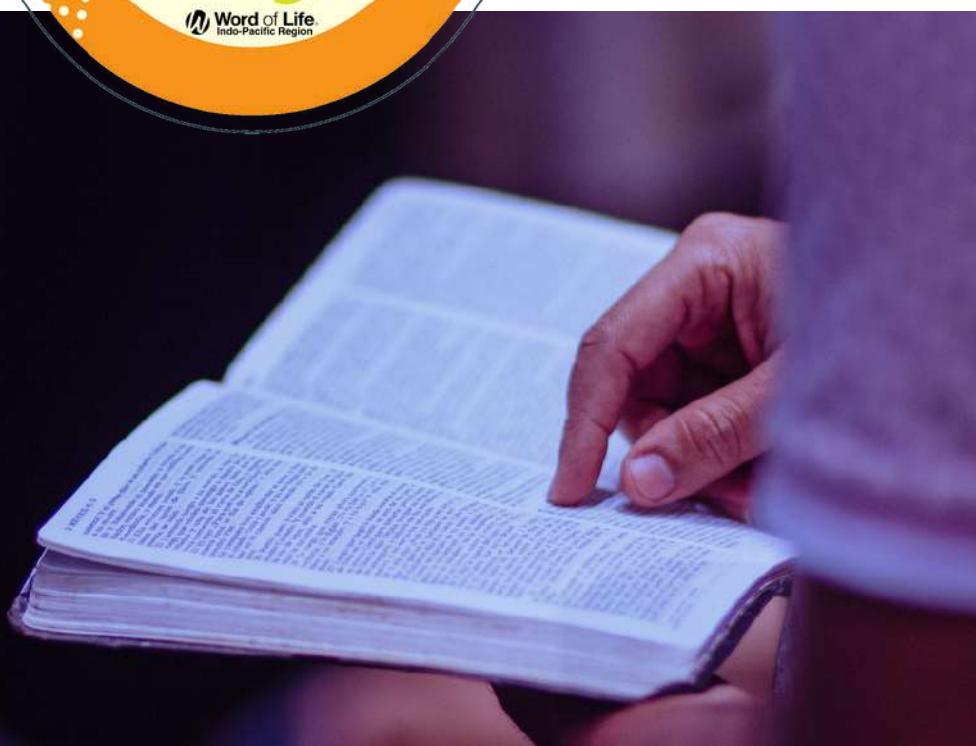


READY
PREPARE YOURSELF!



KNOW

Prepare my Mind



KNOW: PREPARE MY MIND

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MY FEET

A CALL TO PRAYER

A CALL TO ACTION

Session Overview

THE BIG IDEA

- To Reach One with the Gospel, we must understand the content of the Gospel and be equipped to share it.

THE VISION

- Students will learn and know the importance of memorising Bible verses and learning techniques in sharing the GOSPEL.

THE BIGGEST VERSE

- "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ". - Romans 10:17.

OTHER VERSES

- Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 3:15; Psalm 100:3; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 17:3.

KNOW

Prepare my Mind



Students will learn and know the importance of memorising Bible verses and learning techniques in sharing the GOSPEL.

What do your students know about the Gospel? If you asked them, could they tell you a summary of the Gospel clearly and simply? By helping them to memorise the scripture, you are equipping your students to evangelise.

HOOK

There are a wide variety of memorisation methods. No doubt this is something your students are experimenting with within their schools. You can watch the following video to start the lesson and talk about how we can memorise some important topics such as traffic laws, school issues, song lyrics, etc.

Memorisation Methods and Why They Work

In this video, you'll learn more about the different kinds of memorisation methods and the reasons behind why they work. Emphasise that God created us with the brain's ability to memorise things, therefore, we can keep God's Word in our mind.

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9XG8EBwdSU

Memory Game

You can start the lesson by showing several pictures in one minute. The group that can recall the most pictures wins.

LESSON CONTENT

Why Memorise the Scriptures?

1. Salvation comes from the Word of God (Romans 10:17)

There are many topics we can discuss with our friends trending on social networks, and others are very relevant to humanity. However, only the Gospel message has the power to change people's hearts. The only way to present the Gospel to your friends is through the written Word of God which contains the message that transforms hearts. There are no other words outside the Bible that can achieve eternal salvation. Multiple examples within the New Testament show that people believed in Christ through the preaching of others. This is why it is so important to treasure in your heart those Biblical truths that come from the Gospel.

2. God revealed His Heart for Humanity through His Word (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Through His Word, God has decided to express His will for humanity. The main message of the scriptures is the message of Salvation. From Genesis to Revelation we can see a God who longs for the salvation of people. It is important to memorise the Scriptures and delve into them because there we find God's desires for us. The word "wants" expresses a concept of will and desire. By knowing the Gospel we realise that there is a great call for those who are born again by faith in Jesus to share this message with others.

3. We Must be Ready to Share our Hope (1 Peter 3:15.)

What is your response when you are asked about your faith? Is the message of the Gospel clear in your mind? We do not know when we will have the opportunity to talk about Jesus with others, but it is our responsibility to always be prepared to speak clearly about the hope that is in us. A great way to start a Gospel conversation is by talking about the way you see life and the things that are important to you. The hope that we profess needs to be shared.

G.O.S.P.E.L

Word of Life has been working in partnership with Dare to Share Ministries, they have created this strategy to evangelise in a practical and Biblical way. The word Gospel means “Good News” and is explained by the following six key truths of the GOSPEL Journey.

God Created Us to be with Him – Psalm 100:3

God made them to be in complete fellowship with Him and with each other. Their nakedness (Genesis 2:25) represented the fact that they had no sin, therefore no shame, they had nothing to hide before God or each other. They regularly communed with God in the garden and had sheer bliss, pure happiness and unadulterated joy.

It was during this time that they were living every day as God intended, in the right relationship with each other, God and His creation. The only command God gave to them was not to eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In the same way, God made us to be in fellowship with Him. His original plan was that you and I were to enjoy a perfect relationship with Him and each other in total unity. God created us to be in harmony with all of heaven and earth. However, that plan was disrupted by one evil act thousands of years ago.

Our Sins Separate Us from God – Romans 3:23

God confronted them face to face. As a result of their sin, there were immediate and future consequences. The immediate consequences were being banished from the garden (Genesis 3:23-24), pain during childbirth (Genesis 3:16) and our work turning from a joy that we love to a job that we hate (Genesis 3:17-19). The future consequence for Adam and Eve was physical death. God had promised in Genesis 2:17, that the day he sinned by eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that he would “surely die.” Spiritually Adam and Eve died the day they sinned in the garden. Their souls became immediately polluted by sin and selfishness.

G.O.S.P.E.L

As a result, all of their offspring (and that includes you and I) were born sinful and selfish. Through Adam every person ever born is deprived of God's fellowship and depraved to the core (Romans 5:12-14).

Sins Cannot be Removed by Good Deeds – Ephesians 2:8-9

Faith in Christ is the only way to achieve Salvation. People tend to think that they can earn a place in heaven because of their good behaviour or the charitable works they do.

Others think religion can help them earn a place in heaven, but no religion has ever paid the price of sin. The truth is that there is nothing we can do to remove sin from our lives, it is for this reason that we teach salvation as something to be received from God. As Paul says (Titus 3:5), God saved us by his mercy, not by works that we do.

Paying the Price for Sin; Jesus Died and Rose Again - Romans 5:8

When Jesus came to Earth, he came as the fulfilment of the law (Matthew 5:17) and as the ultimate sacrifice (Luke 24:46). He lived the perfect life that we could not live and died in our place, for our sin. When He died upon the cross, He screamed the words, "It is finished" (John 19:30). What He meant by these three words was that the price for our sins was paid completely. He was fully God and entirely man. As a perfect human, He could die for other humans. As the true and living God His payment for sin was infinite.

Jesus rose from the dead three days after He was murdered on the cross (Mark 16:6). He was seen by over 500 witnesses (I Corinthians 15:6) on at least 12 separate occasions over the course of forty days (Acts 1:3). Henceforth, our sins are paid for entirely by His death. Because He rose from the dead, we know that Jesus was who He claimed to be: God in the flesh.

G.O.S.P.E.L

Everyone who Trusts in Him Alone has Eternal Life – John 3:16

The amazing thing about eternal life is it not achieved by good deeds but received through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). It's not a matter of trying but trusting. Jesus paid the price for our sins when He died on the cross and all we must do is receive the gift of forgiveness through faith.

When we believe that Jesus died for our sins and trust in Him alone we receive eternal life and have passed from death to life. As a result, we are guaranteed a home in heaven (John 5:24). Almost the entire New Testament is dedicated to talking about this eternal life and the implications of it in our everyday lives. From John through to Jude the disciples of Jesus show us how to live like Jesus intended, serving each other in love. This is the heart of eternal life!

Life with Jesus Starts Now and Lasts Forever - John 17:3

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, we who trust in Jesus will be with Him forever in heaven. When we trust in Jesus, we enter into a personal, permanent relationship with God called “eternal life.”

Part of the reality of eternal life is that it doesn't start after you die but as soon as you believe (John 10:10). This life is the joy of a real, exciting relationship with Jesus every single day through prayer, worship and living in the strength that God provides through his Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

CONNECTION

- Share your story of Salvation emphasising how the Word of God has had an impact on a person's heart.
- Encourage your youth to see God's Word as a source of promises for their lives. In the same way that the main promise, the promise of Salvation, is completely fulfilled in Christ. God has many promises for his children, and He will never fail to fulfill them.
- Ask your students to recall some promises from the Bible, and also share how they have experienced these promises in their lives.

CHOICE

- People's faith must be in the right person, Jesus. The only way to communicate the message of Jesus is through the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Do you believe that the Bible is the Word of God?
- The most hopeful message on Earth is the Gospel message. Are you ready to communicate the hope that is in you? Do you accept the challenge of memorising the message of the Gospel?



NEXT STEPS

Have you talked to someone who has strong convictions? How was his or her attitude? Did they share it with doubts or with firmness?

When was the last time you were able to speak openly about your faith?

Challenge your young people to be convinced that the Gospel message is the only thing that can transform the lives of their friends.

When the message is fresh in your mind it will also be close to your mouth to share the message with the people who need to hear about the love of Jesus.



THE GOSPEL

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GOD CREATED US TO BE WITH HIM

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SMALL GROUPS



CONNECT

- Talk to your teens about memorising Scripture and the techniques they can use to help them remember.
- Talk about your youth's weekly routine and create spaces for them to comment on the number of conversations they have during the week. Think about how each of those conversations can be turned into a Gospel conversation.

APPLY

Ask the following questions

- Do you feel capable to talk about Jesus to others?
- Is this an excuse or a challenge for you?
- Which friend can you reach with this message?

FACILITATE

- With your small group check these links from the Dare2Share ministry, and see examples to start a Gospel conversation.
- Memorise the acronym and practice it among yourselves.

How to Share the Gospel:

- www.dare2share.org/resources/how-to-share-the-gospel/

KNOW: PREPARE MY MIND

Weekly Prayer

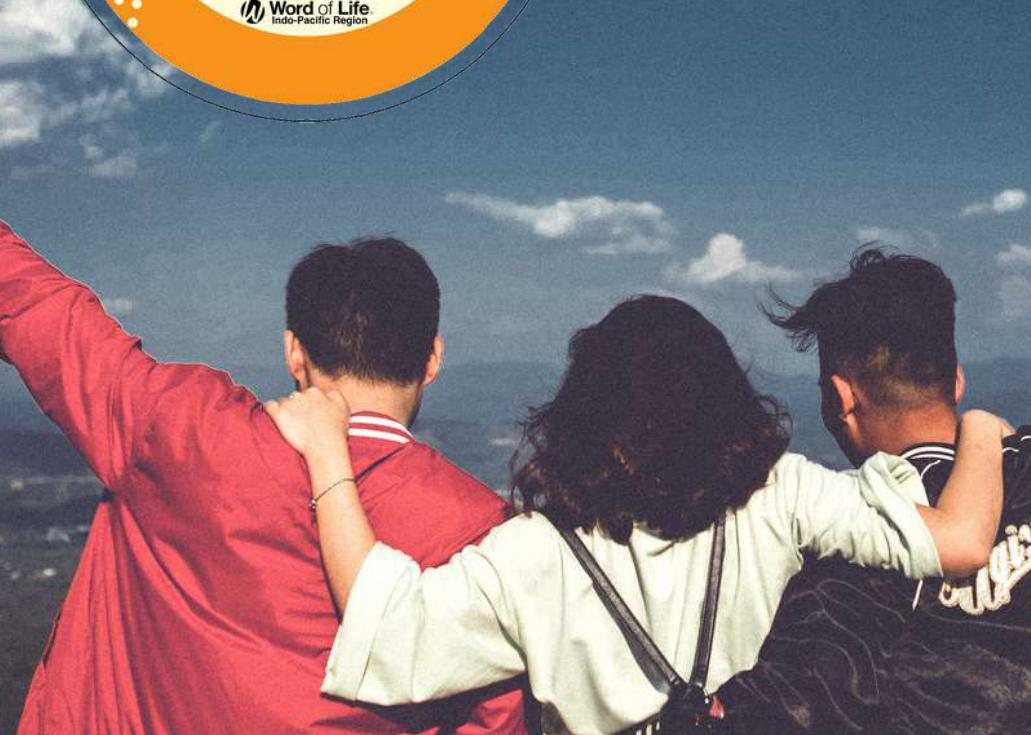


Pray that your mind can be filled with the Word of God
and ready to share the Gospel with a friend.
Pray for a friend with whom you can share the Gospel.



GROW

Prepare my Heart



KNOW: PREPARE MY MIND

GROW: PREPARE MY HEART

**SHOW: PREPARE
MY FEET**

A CALL TO PRAYER

A CALL TO ACTION

Session Overview

THE BIG IDEA

- Our spiritual growth is key to sharing our faith with others. Being with Jesus prepares us to preach the Gospel. As we grow in faith, we show our faith.

THE VISION

- Students will learn that their spiritual growth will help them reach others. The greater love for the Lord; the greater love for their lost friends.

THE BIGGEST VERSE

- "He appointed twelve that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach". Mark 3:14 (NIV)

OTHER VERSES

- Luke 6:12-19; John 15:5-7; Psalm 42:1-2; John 15:12-13; 1 John 3:16-18.

GROW

Prepare my Heart



Students will learn that their spiritual growth will help them reach others. The greater love for the Lord; the greater love for their lost friends.

Your spiritual growth is very important to reach others with the Gospel. It is not about being perfect or reaching a specific level of preparation to talk about Christ, but spiritual growth brings us closer to God and people. The relationship that we observe of Jesus and His disciples in the Gospels is the relationship that we must seek today with Jesus.

As you GROW (Discipleship), you GO (Evangelism).

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HOOK

Begin the lesson by asking a few students to talk about some of the people who have influenced their lives, who they were and what motivated them to do what they did. It can be a sports player, singer, artist, etc.

- Who were the disciples of Jesus? What caused these people to have a great influence on the whole world?
- The key to the disciples' impact was the time they spent getting to know Jesus.
- Is Jesus someone who influences your life?

You can use this video to talk about the impact God wants to make through your students. Let's change the world!

Change the World:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXR_qQ3C6BU&list=PLD5A7385740E014B4&index=64

LESSON CONTENT

How Can we Experience Spiritual Growth?

1. Committed to Jesus - "That they might be with Him"

Before the disciples went out to impact the world with the Gospel, Jesus invested considerable time to be with them. Jesus wanted to be known by them, the disciples had to listen to His words and observe His heart. It means that Jesus wanted "*closeness to his disciples.*"

How important it is to have time with Jesus, He wants to be with us, this is why we must develop closeness with Jesus. Through:

- **My Devotional Life (John 15: 5-7)** - Jesus teaches us that we must be united to Him because apart from Him we can do nothing. Jesus is always willing to help us and accompany us. He is not a God who entrusts us with tasks and leaves us alone, Jesus wants to be with us and give us the power and capacity we need to complete this task. Our Reach One challenge encourages you to spend time with the Word of God day by day, to grow like those branches that are clinging to the True Vine.
- **My Discipline with the Word of God. (Psalm 42:1-2)** - Consistency is one of the most important disciplines for the development of our spiritual life. When we set aside a moment of the day to spend time with God and do it consistently, our spiritual life will begin to grow and strengthen. We need to see reading the Bible as a daily necessity for us, as King David saw it, and seek this Water of Life that brings refreshment to our soul. Word of Life has developed a devotional book called "Growth Journal" to help guide you. Each day is filled with personal, penetrating questions as well insights about the verses you read. It is designed to challenge you to apply the truth to your life each day.

LESSON CONTENT

2. Committed to the Lost - "*To Send Them Out to Preach*"

The mission of these men was not only to know Jesus, but to expand His Gospel. The disciples understood that Jesus wanted to integrate many more people into this new community. As we get to know Jesus more, our commitment to the lost must increase. How can we show our commitment to others?

- Loving Others (John 15: 12-13) - The disciples were very clear about the Old Testament teaching to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength (Deut. 6:5). But Jesus was taking this command a little further, we must love our neighbour as ourselves. The standard of love is very high since Jesus asks us to love as He has loved us. This love requires sacrifice and dedication, it requires humility and empathy. There is a world around us that needs to see the love of Jesus in a real way, and God allows us to show that practical love to those around us. The main truth in this is that the more I love God, the more I love my neighbour.
- Love in Practice ("That One Lay Down His Life for His Friends" - John 15:13) The Apostle John, who had a close relationship with Jesus, writes to us in his first letter (1 John 3:16-18), about the importance of making this love for others a reality. Our love for Jesus is not only demonstrated in our prayers and reading the Bible, we demonstrate it in the sacrifices we are willing to make for others. Your knowledge of Jesus alone does not change the lives of other people, your spiritual growth has to be accompanied by a life of active love towards others. When we look at the life of Jesus we notice a life of practical love for those in need. Jesus always looked at people with compassion and was always willing to meet their needs. How can you make God's love real to others?

Jesus wants us to get to know Him every day and to love Him deeply. As my relationship with Jesus grows, I will increase my love for others. This love must be real and practical, not just in words.

CONNECTION

- Ask your students what areas of their lives they need to grow and how spiritual disciplines can be created to fulfill their goals.
- Encourage students to see the needs of the people around them and remind them that they are channels of compassion. They are agents of change, and that people's greatest need is their eternal salvation.
- Help them to see devotional time as a priority, teach them the benefits of having a spiritual routine and the negative effects of a lack of time with God.
- Remember the principle: "As we grow, we show". We cannot give what we do not have, that is why it is so important to fill our hearts with the Word and the love of God.

CHOICE

The principle we learned today was: Be with Jesus to go out and preach. This implies a time of preparation, devotion and communion. Forgetting this principle will lead us to abandon my communion with Jesus. When we set aside time for our devotional life we are telling Jesus that He is important to us. In addition, we are preparing the way to reach others with the love of God. However, when we live a routine life and do not make time for Jesus, we are saying openly that we do not need to know Him or want to know what He has for us.



NEXT STEPS

Help your students create spiritual habits. You can use the "Grow Journal" to get started. Take a 10-week challenge to begin meditating daily on God's Word.

Check this video for more information:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4XpRzsWBhY&t=46s

There is a link in the description with the Grow devotional, which you can freely download there.

Create a list of activities that you can do with your group to show God's love to those around you. You can use the cause loop to integrate people's names into the "care" section.

More about "The Cause Circle" here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZgqb8J5tV0



SMALL GROUPS

CONNECT

- Talk to your students about their routine for the day, and help them select a time of day where they can consistently spend their quiet time.
- Help them select a time and place where they can have time alone with God. Set a group reminder somewhere to help you build the habit.

APPLY

Ask the following questions:

- Do you think it is worth spending time with Jesus?
- What are the distractions that can interfere with your quiet time?
- What activity can you do to show God's love to a friend?

FACILITATE

- You can do a group devotional and teach them step by step how to complete the "Grow Journal".
- At the next meeting, encourage the youth to share a Bible verse that was an encouragement to their devotional time.
- Make a list of friends and challenge yourself to make someone else understand that has value to you.

GROW: PREPARE MY HEART

Weekly Prayer

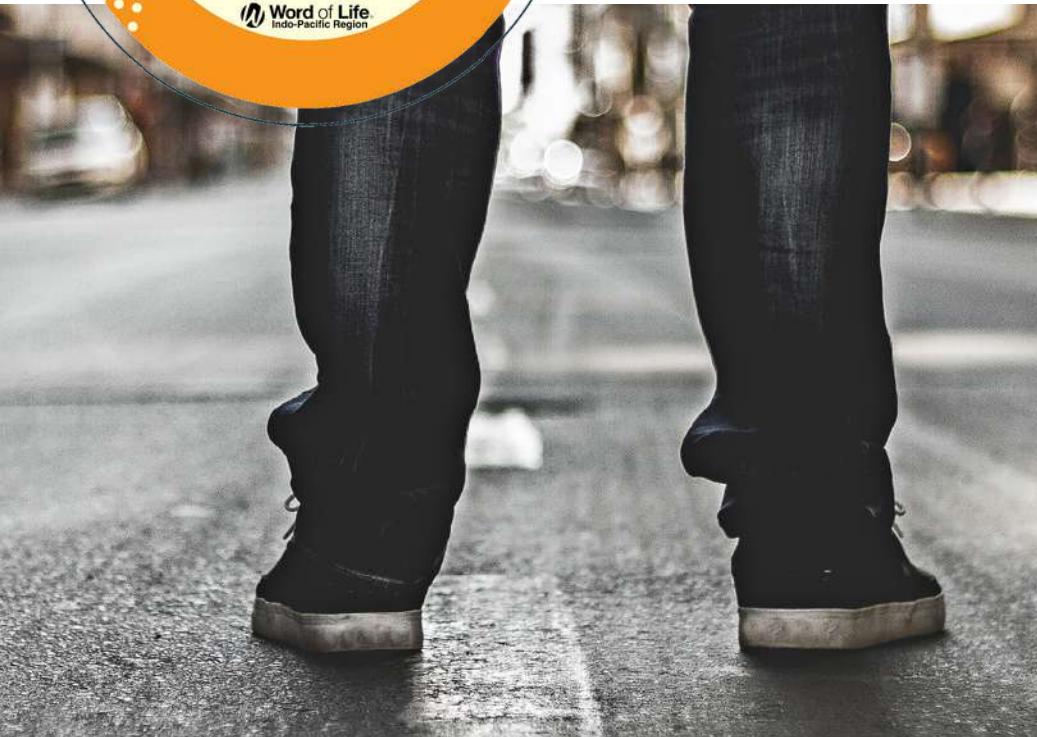


Before you start your Bible reading, ask God to help you understand what you read and also to help you do whatever He tells you.

Ask God for opportunities to serve the community and your friends in need.

SHOW

Prepare my Feet



KNOW: PREPARE MY MIND

GROW: PREPARE MY HEART

**SHOW:
PREPARE MY FEET**

A CALL TO PRAYER

A CALL TO ACTION

Session Overview

THE BIG IDEA

- *Sharing the Gospel with our friends is urgent. This is a cause of which we are a part and we must get involved, we cannot ignore God's call to us. We should be those "beautiful feet" that carry the Good News.*
- *Students will learn the significance of having GOSPEL urgency and implementing principles in courageous living.*
- *For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. - Romans 1:16 (NIV)*

THE VISION

THE BIGGEST VERSE

OTHER VERSES

- *Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16; 10:14-17; 6:23; Luke 16:23; Mark 9:43,48; Matthew 13:42; 19:16-20.*

SHOW

Prepare my Feet



Students will learn the significance of having GOSPEL urgency and implementing principles in courageous living.

Today we live in a world where young people are involved in different causes, be it the environment, animals, social justice, etc. Young people are looking for a purpose for their lives.

This is why it is so important that students understand that they have a calling to participate in the ultimate cause, the cause that Christ has called the church to. We must take seriously the potential that youth have for the Cause of Christ.

HOOK

Just Five Things!

This icebreaker is so versatile and can work for any group. Break up into groups of four or five and have them come up with a list of five things to answer a prompt. Create a question that relates to your group. For example, serious prompts can be “five things that inspire you” or “five habits of successful people.” Fun prompts could include “the five worst movies you’ve ever seen,” “five favourite foods,” etc.

In the end, ask everyone to say five urgent things they need to do before the end of the year. You can finish this time by talking about those things that are urgent for us and how we strive to fulfil them. Tell them to write down this urgent to do list, and at the end of this lesson re-evaluate any other urgent tasks.

LESSON CONTENT

1. Carry the Cause (Mark 16:15)

Imagine you are saying goodbye to your best friends, and you want to give them some tasks to do before leaving. You want your friends to remember these tasks, and never forget them. Well, that's how it was with Jesus, these are His last words, the last message He wanted to leave with His best friends, His disciples.

What was this Cause? Go and preach the Gospel. It was a clear mandate, there were no other interpretations or conditions. For us today, we must reach those who are close to us with the Gospel message. Mark describes Jesus telling us to go, this is a command from our Lord. We must be active in obeying this command. The word "GO" implies a movement; it gives us the idea that as we go through life, we are mandated to be active in proclaiming the Gospel. Jesus' words are addressed to everyone. That means it is not just for the so-called professionals but for every follower of Christ. What will you do with Christ's cause? Are you willing to get involved in this great mission of taking the Gospel to every part of the world?

2. Consider the Cost (Romans 1:16)

One of the great examples of Christians who paid a cost to follow Jesus is the Apostle Paul. He travelled thousands of miles, faced persecution, imprisonment, and many other experiences, with only one purpose: to announce the love of Jesus throughout the world.

What's stopping you from sharing the Gospel with a friend? Perhaps it's the fear of rejection or the possibility of offending someone or you simply feel ashamed to talk about those topics with others. In this verse, Paul shows us the reason why he had the courage and strength to live for Christ: I am not ashamed of the Gospel! In the difficult Roman society, Paul spoke courageously for Christ in every place he went. The Gospel began with Christ who was not ashamed of being publicly hung on a cross. It cost Him everything.

LESSON CONTENT

There is indeed a cost, perhaps we will face rejection at some point, but you must remember that the Gospel is the power of God to save others. Be confident and a part of God's plan. Greg Stier comments on this concept:

"One of the biggest blessings of students knowing and sharing their faith is that it reminds us of the power of the Gospel. The GOSPEL is like a grenade. It doesn't matter who pulls the pin, it's gonna blow up!"

3. Respond to Urgency (*Romans 10: 14-17.*)

"No one can be saved apart from receiving understanding and believing the Gospel. This makes the task of evangelism critical."

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

How can they believe if there is no one to preach to them? We cannot remain silent in the face of the need and urgency of preaching. Hell is real and those who have not believed in Christ will spend an eternity in that place (*Romans 6:23*).

*"Jesus doesn't only reference hell, he describes it in great detail. He says it is a place of eternal torment (*Luke 16:23*), of unquenchable fire (*Mark 9:43*), where the worm does not die (*Mark 9:48*), where people will gnash their teeth in anguish and regret (*Matt. 13:42*), and from which there is no return. There's no denying that Jesus knew, believed, and warned against the absolute reality of hell." - Leslie Schumucker*

Eternity hits our present and our reality and should move us to wake up to the need of those around us. There is at least one who needs the Good News of the Gospel.

CONNECTION

- The cause of Christ is a call to be obeyed. Matthew 19:16-20 shows us a rich young man who was unwilling to obey God's call. He had a lot of potential but he couldn't leave behind what he considered important. Any cost we have to pay will never equal the cost Jesus paid on the cross for us. Encourage your students to have the courage to preach the Gospel despite adversity.
- Ask your young people to take the list of 5 urgent things again and evaluate if changes need to be made to that list. Encourage them to write 5 names of people they need to talk to urgently.

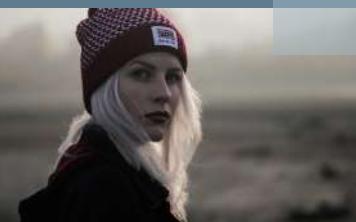
CHOICE

- Christian Persecution | Obedience - The 99 And The 1 - Central Asia
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpsneGs94ys
- You can watch this video with your students and finally reflect on obedience to God's call. Sometimes we do not obey because we are comfortable in our reality. Challenge the youth to obey the command to go and preach the Gospel to everyone.



NEXT STEPS

- Get a map of the place where your Church is, and with the students mark places where or to whom they can go to preach the Gospel. This can be schools, friends, parks, etc.
- Come up with some ideas, events, activities, or reach-outs that you can do as a group for this. Help your young people to see the cause of Christ as something close and real.



DO YOU THINK THAT IN AUSTRALIA THERE IS AN URGENCY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL?

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

1. Suicide is the leading cause of death among Australians aged 15–24
2. Deaths by suicide represented 40% of all deaths in young people aged 15–17 and 36% of all deaths in those aged 18–24.
3. Regarding self-harm, the rate for young people aged 15–19 was 354 hospitalisations per 100,000 population, while the rate for 20–24-year-olds was lower, 252 per 100,000 population.

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter."

Proverbs 24:11.



SMALL GROUPS

CONNECT

- Talk to your group about the reality of young people in your area.
- Ask them to name some urgent needs they have. An example of this may be: depression, anxiety, loneliness, etc.
- Ask them to think of people who need urgent help, and plan to start a Gospel conversation with them this week.

APPLY

Ask the following questions

- Which agenda is more urgent, yours or Jesus'?
- What may be the price you should consider when talking about Christ? (rejection, frustration, shame, etc.)
- Are you willing to lead the cause of Christ?

FACILITATE

- Together with the leaders of your youth group, make a strategic plan to reach other people.
- Look again at the map of your Church and write names of people or places that you can reach during this month.

SHOW: PREPARE MY FEET

Weekly Prayer



Pray that God will give you the courage
to face your fears.

Ask Jesus that the passion for the lost increases in
your heart and that the reality of your context
awakens an urgency to preach the Gospel.



SET

POSITION YOURSELF!

A CALL to Prayer



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Session Overview

THE BIG IDEA

- Constant and intentional prayer changes our hearts. When we intercede for the lost we begin to see them with compassion. Prayer opens doors and prepares for the Gospel's advancing ministry.

THE VISION

- Students will learn that prayer fuels a passion for the lost.

THE BIGGEST VERSE

- "As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you". - 2 Thessalonians 3:1

OTHER VERSES

- Romans 10:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Ephesians 6:18-19; Genesis 18:23-32; Luke 5:16; Mark 1:35; Luke 18:1.

A CALL TO Prayer



Students will Learn that Prayer Fuels a Passion for the Lost

Prayer is a fundamental part of our vision to reach one with the Gospel. It is important because the salvation of people is a supernatural work that belongs to God. When we pray, we are including God in our plan. Without God's help, we will not be able to see people passing from death to spiritual life. For this reason, we must discipline ourselves in prayer. How can you be effective when praying?

HOOK

Supplies:

- Bucket
- Pieces of paper with words/phrases (listed below).
- Prize for the winning team

Game Prep:

Divide students into two teams of equal size and have them sit down with their team. Have a leader on hand to keep time for each round and keep score. Write down each of the following words/phrases on pieces of paper and place them in the bucket:

- Artist
- Mum
- Ironing a shirt
- Bicycle
- Washing a dog
- Riding a motorbike
- Ice skating
- Scuba diving
- Baking cookies
- Flying a kite
- Fishing in a boat
- Mowing the lawn

Twisted Charades - How to Play

Call one person from each team to stand with you in front of the students. Each student will take turns in acting out the words or phrase they pick out of the bucket. The twist is, both team players will be acting out the same word or phrase at the same time, so you could be helping the other team guess the word. As both are acting it out, both teams will be able to guess what the word or phrase is.

Scoring:

- If your team guesses correctly in under 10 seconds, you get 5 points.
- If you guess correctly in under 20 seconds, you get 3 points.
- If you guess correctly in under 30 seconds, you get 2 points.
- In 40 seconds or less, you get 1 point.
- At the 50 second mark, if no one has guessed correctly, that round is over and no one gets a point.

Additional twist: Whatever amount of points your team wins for that round, those points will be deducted from the other team.

If there are no points to take away, that team will have a negative score. Oh! And here's the last twist. Each of our charade actors will not be facing the team. They will have their backs to the audience!

Hint: Suggest that both of the charade actors use very large motions and their whole body to act out these words/phrases. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins!

Teaching / Script:

"I'm not sure we could have made it more difficult to communicate with each other. That was tough! Especially since you were trying to get your message through to your team."

Ask: "Have you ever had something exciting happen and you are dying to tell your friend, except they won't text you back or answer their phone?"

(Allow a few responses from students.)

This has happened to me quite a few times and it can be frustrating!

Why? Because when you want to talk to someone, you expect them to be ready to talk to you in an instant — even if that isn't a realistic expectation. But, what we can't reasonably expect from each other is an actual promise that God gives us (Hebrews 4:16).

Prayer is a direct way to talk with God, through it we can find peace and security in our lives. Today we want to encourage you to go deeper into your prayer life. Prayer is a very important area of our spiritual lives, especially in the challenge of reaching your friends with the Gospel of Christ."

LESSON CONTENT

1. Be intentional (Romans 10:1)

We have already talked about the Apostle Paul in previous lessons; however, it is important to note where his passion began for preaching the Gospel. It all started with prayer. Before embarking on any plan or project, Paul spent a lot of time praying. He declares that "*the longing of his heart and his prayer for Israel is for their salvation.*" - Romans 10:1. Interestingly, Paul mixes the longing of his heart with prayer. This leads us to believe that our prayer is a fuel that lights the flame of our passion for the lost.

Paul was intentional, he defined the purposes of his prayers:

- 1 Timothy 2:1-3 - Paul encourages believers to pray for all men and women, why? For their salvation.
- 2 Thessalonians. 3:1 - Paul asks for prayer for the advancement of the preaching of the Gospel.
- Ephesians 6:18-19 - Paul asks for prayer for new opportunities to spread the Gospel.
- Romans 10:1 - Write on behalf of a friend that you want to reach with the Gospel.

2. Be an Intercessor (Genesis 18: 23-32)

Sadly, the reality of the world we live in shows us that many people have turned their backs on God and are living messy lives against His will. However, that does not mean that God cannot transform the lives of these people.

This portion of the Bible shows us the intercessory heart that Abraham had for his nephew Lot. Seeing an impending judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham cried out to God that in His mercy he would save Lot and his family from this judgment.

LESSON CONTENT

- **His Interest in Lot and for Others:** Abraham could've continued with his own life, his nephew had abandoned him and was seeing the consequences of his bad decisions, however, Abraham did not have a selfish heart, he loved those people.
- **His Humility:** He recognised that the solution to this problem was not in the intervention of a man, as only God could intervene in the salvation of these people. Our prayer helps us to include God in what we cannot do, save people.

3. Be Disciplined (Luke 5:16)

Jesus is our greatest example of prayer, He looked for these spaces in his daily life to pray. It didn't matter if his schedule was very busy, there was always a time to pray. We may have a desire to pray, even for a large list of people but become overwhelmed. We need to fulfil this desire by starting, even starting small. Jesus teaches us that our prayer should be:

- **Without distractions (deserted places):** Another of Jesus' favourite places was the mountains, they were places where he could be alone in the presence of God, without distractions. The problem of distraction is not in our smartphones or on social networks, the problem is in our hearts. By setting aside a time and place without distractions, we show that prayer is a priority for us.
- **Constants (Mark 1:35):** Prayer was a practice of Jesus; it was part of His life. His ministry was so consistent and powerful. In Luke 18:1, Jesus teaches about the need to always pray and not lose heart. This was a priority for Jesus even in His teaching.

Prayer should be a fundamental part of our life, especially in our desire to reach others with the Gospel. Prayer not only changes other people's lives but also changes our hearts. It ignites our passion for the salvation of others, and brings discipline to our prayer life. The time to pray is today.

CONNECTION

There is no doubt that prayer occupies a very important place in the heart of God, He wants us to enjoy this direct communication that we can have with Him. When we pray for the lost, we start to see people as God sees them. Be intentional in your prayer for the lost, God wants to answer you. Intercede for your friends so that God creates opportunities and opens doors for you to start a Gospel conversation. Finally, separate a time and a place, be consistent and disciplined in your prayer life. Follow the example of Jesus and you will see the hand of God in your life.

CHOICE

- Perhaps many of the students in your youth group have heard of prayer many times and have seen close examples of people disciplined in their prayer life. However, they may not have yet themselves developed a habit of prayer. Encourage your students to include God in their plans, help them surrender their desires to God, and pray together for those people who need to know about Christ.
- Prayer - What is Prayer? / Short Video
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LG_3pX88fM



NEXT STEPS

Encourage your students to put prayer into practice and make it real in their lives. You can ask Word of Life for the "Prayer Journal" and start writing the names of people for whom you want to intercede. The following week pray together for these people and discuss opportunities to start a Gospel conversation with them.





SMALL GROUPS

CONNECT

- Talk to your students about times when they saw their prayers answered. Ask them to share their experience and their emotions regarding it.
- Challenge young people to pray for the "impossible."
- Think of people who, in our minds, are very far from God and it seems impossible for them to believe the Gospel. Write them down on your prayer lists.

APPLY

Ask the following questions

- How often do you pray?
- Is there a reason for personal prayer that you want to include on our list?
- Are you willing to give these prayer requests to God?

FACILITATE

- Ask for your "Prayer Journal" for your youth group and start a prayer movement.
- Find a special place and time for prayer and ask your unsaved friends for a specific prayer request.
- Pray together, put prayer alerts on your social media and smartphones.
- Involve people from your church in this prayer movement.

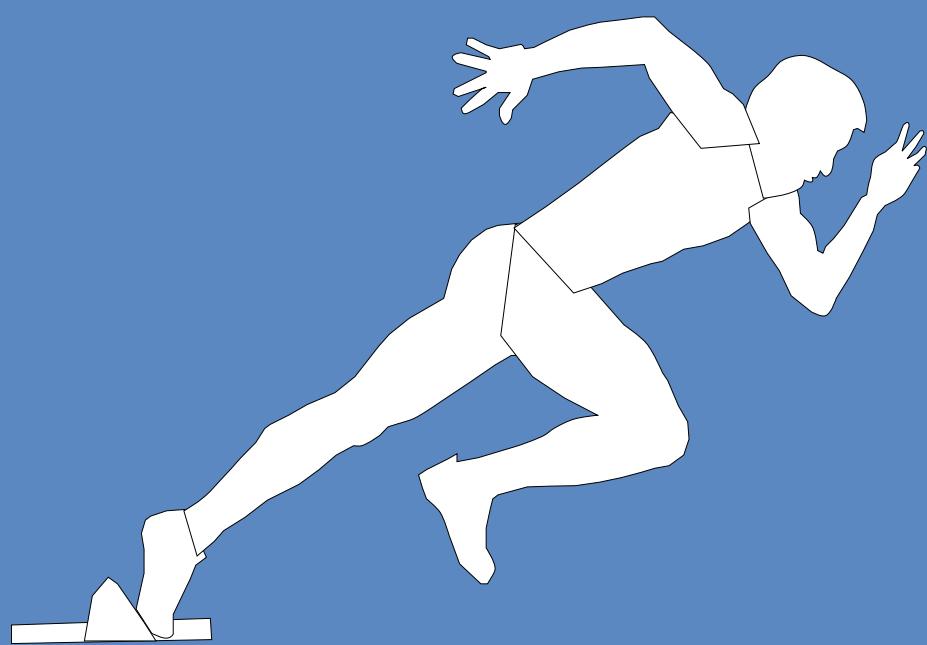
A CALL TO PRAYER

Weekly Prayer



Pray that your passion for the lost is ignited through prayer.

Pray for open doors to preach the Gospel.
Ask for God's help in your Gospel conversations.



GO!

START MOVING!

A CALL to Action



KNOW: PREPARE MY MIND

GROW: PREPARE MY HEART

SHOW: PREPARE MY FEET

A CALL TO PRAYER

A CALL TO ACTION

Session Overview

THE BIG IDEA

- We must be active in God's work, He wants to use us and it is not enough just to hear about evangelism, we must be the Gospel for others. Evangelism is a movement.

THE VISION

- Students will learn the principle, be doers of the word and not hearers only.

THE BIGGEST VERSE

- "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." - James 1:22

OTHER VERSES

- Luke 6:12-19; John 15:5-7; Psalm 42:1-2; John 15:12-13; 1 John 3:16-18.

A CALL TO Action



Students will learn the principle, be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

It is very important to make changes in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual life. In this lesson, we will motivate young people to make changes in their relationship with evangelism, we will motivate them to have an active attitude and not a passive one.

Today's youth are tired of speeches and words, they need to see evangelism alive through our lives. What does it mean to be "doers" of the Word?

HOOK

- Separate your youth group into groups of 5 people.
- Ask them to do a short skit where they present positive news. It may be they create a cure for a disease, or win a sports championship, or create something that will save the planet. The idea is that they can represent a newscast broadcasting positive news.
- Talk to them about the Gospel, the Good News, and their attitude when talking about this good news.

You can use the following video in this section:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=HT41M013X3A&t=65s

LESSON CONTENT

DOERS

Dynamic - (John 1:40-42)

Andrew is a great example of a dynamic person in evangelism. Immediately after meeting Jesus, he ran to find someone he loved deeply, his brother Peter. Evangelism is active, it cannot be static, it is a movement. We are called to submerge ourselves under the mighty hand of God. “*And he brought Jesus to him*” (John 1:42), what a joy it is to bring people to Jesus! It is interesting that Andrew first looked for those who were closest to him, he did not ignore them but understood that they had to know Jesus.

Andrew did not stop until he took his brother to meet Jesus, he had “*Met the Saviour,*” and his brother needed to do so as well. Who can you take to meet Jesus today?

Obedient - (Acts 4:19-20)

Years later, and after experiencing wonderful and challenging times with Jesus, Peter, the man Andrew led to Jesus, is experiencing a watershed moment in his life. Together with John they were being intimidated and forced not to talk about the Gospel with anyone. Perhaps this is going to be a situation that you are going to experience. People are going to reject you for the message of Jesus, others are going to ask you to keep quiet and not talk about those issues. Peter and John give us a valuable lesson in obedience to the Great Commission: It is better to obey God rather than men.

The preaching of the Gospel is also a show of obedience and submission to Jesus. Peter and John not only spoke of Jesus out of obedience, but they also did so because they had experienced God's love over their lives. They had been witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus (the Gospel) and they could not silence this wonderful experience. Who can you tell what you have seen and heard?

LESSON CONTENT

Enthusiastic - (Acts 4: 29-31)

The story continues, and since there was no way to silence these men, they continued to preach the Gospel with boldness. They were completely excited about what God was doing, the miracles of salvation were great testimonies that encouraged them to reach out to other people.

We must not preach the Gospel by imposition, we must not take it as a task delegated to us, we must do it with emotion. Amazingly, God considers us to be part of his evangelisation plan. God is allowing us to be part of a change in the eternity of people. Get excited about what God is going to do through you. Do your friends see in you the happiness of being a child of God?

Resilient - (Acts 5: 17-21)

It is so shocking to see the determination of these people. Even despite the difficulties and the risk to their own lives, they were willing to move on. Do you get discouraged quickly? Are you easily frustrated by the refusal of others? Resilience is the ability to recover from problems and move on. This is what Peter and John did with the help of God, they miraculously left the dungeon to preach the Gospel at the temple. With God's help, you can overcome conflict and move on to fulfilling God's plan for your life.

Fear causes us to stop, not to keep moving. It is not bad to be afraid, the bad thing is to stop and not trust that God can help us move forward despite our fears. In what areas of your life do you need to rest and trust God? You can have victory today. To reach others we must believe that God is with us. What difficulty can you overcome today with God's help?

Service - (Acts 6: 1-3)

The Gospel began to spread rapidly and immediately. The disciples began looking for people to serve. Service is one way we can reach out to people.

LESSON CONTENT

Jesus gave the greatest example of service (Mark 10:45), and so we must imitate our Lord and serve our community. Serving others is a show of love and humility, and this will help us win the hearts and trust of people.

Caring for others is an opportunity to be imitators of Jesus. Remember how many times Jesus stopped to attend to the needs of the sick and the neglected, these interventions of Jesus were also opportunities to communicate the message of the Gospel with those in need. Who and how can you serve in your community today?

We saw the evangelisation process, Andrew brought Peter to meet Jesus, and Jesus completely transformed Peter's life, and Peter spread the Gospel in many other places. God continues to work the same way today. We cannot measure what God is going to do in the life of a person who knows the Gospel. It is wonderful to see how lives broken by sin are transformed by the grace and mercy of God. Each person deserves our effort to hear the Gospel. Let's stop being knowledgeable and hearers of our mission, it is time to act and fulfil our mission.

CONNECTION

- The Bible says that when we only listen to the Word of God but do not make changes, we are similar to a person who looks in the mirror and forgets what he saw. It is sad when God speaks to our lives and encourages us to change but we do not respond positively. The most affected are ourselves since we do not live that experience of being transformed by the Word of God. Today you have the opportunity to respond with actions in your daily life, you can make the message of the Gospel real in your life.

CHOICE

- The principle we learned today was: Be with Jesus to go out and preach. This implies a time of preparation, devotion and communion. Forgetting this principle will lead us to abandon my communion with Jesus.
- When we set aside time for our devotional life we are telling Jesus that He is important to us. In addition, we are preparing the way to reach others with the love of God. However, when we live a routine life and do not make time for Jesus, we are saying openly that we do not need to know Him or want to know what He has for us.



NEXT STEPS

Download the Life in 6 Words app (LI6W) and create a group for your community where they can see the progress of the Gospel conversation of your group. Encourage your young people to download this app to share the Gospel with the GOSPEL acronym.

You can see more about this app in this link:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xGR20p0CNo

You can see the download links in this link:
www.li6w.com/app

How to use the LI6W APP:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln2RYta3kBs



A photograph showing four students (three boys and one girl) sitting around a table, studying together. They have open books and laptops in front of them. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

SMALL GROUPS

CONNECT

- Encourage your students to see the needs of close people. Reflect on some characters like Andrew, Peter and John, and how they were willing to share the message with others.
- With the application of LI6W, create a group in common where you can be accountable and pray together.

APPLY

- What problem do you have to face when sharing the Gospel?
- Following Andrew's model, who could you introduce to Jesus?
- Are you excited about sharing your faith? Why?

FACILITATE

- Take care of doing everything possible so that your students can have access to the Dare2Share app. You can practice a Gospel conversation with them, pray with them and begin to share their faith with your reach one.
- If one of your students has already started a Gospel conversation, ask them to tell the story to encourage your group.

A CALL TO ACTION

Weekly Prayer



Pray that God will give you opportunities to serve others and that those services will be channels to start Gospel conversations.

MEMORY PACK

KNOW

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

Romans 10:17

GROW

"He appointed twelve that they might be with Him and that they might send them out to preach."

Mark 3:14

SHOW

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

Romans 1:16

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About Word of Life

Word of Life is an international youth organisation. Our passion and vision around the world is youth evangelism, discipleship and supporting the local church. Our vision is to reach the lost, restore the backslider and refresh the committed believer.

For over 50 years, Word of Life Australia has been committed to the evangelism and discipleship of youth. We seek to assist local churches through training, equipping, and encouraging leaders in teen and children's ministry. Also, through dynamic and exciting outreach events, we seek to reach the youth of Australia with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Today's youth are facing more challenges than any other generation in the past. They are constantly bombarded with answers relating to their question of life purpose & identity but without discernment of what is right or wrong. More than ever, they are seeking authenticity & truth!

Word of Life Youth Ministry is reaching today's youth whose needs constantly change with biblical principles that never change. Word of Life Youth Ministry exists to support the local organisations in providing platforms for evangelism and discipleship for the purpose of seeing changed lives and growth in Christ.

Our two goals are:

- Every teen, everywhere, hearing the Gospel from a friend.
- Every student growing in their walk with Christ.

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