

Loving Your Unchurched Neighbor

A Workshop - Spring 2022 - Class 1

◆ Icebreaker

◆ Goals of the Workshop

1. Faithfulness

2. Live intentionally

3. Be equipped

1. Have a plan
2. Ideas to engage and know your neighbors
3. Ways to transition to and engage them on spiritual things
4. Share your 1-minute testimony (without being weird)
5. Take someone through the Gospel of John - SHOW BOOKLETS
6. How to share a presentation of the gospel - BRIDGE DIAGRAM

◆ Laying a Biblical Foundation

1. What is every Christian actually called to do?

Missional passages in the NT seem to all fit under this primary calling of every Christian:

Matt. 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:31-33; Luke 10:27

Romans 13:9 - All the commandments are summed up in this word: "Love your neighbor as yourself"

Galatians 5:14 - For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

James 2:8 - Fulfill the royal law... according to... "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

Neighbor = _____

The NT assumes Christians will be living in the world, having relationships with whatever non-believing neighbors are near them, loving and doing good to them.

Jesus example:

— Matt. 11:19 - he was called a "_____ of _____"

— He walked around... _____, _____, and _____

Common evangelism passages that point to relationships with unbelievers, loving and doing good to them

- Matt. 5:13-14
- Galatians 6:1
- 1 Thes. 4:11-12
- 1 Peter 2:12
- 1 Peter 3:15
- * **Colossians 4:5-6**

**= Every Christian is called to love their neighbor with intentionality
to love and work toward their good**

...UNIQUELY

Matthew 28:18-20



VS.



1 Peter 4:10-11

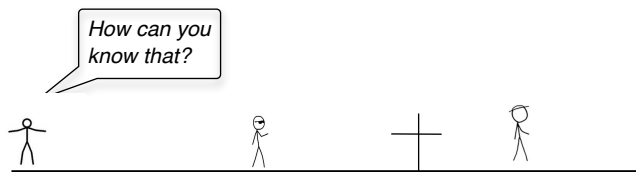
Speaking

Serving

"As each has received a gift, use it... as good stewards of God's varied grace."

= We all have different GIFTS to do this in different PLACES in different WAYS at different TIMES

...IN GOD'S TIMING



Like Farming...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q) How do we normally define evangelism?

Q) How do we normally judge success in evangelism?

2. Reasons we struggle (Fears & Excuses) - Discussion

Not. Easy. Lot’s of reasons we struggle with this.

[ACTIVITY] Q) Take time to discuss the reasons this might be difficult for you to do. (Around your table)

Top reasons we struggle:

3. How the Gospel Motivates Us

Q: What do we most need to deal with the heart issue of:

<u>Fear or Excuse</u>	<u>Most Need</u>	How does the gospel provide this?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

◆ This Week’s Action Step & Commitment

1. Write out your personal goals for this class

1. _____

2. _____

2. Prayer

Loving Your Unchurched Neighbor

A Workshop - Spring 2022 - Class 2

◆ Icebreaker

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

◆ Review

Goals of the Class:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

◆ TOOL 1: Love Your Neighbor CARD

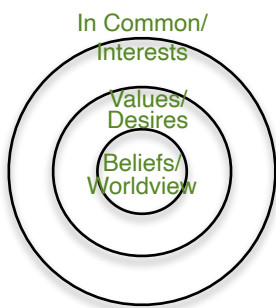
[FRONT OF CARD]

[BACK OF CARD]

► **PRAY:** Pray for them and for opportunities to engage them relationally and spiritually

► **KNOW:** Ask questions (interests, values, desires and beliefs). Listen well. Look for windows into their heart or traces of the Spirit working.

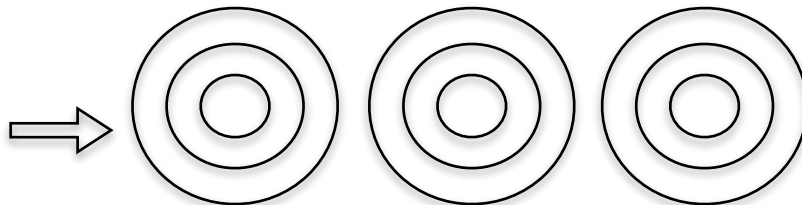
[iii] 3 Concentric Circles diagram



What do you _____ about...? → F.O.R.C — _____, _____, _____, _____ (CoJourners)

What do you _____ about...? → **Look to go deeper**
1. Look for windows into the heart/soul
2. Look for unmet needs
3. Look for traces of the Spirit working

What do you _____ about...?



[iii] The conversation dance...

◆ ACTIVITY

► **INVITE:** To **EAT** with you... *[Share personal experiences here if want]*
To an **EVENT** (at church or elsewhere)... *[Share personal experiences here if want]*
To **EXPLORE** Christianity with you.

Over next 2 weeks:

1. Transitioning the conversation to spiritual things.
2. Sharing your 1-minute testimony
3. Going through the gospel of John with a neighbor
4. Sharing the gospel with them (using a diagram)

◆ **Some practical ways to know our neighbors — Amy Lively**

◆ **ACTIVITY**

◆ **This Week's Action Step & Commitment**

Initiate to get to know one of your non-Christian neighbors better. Ask good questions and actively listen to them. Look for windows into their heart, unmet needs or traces of God's Spirit at work in them.

Loving Your Unchurched Neighbor

A Workshop - Spring 2022 - Class 3

◆ Stories from last week

◆ Brief Devotional - Col. 4

◆ Review

- TOOL 1: LYN Card

◆ TOOL 2: Questions to Transition to Spiritual Things

Life/Values/Worldview...

- What would you say is most important to you in life?
- Do you believe in absolute truth? Do you think you can know for sure what is true?
- What are some of the core truths or values that affect how you live or have lived?

Religion/Spiritual things/worldview...

- What was your religious background as a child?
- Do you think (or read) much about spiritual things?
- How has that (event, experience, book, etc.) affected the way you understand God?
- Where would you say you are in your spiritual pilgrimage/journey?
- Do you have a spiritual belief of any kind?
- What words would you use to describe your life spiritually?
- Have you had a negative experience or been turned off by Christian people?
- Are you satisfied with where you are spiritually?

Church...

- Do you have a church or religious background?
- Do you attend church services now? Why or why not?

Suffering/Difficult situation...

- * How can I pray for you regarding that?
- Does going through that cause you to be mad at God? Does it affect you spiritually?
- Does that lead you to doubt God more or know more about Him?

Bible...

- Have you ever read any of the Bible?
- What do you think it's main message is?
- Would you let me share a verse of the Bible that gives a summary of the message of the whole Bible?

God/Jesus...

- What is your concept of God? Do you view God positively or negatively?
- How would you describe your belief in God?
- Do you find yourself moving toward God, away from God or staying about the same?
- Who do you think Jesus was?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
- On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your desire to know God personally?
- Do you think Jesus was more a liar, a lunatic or Lord? (He can't be simply a good moral teacher)
- If there's even a small chance Jesus was who said he was, would you be open to reading a little about his life from one book of the Bible with me?

Gospel/salvation (vs. good works)...

- What do you think is most important to God? Why?
- If God asked you why he should let you into his heaven, what would you say?
- If you were wrong about what you believe, would you want to know?

Life&Death/Heaven&Hell...

- What do you think happens after we die?
- If you were to die tonight, how sure are you that you would have eternal life?
- If you could know for sure what happens after you die, would you want to know?

◆ ACTIVITY

◆ TOOL 3: Sharing Your (1-Minute) Testimony

Creating Your Testimony

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... — 1Pet. 3:15

Use this outline and take a few minutes to write out your unique story of coming to know and trust Christ, with the goal that you are able to encourage someone else with the value of doing the same. Start with prayer for wisdom and honesty. Keep it short so you can share it within 2-5 minutes.

◆ *Life before Christ was in your life or became more reallimportant in your life:*

- What about your life before Christ will relate most to the non-Christians I know?
- What did your life revolve around? What motivated you? Where did you get my security, identity or happiness from? (Think about both moralism and worldliness)
- How did those things begin to let you down? How did you see or feel that happening?

◆ *How I Came to trust Christ*

- Who are what did God use to awaken you to your need for Him? Any specific Bible verses?
- When was the first time you heard the gospel or it made sense? What was most attractive about it? (God's grace or love or the work of Christ?) What drew you in?
- What were your struggles, doubts and fears about making a commitment to Jesus?
- Why and when did you decide to trust and commit your life to Christ?

◆ *My Life After Coming to Christ*

- How is your life different (list changes in your character, attitude, actions and motivations)?
- Share how knowing God and the gospel impacts how you currently deal with your own ongoing failures and life's challenges.
- How are you currently trusting God to work on in your life?

◆ ACTIVITY

◆ This Week's Action Step & Commitment

1. PRAY and look for an open door to _____

2. PRAY and look for an opportunity door to _____

Who is one person that will encourage and follow up with me on these goals? _____

Loving Your *Unchurched* Neighbor

A Workshop - Spring 2022 - Class 4

◆ Stories from last week

Any open doors to transition the conversation with a neighbor to spiritual things?

◆ Review

- Goals:
 1. Faithfulness
 2. Live intentionally
 3. Be equipped
- Our Biblical calling: Live intentionally to love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39; Col. 4:5-6)

▶ Tool 1: LYN Card

- PRAY — KNOW — INVITE (Eat, Event, Explore)
- Asking good questions, active listening, and look to go deeper

▶ Tool 2: Questions to Transition to Spiritual Things

- Remember the “6 degrees game” and the “conversation dance”
 - Windows into their heart
 - Traces of the Spirit working
 - Unmet needs

▶ Tool 3: Sharing Your (1-Minute) Testimony

◆ TOOL 4: Life Issues - (Gospel of John Booklets)

▶ Possible introduction questions:

- Q) Have you ever investigated the claims of Jesus for yourself? (Liar, Lunatic, Lord - can't be just a good moral teacher)
- Q) Even there's even if 5% chance Jesus was who he said he was, would you be open to reading a little about his life from one book of the Bible with me?
- Q) Have you ever read the Bible? Would you be willing to go through one book together...?

▶ 1 booklet/week — 5 chapters/booklet with questions

▶ Give 1st booklet, meet the next week and go over questions. Ask to continue and give booklet 2. Repeat with all 4.



◆ ACTIVITY

◆ TOOL 5: The Bridge Diagram - (A Presentation of the Gospel)

► Possible introduction questions:

Q) What do you believe...? “Do you mind if I tell you what I believe? There is a verse in the Bible that is a good summary of what Christians believe...”

Q) Have you ever read the Bible? There’s one verse that gives a good summary of the whole Bible. Would you be willing to let me share it with you through an illustration?



Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Heb. 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

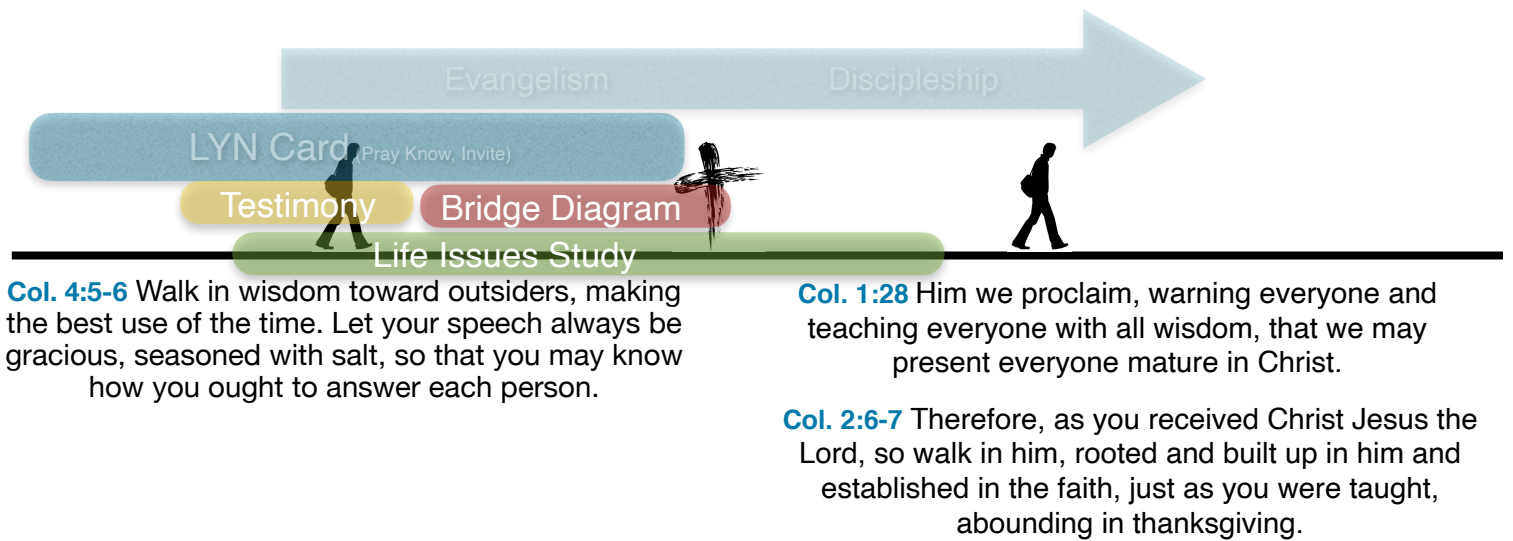
Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1Pet. 3:18 ¶ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,



◆ OVERVIEW



◆ Final Action Step & Commitment

1. Write out a few goals you have for the Spring in terms of loving your unchurched neighbor? How would you like to see God use you?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2. Who are 2 people that would commit to encourage & check in on you regarding these goals this Spring?

◆ Q&A — DISCUSSION