

LESSON ELEVEN

THE SHARING PRINCIPLE

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Part 1 (of 2 parts)

University Objectives... (Reviewed)

_____ the Word!

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Semper Vivus: _____

“This _____ is _____!”

“University” Defined:

“An institution of _____ at the highest _____.”

Principle 11 (of 12)

The _____ Principle

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Acts 1:8 (NIV)

THE BOOK OF ACTS... A Three-Word Summary!

“A CALL TO INTIMACY”

Jesus went _____ !

The Holy Spirit came _____ !

And the Church went _____ !

Foundational Premise...

“Premise” Defined:

“A proposition upon which an _____ is based or from which a _____ is drawn.”

Premise...

It is a biological fact that all _____ living _____ reproduce. It is therefore essential for a believer’s quality of _____ life and health to be involved in advancing Christ’s _____ through the spread of His Good News, both locally and globally.

SHARING CHRIST... Personally (Part 1)

INTRODUCING THE...

“PRAYER, CARE, SHARE” Prayer-Evangelism Strategy

“Prayer Evangelism” Defined

“Prayer evangelism is _____ to _____ about your _____ before talking to your neighbors about _____.”

—Ed Silvos

1. The _____ Focus

Action Step One

_____ Christ in your neighborhood (or among friends and acquaintances) through a systematic prayer-evangelism strategy.

Scripture:

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men... For this *is* good... in the sight of God... who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4 (NKJV)

THE PRAYER FOCUS...

A Threefold “Prayer-Evangelism” Strategy

Scripture:

...Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 (NLT)

WATCHING! WALKING! WORSHIPING!

The Holy Spirit came _____

And the Church went _____

WATCHING...

Establish a neighborhood prayer _____.

Scripture:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful...

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

WALKING...

Take regular prayer _____.

Scripture:

I will give you every place where you set your foot...

Joshua 1:3 (NIV)

Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.

Genesis 13:17 (NIV)

WORSHIPING...

Enthroned God in your _____.

Scripture:

But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

Psalms 22:3 (NKJV)

MY NEIGHBORHOOD AT A GLANCE

Draw a rough map of your neighborhood. For a work place or school setting, draw the placement of desks or lockers with names of co-workers or classmates.



2. The _____ Focus

Action Step Two

_____ relationships with your neighbors (or friends or acquaintances) through intentional acts of caring and kindness.

Scripture:

In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing, so that no one can speak a word of blame against you. You are to live clean, innocent lives as children of God in a dark world full of crooked and perverse people. Let your lives shine brightly before them.

Philippians 2:14-15 (NLT)

But if one of you has enough money to live well, and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help—how

can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.

1 John 3:17-18 (NLT)

THE CARE FOCUS... A Threefold "Care-Evangelism" Strategy

Scripture:

You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all... let your good deeds shine out for all to see.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

Whenever you enter a home, give it your blessing... Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide you... eat whatever is set before you and heal the sick. As you heal them, say, "The Kingdom of God is near you now."

Luke 10:5, 7-9 (NLT)

BLESSING! KNOWING! HELPING!

BLESSING...

Speak peace over your _____.

KNOWING...

Seek ways to _____ with your neighbors.

HELPING...

Pursue tangible acts of _____.

3. The _____ Focus

Action Step Three

_____ your neighbors (or friends and acquaintances) in conversations that open the door for you to share your personal testimony.

Scripture:

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

Proverbs 11:30 (NIV)

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...

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

THE SHARE FOCUS...

A Threefold “Share-Evangelism” Strategy

LOOKING! CULTIVATING! DEVELOPING!

LOOKING...

Look for specific opportunities to share your

_____.

Scripture:

...open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

John 4:35 (NIV)

CULTIVATING...

Seek to cultivate lasting _____.

DEVELOPING...

Develop a strategic plan for your _____.

Talk Back Time:

(Share what you've learned with your small group.)

Discuss some of the ways one might develop a “care” strategy in cultivating relationships with your neighbors. What specific ways would you tell a neighbor that your life was transformed through meeting Christ as your personal Savior?

Pray Back Time:

(Pray what you've learned in your small group.)

Ask God to give you a personal strategy to begin targeting your neighborhood in ways you may not have thought of previously. Pray for specific neighbors you know by name, that God will open a door for you to share your faith with them.

The Sharing Principle

Part 2 (of 2 parts)

SHARING CHRIST... GLOBALLY (PART 2)

A THREEFOLD PROPHETIC OVERVIEW

Scripture:

...I have made you a light to the Gentiles [nations], to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.

Acts 13:47 (NLT)

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved...” how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?

Romans 10:13-15 (NIV)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns... The LORD has demonstrated his holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.

Isaiah 52:7, 10 (NLT)

Verse 10 in The Message Bible reads...

GOD has rolled up his sleeves. All the nations can see his holy, muscled arm. Everyone, from one end of the earth to the other, sees him at work, doing his salvation work.

1. Overview One:

A Prophetic _____ of Global

Scripture:

...And as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with the people who know the LORD. In that day the heir to David's throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him, for the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

Isaiah 11:9b-10 (NLT)

The Message Isaiah got regarding Judah and Jerusalem: There's a day coming when the mountain of God's House Will be The Mountain—solid, towering over all mountains. All nations will river toward it, people from all over set out for it. They'll say, "Come, let's climb God's Mountain, go to the House of the God of Jacob. He'll show us the way he works so we can live the way we're made." Zion's the source of revelation. God's Message comes from Jerusalem. He'll settle things fairly between nations. He'll make things right between many peoples. They'll turn their swords into shovels, their spears into hoes. No more will nation fight nation; they won't play war anymore.

Isaiah 2:1-4 (MSG)

2. Overview Two:

A Prophetic _____ of Global

Scripture:

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 5:42 (NIV)

EMBRACING AN “EARLY CHURCH” PROCLAMATION STRATEGY

Matthew 24:14 A Ninefold Biblical Word Study

1. “This _____...”

Greek: *Evangelion*

Definition: “A _____ Message!”

Related to: *Evangelizo*

Definition: “To announce, bring, declare, show a good message.”

2. “Of the _____...”

Greek: *Basileia*

Definition: “Rule, _____, royalty.”

Related to: *Basileus*

Definition: “A foundation of power; a sovereign.”

3. “Shall be _____...”

Greek: *Kerusso*

Definition: “Proclaim, _____ or herald.”

4. “_____ the world..”

Greek: *Holos*

Definition: “_____ or complete”

5. “The _____...”

Greek: *Oikoumene*

Definition: “_____ globe or populated land.”

From the verb: *Oikeo*

Definition: “To occupy a house.”

From the noun: *Oikos*

Definition: “A dwelling or family.”

6. “As a _____...”

Greek: *Marturion*

Definition: “Evidence given or _____.”

7. “To _____ nations...”

Greek: *Pas*

Definition: “All, any, _____, the whole, whosoever.”

8. “To all _____.”

Greek: *Ethnos*

Definition: “Race, tribe, _____, family of peoples, clan or sub-clan.”

Note: *Ethnos* in the Greek is the equivalent to *mispahot* (families) in the Hebrew.

Scripture:

...all the families of the earth will be blessed...

Genesis 12:3 (NLT)

9. “The _____ will _____.”

Greek for “end”: *Telos*

Definition: “_____ , ultimate objective, conclusion, purpose.”

Greek for “come”: *Heko*

Definition: “to arrive; to come to fruition.”

A Word From a Missiologist

Frank Kaleb Jansen, past leader of Adopt-A-People Clearing House, said of Christ’s use of the word *oikoumen* in Matthew 24:14... “I believe Jesus is actually saying the gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed to every home.”

3. Overview Three:

A prophetic _____ of global _____ and _____.

“Paradigm” Defined:

“Example; pattern. An outstandingly clear or typical example or archetype.”

Scripture:

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands and all who live in them. Let the desert and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops. Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

Isaiah 42:10-12 (NIV)

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7 (NKJV)

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Acts 9:31 (NKJV)

Additional Notes:

The Christ Group... A House of Prayer for Every Village!

Gathering in, preserving and multiplying the harvest through New Testament house church fellowships.



Scripture:

So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day.

Acts 16:5 (NLT)

...I'm going to come and gather everyone—all nations, all languages. They'll come and see my glory. I'll set up a station at the center. I'll send the survivors of judgment all over the world: Spain and Africa, Turkey and Greece, and the far-off islands that have never heard of me... I'll send them out as missionaries to preach my glory

Passages for Further Study

(See following page for an example.)

Look up these passages in your Bible, underline key phrases or put a box around them. Put a number “11” in the margin of your Bible by that passage and circle it. Then, go back to your primary passage (Acts 1:8) and in the margin write these verses beside it or at the bottom of the page. In this way you will begin to cross-reference your Bible.

- Psalm 67:1-2
- Psalm 107:1-2
- Isaiah 43:10-12
- Isaiah 62:1-3, 6-7
- Jeremiah 1:6-9
- Jeremiah 1:17-19
- Matthew 10:16-20
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Mark 5:19
- Mark 16:12-15
- Luke 8:39
- Luke 14:16-24
- John 4:35-38
- John 15:26-27
- Acts 2:29-32
- Acts 3:12-15
- Acts 4:13-20
- Acts 5:29-32
- Acts 26:13-18
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- 2 Timothy 1:6-8
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- Colossians 4:2
- Joshua 1:3
- Genesis 13:17
- Psalm 22:3
- Philippians 2:14-15
- James 2:15-16, 26
- 1 John 3:17-18
- Matthew 5:14-16
- Luke 10:5-9
- Proverbs 11:30
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Acts 13:47
- Romans 10:13-15
- Isaiah 52:7-10
- Isaiah 66:18-20
- Isaiah 11:9b-10
- Habakkuk 2:14
- Isaiah 2:1-4
- Matthew 24:14
- Acts 5:42
- Genesis 12:3
- Isaiah 42:10-12
- Acts 6:7
- Acts 9:31
- Acts 2:43-47
- Isaiah 56:7
- Acts 16:5

⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

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Primary
Passage

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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Acts 3:12-15
Acts 4:13-20
Acts 5:29-32
Acts 26:13-18

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”

Principle Eleven Reviewed

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Talk Back Time:

(Share what you've learned with your small group.)

Discuss the reasons why you think the Church in our nation concentrates too much attention on ourselves and not enough attention on the needs of those in least-evangelized and underdeveloped nations. Why do you think this is the case and how might we change these attitudes?

Pray Back Time:

(Pray what you've learned in your small group.)

Pray that God will lead you to your specific part of the harvest globally. If you have a special interest in a particular nation or region of the world, ask God to show you ways to begin making a difference in helping evangelize and disciple the peoples of that region, whether through going, giving, or praying.
